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On-going

- November auctions at Scudder's Galleries Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m. Viewing from Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 352 Main St.

- Live music every night at 7:30 p.m. and during brunch on Sunday at ...on the Verandah restaurant.

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.

- Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

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Every Monday

- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Every Wednesday

- "The Bible Tells Me So" at 6:15 p.m. at HUMC at 6:15.

- Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

- AWANA program for kids — K-5th grade at CBC. Non-denominational Bible-based program for kids — from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Every Thursday

- Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am - 11:45 am at Community Bible Church. Beth Moore's *Believing God*.

Every Saturday

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 8-11

- Trunk Show at Acorn's -- MarieBelle Chocolates.

- First Annual Highlands Culinary Weekend. Highlands area restaurants Call 526-5841.

Friday, Nov. 9

- At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Robert Moyer signing "Boone – A Biography" from 12-1:30 p.m. and Brent Martin signing "Poems from Snow Hill" from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

- Trunk Show at Peak Experience, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jewelry by artist Mary Elizabeth Wilson. Register to win a pair of 14k gold, pearl and champagne topaz earrings. Retail value: \$850.

- At The Instant Theatre, musicians Freddy Bradburn and Sylvia Sammons will perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Reservations are suggested. Call 828-342-9197 for further information. Refreshments are sold at each event. Check for everything ITC by visiting: www.instanttheatre.org.

Rec funds, land fill, ABC Store & more

To get 2007 recreation funds promised by the county, the town had to agree to an interlocal agreement similar to the agreement recently solidified which released long awaited recreation funds for 2006.

At the Nov. 7 Town Board

meeting, Town Attorney Bill Coward presented the board with the contract he and County Attorney Lesley Moxley worked on to guarantee the release of the promised \$500,000.

Included in the contract, which the board accepted, was a

breakdown of town employees and contract personnel, a list of town-owned recreational facilities including the recreation park and civic center and all aspects therein, the ballfield and the community center (previously named the

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Dennis DeWolf



John "Buz" Dotson



Larry Rogers

Election results mean big changes

Only 29% of Macon County's 23,980 voters cast their ballots Tuesday but that was enough to stop the county's bond issuance in its tracks, change the face of the Highlands Town Board and make the sale of mixed drinks and malt beverages allowable in Highlands.

Though the official vote won't be finalized until Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 11 a.m. when the 35 outstanding provisional ballots are counted and the results canvassed, nothing is expected to change.

At the December Town Board meeting, incumbent Dennis DeWolf and new commissioners John "Buz" Dotson and Larry Rogers will be sworn into office.

Weekend Weather:

FRI	SAT	SUN
49-25°F	52-30°F	54-32°F

Dotson received the highest number of votes with 268 followed by Rogers at 230 and DeWolf at 191. Alan Marsh received 182 votes; Gary Drake received 153 and Larry Brannan received 148.

The vote concerning mixed drinks and beer was pretty close — 249 voted for beer sales; 201 voted against it while 235 voted for mixed beverages and 215 voted against it.

For \$1,000 — the cost of the permit — mixed alcoholic drinks can now be sold in hotels, restaurants, private clubs, community theaters and convention centers.

The only stipulation concerning the sale of mixed drinks in a restaurant is that 30% of gross sales must be made on food and there must be seating for 36 people. In addition, hotels must have a restaurant associated with them to obtain a permit.

For \$400 — the cost of a per-

mit — malt beverages (beer) can now be sold in Highlands restaurants and hotels associated with restaurants.

The only two bond issuances that were even close were those related to education.

For the Macon County Schools bond referendum of \$42.1 million, 3,369 citizens voted for it and 3,529 voted against it.

Before the Highlands vote reached the Macon County Board of Elections at 9:18 p.m. Tuesday night, it looked like that part of the bond referendum would pass. But within minutes that changed. Of Highlands 795 voters, 588 said "no" to the school bond; 185 said "yes."

All along the Macon County Commission has said it would move forward with the school facilities program regardless of the bond outcome, so now it's just a

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Humvee and Ruby are newest additions to police dept.

By Ladee Cheyenne
Reporter

Slowly, the Highlands Police Department is acquiring tools common place in big-city police departments -- an all-terrain vehicle and a drug dug.

The department's Military AM General Humvee was designed for on and off road usage, severe weather conditions, transporting and towing. With occupancy of four, and room in the rear suitable for transporting medical supplies, emergency equipment or injured parties, this AM General Humvee was a studious incalculable acquisition for the Highlands Police Department.

The main function of Law Enforcement Support Services, which is a Division of the Government Crime Control and Public Safety Department in North Carolina, is to provide excess department of defense equipment, free of charge, to state and local law enforcement agencies to be used in local law enforcement activities.

A request by the Chief Bill Harrell was made for a military Humvee, and after a long wait, the Highlands Police Department was able to add to its four-wheel drive fleet a military-made vehicle

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• FORUM •

Will a benefactor please stand up?



**Publisher
Kim Lewicki**

If The Instant Theatre Company doesn't come up with \$25,000 by Dec. 31, 2007, it will be closing the Studio on Main — its home for the last 2+ years and the place now known for cutting edge theatre, soulful music and lively dances.

Not yet three years in its home on Main Street, the company is at a critical stage. It can't apply for certain grants until it is three years old, but if it can't raise \$25,000 before the end of 2007, it won't reach its third birthday.

The Instant Theatre is the only theatre company of the three in town that has to pay rent, utilities and everything else associated with maintaining a theater — a big bite for a fledgling theatre group to manage.

Though the other theater groups have hardships to shoulder, their various arrangements are with the town or with the facility owned by the town so monthly overhead isn't as heavy.

To raise money, The Instant Theatre Company is having the *I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale* on Saturday, Dec. 1 in its Studio on Main after the Highlands Christmas Parade noon until 4:30 p.m.

Objects for sale will include, but will not be limited to, everything from sporting goods to boutique items, books to furniture, art to electrical items, dishwashers to cashmere, collectibles to jewelry, much donated by various shops in town. It will be a great spot to Christmas shop but will the money raised be enough?

Just think what Highlands will lose if ITC has to close its doors!

Since occupying its 2,500 sq. ft. loft on Main Street, audiences have filled the intimate 60-seat theatre to see the chilling *Turn of the Screw*, the wildly funny comedy, *Sylvia*, the zany *Carpe Noctum Theatre*, and recently the mesmerizing North Carolina Premiere of a new play, *My Secret Weapon*.

As well as presenting legitimate theatre,

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• HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



• LETTERS •

Respect those who fight for our freedoms

Dear Editor,

In reference to Arthur Hancock's response to my letter regarding his wife Katie Brugger's article in the Oct. 18 issue of Highlands' Newspaper, take a deep breath.

I apologize for referring to his sweet wife's prose as "drivel." I had no idea he would get his panties in such a twist!

My husband says "You should never wrestle with a pig; you just get dirty and the pig likes it." Not to say he is a pig, certainly not, but who am I to try and enlighten him?

I love our freedoms — freedom of speech; even for me; freedom of the press; even for Move on . Org; freedom of assembly; even for leftist mushroom smoking hippies in Woodstock. I simply wish to remind him who fought and died to procure and preserve those freedoms.

Certainly there are spoiled apples (see, I didn't say rotten) in every barrel. John Kerry comes to mind. (Oops! there I go again, forget I brought that up!) But to malign General Patraeus who is: after all, the person on the ground in the combat zone commanding our troops at a time of conflict — Mr. Hancock remembers being in that situation doesn't he?

Changing his name to "Betray-us" is in just incredibly poor taste — tacky, really. Just my opinion — I wasn't at all referring to either Mr. Hancock or Ms. Brugger as "tacky." They are after all "heroes" in their own minds. What was that for again? Being against the Viet-Nam war? Quite so.

Well congratulations on that and all the other heroic moments in their lives. I'll not trouble him or Ms Brugger again. I've given up the dance.

(Mrs) Colette Clark
Highlands

LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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Burning ban still on

Effective immediately, and in conjunction with the statewide burning ban due to severe drought conditions, the Macon County Fire Marshal's office has prohibited open burning.

Recent rainfall hasn't eliminated the fire danger in the county and the recent frost has caused many of the leaves on trees to fall creating a high fire dangers.

Highlands School 'Red Ribbon' week ends with visit from AB Cardinal

The week began with the Mayor reading his Proclamation of Red Ribbon Week over the intercom and then Chief Harrell read the history of Red Ribbon Week. All students and teachers were given red bracelets to wear. Tuesday was Sock it To Drugs Day when everyone wore crazy socks. Wednesday was Pledge Day when students signed



Photo by Carol Bowen

the bulletin board in the hall pledging to be drug free. Thursday Mr. Draheim and I went to classrooms and handed out red lollipops to signify "Lick the Drug Problem." On Friday almost everyone wore red for Red Day. The AB Cardinal from the Alcoholic Beverage Commission visited the elementary students and spoke to them about the dangers of alcohol. We created a sign from Styrofoam cups that the students had colored red on the bottom. The sign was in the fence around the track and read "Highlands School Says Be Drug Free." It was a fun week and most importantly, the students' awareness of the dangers of drugs was heightened.

Appearance board dissatisfied with permitting process

Feelings of dissatisfaction among Appearance Commission members concerning the new look of Highlands Plaza were re-ignited Monday night.

As the first order of business, Chairman Rick Siegel suggested the commission write a letter to the owner of the complex, Margaret O'Donnell, and to the Zoning Board expressing its concerns.

