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On-going

• Santa Claus in Town Square every Saturday through Christmas from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Yoga Classes at the Rec Park. Mondays and Wednesdays. Bring your mat. \$7 per person per class or \$50 for a monthly pass.

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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.

Dec 1-3, Friday-Sunday

• Highlands School Class of 1986 reunion. Call Lisa Norris at 526-8158 for details.

Dec. 2 - Saturday

• Pancake & Sausage breakfast at the Falls on Main beginning at 9 a.m.

• Holiday Gift Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Artisans of the Highlands Plateau.

• Highlands Christmas Parade 11 a.m. to noon. Main Street.

• Christmas Carol Sing after the Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary with Angie Jenkins playing the Wicks Pipe Organ.

• "Tis the Season 2006," 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. This year for Christmas, give to an area nonprofit in the name of someone.

• Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

• Free reading of "Papa's Angels" at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. 7 pm.

Dec. 5 - Tuesday

• Simon Weisenthal's book, "The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness." Coordinator: Carole Light, from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. Call Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

Step one in Big Creek silt removal begins

For years the town has watched the town's water supply jeopardized as the Big Creek arm of Lake Sequoyah fills up with silt.

The vote wasn't unanimous, but at the Nov. 29 Town Board meeting, commissioners took

the first step toward removing the silt from that part of the creek.

The board accepted the proposal from Mountain Environmental Services to do a study to determine the cost for the removal of sediment from Big

Creek between U.S. 64 west and the upper water intake which is about 1,500 feet upstream of the highway near the water treatment plant.

At the cost of \$16,000, the study will consider project de-

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Main Street site of annual parade



The annual Highlands Christmas Parade always takes place the first Saturday in December -- this year, Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. Civic, church, school and nonprofit groups will don their best parade attire and join in the fun. The route is along Main Street from Leonard Street to Wright Square. It lasts a little over an hour.
Photo by Jim Lewicki

Flu vaccinations in Highlands Dec. 13

The Macon County Public Health Center will hold flu vaccination clinics for adults and healthy children age 9 and older on the following dates and times:

Wednesday, Nov. 29 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Macon County Communities Facilities Building (across from the Whis-

tle Stop Mall)

• Saturday, Dec. 2 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Macon County Public Health Center

• Wednesday, Dec. 6 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Macon County Community Facilities Building (across from the Whistle Stop Mall)

• Friday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m.

-12:30 p.m. at the Nantahala EMS Building

• Wednesday, Dec. 13 from 11 am to 1 p.m. at the Macon County Public Health Center's Highlands Clinic located at the soccer fields off Buck Creek Road.

No appointments will be

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'Pole' farm to be managed

Inventorying, mapping, and correcting every aspect of the town's utility pole system developed into a huge, time-consuming, expensive job and the Town Board agreed the town needs help.

At the Nov. 29 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted unanimously to hire McGavran Engineering, a company that specializes in inventorying utility poles, upgrading them, and handling all issues with renters including managing, permitting and the

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Terms end and begin at meeting

Though there wasn't much on the agenda, the Nov. 27 school board meeting held at the Nantahala School was memorable just the same.

Outgoing chairman Kevin Corbin presided over his last meeting and the new Superintendent Dan Brigman presided over his first.

Corbin said Brigman's first month on the job has been stellar. "Since the first week, he's been sending us emails about each

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Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
49-30°F	47-29°F	45-24°F

• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• LETTERS •

Make your voice heard

Dear Editor,

The 10-story issue is still looming above the tree and ridgeline of Macon County. Many people from both Highlands and Franklin spoke in favor of a moratorium for such developments at November's commissioners meeting.

The make-up of the County Commissioners has changed and the issue must be kept on the table.

Let's keep the wheel "squeaking" at the December Commissioner's meeting on December 4. The meeting begins at 6 p.m. with a public forum where any and all who sign-up are allowed three minutes each. Arrive no later than 5:45 p.m. to sign up to speak.

Give your children and grandchildren a priceless gift just in time for the holidays!

Karen Hawk
Highlands

Hope?

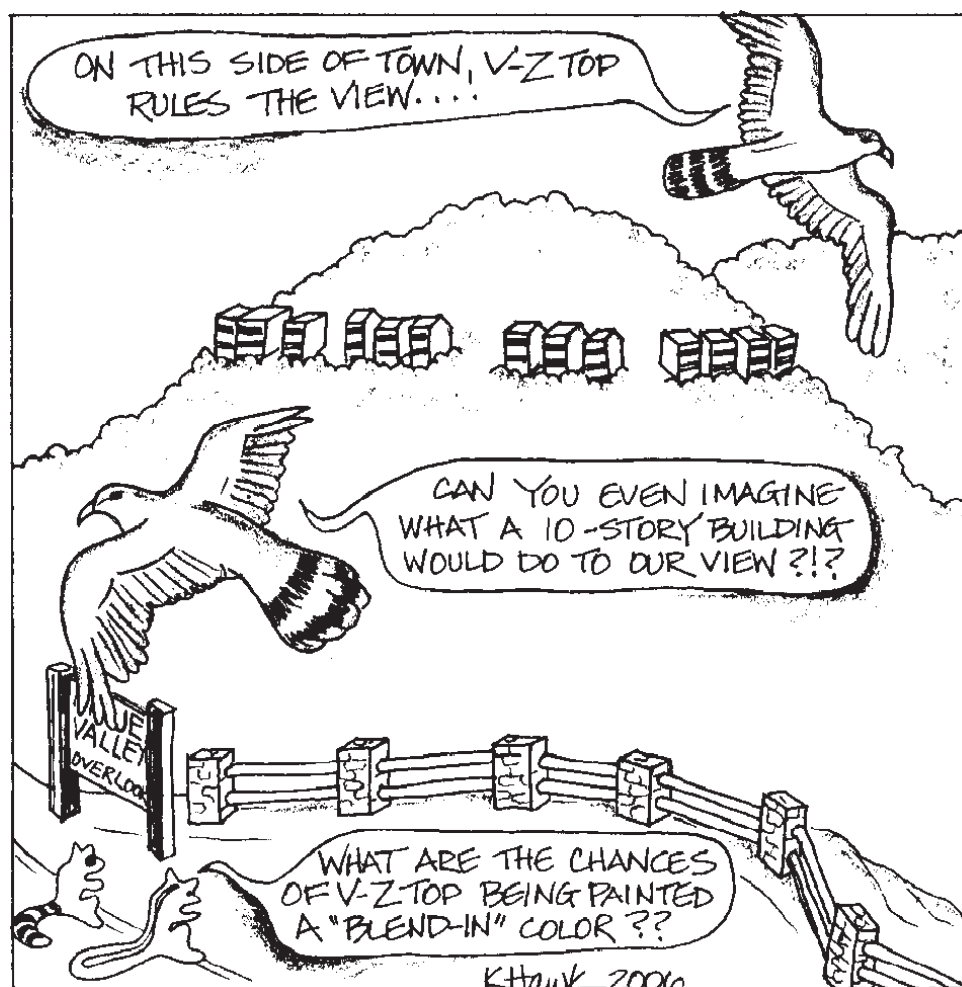
Dear Editor,

Today our world has a very fair chance of blowing itself up. Prophets in ages past have held up before its citizens their dishonesty, their self seeking. They believed the world was in the worst shape it had ever been! People were called to repent -- to turn their lives around. And when the pendulum had swung so far into depravity it did sometimes do that.

We are in a senseless war, having lost 3,000 American lives with 50,000 wounded, not to mention the tens of thousands of Iraqi lives that have been lost. We Westerners demonize nations whose way of life is different from ours or who threaten our life style. Religion is now used to incite rather than unite — not just the mulla Al Sadyr but our own fundamentalists.

We have an uncontrollable internet spewing out not just knowledge but evil. You can even buy radioactive poison there. You can find predators lurking on websites eager to do harm to our children. There is a stench of corruption in both political parties -- sinking to new depths with negative campaigning. We have reality shows that bring out the worst in human beings, showing their greed and self seeking. We have filthy violent movies reaching their zenith in "Departed." And yet there is a move afoot to remove the name of God from TV programming.

• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



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• LETTERS •

There are people working full-time or even working several jobs who cannot put food on the table. We have lost our sense of respect for each other. We have ravaged the earth and flagrantly usurped its resources. Three hundred and twenty CEOs backdated their stock options to satisfy their ravenous greed. We have lost our moral compass!

And yet, perhaps the pendulum is starting to swing towards goodness. Young people are searching for purpose in their lives. Numbers of young women are deciding to become nuns (One convent of 225 sisters now has a median age of 36!) Young men that I have talked to are searching for a vocation that will be meaningful to them. There seems to be a surge of spirituality in Albuquerque where is a Center for Action and contemplation. The monks there claim that only when human beings can eradicate the greed and violence within, can they be peaceful persons. And so they teach the art of contemplation. They ask seekers to spend 20 minutes each day in solitude with God. Perhaps if you and I would practice this we could become a part of peacefulness in the world.

Some outstanding and outrageously wealthy folks have stepped up to the plate to try to alleviate the suffering of the world -- Bill and Melinda Gates, Warren Buffet, Bono and his U2 band and many others. There are even for-profit organizations that teach philanthropists how to give wisely with accountability.

Our justice system is finally holding accountable the CEOs who have virtually stolen the life savings of their employees. There are strong initiatives now to conserve energy-hybrid cars, wind farms, solar powered homes and businesses, particularly in Japan.

The American electorate, disgusted with the corruption and inaction of congress has spoken! They will demand change! The environment WILL be better protected.

New Speaker Pelosi has stated that the secret meetings of the House/Senate conference committee will no longer be secret. The press is invited! (We shall certainly see less ear-marking). The president has indicated that he will heed the advice of the bi-partisan Iraq Study Committee which will most certainly call for high level talks — even with Syria and Iran. It's time for talk! It's time for listening! Yes, maybe there IS hope.

Edna Foster
Highlands

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• MILESTONES •

Local chef earning culinary degree

Tommy Lasley, former chef of Cyprus Restaurant, has been named to the Dean's List at The Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, NY. Tommy, who relocated to New York in May of 2006 with his wife Olga, achieved his place on the Dean's List by earning a 3.73 G.P.A. during his first semester.

He will begin his externship at Blue Hill at Stone Barns in the Hudson River Valley in January. Tommy is the son of Jenny King of Highlands and Tom and Lynn Lasley of Asheville.



Macon County Superintendent, Dan Brigman, presented outgoing school board chairman Kevin Corbin with a plaque of appreciation for 20 years of service on the Macon County School Board.

Corbin relinquishes the gavel

Outgoing Chairman of the Macon County School Board Kevin Corbin presided over his last meeting, Nov. 27 held at the Nantahala School.

"It's hard to sum up in a few sentences five terms," said Corbin. "What's important is the dash between the dates, what's happened in between, and I hope I have contributed something worthwhile."

Corbin first served in 1984 when he was just 22 years old. At that time he was the youngest elected official in the state of North Carolina.

Superintendent Brigman said he was grateful for the service he offered the students of Macon County and the sacrifices his wife and family have made in support of his commitment.

Corbin served three terms from 1984-

1996, took a break and was re-elected 1998-2006.

Vice chairman of the school board Donnie Edwards said it was during the 1998-2002 term, when Kevin's father Harold served on the Macon County Commission that the school system saw the most growth.

"That's when we committed to spending \$20 million to upgrade the schools and the system across the county," said Edwards.

Corbin said the school board represents the finest, most quality people. "This is a very professional board and I truly believe we worked together better than any elected board I'm aware of," he said.

Corbin said there is more than 60 years of experience on the board and

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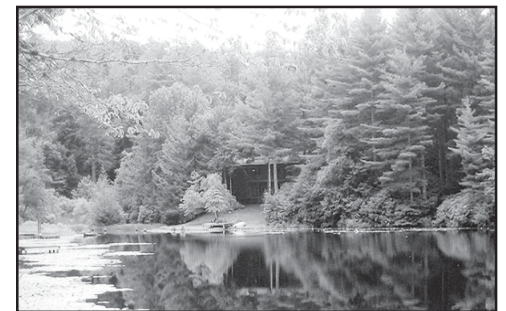
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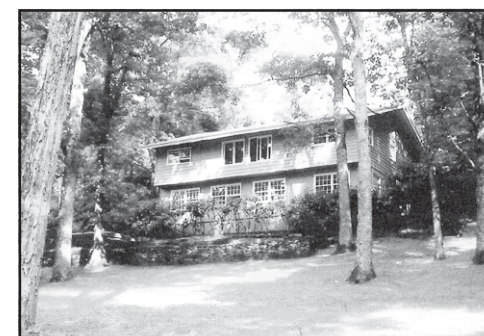


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This beautiful home, tucked away in Laurel Falls at Skyline, is very sophisticated yet charmingly rustic. Bright, open plan with top of the line kitchen appliances, dining and great room with cathedral ceilings, open and covered decks, guest quarters, a master suite to die for on nearly 2 acres with 2-car garage with apartment. Offered at \$1,495,000.

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Retired teacher Irene James, left, 101, talks with one of her former students from her teaching days at the Scaly School on Buck Knob Road.

Old Scaly School lives again

By Judy Huskey
Contributor

Originally minds were fed at the Scaly Community Center building, now it's hungry bellies. During a recent breakfast gathering, former teacher Irene James, 101, of Highlands, reminisced with Elaine Penland Griffee, a former student of hers at the Scaly School.

James, whose family were early settlers in Scaly, served as one of the two teachers in the two-room schoolhouse and taught Griffee during the 1946-47

school year.

Built in 1901, the school served the young people of the Scaly community until the early 1950s when they were bussed to Highlands School.

The two had an opportunity to visit during a monthly pancake breakfast which is sponsored by the Scaly Mountain Women's Club. The benefits are held in the historic building which is being used by the community for a variety of events.

A \$10,000 donation by the Scaly Mountain Women's Club this summer kicked off a project to rehabilitate the wood frame structure. To date, the roof has been replaced and work is underway to strengthen the foundation.

Many additional interior and exterior improvements are planned for completion in several stages.

A successful turkey shoot held in early fall raised about \$2,500 toward the project. Additional benefits are planned for next year and donations will be solicited from the entire community.

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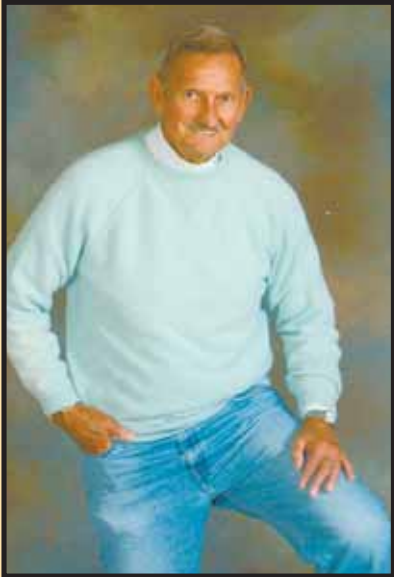


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At the Duke Power's "World of Energy" near Salem, S.C. is from left, instructor Dr. Pete Sarjeant, Chase Jenkins, Lucy Herz, Craig McCall, Alec Schmitt, Eric Chen, Angela Sanchez and Lara Gibson.



Physics class visits 'World of Energy'

Students from the Highlands School physics class traveled to Duke Power's "World of Energy" on a recent class trip. They were met by Jason Wall, Duke Energy public relations director, who introduced them to various aspects of power generation.

Included was electric generation by water, coal/oil and nuclear fission. More than 60 percent of North Carolina power is generated by nuclear energy.

During the tour, environmental issues, water and land conservation and recycling processes were displayed.

The "World of Energy" is located on Lake Kiawah near Salem, S.C. After the

tour, students watched DVDs on atomic fission principles and uses for the vast energy provided.

This dual enrollment physics class where the students receive both high school and college credit, originates from the N.C. Community Outreach Program offered by Southwestern Community College at Sylva. The course is taught on the Highlands School campus.

"The trip was a great success because the students were able to get a better feel for what we have been studying in our course and it was a lot of fun as well," said Sarjeant.

Girls beat Andrews Nov. 21



Katie Bryson, pictured, pulled down 11 rebounds, scored 6 points, had 4 blocks and 3 tips at Tuesday's game against Andrews. Top scorer was Toni Schmitt with 17 points, 4 assists, 7 steals and 3 tips. Next up was Allison Winn with 15 points and 7 rebounds and 4 assists. "It was a good game for us. Each game is showing us how to handle pressure early in the season and we are continuing to grow both offensively and defensively. We had an 8-point lead at one point in the game and we need to learn how to keep the lead. The win showed us what we can do. The score was Highlands 52 and Andrews 46. The next game is at Hendersonville, Nov. 30 at 6 p.m.

Photo by Noel Atherton

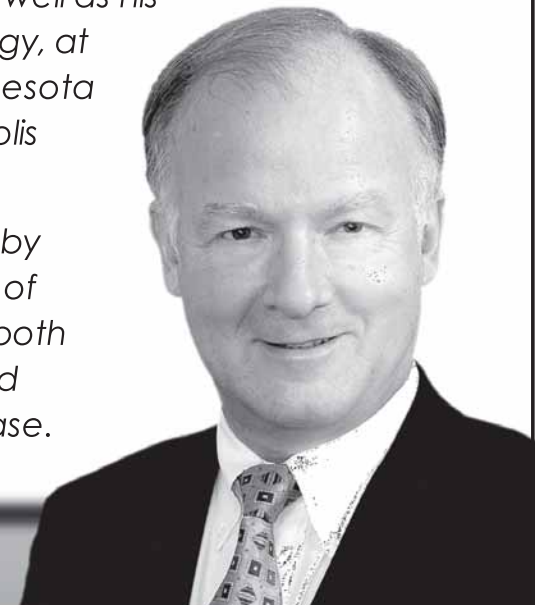
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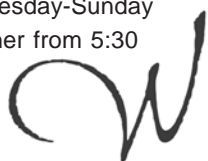
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Random foolishness

For all my toilet humor friends out there complaining I am not writing enough on the subject, I recommend you see the movie "Flushed Away." After years of waiting for the ultimate in "tacky," the movie industry has finally created an animated movie about a rat that gets flushed down a London toilet and finds adventure, love and happiness in the poop below.

Was that a Tootsie Roll the rat was hanging on to? Shameless, insulting and stupid, this even grosses out a potty person like me. I have no desire to see what's inside my septic tank.

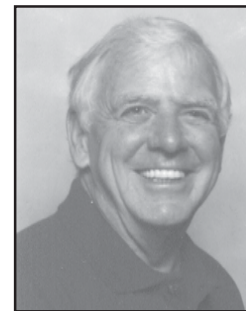
The movie bottoms out for viewers who thought they could bring little kids to see it when the rat drops through the pipes, slamming his genitals on several objects along the way, finally winding up in an underground city full of sleazy characters, including a savvy hot babe rat with a hidden agenda. Don't all hot babes have hidden agendas? Are you falling asleep? No? Well, go see this movie and you will. My granddaughter is still afraid to sit on the commode in fear a toad will bite her butt.

Moving on to less tacky stuff, have you noticed the Highlands' Newspaper now has an opposing political viewpoint?

Alex Redmountain, a major bleeder from the left, will now be able to read how more conservative minds work by reading Don Swanson's new column titled "The Conservatives' POV." This is going to be fun. Don may be the only person left on the planet that appreciates Don Rumsfeld. Hurray for Swanson and my boss for making the paper more interesting and balanced. Oh, here's an idea. Place their columns on opposite pages so that when we close the paper, their pictures kiss. Is that good or what?

Actually I'm feeling pretty darn inferior. There's Dr. Alex, Dr. Mullen, Dr. Henry and an occasional letter from Dr. Bob, all writing pretty good stuff for this paper. Where else can you read such professional controversy? Personally, I wouldn't let any of them put a Band-Aid on me, much less operate. Are you aware I'm only 178 credits from getting my own Doctorate? Does "Dr. Fred" have a nice ring to it?

Moving on, how about mud wrestling in Highlands? Would that be awesome? We already have mud slinging so we're half way there. We could feature Redmountain vs. Swanson; Don Leon



Fred Wooldridge

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and his funky yellow shoes vs. the famous fence man. By the way, does the fence man know that Mexicans are climbing over his fence at night? Hmmm.

Anyway, the main event could be Dr. Don Mullen vs. Dr. Bob O'Neil wrestling in the silt from Riverwalk. I would pay extra for that. The possibilities are endless.

Moving on further, we all know there is much hand wringing over the possibility of a 10-story condo being built on the edge of town. Funny, even

folks who were opposed to ETJ are now screaming, "Somebody do something." Things could be worse; they could be building a 10-story Burger King.

It's obvious the developers have no vision when it comes to knowing their way around Highlands. Duh! Did they think they could pull this off without a fight? If they were smart they would disguise the structure as something else. People will spend top dollar to buy a house that faces Whiteside Mountain or a beautiful waterfall. Staring at 800 feet of sheer blue granite is wonderful. Staring at 100 feet of sheer gray concrete is not. Soooo, make the building look like the sheer rocks of Whiteside. TA DA, end of problem. How about a waterfall flowing from the roof? Could this work?....Nah!