"I think we should write a letter discussing the amount of stucco on the building," said Siegel. "The amount allowed is 30% and it's well over that, more like 50% and that's something that's not allowed."

Member Pat Taylor said when the metal – a nonconforming material — was removed from the façade another nonconforming material was substituted.

"Once a nonconforming material is taken off, it's no longer grandfathered and it shouldn't be replaced with another nonconforming material," he said.

When Al Bolt, whose mother owns the plaza, first approached the Appearance Commission and the Zoning Board about giving the plaza a face lift, changes were going to mimic the Car Spa in color and

material – that of stone and fiberglass shingles.

Also discussed at the time was a porta cohere attached to Bryson's Food Store.

Time went by before anything was done and eventually the Special Use Permit granted for the changes ran out.

Bolt said they rethought the changes and realized the plaza façade structure wasn't strong enough to hold the stone and fiberglass shingles and the porta cohere ended up being too expensive an endeavor.

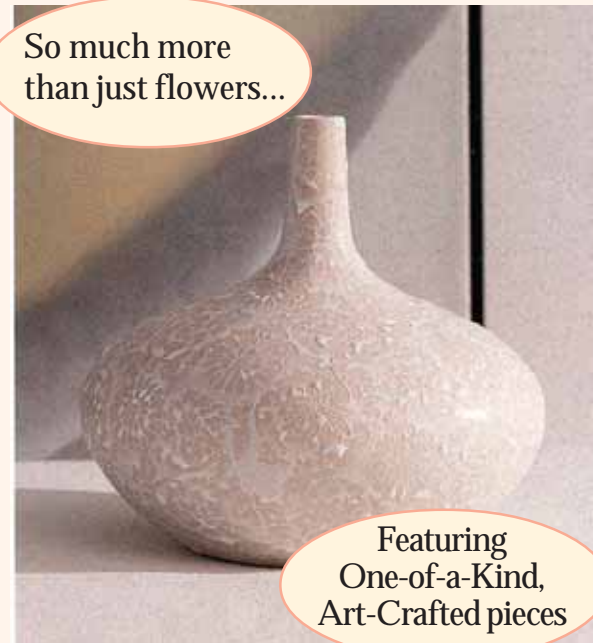
But commission members say instead of returning to the Appearance Commission or any other boards, Bolt moved ahead with plans to re-dress the plaza and applied a stucco-like material on the façade and painted it a color not previously discussed, though one allowed by the town.

Interim Planner Richard Betz admitted the job fell through the cracks but didn't think there was anything anyone could do about it at this time.

But member Thomas Craig said the work was performed without the proper

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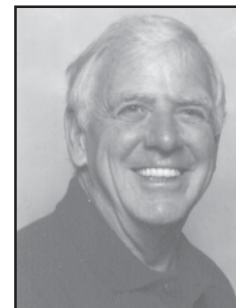


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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Don't honk, other drivers are trying to sleep

I had just finished what I considered one of my best pieces of work and raced from the printer to the li'l missus for my first and most difficult line of editing. This poor woman has been subjected to every word I have ever written and it takes a lot to get kudos from her these days. I waited for the smile that never came. "I hate it. You do what you want but I hate it." My response: "Don't hold back, tell me what's really on your mind."



Fred Wooldridge

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The life of a satire writer is not easy. If what I write passes my first editor, then I am facing the paper's editor who has to remind me occasionally she is still running a family newspaper. Then, things I know will get me big time "heat" go by without a single phone call or e mail. Go figure.

When I finish writing a piece, I sit back and try to guess who's going to be offended. I never guess right. I once wrote a harmless little thing about teaching my new grandson how to say "duh," something he needed to be a Wooldridge. I was verbally accosted by a nice-challenged lady who was offended because I made fun of the French surrendering. It was only one sentence, but was enough to light her up. Telling her I didn't mean it and that my li'l missus is half French didn't help. Thank goodness she had not seen my piece on the French founding New Orleans. Phew!

The one thing I have learned from being a satire writer is that the single most volatile topic a writer can put to words is about Highlands' traffic. Cars, pedestrians, cross walk lights, honking, traffic courtesy and a myriad of other traffic related words makes Highlanders angry. Guess what? The locals really are very sensitive about tourists' driving habits.

I can't tell you how pleased I was to watch Dr. Henry put his computer in his mouth over an article about folks' driving habits, tourists vs. locals, etc. Wow, I would never touch that topic and I even wrote the good doctor to congratulate him. Very brave and it was soooo good to have company.

Since the Highlands I once knew and loved is gone, I am trying to adjust to the new Highlands and part of that requires me to adjust to the traffic. Please don't

write to tell me to get the hell out 'cause that's already been suggested, more than once. Out of loyalty and love for the old Highlands, I am making the adjustment quite well. I don't have to like it, but I do have to accept it.

I did spend some time this summer watching traffic flow during the height of the season and must report it was not that bad. In fact, not much has changed. 99% of all pedestrians still disobey the cross

walk lights and the other 1% obviously has nowhere to go. They still wander around in the middle of the street.

Zero....let me repeat, none of the vehicles on Main Street were driving the speed limit. I would estimate the average car was traveling about 5 mph. This does not make it safer for pedestrians though because drivers were either busy looking for a particular shop, busy on their cell phones, looking for a parking space or looking for a wife trying to stay hidden. None of them were looking out for pedestrians. Miraculously, not a single shopper was killed on Main Street this summer.

Traffic on the Franklin Road has been an issue for years but has gotten better since they finally chased off most of the 18-wheelers. But things are still bad and will stay that way until someone puts my suggestion into practice.

Years ago, I suggested free orange juice stands spaced out along the highway. Tourists cannot resist pulling over for free orange juice. This would allow the locals to get past them. Everyone wins. The tourists are happy sipping their free orange juice, locals get to their destinations on time and, best of all, my stock in Tropical Orange Juice rises. What a deal!

If what I have written offends you, please contact me at 1-800-har-har-har and leave a message. Do not call the house as I am currently out of town helping a French housing developer find suitable land that is 12 feet below sea level.

Going home? Read Fred's column all year at: <http://www.highlandinfo.com/newspaperdownload.htm>

• ANOTHER VIEW •

Beware: the season can transform

Let me set the situation. You may have missed it while you were concentrating on real news. Prince Harry and a hunting companion were questioned by British police last week after two harrier hens were shot. I'd hate to be the cop questioning a member of the royal family. "Excuse me, your highness, might I have a tiny moment of your royal time?" Apparently Harry and his buddy were the only hunters on a royal estate when the crime occurred, and crime it was. Only twenty breeding pairs of the hawk are known to exist in England and the birds are protected by law. As of press time, make that nineteen surviving pairs. "Yes. It's about the shooting of a pair of Harrier hens who were shot while you and your friend were hunting on the property. Do you have any information that might be useful?"

"No," Harry might have responded.

"No. Of course not. It's just that no one else was on the estate at the time of the crime, or perhaps it might have been an accident. I thought you might be able to shed some light."



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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Mike Lyle, a good friend who stood 6' 7" and cared nothing about basketball joined us on a squirrel hunt. We tromped around the woods for hours without spotting a squirrel. I saw a bird perched in a distant tree, a tiny silhouette against the sky. I doubted that I could hit it, but there was magic in that rifle. I fired and it fell to the ground. I went to the place where it plopped to the ground like a feathered rock. I had never before seen a Baltimore Oriole, and was sickened that I had killed a thing of such beauty. Unfortunately, I had forgotten the lesson by the time I made my first SCUBA dive a few years later. I was armed with a Hawaiian sling, a primitive underwater weapon. It was like a sling shot, but instead on a fork, the rubber tubing was attached to a long wooden cylinder. The spear passed through a hole which had been bored the length of the cylinder, an ideal tool for killing the most beautiful angel fish I have ever seen.

Boys love weapons. Bull and I quickly moved from targeting tree stumps to telephone poles. Then the insulators started looking like birds. That, I think, is what happens when a boy of any age is holding a weapon. Objects transform into what the hunter is hunting. A frustrated deer hunter sees antlers on a cow. In Minnesota, some farmers actually paint "COW" on their animals' flanks. It doesn't help. It is not that the hunter doesn't know the difference. The cow has metamorphosed, at least in the eyes of the shooter. Alcohol serves as a catalyst, but the process can take place without it. A stroll in the woods quickly confirms the fact. Forest Service signs are peppered, pocked, and pierced. You might even find one with a tiny pimple, the signature mark of a new sling shot. It is not, as you might suspect, the result of vandalism. Those hunters saw a deer, a bear, or a turkey where you see only, ROAD CLOSED.

A friend told me that hunters, sons of a co-owner of his Edisto Island property in South Carolina, shot a great blue heron while deer hunting. They're pretty rich, but no where close to being in Prince Harry's league. It wasn't really their fault that the bird was transformed. It is remarkable that my friend, who is also a hunter, didn't realize what had happened.

It is a beautiful time of year, perhaps the most wonderful to be tromping

"No."

"I understand. I don't suppose there is any chance that you shot them by accident, perhaps an unintended discharge of your weapon, or mistaken identity. Might you have mistaken them for grouse?"

"No."

"Well, thank you then. You have been most accommodating."

You have to give the guy credit for trying.

My brother-in-law sent his son to a Quaker pre-school. Consistent with the Friends' doctrine of pacifism, all toy weapons were banned. The teachers were shocked, but should not have been, when bananas intended for snacking, became guns in the hands of the little boys.