The fire department says everyone in the condo could perish in a fire. Picky, picky, picky; if a person is dumb enough to live in a structure not fire protected, I say "Crispy Critters" to them.

Finally, I know the brain trusts (ha) of Highlands are going to review the entire parking situation this winter, especially the mess on Main Street. The current plan is upsetting a lot of people so here's a plan that will upset everyone who is spoiled and wants to park wherever, whenever.

Divert all traffic and transform Main Street, between Third and Fifth streets, into a magnificent pedestrian mall and public park full of trees, fountains and benches. Since we are hell-bent on looking more upscale, this would give us a fantastic signature. Instead of major traffic jams on Main Street, we would have lesser traffic jams split between Spring and Oak streets. Where will everyone park? Trust me, if you build it, they will come and they will park.

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• RADICAL MIDDLE •

When is war justified?

During this transition period, while President Bush is on his best behavior and the Democrats haven't screwed up yet, I'll occasionally delve into somewhat more philosophical territory. Don't panic. I said "somewhat."

I have no intention of writing about epistemology or logical empiricism. What I want to examine are everyday philosophical issues, like the underlying justification for democracy, war, and the power of the presidency.

I recall Jimmy Carter's op ed column in the "New York Times" in the days leading up to the second invasion of Iraq. In this piece, the former President argued that such an invasion would not qualify as a "just war." He proposed several criteria that would justify going to war. The Iraq debacle failed on every single principle.

The notion of a just war has been around for a long time, especially in Christian hermeneutics. Various biblical interpretations of armed conflicts were offered and argued about, but the justification for waging war usually served the purpose of giving some monarch or tyrant an excuse to attack whomever he (or she) pleased.

I can think of several justifiable reasons to wage war. First and foremost, of course, is self-defense. But even this is not as obvious as it seems. Nearly every aggressor in history has claimed self-defense, in modern times most notably Hitler and Stalin. The formula was fairly simple: find a way of masking your planned attack as a necessary act of self-defense, then launch your assault and call it a just war.

The notion of a preventive war, another variation of the above-named tactic, was not invented by George W. Bush, nor was it the first-ever fought by the United States. We did it in the Mexican War and in the Spanish-American War, more recently, of course, in Korea and Vietnam. We also did it in Panama and Grenada, and, as a sponsor, in the Bay of Pigs.

At other times, we have found more covert ways to go about it, especially in some countries in Latin America.

Another justification for going to war is the perception that some alien power is expanding its influence over territory which rightfully belongs to our sphere of influence.



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Many European conflicts before the 20th century were fought for this reason. Another example is the Monroe Doctrine, in 1823, warning European powers to stay out of this hemisphere or face the prospect of war with the United States.

Other arguments in favor of a just-war rationalize on rather thin moral grounds: when all other means of resolution have been exhausted, when avenging a grave wrong inflicted by the other party, when attacking with a force proportional to the injury suffered by the

attacker, when injury to civilians can be avoided, when the war has a reasonable chance of success, when the ultimate goal is peace.

It must be obvious that all of these reasons are, or can be, self-justifying. There are enough escape clauses to satisfy a Houdini. It is also obvious that the current Iraq war violates almost every criterion, although it must be acknowledged that nearly all wars and military adventures in modern times fall far short of being just-wars.

Even America's entry into World War I, and, 23 years later, its declaration of war against Nazi Germany, do not qualify, although coming to the aid of an ally threatened with extinction certainly ought to be considered just. Another clearly just intervention is a nation's attack on another power's implication in genocide, such as the current situation in Sudan.

Modern times, with their vast terrorist networks and no clearly identifiable enemy, with complicated acts of genocide, with weapons of mass destruction, make the notion of just war seem laughingly obsolete.

Just wars have gone the way of "civilized" battlefield behavior and true concern for civilian populations. In the First World War it was still possible to arrange a 24-hour truce on both sides to allow for picking up the dead, or an exchange of POWs. Of course there was still plenty of brutality in that war, just as in every war, all the way back to the sacking of Rome by the Mongol hordes and beyond.

The inescapable conclusion is that just wars were almost always observed in the breach, justified, rationalized, and employed as a cover for whatever the aggressor wished to accomplish. In a way,

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Boys beat Andrews Nov. 21

The win on Tuesday night wasn't easy by any means.

The final score for the boys was Highlands 60, Andrews 55.

Pictured is Alex Schmitt. He and Jason Aspinwall were on the court the longest -- for 32 minutes. They were top scorers with 23 and 21 points, respectively.

Next up was Darren Keener with 11 points. Nick Kerhoulas scored 3 and Adam Hedden scored 2.

The next game is away Nov. 30 at Hendersonville at 7:30 p.m.



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• ANOTHER VIEW •

There's a lesson to be learned

We've just returned from a trip to South Africa and Botswana.

Herds of lumbering elephants, small groups of lions napping after a kill, and giraffe, towering above the trees were awe inspiring sights. We witnessed hippos lounging in the Chobe River in front of our hotel, and a leopard, just a few feet from the dusty road, resting under a bush. Sunlight filtered through the leaves producing a dappled pattern that rendered him nearly invisible.

Crocodiles rested lazily on river banks or swam, nearly invisible, in the slowly flowing water. We saw zebra, highlighted against the lush green grass of the African spring. Lovely, delicate impala abounded and bounded across the bush. A chameleon, whose gait resembled that of a malfunctioning battery-operated toy, crossed the road beside our Land Cruiser. Wart hogs grazed on the lawn of our hotel. Monkeys played on the grass and frolicked in the trees. One bold male leapt from an overhanging branch onto our breakfast table.

Chris Thompson, an exuberant Aussie, was unable to restrain himself or lower his booming voice when an animal was spotted. Our guide cautioned that loud voices frightened the animals. Chris bellowed, "Will you just look at the size of that brute," or "He's a beauty," or my favorite, "look at that ripper!" When we saw a large tortoise, Chris stood and shouted, "I've never seen a turtle so big." "Chris," I whispered, "Keep your voice down." "Ah," he answered, "I don't think turtles can hear," and added in a voice reminiscent of Steve Irwin, "and surely can't run." "Probably not," I agreed, "but you could use the practice."

Bull's friend Tiffany Brown was traveling with us. She wanted to visit a native village and take candy to the kids. We made a short journey by boat to an island in the Chobe River. Impalia Island, in the middle of the river, was in Namibia. It is an island of 40-odd square kilometers and home to several villages. Each village is home to a single extended family. Residents raise maize on a few acres which are frequently raided by elephants and hippos. Fishermen in dug-out canoes set gill nets in the river to catch fish, the sole source of protein.

The river, which gives life, also takes it. Forty per cent of the deaths on the island occur on the river. Hippos account for 25 percent, crocodile attacks account for another 10 per cent, and drownings claim the remaining five per cent. Last year two children were killed by crocs when they ventured to the river for water. A nearby lodge ran a water pipe to the village to provide drinking water and made such perilous trips unnecessary. The villagers wondered if the water tap might also provide fish.

Tiffany and Bull handed out treats and pencils to the village kids. It turned out that the kids, none of whom could afford school, had to be told not to eat the pencils. Village women weave baskets



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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from shredded palm leaves, some of which are dyed with stain from the bark of a local tree. The sale of these baskets to visiting tourists is the only cash income in the village. The bare ground is littered with trash and broken glass. The villagers, who until recently wore animal skins for clothing, now wear clothes donated by departing tourists. Most of the children are shoeless, but one little fellow was wearing a flip flop on one foot and a Barney tennis shoe on the other. I heard a Brit announce, "He's got another pair just like those at home." The few houses that made up the village were made of mud, reinforced with tree branches, much as we reinforce concrete with rebar.

Everything is shared. The few dollars from the sale of baskets is used to buy maize or millet if drought or marauding elephants have decimated the crops. The catch from the river and the harvest from the fields are all divided as needed. Piles of thorny branches make a fence around the fields in a vain attempt to secure them against the great beasts. The road from the river landing to the village is more suitable for hiking or mountain bikes than cars.

The people are incredibly poor and life is unimaginably difficult. Millions have fled tribal villages around Africa and settled in squalid shanty towns surrounding cities. We saw miles of "townships" or shanty towns along the highway leading from Cape Town, South Africa. Yet some stay, preferring rural poverty to urban poverty, preferring community to isolation.

Our guide that day, Vincent, was a college graduate. He could have secured a job in the city, but chose, at least for now to remain in his village. He lives in another village on Impalia Island with his extended family. His wife was born in the village which we visited. He paid her family 10 cows and took her into his family. They have two kids, seven and one. They have no problem with daycare when Vincent's wife leaves the island to study computer science each day in Botswana. Vincent uses part of his income to repay the government loan that made his education possible. He puts aside a little to guarantee money for an education for his kids, and to realize his dream of one day traveling to America. He doesn't know if he would want to stay, but loves America and wants to see it himself. With the rest of his income, he buys food for the village. He suspects that he will always be part of his village, forever sharing with family and community.

The visit got us to thinking. In this country we live amidst material comforts, secure from hunger, safe from the river. Many of us left our villages years ago to pursue corporate careers, to advance our education, or to embrace the beauty of Highlands. We worry about our aging parents or our far-flung children. We've lost touch with brothers and sisters, spinster aunts and favorite uncles.

There's a lesson to be learned in the message told in the villages of Impalia Island.



Bull Salzarulo and Tiffany Brown hand out treats and pencils to the village kids on Impalia Island.



A water pipe from the river to the village provides drinking water and makes perilous death-risking trips to the river for water unnecessary.

The sight of herds of lumbering elephants and small groups of lions napping after a kill were awe inspiring sights

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• THE CONSERVATIVE POV •

Chile has the right idea

Even if you don't go to the movies anymore, you can hardly avoid the occasional commercial on TV, called a trailer — a train goes careening out-of-control through the countryside, women screaming, babies crying, grown men sweating like pigs trying to figure out how to stop this juggernaut before it gets to the terminal, wreaking havoc on all in its path.



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The level of fear is so great that voicing the thought of allowing you to direct a small fraction of your "contribution" to that alleged crap shoot commonly known as the stock market is verboten. The concept originally hoped to create a dependent class and it worked to perfection.

The problem is we have faced the enemy and it is us. At this point, it takes a great deal more

faith to believe the government is going to deliver on its promises than to rely on the highly-regulated market.

I was involved in the inner-workings of the securities industry for about 40 years and I'm pretty familiar with the reality of market performance. Over time, it just isn't that risky. Now, if you invested today and needed to live on the results tomorrow, that's a different issue. Not the case here. I could bore you with real statistics about how nobody would have lost a penny in the market over any 10-year period since 1900, and only one or two five-year periods, but maybe my favorite will impress you more.

On October 19, 1987, the market plunged 508 points, measured by the Dow.

That day was a part of a week which saw the Dow lose 30 percent of its value, its worst collapse in history. It fully recovered in less than two years.

The plan floated recently provided for voluntary participation, only a 3-4 percent portion would be allowed to be invested, and we old folks wouldn't be affected whatsoever.

As you doubtlessly have heard, our Congresspersons, the ones who refuse to move on reform, don't personally participate in Social Security. Oh, no. They know better than to risk their future on that risky proposition. Their retirement program is heavily invested in the dreaded "market."

We could learn a valuable lesson from Chile. Chile, for heaven's sake, hardly the center of the financial world, saw their underfunded social security system heading down the wrong track and privatized it! Working like a charm. Millions and millions of happy capitalists, saving like crazy (27 percent vs. our -0 percent). They are out of the woods and we are going in deeper and deeper.

Amazing. There are dozens of reasons to follow their lead.....stay tuned.

Our Hollywood

friends could do us all a favor by presenting, in graphic detail, the out-of-control Social Security train careening into the future, fixing to wreak financial havoc on you, if you're a young person, and your successors no matter how old you are.

Evidently it will take something greater than the current puny effort to impress upon us the reality of this genuinely broken system.

In 1920, a fellow by the name of Charles Ponzi devised a scheme (cleverly known as the Ponzi scheme) whereby he solicited investments and then paid promised returns by raising additional funds and so on. Today's chain letters (and some multi-level marketing plans) are a take-off on the theme. So is musical chairs.

In Ponzi's case, the music stopped and he went to Slammerville.

The present-day Social Security system operates in much the same manner, and many should join Ponzi's ghost in prison for perpetuating this fraud dressed in respectable clothing.

The money deducted from your paycheck goes in to a pot and your "account" is credited with your "contribution." One would think, if they weren't as cynical as I, that you actually have an account, like a bank account, where you actually own something, and it's secured just for you. Ha.

That pot is filled with I.O.U.s. As I understand it, when the music stops, so does my SS check. So what is being done to switch the disaster train on to a safer track? It looks like our fearful leaders are kicking that can down the road.

Some time ago, the subject of Social Security reform was labeled the "third rail" of elected office. Why? Because a brilliant job of misinformation was foisted upon the public, causing them to unreasonably fear the prospect of providing for themselves. Any politician suggesting such an outrageous thing would be finished.

Visitor Center says 'Thanks'



On behalf of the Highlands Visitor Center we would like to sincerely thank our 2006 volunteers. Their time and dedication has been a blessing for the staff and the visitors. We appreciate all the help and support you have given us during our busy season. From left is Jan Van Hook; Visitor Center director, Carole O'Neal, Travis Goodloe, Elaine Carlton, Laura Harison; membership coordinator.

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sign, required permitting, accurate sediment volumes, the study of removal methods, and off-site storage site preparation.

With the study in hand, Town Engineer Lamar Nix said the town can apply for grants and low-interest loans, perhaps Clean Water Trust Funds to do the job.

"This will give us good accurate estimates of each part including silt measurements in depth so we have a known quantity and this will tell us what it will cost and the most cost efficient, fastest way to

remove the silt," he said. It's likely hydraulic dredging will be the technique, said Nix.

Commissioner Herb James voted against the motion. Commissioner Amy Patterson was absent. "I think you should ask the homeowners along the creek if they want to pay for this," said James. He said he didn't think residents would want an increase in their water rates to offset the cost of silt removal.

Mayor Don Mullen said it's not about

the homeowners along the creek but rather the residents of Highlands as a whole because the silt is jeopardizing the town's drinking water supply.

Town Administrator Richard Betz said the town has money to pay for the cost of the study. "It's not budgeted, but I think we can scrape it up," he said.

Though the door isn't closed on grant money for the project itself, commissioners said it's looking like funding is going to have to come from low-interest

U.S.D.A. loans or water rate or tax increases. "The public will have to pay in some way," said Mullen.

But regardless of the funding source, he said the town would not be paying to clean up Mirror Lake or Lake Sequoyah.

"The point is we need to get this resolved this winter and get the silt cleaned out," said Mullen.

Several times a year the town has to clean out the water intake valves which bog down with silt. — **Kim Lewicki**

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enforcement of contracts.

At the cost of \$7,500, the company will generate a report showing the condition of the pole attachment situation and recommend steps to improve both the financial and operational condition of the utility pole system as it relates to pole attachments.

Once the report is in, the town will likely contract with the company to manage its utility pole system both because the job has become very complicated and because of the State Statute HB-2047 which goes into effect Jan. 1, 2007.

The board first learned of the bill at the Nov. 7 public works committee meeting where McGavran outlined current rates — saying the town is undercharging — and the new State Statute, which relinquishes towns and municipalities of franchising authority.

Now cable or communication companies can get a state franchise rather than a franchise from the towns they go through and revenues will be distributed back to the towns from the State Department of Revenue.

The only revenues towns and municipalities can collect is what they charge for access on poles in their rights-of-way. Highlands charges Verizon and Northland \$10 per pole.

McGavran will use the information the town has gathered and mapped over the past two years by GIS tech, Matt Shuler as a "jumping off place." His work was based on a \$16,000 pole audit contracted out two years ago.

To date, 700 of the town's 3,000 poles have been accurately identified with digital photos attached to GIS points. But correcting the clearance issues — where wires are too close together or too low or too close to transformers — is still in the works.

"This is a very time-consuming process and involves Northland, Verizon, and the town all working together, pole by pole," said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

"I think we need some help with this but we must keep in mind recoverable costs," said Commissioner Herb James. "The costs will be passed onto subscribers and my rate is already too high." At his initial meeting, McGavran said the town could recover all costs by charging attachers competitive industry rates per attachment, rather

than per pole.

The idea is that Northland, Verizon and anyone else who comes in can pay the expense of upgrading the utility pole system by increasing the pole attachment fees. "It would not cost the taxpayers and rate-payers anything and would also pay for McGavran's services," said Betz.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said he liked the idea that McGavran has the leverage necessary to work with companies the town has been trying to work with over the years, namely Verizon, which has allegedly been slow in moving attachments on poles so other carriers can come into compliance.

Bill Staley, Northland Cable regional manager, said the process of bringing many attachments on poles into compliance is at a standstill because his company doesn't want to move Verizon's attachments and they won't do it.

At the Nov. 7 meeting, McGavran said his company is used to being the go-between for companies like Verizon and Northland. "And they will comply," he said.

Staley also asked the town to reconsider raising attachment fees. He said Northland already pays a fair price for attachments — \$5.96 per pole to Duke, which is a regulated company with a maximum it can charge. Verizon pays Duke \$4.87 per pole, which he said is a fair and reasonable rate and GTE pays Duke \$4.92 per pole. Highlands charges \$10 per pole.

"I would hate to see the fee go up again because our subscription rates are high already. We're not a monopoly and we have to be sensitive to the cost to the subscriber," he said.

Commissioner Hank Ross said he wants to make sure all the town's ordinances on the subject are up to date in time for the change-over in January.

"With this impending change from the state, we need to know if our own ordinances are sufficient or if they need to be changed by the end of the year," he said. "Do we have the legal mechanism in place to adjust to this change immediately?"

The town has three related ordinances -- cable/TV; franchise; and pole attachment.

The board agreed to have Town Attorney Bill Coward look at all the ordinances.

— **Kim Lewicki**



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Coach Steve Massey with his team. Not pictured are Coaches Noel Buras and Jesse Munger and Statistician Clayton Creighton



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Middle School Boys on winning streak

Nov. 6: Highlands 43, Rosman 17
Nov. 14: Highlands 55, Rabun Gap 44
Nov. 16: Highlands 62, Scotts Creek 37
Nov. 20: Highlands 54, Cullowhee 28

• The next home game is at 5:15 p.m. on Nov. 30 against Brevard

HS Girls Middle School Basketball -- 2006



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Marlee McCall



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Elizabeth Gordon



Coach Bill Lanford with his team. Not Pictured: Courtney Rogers, Danielle Potts, and Assistant Coaches Michelle Munger and Noel Buras.

Photos by Kim Lewicki

Nov. 6: Highlands 37, Rosman 24
Nov. 14: Highlands 49, Rabun Gap 29
Nov. 16: Highlands 49, Scotts Creek 14
Nov. 20: Highlands 45, Cullowhee 17

• The next home game is at 4 p.m. on Nov. 30 against Brevard

Girls begin 2006 season in the winning zone

By Marlee McCall
Reporter

Highlands Middle school, girls and boys, began their 2006 competition on Nov. 6.

They defeated Rosman in their first game. Both teams have since beaten Rabun Gap, Scotts Creek, and Cullowhee Valley. The team is playing in the Jackson County conference this season, a change from last year.

Bill Landford, PE teacher and former high school coach, coaches the girls. He moved to the middle school department two years ago.

His goal is to prepare the team for its high school experience. The next game is tonight (November 30) against Brevard at home.



Marlee McCall rebounds a Rabun Gap foul shot on November 14

Photo by Stephanie McCall

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Healthy Carolinians of Macon County seek community input through telephone survey

How healthy is Macon County? Healthy Carolinians of Macon County hopes to answer that question, at least in part, via a telephone survey of 400 local households. Random homes will be called beginning this week.

The survey is part of a larger, comprehensive health assessment underway by the Healthy Carolinians group with the assistance of Stiles Healthcare Strategy, Inc., a health care consulting organization based in Chattanooga, TN. The assessment also includes interviews with community representatives and health providers, focus groups and an inventory of local health care resources.

The telephone survey will be a first for the Healthy Carolinians group, says Kathy McGaha, program director of the local initiative. "The telephone study will give us an opportunity to hear from a large number of local residents, evaluate their experiences accessing health care, and better understand their attitudes toward health issues."

The survey of 400 adults will provide Healthy Carolinians of Macon County with a representative sample for analysis by demographic factors such as age, income, educational level and health status. Questions in the survey focus on experiences accessing and paying for health care, health and lifestyle habits such as smoking and exercise, and attitudes about community life.

"Many factors contribute to a healthy community," says Bill Stiles, President of Stiles Healthcare Strategy and lead consultant on the project. "The study attempts to measure how much difficulty families have getting the health care they need, and the extent to which they embrace healthy practices. We also try to measure attitudes about quality of life, safety and security that all contribute to a healthy outlook and future."

Completing the survey will require 15 to 20 minutes, says Stiles. "This is not a short survey, but those who agree to participate will find it interesting and worth their time," says Stiles, who adds that bilingual interviewers will be involved to facilitate participation by Spanish-speaking residents. The Stiles organization has administered surveys of similar length and content in other areas.