My son Bull bought a sling shot on a recent trip to Cherokee. While we were hiking, I cautioned him about the urge to use it as a weapon against small game. I told him the story of the rifle my brother and I bought when I was 16. We had saved to buy it, a beautiful Remington, semi automatic, tubular feed, capable of firing 22 short, long, or long rifle bullets. The stock was genuine walnut and beautifully finished. We lubricated the mechanism with fine gun oil until it dripped liked an ice cream cone on an August day, and then we lovingly wiped away the excess.

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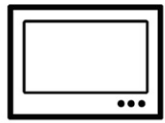
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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Therapy for everyone

Last week I read a fascinating article in *The New Yorker* about a discovery made by a clinical-psychology student named David Roberts at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Roberts worked one summer teaching social skills to a group of schizophrenic patients at a state hospital. He had difficulty getting any of the patients to respond until one day, while watching television with some of them, he saw they were laughing in the appropriate places during sitcoms — in other words, they understood the basic social problems the sitcoms were depicting, the very types of social skills Roberts was attempting to instill in his patients.

He began showing selected sitcom clips during therapy sessions, and found that the best show for the purpose of demonstrating social dysfunctionality was "Curb Your Enthusiasm." As the author of the article writes, Roberts considers Larry David [the creator of *Curb Your Enthusiasm*] "to be the perfect proxy for a schizophrenic person." Roberts cites an example of a typical episode: "Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen invite Larry and his wife to a concert: the night arrives, they don't call, Larry assumes they don't like him, then it turns out he got the date wrong. It's a classic example of a major social cognitive error — jumping to conclusions — that schizophrenic patients are prone to."

Maybe schizophrenic patients are prone to it, but that social cognitive error rang a bell with me. I and people I know make errors like that all the time. After watching that episode, one of the patients remarked, "that bald man made a mountain out of a molehill!" How many times have I done the same thing? Plenty.

Roberts and his advisor, David Penn, developed a program they call Social Cognition and Interaction Training, which utilizes videos that can be watched and discussed with patients. Instead of using TV programs they have hired actors and written their own scripts. An example from the article: "On a split screen, Suzanne calls her co-worker Heidi at home and invites her to dinner, 'How did you get my number?' Heidi asks, and Suzanne, oblivious to Heidi's discomfort, explains that it's in the employee directory. 'Friday — I'm sorry, I already have plans,' Heidi says. There's a long, horrible pause as Suzanne's face falls, and she begins backing off from the invitation — just as Heidi reconsiders and says that she has some time free on Saturday. 'No, I'm sorry,' Suzanne says. 'I didn't mean to in-



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terrupt you.' Angry and embarrassed she hangs up the phone. Roberts said that when his patients watched this bit they slapped their foreheads and winced. "They were like, 'Oh man, I do that all the time.'"

Once again, I felt like I misunderstand people like that all the time. I don't think I'm schizophrenic, so my conclusion is that maybe all of us could use some therapy! And incidentally, since the *New Yorker* article was entitled "We Are All Larry David," I think someone at the magazine thinks so, too.

I still feel awkward and uncertain in some social situations, but nothing like I did as a teen-ager and young adult. I remember having health classes in high school — do they still have that now with all the push for testing? — and looking back I wish some of those classes had dealt with issues like social interaction.

As I was thinking about this article it occurred to me that maybe this explains some of the popularity of television sitcoms. Perhaps we watch these shows to learn social skills!

On TV and in movies we can watch people cope with all sorts of situations — finding out your child is gay, having an out-of-wedlock child, learning your spouse is unfaithful — and gain some insights for how to react to similar situations in our own lives (and how not to react).

TV and movie characters can also be role models that people use to shape their identities. I remember back in the 1992 presidential race when Dan Quayle worried about the effect on the country of an unmarried pregnant TV character named Murphy Brown. He said, "It doesn't help matters when primetime TV has Murphy Brown, a character who supposedly epitomizes today's intelligent, highly paid professional woman, mocking the importance of fathers by bearing a child alone and calling it just another lifestyle choice."

Mental health issues are still so stigmatized. Dr. Patti Wheeler does health tips for my husband and my television show, "Heart of the High Country." Once we asked her to speak about mental health, and she surprised us by saying that she thought that all of us would benefit from having someone to talk to on a regular basis. What if we all had, in addition to our physician and our dentist, a mental health professional we saw regularly?

With depression, anxiety, and stress plaguing more and more people every year, I think therapy for everyone is an idea whose time has come.

• VIDEO GUY •

Keeping Mum

The 2006 dark British comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson (Rat Race, Love Actually), Kristin Scott Thomas (Gosford Park), Tamsin Egerton (Eragon), Patrick Swayze (Donnie Darko, King Solomon's Mines), the brilliant Dame Maggie Smith (Ladies in Lavender, My House in Umbria, the Harry Potter stories), directed by Niall Johnson (White Noise). Rated R.



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Hawkins (flawlessly played by Smith) shows up, and, a la Mary Poppins, things start to improve overnight (for the Goodfellows at any rate, it turns a little rough for some of their neighbors and classmates). Things go from worse to better, but as that happens, the population of Little Wallop becomes a little smaller still. We end up learning a lesson that it's never too late to learn a lesson from your mother.

Brilliant performances by all, starting with the amazing Maggie Smith, who can play any role at all, comic, dramatic, frantic, or even thrilling. Atkinson, best known for his Mr Bean character, is, in my opinion, even better in this film.

Very British in tone, clever, silly, some genuine scary moments, and some actual drama and a little romance as well. Over all, a feel good film, despite the mayhem.

A few more along this line are Waking Ned Devine, Widows Peak, Love Serenade, Ladykillers, and the absolutely bizarre Nothing But Trouble. These and about 5,000

more titles are available for sale or rent at Movie Stop Video, swing on in and take a look.



The Storyline: The story starts 40 some years before the present, when a charming, sweet, pretty, young woman is found traveling on the train with a steamer trunk filled with body parts (Oh, come on, we all know it's wrong, but haven't we all used a little less than perfect judgment at one time or another?). Jump forward a bit and we meet the family of Reverend Walter Goodfellow (Atkinson), and such a perfect family it is! Well, no, actually it's not, but Walter is a little too distracted to notice that his marriage is in danger of falling apart. (Patrick Swayze as Lance, the loathsome golf pro, is perfect in this role), his son is a daily target for local bullies, and his daughter is a tramp. But just before everything collapses completely, Grace

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zoning certificate which wouldn't have been granted if the town knew more than 30% stucco was planned for the facade.

"I'm afraid we're setting a precedent that if you complete something without someone stopping you you're home-free. If we don't voice our concern it could happen again," he said.

In the end, the commission agreed to write a letter to the Zoning Board with a copy to the Town Board voicing its concerns about what was done at the plaza.

Betz reminded the commission that the Zoning Board has the ultimate say and isn't required to heed or accept the group's recommendations.

"The Appearance Commission has no legal authority to make them change it, other than a recommendation from the Zoning Board," he said.

Last month the commissioner agreed to write a letter to RBC Centura voicing its dissatisfaction with the ATM kiosk now lo-

cated at the bank.

Meanwhile, the new banking kiosk for the State Employees Credit Union on the agenda was discussed at length. It is a free-standing kiosk-like shed which will be at the top of S. Second Street as it enters the plaza.

However, rather than the rendition of the kiosk submitted which included backlit signs at the top of the kiosk on all four sides, Pat Taylor sketched a more suitable kiosk for the plaza. His is more in line with The Car Spa in design and materials though, miniature in scale, with lighting allowed per the town's ordinance.

The board approved Taylor sketched design and sent it and precise verbiage describing it to the Zoning Board.

The Zoning Board will consider the State Employees Credit Union application of a Special Use Permit for the banking kiosk in Highlands Plaza at its Nov. 14 meeting.

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• HIS & HERS •

Ma, they're makin' eyes at me

I have lots of experience with women. Not what you're thinking. I mean experience in living around a variety of women. Most of those have been extremely strong and accomplished women.

My mother and her two sisters all had college educations at a time when Southern women were often expected to run the kitchen, clean the house, knit and sew, and play hostess. My grandfather was well educated, and insisted that all his daughters attend the strongest women's college which was also south of the Mason-Dixon Line. Thus, they attended Goucher College in Baltimore, Md. (One met and married a Johns Hopkins man, created my branch of the family. That's a story for another day.)

My Uncle Johnny used to say that when his three sisters got rolling, they'd conduct three monologues at the same time in the same room. He described them as "three-masted frigates under full sail, with all guns blazing." The point is, they were all feminine, but none of them could ever, even on a real bad day, be called a shrinking violet.

I looked for women who were able, smart and strong to marry. I raised my two daughters to be the same. (I'm very proud of both of them. Both have it all – husbands, children, careers, and a wicked sense of humor which they got from me and I got from my parents. That's also a story for another day.)

The subject for today's sermon, if you hadn't guessed before now, is women in politics generally, and Hillary Clinton specifically. Mrs. Clinton has actually produced a commercial claiming that the male Democrats are picking on her.

To whom is she complaining in that commercial? Does she want her mother to come out on the porch with her broom and chase away the nasty boys who are picking on her little girl?

If we have another version of the Cuban Missile Crisis and are nose-to-nose with another world power (probably led by a male), is she going to whine and complain? Or, is she going to suck it up, make the right decision, and then act decisively, like Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher did regarding the Falkland Islands crisis?