"We encourage residents to take the time to participate," says McGaha. "This study is very important to our efforts to plan for the future and prioritize resources to improve the health of our children, families, workers and older adults. Any time devoted to answering the survey will be time invested in a better Macon County."

Stiles estimates that up to 6,000 telephone calls will be necessary to complete the 400-interview target. All the calls will

be dialed randomly from a database of Macon County telephone numbers.

Says Stiles, "In a world of caller ID and answering machines, it is more difficult to complete telephone interviews. Yet the telephone option remains the best way to obtain this type of information. Unlike written surveys, participation is random and the information collected is uniform. The result is worth the effort."

Research initiatives are exempted from the provisions of do-not-call regulations. Those with caller ID services will note a Chattanooga, Tennessee telephone number and the name Wilkins Research, which is the call center administering the study under Stiles' supervision.

Stiles stresses that participation is voluntary and individual interview responses are 100% confidential. Names of participants are not recorded. Collective responses will be tabulated and reported to Healthy Carolinians of Macon County to guide future planning efforts.

Healthy Carolinians of Macon County is a state-certified community partnership of more than 100 people and 50 organizations dedicated to developing health resources and improving the health of communities throughout Macon County. The local program complements the efforts of a statewide initiative to assess and expand health resources across North Carolina.

December 2 events to last all day long

Saturday, Dec. 2, will be a busy day in Highlands. Besides the parade, there are craft shows, caroling, the Christmas Showhouse tour, a Christmas reading and more.

• Pancake Breakfast with sausage at Falls on Main beginning at 9 a.m.

• Holiday Gift Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center featuring artisans of the Highlands Plateau.

• Highlands Christmas Parade 11 a.m. to noon. Main Street.

• Christmas Carol Sing after the Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church sanctuary with Angie Jenkins playing the Wicks Pipe Organ.

• "Tis the Season 2006," 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. This year for Christmas, give to an area nonprofit in the name of someone.

• Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

• Free reading of "Papa's Angels" at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. 7 pm.

A Christmas Message



By Mayor Don Mullen

As we come into this special giving season of the year, this season of faith, hope and charity, let us all not only try to remember those individuals who deserve our special attention in our own families but also those who may be unknown to us personally who require our support in their quest to improve their lives and contribute to society.

Many of us in the Highlands area are financially sound and enjoy a full and abundant material life. In fact, most of us do. But there are those within our community and the surrounding area who do not. Any society worth its salt is not only cognizant of the disenfranchised but also reaches out to help them. In fact, our community also has the ability to reach out to those beyond our borders to make this a better world in which to live. Highlands is a giving community. Let us continue to be so.

So I ask each of you to reach out to the many very special charitable organizations in our community in support of them over these next few weeks. Take a few moments to look into what our community has to offer in the way of support of those in need. Look at such organizations as the Blue Ridge Mountain Health Center, a not-for-profit free dental clinic in Cashiers, meeting the dental needs of hundreds of individuals in our area. Investigate the Community Care Clinic and see how much free medical care is given to the uninsured in our area. Go by and visit the Highlands Emergency Council on Poplar Street and see how helping hands can make life easier for many dozens of people. Fibber McGee's Scholarship Fund reaches out to young people who are attempting to improve their station in life.

The International Friendship Center and the Literacy Council of Highlands reach out to people who speak or read the English language inadequately and need help to improve their status in life in a number of different ways. Food is offered to many of these people through the Food Pantry located at the Methodist Church. The Bolivian Mission, the Heifer Project International, and the Haitian Mission were created primarily for people who are far beyond our borders but seek our help in many different ways. There are many in our community who actually individually go beyond our national borders to give assistance to these people.

KidsPlace, the Children's Home in Franklin, Big Brothers and Big Sisters and REACH and the people who work with them are very special places and people who need all the help we can give them in reaching out

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Tuesday: 8 a.m. - Men's Cursillo Group; 9:30 a.m. - Staff Meeting

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Girls' Clubhouse decorates tables for dinner



On Tuesday, Nov. 21, members of The Girls' Clubhouse decorated the tables for the annual community Thanksgiving dinner held at the Rec Park each year. From left are Gabrielle Tilson, Alex Michaud, Shelby Houston, founding Girls' Clubhouse member Rachel Lewicki, Amanda Barnes and Shelby's little sister Elizabeth. This year the centerpieces were cornucopias the girls crafted from dumpling dough in Consumer Science teacher Sabrina Cashion's kitchen at Highlands School the week before. Though not planned, the club's cornucopia theme corresponded with the photo on the front of this year's program.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

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Town of Highlands

- 0500838, 535 N 4TH ST., BROWN DAVID N., 11/9/2006, \$320,000., GREEN RICHARD W., \$265,120.
- 0501938, 131 N 1ST ST, LARD LAWSON A III, 11/7/2006, \$0., LARD LAWSON A III, \$194,840.
- 0503357, MAIN ST PART OF LOTS 135 1ST & MAIN, LARD LAWSON A III, 11/7/2006, \$0., LARD LAWSON A III, \$425,270.
- 0504870, 518 DILLARD RD., LARD LAWSON A III, 11/7/2006, \$0., LARD LAWSON A III, \$340,830.

Highlands Township

- 0513011, 146 LAURELWOOD DR LOT 23, KNOX R DAVE TRUSTEE, 11/7/2006, \$577,500., BURTON ROBERT L., \$435,860.
- 0516891, 65 LAURELWOOD CT UNIT 13, MARTIN CORNELIA L., 11/8/2006, \$557,500., GREER JAMES E., \$446,010.
- 0517104, 219 CRESCENT TRL CULLASAJA CLUB, MARSHALL JOHN C., 11/3/2006, \$535,000., BURNS MARGARET D TRUSTEE, \$458,090.
- 0517225, 331 LOG BRIDGE CIR OFF 1617, LARD LAWSON A III, 11/7/2006, \$0., LARD LAWSON A III, \$231,560.

- 0518877, 1541 FALCON RDG HFCC, FUSELIER GREGORY J., 11/1/2006, \$0., FUSELIER GREGORY J., \$790,130.
- 0502873, VALENTINE LN LOT 14, CARSWELL NANCY L., 11/3/2006, \$110,000., HIGH MOUNTAIN LLC, \$53,450.
- 0537126, COWEE MT LOT 11, MERIDIAN CONSTRUCTION GROUP INC., 11/6/2006, \$135,000., WATSON RICHARD B & PATRICIA W., \$50,130.
- 0503838, 87 SONG BIRD LN., MCCANN SUZANNE TRUSTEE, 11/6/2006, \$0., CLEMENT SUE H TR., \$497,130.
- 0504589, 76 BIG PINE LN LOT 2, HARGIS EDDY B., 11/13/2006, \$0., HARGIS EDDY B., \$215,790.
- 0522892, 243 CHESTNUT CV LOT 8A, PANNELL CLIFTON, 11/7/2006, \$334,000., KNOX R DAVE TRUSTEE, \$271,470.

Flats Township / Scaly Mtn.

- 0600079, 414 EASTSIDE DUCK MTN RD., STEPHENS MICHAEL F., 11/1/2006, \$0., HAMMS HOLDINGS, \$26,890.
- 0600357, 30 FOSTER RD., MASON JERRY TROY, 11/13/2006, \$0., MASON ANNA BELLE, \$104,680.



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• BUSINESS NEWS •

Century 21 Top Producers for October



Diane Stumm



Sherman Pope



Bill Bubenick

The following CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of October:

In the Cashiers Office Diane Stumm was named top listing and top sales agent.

In the Highlands office Sherman Pope, Broker Associate, was named Top Listing Agent and Bill Bubenick, Broker Associate, was named Top Sales Agent.

Sherman Pope was also recognized as "Rookie of the Year" for his office in 2005.

CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles is comprised of six Broker/Owners and over 150 agents located in nine offices in Buncombe, Henderson, Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties.

Maria Valentine Trail named OEI's director of human resources

The Old Edwards Hospitality Group is pleased to announce that Maria Valentine Trail has been named Director of Human Resources for Old Edwards Hospitality Group.

With more than five years in the hospitality industry, Ms. Trail most recently served as Director of Human Resources for the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor Hotel in Baltimore, MD. She has also served in management roles at The Boulders Resort & Golden Door Spa in Carefree, AZ, The Wyndham Peaks Resort & Golden Door Spa in Telluride, CO and the Wyndham Myrtle Beach Resort in Myrtle Beach, SC.

Trail brings strong employee relation skills to her position with Old Edwards. Her responsibilities will encompass recruiting, coordination of training programs and assurance of employee compliance with company policy. Counseling, training, development and monitoring of performance standards will also fall under her realm of responsibility.

She is a graduate of Florida State University in Tallahassee, FL and is affiliated with Hospitality Human Resources Association, Employee Services Management and the Society for Human Resources Management.

Old Edwards Inn and Spa named by Condé Nast Johansens as a recommended property for 2007

The Old Edwards Hospitality Group is pleased to announce that it has been selected by Condé Nast Johansens as a Recommended Hotel to be included in the publication's 2007 Guide. The internationally acclaimed Guide to *Recommended Hotels, Inns and Resorts* covers the Americas, Bermuda, the Caribbean, Mexico and the Pacific. This is the third year in a row that Old Edwards Inn and Spa will be included in the publication.

"It remains an honor to be associated with Conde Nast Johansens," said Mario Gomes, CEO and General Manager of the Old Edwards Inn and Spa. "To have been included in this prestigious group of resort properties, every year since opening, is a favorable accomplishment. The whole Old Edwards team is very proud of this esteemed association."

The Old Edwards Inn and Spa opened in July 2004 as a luxury destination spa

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the gradual disappearance of the concept might be a hopeful sign that nation-states are giving up traditional hypocrisy and calling a spade a spade.

An unvarnished truth is that wars are seldom justified except in clear cases of self-defense or defense of victimized others. I'm not a pacifist, but I do believe

that wars today are usually outmoded and obsolete. The injuries inflicted on non-combatants are unacceptable, but inevitable, because modern weaponry is so lethal. The potential damage of nuclear devices, biological weapons and chemical warfare is so immense as to be almost absurdly impractical.

Leadership Highlands Class of 2007 off to a great start

By Lynn Delgado and Kathy Evans

'Lessons From Geese' by Milton Olson, emphasizes that, like geese, people who share a common direction and sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier by working together, rather than individually, to achieve a common goal. Such is the purpose of Leadership Highlands.

This year's Leadership class is made up of 11 people from the Highlands community who have made a commitment to participate in a 10-month long program to assist in developing their leadership skills. This is the seventh class since the inception of Leadership Highlands, developed by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Center for Life Enrichment in 1999. An extensive nomination, application, and selection process has been organized through which a limited number of participants is chosen each year. The Governing Board looks for individuals actively involved in the community and who possess the desire and drive to make a difference.