Or, further back in history, it was



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Queen Elizabeth I who faced and defeated the Spanish Armada which had the ships and the troops to overwhelm England if they landed.

Or, in Italy, it was Lucrezia Borgia who poisoned her way to the top of her family and political power in the early Renaissance. (Maybe Lucrezia is the wrong example to

apply to Hillary. Murder as a public policy would rule out Lady Macbeth as well).

Any woman who would be successful while holding great power has to be strong and self-confident, among other qualities. Furthermore, such a woman has to know her own mind and have the courage of her convictions. Think Golda Meir in Israel, Indira Gandhi in India, Benazir Bhutto in Pakistan, to name a few modern examples beyond that of Lady Thatcher.

Ask yourself whether any of these women would have stumbled and fallen over such a simple question as whether they agreed with the policy of Governor Spitzer of New York to give drivers licenses to illegal aliens. And, if any of these women HAD fumbled over such a simple, yes-no question, would they have sought to deflect attention by saying that people were picking on them? Or, would they have acknowledged their mistake, reached a decision, and carried it out?

Can you imagine any of these extraordinary women falling back on the cover story that "the boys were picking on them"?

Let's consider a male president whose contemporaries thought he wasn't up for the job. Long after he left office, the verdict of history concluded that Harry Truman was a strong, decisive, and good President. What was Harry's advice about politics that Hillary should follow today, if she can? If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen.

My mother, her sisters, some of my wives, and both of my daughters all demonstrated that they can stand the heat. Maybe one of them should run for President....

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• CONSERVATIVE POV •

Inquiring minds want to know

Since the entertainment sector has failed to provide any really important happenings to report on lately, and since I'm really sick of writing about Hillary, it's time to bring several current topics of interest up to date.

First on the list of miscellany is the primary schedule, which I advised would produce some excitement before the year is out. Well, it is. In case you haven't kept up on the subject, several states took exception to the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primaries being first to be held which gave them extraordinary impact on the direction of the primary season. So, many states made noise about shifting their primaries to an earlier date, which put the whole deal into turmoil.

Both parties are ignoring their national headquarters in scheduling their primaries in January, 2008 including Iowa (Jan. 3rd), Wyoming (R only - Jan. 5th), Michigan (Jan. 15th), then Nevada, South Carolina, New Hampshire and Florida. And the fun is far from over.

Who, besides us political junkies, gives a hoot? Is the rush to get to the head of the line just territorial pride? I hope so. I'd hate to think that a candidate (or candidates) who would run poorly in the traditional earliest states would try to realign the order to gain an advantage. You never know what ignites these things.

Here's a pleasant thought. DEBKA, a website concentrating on the middle east: "In a special internet announcement in Arabic, picked up by DEBKAfile's counterterror sources, Osama bin Laden's followers announced Monday, October 29, the launching of Electronic Jihad. On Sunday, November 11, al Queda's electronic experts will start attacking Western, Jewish, Israeli, Muslim apostate and Shiite web sites.

On day one, they will test their skills against 15 targeted sites and will expand the operation from day to day thereafter until hundreds of thousands of Islamist hackers are in action against untold numbers of anti-Muslim sites." Generally, DEBKA's reporting has been pretty accurate. I have no idea if this report has credibility. Time will tell.

The North American Union, and the "superhighway" from Mexico to Canada, subjects discussed here in previous columns, need to be revisited. Not much has reached the public recently but one important fact should be brought to the table. No matter what you think of Ron Paul, Congressman from Texas and can-



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didate for President in 2008, aside from his views on the war, is pretty much on point.

WorldNetDaily quotes him as saying "the proposed highway is part of a broader plan advanced by a quasi-government organization called the "Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America", or SPP, he explains. "The SPP was first launched in 2005 by the heads of state of Canada, Mexico and the United States at a summit in

Waco.

The SPP is an unholy alliance of foreign consortiums and officials from several governments. One principal player is a Spanish construction company which plans to build the highway and operate it as a toll road. But don't be fooled: The superhighway proposal is not the result of free market demand, rather an extension of government-managed trade schemes like NAFTA that benefit politically connected interests."

The reason I think it's timely is that Paul predicts that the superhighway will become a sleeper issue in the 2008 election. You may think Paul is a nut (I don't) but another presidential candidate, Tom Tancredo shares his concern about the Administration's end-run around Congress in establishing this alliance. The subject may enjoy considerably more exposure as the campaign drones on.

Breaking News. Pakistan's President, Gen. Pervez Musharraf declared a state of emergency, which tosses another log on the mid-east caldron. This action seems to have been brought on by the return of his political rival Benazir Bhutto, a contrary Supreme Court and an Islamic movement gaining momentum in his country. It also allows the election, scheduled for January, to be delayed a year. Stay tuned on this one. It may get messy.

I said I was tired of writing about Hillary, but not too tired to comment on her performance during the recent Democrat debate. Things were going along nicely for her until the lefty questioners threw in a subject that she was not expecting.

Did she agree with NY Gov. Eliot Spitzer's decision to issue drivers licenses to illegal immigrants? She said y'es before she said no and the rest of the participants beat her up pretty good. This was the first serious goof in her otherwise nearly perfect campaign and gives hope to the rest of the boys that her ascension isn't necessarily assured. Her wobbly knees didn't become one who would be Commander-in-Chief.

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While no one would dare suggest tampering with tradition, why not consider a few novel additions? Side dishes and desserts offer excellent opportunities to break out of the mold and offer up something refreshingly different. Try introducing a creative, new casserole, or another incarnation of a family favorite. (If your family can't do without the traditional log of cranberry relish, right out of the can, simply add another option for more adventurous palates, such as a "salsa," made of fresh cranberries, minced ginger and orange zest.)

The same goes for dessert. Let someone else bring the standard pumpkin pie, while you wow the crowd with a rich and creamy mocha-pumpkin cheesecake. This sinfully delicious concoction combines the goodness of organic butter, cream cheese and eggs with the rich flavors of coffee, chocolate and pumpkin—and is surprisingly simple to prepare.

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3 tablespoons finely ground coffee
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can (16 ounces) solid pack pumpkin
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
4 ounces semi-sweet chocolate
chips
4 tablespoons hot strong coffee
chocolate-covered coffee beans or
chocolate-covered raisins

For crust: Heat oven to 350°F. Melt 3 tablespoons of the butter; combine with crushed grahams and ground coffee. Press into bottom and partially up the sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 minutes.

For filling: Use electric beaters at medium speed to cream Neufchatel or cream cheese for 3 to 4 minutes. Gradually beat in sugar and continue beating 2 to 3 minutes. Beat in eggs one at a time. Beat in pumpkin and vanilla.

For cheesecake: Pour filling into crust. Bake until instant thermometer inserted in center reads 160 degrees, 70 to 75 minutes. Cool cheesecake to room temperature, then chill it thoroughly.

For glaze: Melt chocolate and remaining 2 tablespoons butter in double boiler, or a bowl set over a pan of boiling water. Remove from heat; whisk lightly, then whisk in hot coffee. Cool 10 minutes. Press top of cheesecake to even out the surface and "mend" any cracks. Spread chocolate glaze over cheesecake. Decorate with chocolate-covered coffee beans or raisins. Chill to set topping.

To add more tasty organic recipes to your holiday repertoire, visit www.organicvalley.coop.



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• COACH'S CORNER •

Where I search for inspiration

One of the interesting things about writing a newspaper column is where the source for most column ideas originate (more intelligent people would refer to this as a "muse" -- then again, it is likely that no intelligent people read this column)

Usually, I am influenced by the events of the week in sports. Most often, I will watch as many games as my schedule (which often masquerades under the alias "the wife") will allow me to watch, and usually a column can be produced by thoughts I have while watching those games.

Unfortunately, since the games I watch are often decided by priority (meaning that my favorites teams are usually first on the agenda) I tend to write more about SEC football, ACC basketball and localized sports teams (except for the Saints, who I refuse to mention anymore due to the terrifying, yet realistic fear that I will disrupt the remarkable turnaround they have made rece...dang it.)

Another method of gaining information for a column is the wealth of crap...er...information that comes from the Internet. It becomes eternally frustrating to try and come up with something original when there are so many people writing about sports on their blog or their website.

Somehow, somewhere, someone is going to be thinking the same things that I am (however horrifying that may be) and so whenever you stumble upon something that sounds exactly like what you were thinking about writing it is a real drag. However, for sports junkies like me, there are several terrific websites to read to keep up with the latest and greatest from the world of sports. I would recommend the following websites for those that are interested in keeping up with sports from a fan's perspective. I have also provided a disclaimer for some of the sites that contain more mature humor.

- The Big Lead-Covers all major sports, mostly a news site
- Deadspin-The original sports information blog.
- Every Day Should be Saturday -- covers College Football and is quite possibly the funniest sports website ever. (Warning - adult humor involved.)
- Sunday Morning Quarterback -- Excellent College Football analysis
- Ghost of Wayne Fontes -- NFL blog with ties to major college sports. (Adult humor involved.)
- ESPN's Page Two - Covers all major



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sports.

The last resort for a columnist, particularly when they are on the edge of a deadline and looking for a topic (which is where you must be thinking I am at right now.) is to call up an old friend and just mentally track the conversation in your mind.

One of the great things about sports is that it bridges a common bond between people, and allows for interesting conversation after the usual "How are you?" and "What's going on in your life these days?" Chances are that when two old friends strike up a conversation about sports, it is going to be something that is fresh within people's minds and relevant to the current sports scene.

I have several friends in particular that
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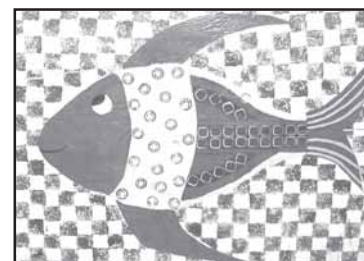
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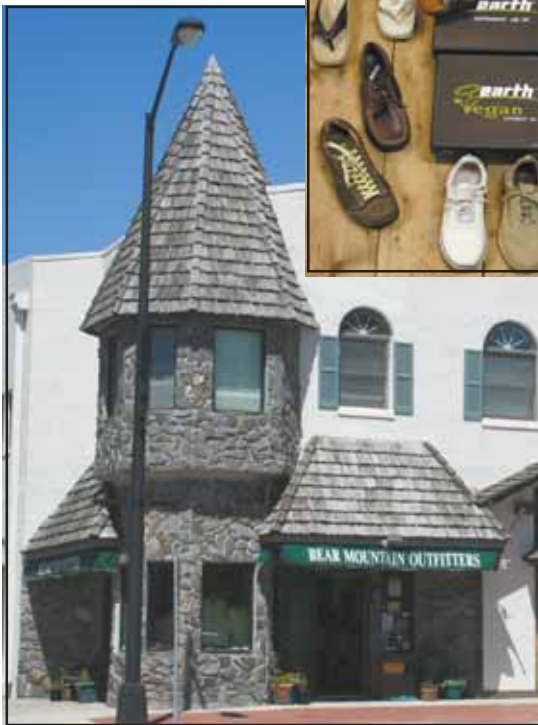


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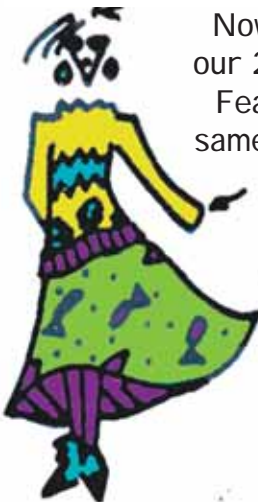
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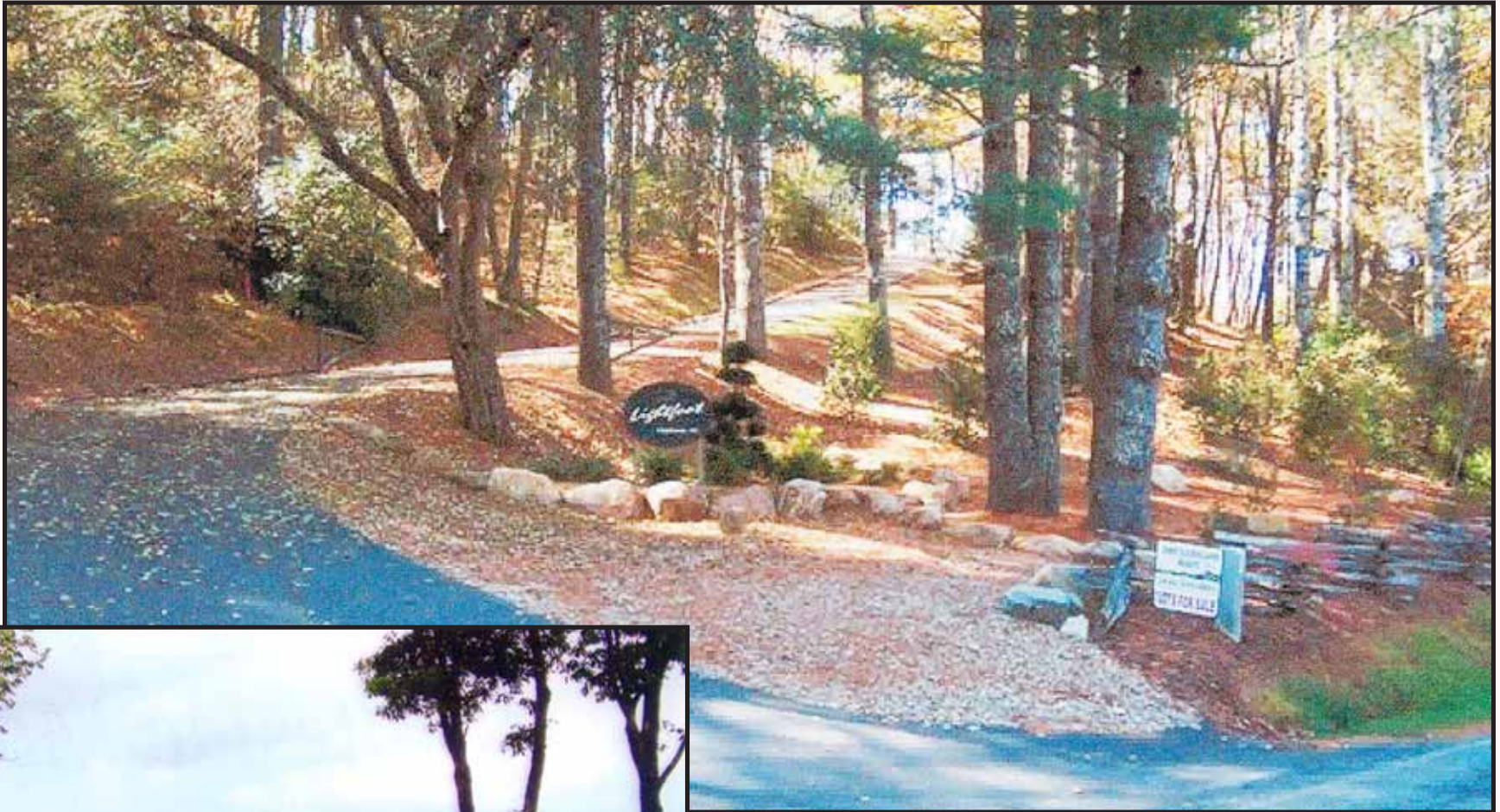
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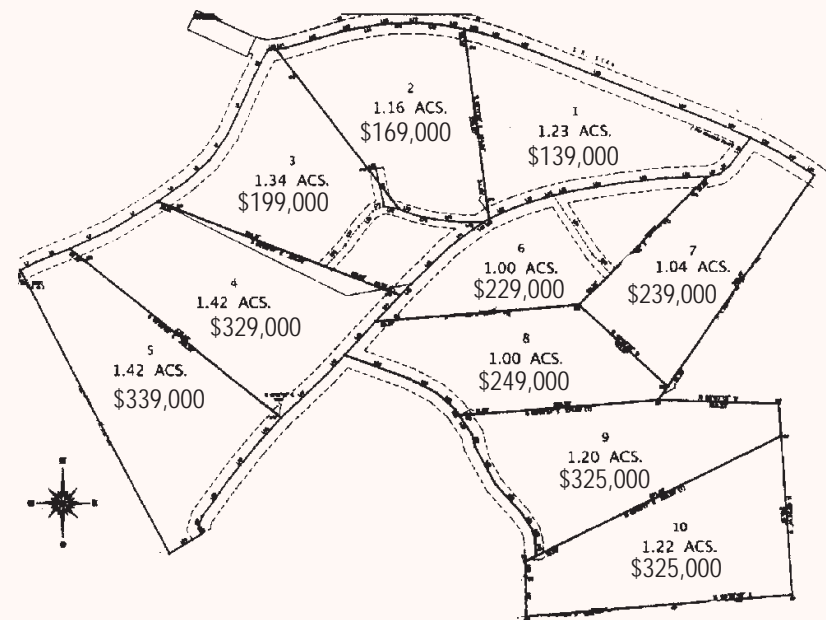
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Beta Club & JMCA get recycling going!

Members of the Highlands School Beta Club under direction of their sponsor teacher, Anne Porter, have kicked recycling at the school up a notch.

The Beta Club has initiated a full-scale recycling program which began with the distribution of collection boxes placed throughout the school. Beta club member Kyle Lassiter is spearheading the current program, working with Mrs. Porter on the logistics. Each Beta member has been assigned a week to collect the materials, sort them, and take them to a recycling center.

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance (J-MCA) has been advising the Beta

Club on the organization of the program. Executive Director David M. Bates, who is on the Mayor's designated Highlands Recycling Task Force, has worked with Anne Porter by providing recycling information and materials. J-MCA would like to see, in the near future, plans to have a school assembly, led by Joel Ostroff, the Macon County Recycling Coordinator.

At the assembly, the Beta Club members intend to hand out the box-full of recycling goodies provided by the Highlands Recycling Task Force. Recycling was re-started at the school by 4th grader Alex Bronough and his mother Tamara last year. Alex decided to place a garbage can in the central hallway and advertise for the kids to recycle their cans and bottles.

Last year, 5,018 bottles and cans were recycled, with another 1,035 processed since the Beta Club program began. The additional volume of newspaper and mixed paper generated each week by the school has astounded the Beta members. The Beta Club encourages everyone to take their recyclable garbage to a Recycling Drop-Off Center. The closest facility to Highlands is on Buck Creek Road.

For a list of acceptable recyclable materials and other Centers, contact J-MCA at 526-9938 ext. 320.