While Leadership Highlands continues to evolve in its structure and curriculum, this year's class must participate in six Focus Days, in which a different topic is addressed each month. Members of the group volunteer for various topics and proceed by organizing a four-hour ed-



Russell Harris, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital foundation president, Jerry Hermanson, executive director of the Community Care Clinic with another presenter.

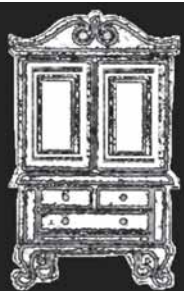
ucational session providing pertinent information for the benefit of the entire group. A lot of time and energy is required for research and preparation in organizing these sessions. This half-day program is then followed by a half-day training session provided by Western Carolina University College of Business. The addition of information provided by WCU has been reported by this year's class as "Invaluable to their growth and education as community

leaders," said Bill Futral, owner of Futral Properties and participant in this year's Leadership Highlands class. This educational expertise is a new addition just this year to the Leadership program and is considered to be very valuable.

The first Focus Day, held earlier this month by Kathy Evans, who teaches the children's art program at the Bascom Louise Gallery and Lynn Delgado, director of member services at Highlands Falls Country Club, focused on health and human resources.

This four-hour session addressed the areas of available services in and around the Highlands community as well as gaps in service and the future of healthcare in our area. Six speakers presented their area of expertise; Ken Shull, administrator and CEO of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital; Russell Harris, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital foundation president; Jerry Hermanson, executive director of the Community Care Clinic; Jerry Minton, executive director of the Cashiers Free Dental Clinic; Mike Neidig, director of Outpatient Services for Mountain Youth Resources; and Health Director for the Macon County Public Health Center Ken Ring. The morning session was held at the Jane Woodruff Clinic and lunch was hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

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Tis the Season is an alternative gift market, it is an opportunity to give back to the larger community and honor your friends and loved ones at the same time. You can eliminate holiday stress and rid yourself of the nagging feeling that your uncle or son-in-law really doesn't need another tie and your daughter's teacher really doesn't need another apple ornament.

Tis the Season is an opportunity for people to make a difference this holiday season. At the market, learn about the many non-profit organizations making a difference in the Highlands area. Choose from a list of tangible gifts, such as \$2 for a child's dental kit or \$20 for food for a family for a week. Also enjoy free food and refreshments, help decorate the alternative gift Christmas tree, and join local church musicians in Christmas Carols!

Bring the whole family. Each organization will offer low cost gifts that are es-

pecially appropriate for Children to give as gifts to friends and loved ones.

Highlands' Tis the Season is sponsored by the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, First Presbyterian Church, Highlands United Methodist Church and Lutheran Church of the Holy Family. It will be held from 12:30-3:30 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church – right after the Christmas Parade!

Participating non-profit organizations are: Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Blue Ridge Mountain Health Center, Bolivian Mission, Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers, The Food Pantry, Haitian Mission, Heifer Fund, Highlands Community Child Development Center, Highlands Emergency Council, Hospice, International Friendship Center, Kids Place, Literacy Council, Methodist Children's Home, REACH, and Thompson Children's Home.

For more information call 526-3175. Gift cards are available until Christmas.

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week's events and we really appreciate that," he said. "This represents good solid communication and he's off to a great start."

Brigman officially took over when Interim Superintendent Frank Yeager left shortly after the Nov. 6 school board meeting.

Brigman said he's had a very good first month and is thankful for the faith and confidence the board has placed in his leadership.

He said he's met with each principal, vice principal and central office director over the last several weeks.

"During each session, I have gained a wealth of information regarding the caliber of professionals we have in our system," he said. "We have the potential to quickly become a top-performing district in the state in terms of student achievement."

In addition to working on improving communication, team-building and other areas of concern cited by the administration, he will be focusing a great deal on facilities — particularly renovation and expansion projects funded by the QZAB bonds.

The Fine Arts Center repairs and renovations at Franklin High School are underway. The stage has been sanded and will be finished soon; as will the replacement of carpet.

He will be meeting with the Macon County Commission about matching the QZAB bond funds which could double funding to the school system.

Once the Otto School is sold, a bid will be put out for a new heating and air-conditioning system in the Fine Arts Center.

The Otto School bid is up to \$550,000 with Friday as the deadline for the next up-set bid.

Vice Chairman Donnie Edwards said he's willing to wait as long as it takes to sell the school building.

"The higher the bid goes the more money it means for Macon County Schools and every school in the system will benefit," he said.

The original bid was for \$250,000 from a church group but with the state mandated upset bid policy, the price is now up to about \$550,000.

When Brigman speaks with the commission, he plans to discuss the school board's plan to move the sixth-graders out of Macon Middle School and put them in East Franklin and Cartochoy. That's where the QZAB matching funds would come in handy, he said. Though the footprint of buildings can't be expanded with QZAB funds, buildings can be renovated or expanded with second floors.

Commissioners said they envision putting a second floor on East Franklin but will also need to expand some common areas like the cafeteria and bathrooms.

Brigman said East Franklin saw a 33 percent growth in students from 2001-2002. "It expanded more in that year than projected for the subsequent five years."

Commissioners said the \$20 million commitment to Macon County Schools' campuses, technology and infrastructure made in 1998-2002 was sorely needed but they must continue to look to and commit to the future.

This term's school board members -- incumbent Tommy Cabe and Guy Gooder -- will be sworn in by Judge Downs at the Macon County Courthouse, 8:45 a.m., Monday, Dec. 4.

— **Kim Lewicki**



Artist's rendering of Hawthorn Heights

The story behind 'Hawthorn Heights'

"Home for troubled youth benefit of Dec. 8 Concert"

Members of the Music Faculty at Western Carolina University will be presenting a Christmas concert at 7:30 on Dec. 8. The concert, which will be held at the Cashiers United Methodist Church in Cashiers, will benefit Mountain Youth Resources in its efforts to build a new facility for the Hawthorn Heights emergency youth shelter.

It will be an evening of diverse and fun music. The WCU faculty musicians are donating their time and talents to the Cashiers community and for the benefit of Mountain Youth Resources, Inc., a private, non-profit, youth and family services agency for children and youth in the far western counties of North Carolina. One of its important resources is Hawthorn Heights, which began in 1973 when a young girl chose to remain in a jail cell rather than be returned home to her family.

What is now Mountain Youth Resources responded to this lack of placement resources, and in 1976 the Hawthorn Heights doors opened. Children are placed at Hawthorn Heights due to abuse, neglect or dependency, through the Department of Social Services, or in cases of undisciplined or delinquent behavior, through the Department of Juvenile Justice.

Hawthorn Heights is available 24/7 for emergency referrals from parents, sheriff's departments, DSS or Juvenile Court, and a child can sign him or herself into the shelter for up to 72 hours while parents and services are contacted to represent the needs of the child. It is the only basic emergency shelter west of Asheville, and has a waiting list on a daily basis.

The current Hawthorn Heights facility is located in Bryson City, but Mountain Youth Resources is now undertaking efforts to raise money and build a new

and larger facility near Webster. There is no fixed admission charge for the concert, but the audience will be asked to make donations to the building fund for the new facility.

Since its early 1970s beginning, Mountain Youth Resources has expanded to offer many resources to the children and families it serves. More than 10 years ago, in-home services programs were added, providing children and families with counseling services in their own homes and community. This program addresses parenting, anger management, education and skills building, as well as counseling in areas of substance abuse and domestic violence as it affects the children in the home.

Its primary goal is to eliminate the need for out-of-home placement of children into the foster care system. In an attempt to continue with its mission, and to strengthen the circle of support and services for youth in need and their families, Mountain Youth Resources has recently also begun to offer mental health services.

Mountain Youth Resources also has an Adoption Promotion and Assistance program dedicated to the successful placement of all children, including those with special needs, older children, sibling groups and medically fragile youth. This program offers a complete package of support services to foster and adoptive families, encompassing everything from training opportunities to post-adoption support services.

Mountain Youth Resources is committed to providing families and children with the best support services possible in order to ensure happy and successful families. For any information or questions, please contact Mountain Youth Resources at (828) 586-8958 or by mail at PO Box 99, 151 Desoto Trail, Webster, NC 28788.



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The War on Terror or Peace?

Dear Editor,

Peace on Earth. What an age-old phrase and still tops the wishes we share for the holidays. I speculate that everyone in the world would agree at any time that it is his or her fondest wish. But throughout history this simple wish has eluded us, only attained for rare moments in time. Why? Is it the "devil" that we say is the terrorists? I beg to differ.

I believe it is those who are the powers that be...yes our governments. They stay in power by promoting anger and then fear. The fear propaganda has worked for centuries and never has it been more abused than today in this country.

Here are some fast facts from Richard Grimmet, of the Congressional Research Service: the U.S. economy is dependent on its exportation of arms which in 2001 was 45.8 percent of the GDP. (That's before 9/11).

The U.S. heavily subsidizes (second to agribusiness) the arms market, and there are few restrictions on what country or group to which we can sell weapons.

America is the largest exporter of weaponry in the world followed by Britain and Russia (Congressional Report). Hmm... doesn't sound like we are in the business of peace.

We received \$142 billion for the sale of armaments to other countries in 2001 according to this report and only spent \$127 million on "peace keeping operations" — a pretty nebulous budget item, in the State Dept Budget.

Under the current administration, the mantra is "force for good" often disguised in the terms "for the national good" or "Homeland Security."

I don't believe it is for the people's good but instead for the corporations that own the government and the media now, as well the top 1 percent of America's wealthiest, a.k.a. "the Imperialist Anonymous" — to coin a phrase from Howard Zinn.

Does this look like Democracy? This latest war, the war on terror, is nothing new. In American history, George Washington sent threats to the South for recruits through messages of fear; Teddy Roosevelt used the same fear tactics to convince people for his war with Indonesia; as did Kennedy/Johnson/Nixon did Vietnam.

The sacrifice of our young benefits only the tyrants, most of whom have never fought in a war but only directed it.

War IS terror. So how do we fight a war on terror? Does war against war make sense? Not to me. War against war perpetuates it. The American economy may grow, but our children will not, nor will the civilian children of the nation under siege.

War should be abolished like slavery. Peace is a non-partisan issue. It is what I

dream and pray for most and will continue to promote this holiday season. I hope you will, too, and let your representatives know by taking action and stop this war and the exportation of war.

"Let there be peace on Earth and let it begin with me."

It's not just a song— it's a commitment and a promise for all.

Lee Hodges
Untie/Unite

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to people in need.