Burning ban still in effect

Effective immediately, and in conjunction with the statewide burning ban due to severe drought conditions, the Macon County Fire Marshal's office has prohibited open burning due to local conditions which make fires hazardous.

Recent rainfall hasn't eliminated the fire danger in the county and the recent frost has caused many of the leaves on trees to fall creating a high fire dangers.

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RBC Centura Bank sponsored pumpkin decorating contest for all 2nd graders at Highlands School. The bank donated the pumpkins which were decorated and displayed in the lobby for one week so customers, the children's families, friends, and bank employees could vote for their favorite. There were two winners: Analyse Crook from Ms. Miller's class, and Ben Avery from Ms. Cox's class. Winners received goodie bags and a keepsake pencil from the bank for participating in the contest.



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• FROM MY PERSPECTIVE •

A recap of last week's events

The town of Highlands won an award this past week from AAA of the Carolinas. We were chosen by them as the winner in the Traffic Safety's Safe Communities area in the under 10,000

population category. This is quite an honor for us as a town and specifically for our chief of police and his department. Chief Harrell and his officers are doing a great job.

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The Public Works Committee got down to serious talks about improvement in our stormwater runoff in the town of Highlands. At the beginning of this year a major study of this issue was carried out by McGill Associates, an Engineering firm who identified the problem areas in our system. If we are going to continue to be a progressive, modern town which cares for all its citizens, good stormwater control is essential. We could stay in the dark ages and ignore these problems, but this would be irresponsible for our future and the well being of all our people.

It is time for us to begin making these improvements by addressing these flooding and hydraulic issues. We considered the drainage area from Harris Lake and around the Biological Station which runs off into Mill Creek to be a priority and will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners that we proceed with this soon. We will be seeking funds from the Clean Water Trust Fund to accomplish this first step after McGill gives us a final figure as to the cost. After that there is still much more to do, and over the next few years we will.

We have been in conversations with our state Senator John Snow regarding funding the paving of Hickory Hill, Chowan and Cullasaja Roads and he has officially requested release from the state of discretionary funds totaling \$280,000. We should hear from this soon and hopefully in the spring we can get these roads



Mayor Don Mullen

paved. We also have Wyanoack and Azalea to do in the near future as well. North Cobb is another road I would like to see surfaced.

I hope everyone will get involved in Highlands' first culinary event which begins Thursday, Nov. 8, in our new Pine Street Park. Reservations can be also made at individual restaurants. Tickets may be purchased at the Visitors Center for the Culinary

Weekend. A complete schedule of events can also be obtained there or in the newspapers. This looks like it will be an outstanding effort supporting our business community and bringing people to Highlands. Support from the community is important.

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through the woods around Highlands, except that it's hunting season. The air and fallen leaves share a crispness. The colors of sky and foliage are brilliant. But if you go wandering, beware. Blaze clothing does not keep you from becoming game. You may be drilled with a high velocity missile, or maybe just plinked with a sling shot. Singing loudly might protect you. I don't think animals have learned to sing as part of their metamorphosis.

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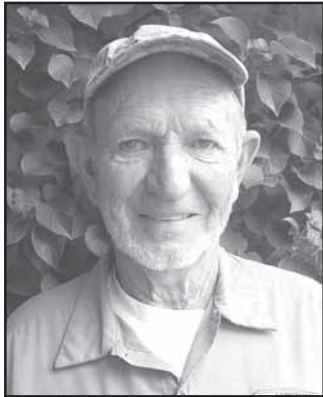
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1st Annual Culinary Weekend Nov. 8-11

Tickets for the Culinary Weekend are \$195. The weekend ticket grants access to Thursday night's, Nov. 8 Opening Celebration and includes 10 vouchers redeemable for daytime events. Tickets to Thursday Night's Opening Celebration can be purchased separately for \$95 each. Vouchers redeemable for daytime events can also be purchased separately for \$10 each. Thursday night's Opening Reception Celebration begins is at 7 p.m. at Pine Street Park. Evening entertainment is music by the jazz trio, Hipshack. Shuttle service will be provided from local Inns, Highlands Recreation Park, *All Turkeys come with Giblet Gravy and Highlands Plaza to Pine Street Park. Please use the Shuttle Service for this event.

Daytime Event Information

Daytime Events can only be purchased by voucher and additional vouchers can be purchased at Highlands Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center by calling 866.526.5841. Vouchers must be redeemed at the daytime event venue. Reservations for all events — daytime or evening — is suggested and subject to availability. All events, prices, personalities, performances, venues, dates, and times are subject to change without notice.

Evening Events Information

Evening Events are subject to availability and prices vary. Reservations for the evening events are to be reserved directly through the participating restaurants. All events, prices, personalities, performances, venues, dates, and times are subject to change without notice.

DAYTIME EVENTS

Historical Treats

Venue: SweetTreats
Date: Friday, Nov. 9
Cost: 2 Vouchers
Time: 10-11 a.m.
Limit: 40

Event Description: Highlands Historian and Author Ran Shaffner will present a personal history of Highlands, full of fun facts and anecdotes. Attendees will be treated to a sampling of goodies, coffee, tea, and beverages at SweetTreats, which has been a landmark in Highlands since 1989. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Highlands Historical Society. SweetTreats is known for its ice cream and yogurt. In addition, its restaurant features delectable desserts, a light fare for lunch and dinner, a full coffee and wine bar.

Presenter/Host: Highlands Historian Ran Shaffner established Cyrano's Bookshop in Highlands in 1978 and was proprietor until he retired a couple years ago. Ran has a doctorate in Comparative Literature from UNC Chapel Hill, and has been an educator for the Peace Corps, UNC Chapel Hill, Fairfield Univ. in Connecticut, and Western Carolina University at Cullowhee. As an author he has published The Apprenticeship Novel, Good Reading Material, Mostly Bound and New, and Heart of the Blue Ridge: Highlands, NC.

Simple, Quick, Elegant Hors d'oeuvres

Venue: ...on the Verandah
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 5 Vouchers
Time: 11 am-1 pm
Limit: 40

Event Description: ...on the Verandah will guide you on a culinary showcase of preparing delicious appetizers, for seated or informal service, for either your pre-planned or impromptu gatherings. You will create simple and quick amuse-bouche menus using everyday ingredients already in your kitchen or easily available at your local market. During the course of the event, participants will be able to enjoy these delicacies and match them with just the right wine. Recipes will be provided. As an added attraction, CK Swan Galleries of Highlands will be featuring the works of local artist Elizabeth Barr, renowned for her oil based Highlands' area landscape.

Presenter/Host: ...on the Verandah's Chef de Cuisine, Julie Miller, a Grande Diploma graduate of the Silwood Cordon Bleu School. Virginia Willis is a cook, teacher, author, and culinary television producer. She is working on completion of her cookbook and forthcoming companion television series: Bon Appetit, Y'all! Three Generations of Southern Cooking (Ten Speed Press, 2008) The presenter/hosts are ...on the Verandah and owners Andrew Figel and Marlene Alvarez and culinary author and producer Virginia Willis.

Wild Fowl Cooking Class

Venue: The Log Cabin
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: noon-1 pm
Limit: 20

Event Description: There is more to life than just chicken. This class will show a variety of techniques for utilizing wild fowl. Starting with identifying the types of fowl available on the market, including duck and pheasant. Chef Thole will demonstrate varying cooking techniques that can be used with wild fowl from roasting to making a consomme. He will also discuss the different types of wines that pair well with wild fowl. You will be able to sample some of the creations as well as the accompanying wines.

Presenter/Host: Matthew Thole is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, SC. He has honed his culinary skills in many of the best restaurants in the southeast, culminating in New Orleans, LA at John Besh's Restaurant August. Chef Thole uses many of the flavors and skills learned in his time in both Charleston and New Orleans.

Enotec Italian Wine Portfolio Tasting

Venue: Ristorante Paoletti
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 2 Vouchers
Time: noon-2:30 pm
Limit: Open

Event Description: An informal "Open House Tasting" of hand picked wines- Encompassing "great values" to "Luxury wines" from SuperTuscan and Piedmontese Producers. This is a rare opportunity to taste and purchase for the home as many wines will be available in our cellar at tremendous pre-holiday prices. Come meet the importer!

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Flavor Spectrum with Domaine Serene Winery

Venue: Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 5 Vouchers + tax & gratuity
Time: 12:30 pm
Limit: 60
Event Description: Domaine Serene wine and food tasting brought to the "nth" degree... Chef Wolfgang and Chef David will create four small pairings that will compliment & contrast, leaving you think outside of the box. Controversial dishes that will challenge your palate. Each participant will be poured a taste of six different Domaine Serene wines to compliment the 4 different dishes.

Presenter/Host: Chef Wolfgang Green, Chef/Owner of Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro welcomes you to his 14th season in Highlands. Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro is a proud recipient of the "Best of Award of Excellence" from the prestigious Wine Spectator magazine. Chef Wolfgang was the former Executive Chef for the "Brennan Family" of Commanders Palace, Elected Member of Academy of Chefs, Certified Executive Chef, Voted Best Texas and Jamaican Chef of the Year, and was an elected member of the Texas Culinary Olympic Team. Executive Chef David McGlade was trained at Johnson and Whales and came to Highlands from Charlotte, N.C. to work with Chef Wolfgang. The two Chefs make a wonderful team that has successfully worked together for the past five years. Their different culinary techniques and styles balance one another.