The Highlands Community Child Development Center gives scholarships to children of working parents and special rates for those who are in need. Go by and visit them on Church Street. They bring joy to over 60 children in that happy place.

As a physician I have worked in three war zones in the past dozen years with people who are desperate for help, places like Iraq, Rwanda and Sudan. I have seen the kinds of poverty, sickness, and injury which we rarely see in our country and I hope we never do. But in many places within our own country, there are also significant needs. I hope you will all respond to the needs of the world in this Season of Giving.

Last Saturday we had a great celebration on Main Street as we lighted the Christmas tree in front of the Methodist Church, heard the Christmas story read, sang Christmas Carols, and enjoyed hearing from Santa. The lighting of the tree was symbolic of what Christians consider that thin glimmer of truth given to us over 2000 years ago.

We will also be having a wonderful celebration of the Christmas season this coming Saturday as we enjoy our Highlands Christmas parade. It would be great if, after enjoying the frolic and excitement of our joy for the season and you feel the desire to know more about the organizations I have mentioned in this column, you would feel the urge to come to the Fellowship Hall of the Presbyterian Church after our wonderful parade this Saturday to see a booth prepared by each of these ministries to describe what they do. They will each offer you an opportunity to get involved in the care of people who need you.

As we celebrate, we must always remember that we are here for a purpose. Many of us struggle to understand that purpose in many different ways, but one thing is clear to us all. In that purpose we think there is a major obligation to help one another and to love one another as ourselves.

HCP's free Christmas show is Dec. 7

The Highlands Community Players will present its annual gift to the town -- A Christmas Reading -- Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m. at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

It will feature many of the same performers from the past and several new faces. The program is a mixture of poetry, prose, and music—some humorous, some serious, some inspirational—all entertaining and performed by talented readers and musicians.

For instance, brothers Chad and Brandon Price will sing several favorite Christmas songs; Ron Leslie will be reading "Christmas in Ten Pieces," a hilarious account of a father trying to put together a toy for his son on Christmas eve;

Elaine Whitehurst will read a touching account of a school Christmas play entitled "Trouble at the Inn;" and Dean Zuch will describe some of the celebrations associated with the Winter Solstice, introducing "the Mummers," who will perform a centuries old Mummers' play, "A Tale of Old Christmas."

This is just a sampling of the fun to be had at the Community Players' traditional Holiday program, a gift to the community, requiring no tickets, no reservations — just an audience.

It's suitable for the whole family, and afterwards there'll be hot cider provided by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and homemade goodies provided by the Players.

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called it "the most experienced board in North Carolina."

He said this past year was one of the toughest years the board had to face but "the character of a board is tested during tough times, not easy times."

He said Tommy Cabe's overwhelming re-election -- 60 percent of the vote from across the county -- was a vote of confidence for the board.

He closed saying it all comes down to the employees of the Macon County School system.

"It's the great staff and teachers," he said. "That's where the success comes from in Macon County Schools."

Corbin said he will now have time to focus solely on his family and his two businesses.

— Kim Lewicki

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scheduled for these clinics and vaccine will be given on a first come, first served basis. Individuals unable to wait in line may have someone wait in line for them and vaccine will be taken to their vehicle.

Additional clinics for the public will be scheduled in the near future and will be announced in the local media and on the health department's telephone information line at 349-2081.

The cost for the vaccine is \$25. Indi-

viduals who would like for the health department to file with their insurance, Medicare, or Medicaid should bring their card.

Free vaccine for high-risk children and pregnant women is still available on a walk-in basis at the Public Health Center. This includes all children 6 to 59 months of age and those with certain medical conditions.

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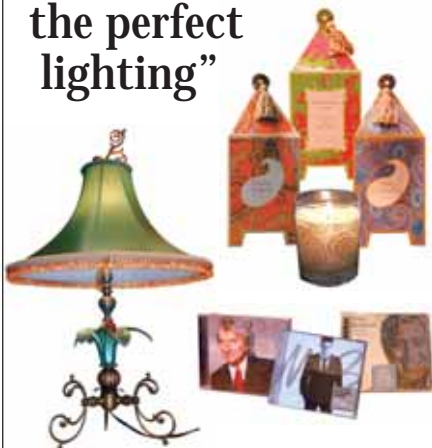
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• FREE improv classes at Instant Theater on Main Street. Call the ITC office at 828.526.1687. A new class is forming now.

• Angie Jenkins on the piano at the Old Clayton Inn in Clayton on Fridays and Saturdays for dinner.

• 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.

• Live music nightly at ...on the Verandah every Friday and Saturday with Chad Reed.

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Dec. 1 – Friday

• The staff of The Land Trust for the Little Tennessee invites you to stop by its Open House during the December 1st Window Wonderland. The LTLT office is located at 88 E. Main Street, just upstairs in the Tartan Museum. Hot Cider and cookies will be served and you can also purchase Little Tennessee River Valley calendars, "Fallen Jewel" prints, or take a chance to win a beautiful quilt while visiting with the staff and learning more about the conservation projects of your local Land Trust. The LTLT Open House will be from 5-7:30 p.m. For more information, contact Kate Parkerson at 524-2711 or kparkerson@lilt.org.

Dec. 2 - Saturday

• Christmas Carol Sing after the Christmas Parade at 2 p.m. in the First Presbyterian Church

sanctuary with Angie Jenkins playing the Wicks Pipe Organ.

• Holiday Gift Show 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Artisans of the Highlands Plateau.

• Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. Saturday, 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

• Highlands Christmas Parade 11 a.m. to noon. Main Street.

• Free reading of "Papa's Angels" at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. 7 pm.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike to Whitewater Falls from Hwy.107 on a trail that goes through varied forest with views of Lake Jocassee, ending at Whitewater Falls, highest falls in the State. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Reservations are required. Call leader: Mo Wheeler at 743-9560 or 743-9579.

• "Tis the Season 2006," 12:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. This year for Christmas, give to an area nonprofit in the name of someone.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike, with an elevation change of 300 feet, to Whitewater Falls from Hwy.107 on a trail that goes through varied forest with views of Lake Jocassee, ending at Whitewater Falls, highest falls in the State. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or the Cashiers Wachovia Bank, in back, at 9:55 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip, plus shuttle. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader: Mo Wheeler at 743-9560. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Dec. 3 - Sunday

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike on the Bartram Trail and related trails from Wallace Branch in Franklin. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 6 miles round trip. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Reservations are required. Call leader: Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

Dec. 5 - Tuesday

• Simon Weisenthal's book, "The Sunflower: On the Possibilities and Limits of Forgiveness." Coordinator: Carole Light. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

Dec. 9 - Saturday

• Highlands United Methodist Church will hold its annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, at 8:30 a.m. Families are invited to come for a pancake breakfast, craft, story, and visit with Jolly Ole' St. Nicholas. The cost is \$10 per family and reservations are needed. Call 526-3376.

• Gem City Toastmasters will be closing their doors after eight years in Franklin. A Gala Farewell Party will be held at the home of Ed and Barbara Morris at 6 p.m. All former members and present members are invited to attend. For more information call Jean Logan at 369-3022. • Breakfast with Santa at the Highlands United Methodist

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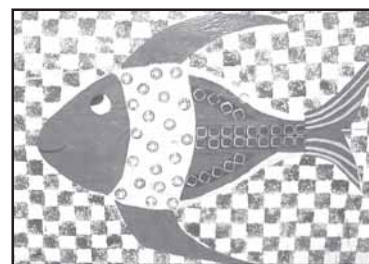
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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Cyrano's Book Shop Book Signings

1-3 p.m.

December 16

Carl Smith –

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ist Church.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.6 mile hike with an elevation change of 300 feet from Big Bend Road to the trail along the Chattooga River past beautiful stretches of rocks and rapids. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:55 a.m. Drive 50 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.

• Christmas Show House sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society, at the Trapier-Wright-Prince House in the historical village on U.S. 64 east. 1-4 p.m. Tickets are \$10.

• Highlands Community Community Christian Chorale Christmas Concert, at 4 p.m. at the Community Bible Church. It's free.

• Wooten Performance Company brings their giant puppets called "Woopets" for the enjoyment of children of all ages at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main. 7 pm. Call 828-342-9197.

• Cashiers Christmas Parade at 1 p.m.

Dec. 10 & 11 – Sun. & Mon.

• Auditions for HCP's "Caught in the Villian's Web." Needed: 5 women ranging in ages from 20-60 and 4 men ages 30-40. Auditions are held at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, Chestnut Street, Highlands. Sunday from 2-4 p.m. and Monday, from 5:30-7 p.m. - if needed. Performance dates: February 22-25 and March 2-4, 2007 For more information please call: 526-2080. "Overactors" preferred. Scripts available at the Hudson Library.

Dec. 10 -- Sunday

• Highlands Community Community Christian Chorale Christmas Concert Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Community Bible Church. It's free.

Dec. 12 -- Tuesday

• "Why I Am a Skeptic about Religious Claims" by Paul Kurtz, *Free Inquiry*, June/July, 2006, pp. 30-33. Coordinator: Don McCormick. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m.

at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

Dec. 16 – Saturday

• At Cyrano's Book Shop, a book signing from 1-3 p.m. Carl Smith "Louisiana Burn."

Dec. 16, Saturday

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4-5-mile hike along the Horsepasture River passing Bust-ye-but, Turtleback, Rainbow and Stairstep Falls. The trail has several short, steep rocky sections. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9 a.m. Drive 18 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Walker Taylor, 743-6977, for reservations or more information. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

Dec. 17, Sunday

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3.5 mile hike from Winding Stair Gap on Forest Service roads, returning on the Appalachian Trail to the Gap. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin, opposite Burger King, at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 33 miles round trip. 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.

• "Christmas is Jesus" musical at 10 a.m. at Grace Community Church in Cashiers. Featuring the Grace Christmas Choral Group. For more information, call the church at 743-9814.

Dec. 19 – Tuesday

• Barbara Ehrenreich's book, *"Bait and Switch: The (Futile) Pursuit of The American Dream"*. Coordinator: Fia Scheyer. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. If you have any questions, call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

Dec. 30 – Saturday

• The Nantahala Hiking will take a moderate 4.2 mile hike, with an elevation change of 200 feet, on the Bartram Trail to Whiterock Mountain with winter views along the way to the spectacular view on top the mountain. Drive 15 miles round trip. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or at Turtle Pond Road on the Franklin Road at 9:45. 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.

Jan. 2– Tuesday

• 3 short stories by Eudora Welty collection, *THE WIDE NET*: "The Wide Net," "A Still Moment," and "The Winds." Coordinate: Rachel Hamilton. All sessions are on Tuesdays from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Civic Center. You may come to the sessions that interest you or when you are in town, as well as be a regular participant. Call or email Creighton Peden at 526-4038.