Mediterranean St. Food - Interactive Cooking Class

Venue: Cyprus Restaurant
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 4 Vouchers
Time: 1-3 pm
Limit: 20
Event Description: Simple street fare from Spain, France, Italy, Greece, Turkey, Cyprus, Lebanon, Morocco, and Tunisia. A few highlights: Stuffed Mussels from Istanbul Turkey, Sfincione stuffed meat pie from Sicily, Falafel in Pita from Lebanon (with Matecha Salad)! You are welcome to bring your favorite knife. Bring your smile and your sense of humor!

Presenter/Host: Chef Nicholas Figel

A Taste of Chocolate Heaven & Brutacao Port Tasting

Venue: Basketcase
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 1 Voucher
Time: 1-4 pm on going
Limit: Open
Event Description: Highlands newest gourmet shop invites you to come "up the hill" for a slice of heaven accompanied by a unique California Port from Brutacao Cellars.

Presenter/Host: Kristi Rogers of Basketcase Gourmet chocolates & gift basket designer & Marty Rosenfield, Chef/Owner of Lakeside Restaurant.

Wild Game Cooking Class

Venue: The Log Cabin
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: 2-3 pm
Limit: 20

Event Description: Who cares about the other white meat, what about the other red meats. This class will demystify wild game by explaining the difference between free range and farm raised game. Discussing in detail that not all venison is the same and demonstrating how to work with the different types of game available. Chef Thole will explore the wonders of free range antelope and venison. As well as how to pair wines with your game.

Laurent-Perrier Champagne & Marie Belle Chocolate Pairing Seminar

Venue: Old Edwards Inn and Spa
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 5 Vouchers
Time: 2-4 pm
Limit: 40

Event Description: This celebratory event pairs two delicious favorites symbolizing luxury and nobility - fine Laurent-Perrier Champagne and Neuhaus Belgian chocolates. Laurent-Perrier is one the world's most esteemed Champagne houses with a lineage that traces back some 200 years. Neuhaus Belgian Chocolates was established in 1857 and is best known for divine pralines among other confections. This event is being held in conjunction with Highlands own Choc-

olate Bear.

Presenter/Host: A representative of the Laurent-Perrier Champagne Group and a representative from Neuhaus will be presenting the selections of champagne and chocolates.

How To Entertain From A to Z - SOLD OUT

Venue: Oak Street Cafe
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 6 Vouchers
Time: 2-4 pm
Limit: 10

Holiday Entertaining - Wine, Food, & Ambiance Cooking Class

Venue: Fireside - Gallery Room
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 2 Vouchers
Time: 2 pm
Limit: 20

Event Description: What better way to add sparkle to the holiday season than with the perfect wine? Whether you need the right "meet and greet" wine or are looking for inspiration in food and wine

pairings let the Fireside help you make this the most wonderful holiday yet. Trisha Kieltyka of The Christmas Tree on the Hill has transformed the room into a holiday wonderland. Stan and Donna Cochran of Mirror Lake Antiques will present a holiday table resplendent with antique china and silver.

Presenter/Host: Travis Schultz grew up in the restaurant developing a passion for food. A recent graduate of Cook Street School of Fine Cooking in Denver, he also studied at the Italian Culinary Institute in Asti, Italy, and with Chef Martial in Paris.

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres at Sunset Rock

Venue: Meet at the Highlands Nature Center
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: 4:30 pm
Limit: 20

Event Description: Fressers Eatery & Adventure Depot invite you on a 1 mile walk up to Sunset Rock. Once atop Sunset Rock enjoy the beautiful sunset while enjoying fine wine, & appetizers. The hike is very moderate and the view from the top is spectacular. Please plan to wear sturdy shoes.

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Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: FREE
Time: 5-7 pm
Limit: Open
Event Description: The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us for a complimentary glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate Highlands' First Annual Culinary Weekend. Join us on Friday or Saturday evening and see all that we have to offer.

Relax, Refresh, Rejuvenate

Venue: Peggy Crosby Center
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 8 Vouchers
Time: 828-200-0018
Limit: Call for appointment!
Event Description: Refresh and unwind while enjoying a relaxing massage.
Presenter/Host: Lisa Wilker, LMT

Gourmet Breakfast

Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 3 Vouchers for party of 2
Time: 8-11 am (Reservations Required)
Limit: Call for reservations 526.8170
Event Description: Start your day with a mimosa and gourmet breakfast for 2. The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us between 8 am and 11 am for a mouth-watering country breakfast. Children


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Breakfast at Main Street Inn

Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: 1 Voucher per person
Time: 8:30 am-11 am (Reservations Required 526.2590)

Event Description: Start your day off right with a wonderful breakfast at the Main Street Inn. Enjoy assorted juices, smoothies, cereals, fresh fruit, & tea breads. Champagne, Mimosa and Belini's are available. Menu Entrees include Cheeseburger Scrambled Eggs, Plain ol' Scrambled Eggs, Incredible Irish Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Cranberries, and Cream, Creme Brule French Toast, Toasted Cheese Grits, Sausage Patties, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Banana Bread, Cinnamon Rolls w/ Icing, & Biscuits with Assorted Jams. Reservations are required 526.2590.

Fly Fishing & Trout Lunch – SOLD OUT

Venue: Harris Lake Next to Lakeside Restaurant
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 7 Vouchers
Time: 10 am
Limit: 14

“All Things Wonderful” Fashion Show Luncheon

Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 3 Vouchers
Time: noon-2 pm
Limit: 50 Lucky Ladies!
Event Description: Main Street Inn and Drake's Diamond Gallery, Rosenthal's, and McCulley's Cashmere will host a ladies champagne luncheon with a fashion runway. Ladies will love this venue with fantastic lunch selections in the elegant Main Street Inn Grand Dining Room. Models will present the latest fashions from three of the finest ladies fashion icons in the state of North Carolina.
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Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 4 Vouchers
Time: noon-2:30 pm
Limit: 40
Event Description: Enotec Italian Wine Importers, hosted by importer Blair Taylor of Denver Colorado. Educational seminar to showcase Italian Varietals. The seminar will encompass TWO WINE FLIGHTS.” Participants are urged to participate with questions. Cheeses/Breads Provided.
Presenter/Host: Hosted by Importer Blair Taylor, Denver Colorado.

Northern Thai Cooking Class


Venue: Cyprus Restaurant
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: 4 Vouchers
Time: 1- 3 pm
Limit: 20
Event Description: We will explore the beautiful cuisines of Northern Thailand, from Chiang Mai to the homelands of the hill tribes. Some examples: Clear curry broth with tomato and minced pork, A selection of Yam, (salads), with Chile pastes and sauces, “Khan-toke,” a central bowl of glutinous rice, Roasted chicken rice noodle stir-fry with fried shallots, Tropical fruit smoothies, (durian, soursop, mango). You are welcome to bring your favorite knife. Bring your smile and your sense of humor!
Presenter/Host: Chef Nicholas Figel

A Celebration of Presentation - The WOW Effect!

Venue: ...on the Verandah
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: Free - a percentage of all event display purchases will go to the Literacy Council
Time: 1- 3 pm
Limit: No maximum
Event Description: ...on the Verandah Restaurant - “Highlands Most Scenic Dining” - and Dutchman's Designs will demonstrate table and culinary presentations perfectly suited for your next dinner party or cocktail reception. Learn how to use edible flowers, herbs, and garnishes to brighten up any dish and make your room decor shine and stand out.
Presenter/Host: Owners Andrew Figel and Marlene Alvarez of ...on the Verandah and Stephanie Blumen of Dutchman's Designs.

A Taste of Chocolate Heaven & Brucacac Port Tasting

Venue: Basketcase


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Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: 1 Voucher

Time: 1-4 pm on going

Limit: Open

Event Description: Highlands' newest gourmet shop invites you to come "up the hill" for a slice of heaven accompanied by a unique California Port from Brutacao Cellars.

Presenter/Host: Kristi Rogers, Owner/chocolate and gift basket designer of Basketcase Gourmet & Marty Rosenfield, Chef/Owner of Lakeside Restaurant.

Holiday Entertaining - Wine, Food, & Ambiance Cooking Class

Venue: Fireside- Gallery Room

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: 2 Vouchers

Time: 2 pm

Limit: 20

Event Description: What better way to add sparkle to the holiday season than with the perfect wine? Whether you need the right "meet and greet" wine or are looking for inspiration in food and wine pairings let the Fireside help you make this the most wonderful holiday yet. Trisha Kieltyka of The Christmas Tree on the Hill has transformed the room into a holiday wonderland. Stan and Donna Cochrane of Mirror Lake Antiques will present a holiday table resplendent with antique china and silver.

Presenter/Host: Travis Schultz grew up in the restaurant developing a passion for food. A recent graduate of Cook Street School of Fine Cooking in Denver, he also studied at the Italian Culinary Institute in Asti, Italy, and with Chef Martial in Paris.

Wine & Hors d'oeuvres at Sunset Rock

Venue: Meet at the Highlands Nature Center

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: 3 Vouchers

Time: 4:30 pm

Event Description: Fressers Eatery & Adventure Depot invite you on a 1 mile walk up to Sunset Rock. Once atop Sunset Rock enjoy the beautiful sunset while enjoying fine wine, & appetizers. The hike is very moderate and the view from the top is spectacular. Please plan to wear sturdy shoes.