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Dec. 1-7

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

Mon – Thurs: (4:15), 7:15

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Mon – Thurs: 6:45, 9:30

HAPPY FEET

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Mon – Thurs: (4:05), 7:05

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THE ESCAPE CLAUSE

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Fri: (4:10)

Sat & Sun: (2:10), (4:10)

Mon – Thurs: (4:10)

Free Christmas reading at the Instant Theatre Company

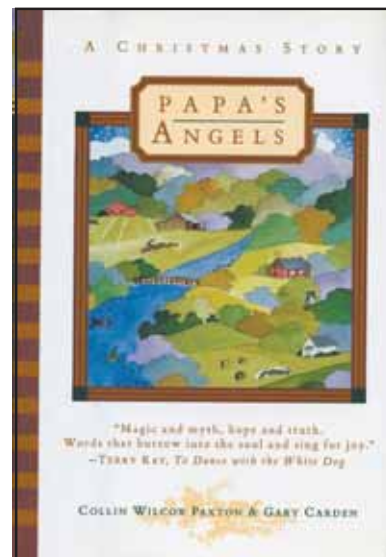
The love of Christmas comes each year to overwhelm death and loss of faith. It warms our hearts and makes us sing again.

The Instant Theatre Company is offering a free gift this holiday season at the Studio on Main. Collin Wilcox Paxton will read her story, *Papa's Angels*, which she co-wrote with Gary Carden, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m.

Papa's Angels brings a special serving of Christmas love in a tender little book developed from the successful play of the same name. Becca, the oldest daughter in this Appalachian Mountain family, is mute and the book is presented as her writing about her four brothers and sisters, her mother's death, her Papa's revolt against the church, the school, and finally the celebration of Christmas in their home.

Papa's Angels has been produced on stage as well as television. This 2002 CBS Movie of the Week starred Scott Bakula, Cynthia Nixon, and Eva Marie Saint.

Collin Wilcox Paxton will be signing copies of *Papa's Angels* which will be for sale at the reading. John Roman will be playing his original score, which is published in the book as well.



There will be complimentary holiday cookies, cider and fine wine to enjoy in the studio's festive decor. The Studio on Main is located at 310 Main Street, upstairs at Oak Square. There is ample parking and easy elevator access to its intimate upstairs theatre.

For more holiday offerings visit www.InstantTheatre.org or call 342-9197.

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resort after more than \$50M and two years of renovation, restoration, and expansion. Accommodations at the Old Edwards Inn consist of 32 individually designed guestrooms, suites and cottages, which have period antiques, Frette linens and the finest contemporary amenities. The 25,000 square foot spa features an exclusive collection of the world's finest products and an extensive menu of signature body, skin care and relaxation therapies in a luxurious European setting. Madison's Restaurant and Wine Bar, the resort's *Wine Spectator* award-winning, fine dining restaurant, offers seasonally inspired, elevated Southern cuisine and an exceptional wine list.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORT

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Nov 22-28. Only the names of persons arrested or public officials have been used.

Nov. 22

- At 1:27 a.m., a motorist at Arnold Road and N.C. 106 was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 6:23 a.m., a motorist at N. 4th and Laurel streets was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 25 zone.
- At 6:50 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 and N.C. 106 was cited for driving without a license.
- At 1:50 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles on N. 4th Street. There were no injuries.

Nov. 23

- At 4:10 a.m., a motorist at Many and S. 4th streets was cited for driving without a license.

Nov. 24

- At 11:17 p.m., a suspicious vehicle

was reported parked at the Nature Center. A homeless person was sleeping in the car. Officers told him to leave.

Nov. 25

- At 11:50 a.m., a motorist at S. 4th Street and Highlands Plaza was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone.
- At 10:55 a.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 58 mph in a 35 zone at Hickory Hill and U.S. 64 west.
- At 8:25 a.m., a motorist at Hickory Hill and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 53 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 4:15 p.m., John William Carpenter, 23, of Dillard, Ga., was arrested for parole and probation violations and cited for speeding 60 mph in a 35 zone at N.C. 28. He was escorted to the Rabun County Sheriff's Dept.
- At 9:15 p.m., a suspicious person was reported on Main Street after the Christmas Tree lighting. A parent said his son was solicited by the person who offered him candy if he got into his car. The child ran to his

parents, who notified the police. Police searched for the car matching the description -- a white sedan with black strips on the side. Three cars matching the description in the downtown area, but they didn't belong to the man matching the description -- that of a white male with bushy black hair.

Nov. 27

- At 11:50 a.m. a motorist at Brushy Face and N.C. 28 south was cited for driving without a license..

Nov. 28

- At 3:30 a.m., a motorist was cited for following another vehicle too closely at Mirror Lake and U.S. 64 west.
- During the week, officers responded to 3 alarms.

Nov. 23

- The dept. responded to the call of a brush fire on Billy Cabin Road. It was a controlled burn..

Nov. 24

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. The call was cancelled en route.

Nov. 25

- The dept. responded to the call of a brush fire at Highlands Court on U.S. 64 west. It was a controlled burn..

Nov. 26

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. The call was cancelled en route.
- The dept. responded to a vehicle fire on Holt Road, but the car was smoking due to hot brakes.

Nov. 27

- The dept. responded to a call of a brush fire on Big Bear Pen water tank. An electric spark set the fire. It was quickly extinguished quickly.

The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Nov 23-27.

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YARD WORK & PRESSURE WASHING – Yard and property maintenance. Pressure Washing and odd jobs. Call Bruce at 828-369-3168 or 828 371-2766. 8/18

H & D HOUSE CLEANERS – We're the team for minor cleans. Dishes, bed, floors, & baths. Give us a call 'cause we are the Best!' 706-982-1994 or 706-782-0376

SCOTTS CONSTRUCTION 'ME FIX IT' – Decks, roofs, pressure washing, painting, lawn service, small electrical, floors, carpet cleaning, house cleaning! No job too small. 30 yrs. exp. Call David at 828-369-5886 or 828-347-5051.

C&C CONTRACTING – WE GET IT DONE – **SMALL OR LARGE** – Remodeling, decks, doors, windows or the whole house! Call Art Doughty at

828-508-1360 Workmen's Comp, General Liability, References

HIGHLANDS SHUTTLE SERVICE – Atlanta Airport Shuttle. Drive-Away • Auto Delivery. All Out-of-Town Trips Driving Services. Call 526-8078.

LOST DOG

TWO DOGS. Italian Pointer neutered male, tan and white, wearing an orange collar, 90 lbs., and female Weimaraner, silver-gray, wearing a pink collar. May be seen together. Last seen in Highlands, NC. Very upset child waiting for their return. Please call with any information or if you have seen either one. REWARD OFFERED!! 828-526-2197.

Solution for pseudocube published in Nov. 23 issue
Congratulations to Blanche Pavlis! She emailed a solution and got a free cup of coffee at Buck's Coffee Cafe on Main Street!

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a new mind game

No. AB12

17	20	5	18	21	6	16	19	4
2	14	26	3	15	27	1	13	25
23	8	11	24	9	12	22	7	10

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a new mind game

No. AB13

18								
	15			14				
							13	
						22		

THE SETUP:

The cube has 27 consecutive numbers in it, arranged in three layers with 9 numbers each. These numbers are arranged in a special pattern: For each layer, the sum of the three numbers in each row, column or diagonal is 3 times its center number. Eight diagonals connect all 3 layers by running through the center number of the middle layer. Each diagonal contains 3 numbers equaling the total of the three center numbers. One of the diagonals is shown with circles.

THE CHALLENGE: Start with the three center numbers for each layer and two other numbers. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser... and try to figure out where the other 22 numbers belong...
GOOD LUCK !

The first correct solution emailed earns a coupon for a FREE cup of one of Buck's fine coffees on

Main Street, Highlands, NC

Email: Pseudocube8@aol.com

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CYPRUS

18

Main St. Inn Wine Bar

28

SweetTreats

Instant Theatre

NIGHT LIFE

12

Fressers

30

Wolfgang's

20

On The Verandah

17

Wine Garden

- LODGING

01) Main Street Inn

02) Mitchell's Lodge

03) Mtn High Lodge

04) Old Edwards Inn

05) Skyline Lodge

06) The Lodge

● DINING

07) Brick Oven

08) Bucks Cafe

09) Cafe 460

10) Cyprus

11) Don Leon's

12) Fressers

14) Hill-Top Grill

15)

16)

17) Madison's

18) Main Street Inn

19) Nick's Restaurant

20) On The Verandah

21) Pescado's

22) Pizza Place

23) Rib Shack

24) Ristorante Paoletti

25) Rosewood Market

26) Skyline Restaurant

27) SportsPage

28) SweetTreats Cafe

29) Fressers Express

30) Wolfgang's
- REAL ESTATE

31) Buyer's Realty

32) Century 21

33) Chambers Agency

34) Country Club Prop.

35) Houston Realty

36) John Cleaveland

37) John Schiffli

38) Keller Williams

39) Meadows Mtn.

40)

● HOME DECOR

41) Acorns

42) Black Bear Furn.

43) Custom Coverings

44) Dry Sink

45) Highlands Cabinet

46) Highlands Decorat.

47) Old Rangoon

48)

49) Summer House

50) Twigs

51) Wholesale Down

● GIFTS

52) Bird Barn

53) Christmas Tree

54) Grinning Frog

55) Needle Point

56) Shakespears

57) Speckled Hen

58) The Hen House
- BOUTIQUES

60) AnnaWear

61) Bungalow Boutique

62) Cabin Casuals

63)

64) Coolcats Hotdogs

65) Jolies

66)

67)

68)

69) Nancy's Fancys

70) Shops of O.E.I.

71) The Exchange

72) Village Kids

73) Vivace

74) Wits End

● JEWELRY

75) Drakes Diamonds

76) Highlands Gem

77) Highlands Fine Art

78) Kent Ltd

79) Silver Eagle

● BEAUTY & SPA

80) #1 Nails

81) All Seasons Salon

82) Creative Concepts

83) Images Salon/Spa

84) Mountain Magic

85) Pro Nails

86) Taylor Barns Salon

87) The Very Thing
- ANTIQUES

90) Elephants Foot

91) Mirror Lake Antiques

92)

93) Shiraz Oriental Rugs

● ART GALLERIES

95) Hubert Shuptrine

96) John Collette

97) Mill Creek Gallery

98) Robert Tino

99) The Very Thing

● SERVICES

100) ComputerMan

111) Curves Fitness

112) Drug Stores

114) Dry Cleaners

115) Highlands Office

116) Jack Mayer

117) Nantahala Tire

118) Zek Sossoman

119) Woodworks

● OUTFITTERS

120) Bear Mountain

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