Complimentary Wine & Hors d'oeuvres

Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: FREE

Time: 5-7 pm

Limit: Open

Event Description: The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us for a complimentary glass of wine and hors d'oeuvres to celebrate Highlands' First Annual Culinary Weekend. Join us and see all that we have to offer.

Relax, Refresh, Rejuvenate

Venue: Peggy Crosby Center

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: 8 Vouchers

Time: 828-200-0018

Limit: Call for appointment!

Event Description: Refresh and unwind while enjoying a relaxing massage.

Presenter/Host: Lisa Wilker, LMT

Gourmet Breakfast

Venue: The Inn at Half Mile Farm

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: 3 Vouchers for party of 2

Time: 8-11 am (Reservations Required)

Limit: Call for reservations 526-8170

Event Description: Start your day with a mimosa and gourmet breakfast for 2. The Inn at Half Mile Farm invites you to join us between 8 am and 11 am for a mouth-watering country breakfast. Children over the age of 12 are welcome. Space is limited and reservations are required. Call 1-800-946-6822 or 526-8170.

Breakfast at Main Street Inn

Venue: Main Street Inn

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007

Cost: 1 Voucher per person

Time: 8:30-11am (Reservations Required 526-2590)

Event Description: Start your day off right with a wonderful breakfast at the Main Street Inn. Enjoy assorted juices, cereals, fresh fruit, & tea breads. Champagne, Mimosa, & Belini's are available. Menu Entrees include Cheeseburger Scrambled Eggs, Plain o'l' Scrambled Eggs, Incredible Irish Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Cranberries, and Cream, Creme Brule French Toast, Toasted Cheese Grits, Sausage Patties, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Banana Bread, Cinnamon Rolls w/ Icing, & Biscuits with Assorted Jams. Reservations are required 526-2590

Bubbles & Brunch SOLD OUT

Venue: Lakeside Restaurant 828.526.9419

Date: Sunday, November 11

Cost: 3 Vouchers + +

Time: 11:30 am-2 pm

Limit: 50

Thomas Arvid & Cakebread Cellars Brunch

Venue: Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro

Date: Sunday, November 11

Cost: 9 Vouchers + tax and gratuity

Time: 12:30 pm

Limit: 60

Event Description: Join us for a wonderful Brunch with Artist, Thomas Arvid and Cakebread Cellars. Chef Wolfgang and Chef David will create a wonderful 4-course plated brunch. Thomas Arvid will be painting during the brunch. The wines featured from Cakebread Cellars will be Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay & Cabernet Sauvignon.

Presenter/Host: Chef Wolfgang, Chef David, Thomas Arvid, and Cakebread Cellars.

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Time: 828-200-0018

Limit: Call For Appointment

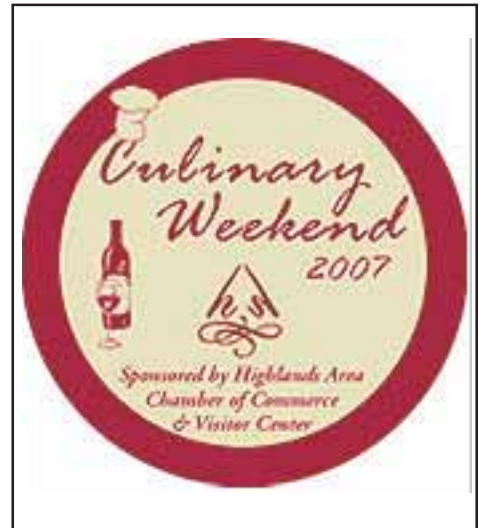
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Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese

Date: Friday, Nov. 9 (Wines of Frederick Wildman Importers and Saturday, Nov. 10 (Wines of Napa Valley, Calif.

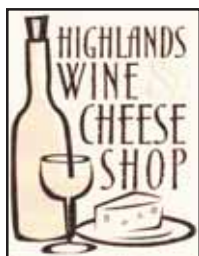
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Wine Flights

Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese

Date: Friday & Saturday

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Breakfast at Main Street Inn

Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Sunday, November 11
Cost: 1 Voucher per person
Time: 8:30 am-11 am (Reservations Required 526-2590)

Event Description: Start your day off right with a wonderful breakfast at the Main Street Inn. Enjoy assorted juices, smoothies, cereals, fresh fruits & tea breads. Champagne, Mimosa, & Belini's are available. Menu Entrees include Cheeseburger Scrambled Eggs, Plain ol' Scrambled Eggs, Incredible Irish Oatmeal with Brown Sugar, Cranberries, and Cream, Creme Brule French Toast, Toasted Cheese Grits, Sausage Patties, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, Banana Bread, Cinnamon Rolls w/ Icing, & Biscuits with Assorted Jams. Reservations are required 526-2590.

EVENING EVENTS

Patz & Hall Wine Dinner is SOLD OUT

Venue: Old Edwards Inn and Spa (828) 787-2604
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: \$169 per person, inclusive of tax and gratuity
Time: 6 pm Reception, 6:30 pm Dinner
Limit: 40

Show Stopping Caribbean Fusion Dinner

Venue: ...on the Verandah 526-2338
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: \$95 per person (inclusive of sales tax and gratuity)
Time: 6:30 pm
Limit: 50
Event Description: ...on the Verandah's Executive Chef Andrew Figel and One. Midtown Kitchen's Tom Harvey meld the Caribbean's most intriguing cuisines with a fusion flare. Join us for adaptations of authentic island recipes straight from "Abuela's (Grandma's)" kitchen. The evening's festivities will include music, dancing, and a surprise island demonstration.

Presenter/Host: ...on the Verandah's Executive Chef Andrew Figel has worked as a chef at the Country Commissary in Highlands, North Carolina, and at the Chart House in Melbourne, Florida. Andrew has tried every aspect of the restaurant business working as a waiter and beverage manager at ...on the Verandah in Highlands, N.C. His love of the kitchen drew him back and he is now Executive Chef at ...on the Verandah, a position he has held for over 10 years. One Midtown Kitchen's Executive Chef Tom Harvey leads the creation of seasonal high-energy American menus. His kitchen focuses on utilizing fresh ingredients and local products. He has worked with some of the country's best chefs in settings ranging from ultra-exclusive boutique country inns to high-volume in-town restaurants.

Opus One Wine Dinner is SOLD OUT

Venue: Lakeside Restaurant 526-9419
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: \$175
Time: 7 pm
Limit: 32

Holiday Entertaining – Wine, Food & Ambiance Dinner

Venue: Fireside-Gallery Room 526-3636
Date: Friday, November 9
Cost: \$70
Time: 7 pm
Limit: 30

Event Description: Chef Travis Schultz will present a pre-fixe menu including the final version of the afternoon's culinary demonstration. Wines chosen specifically to enhance each course will be served. From hors de oeuvres to desserts, for an intimate family dinner or gala holiday reception, you're sure to find something new to dazzle your guests and family. Trisha Kielyka of The Christmas Tree on the Hill has transformed the room into a holiday wonderland. Stan and Donna Cochrane of Mirror Lake Antiques will present a holiday table resplendent with antique china and silver.

Presenter/Host: Travis Schultz grew up in the restaurant developing a passion for food. A recent graduate of Cook Street School of Fine Cooking in Denver, he also studied at the Italian Culinary Institute in Asti, Italy, and with Chef Martial in Paris.

Evening Flight of Japanese Cuisine & Artisanal Sake

Venue: Cyprus Restaurant (828) 526-4429
Date: Friday, November 9, 2007
Cost: \$70 per person including food and sake
Time: 7 pm

Event Description: An Evening of Japanese Cuisine and Artisanal Sake. Featuring, **A Taste of Sushi**, Sushi Rolls of Hawaiian Opaka-Paka and Atlantic Bluefin Tuna **First Course:** Chuka Ika Sansei-marinated squid salad **Second Course:** Ginger Steamed Yellowtail Snapper with Baby Bok Choy, and soy bean sprouts, sour Yuzu and ginger marinated shitakes. Spicy Chile Marinated Garlic Stem, Sweet soy pickled lotus root, Fumi Furikake seasoned rice. **Third Course:** Japanese peppercorn dusted beef tenderloin medallion, black bean-scallion sauce dressed mushrooms, ginger stir fried carrot and Gobo root. **Fourth Course:** Soft shell crab tempura, white miso-peanut pressed daikon radish and Mung bean sprout salad. **Fifth Course:** Aromatic Sansho pepper temura Kumamoto oyster, soy dressed cold buckwheat Soba noodles, Korean melon. **Sweet Tastes:** Shingo Pear, Green Tea Cake, Ginger Rock Candy
Presenter/Host: Chef Nick Figel

Wine Tasting Event – The Wines of Frederick Wildman Importers

Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Friday, November 9
Time: 1:30-4 pm.

Wine Flights

Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese
Date: Friday, November 9
Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

Dinner at Main Street Inn

Venue: Main Street Inn
Date: Saturday, November 10
Cost: \$27.95 per person
Time: 5:30-9 pm

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Presenter/Host: Main Street Inn

Silver Oak Cellars With Thomas Arvid Wine Dinner – SOLD OUT

Venue: Wolfgang's Restaurant and Wine Bistro (828) 526-3807

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: \$195 + tax & gratuity

Time: 6 pm

Limit: 60

Formal Extraordinary Five Course Wine Dinner

Venue: Ristorante Paoletti 526-4906

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: \$300 per person, plus tax & gratuity

Time: 6:30 pm

Limit: 40

Event Description: Join Joel Cohen, VP Emeritus Dreyfus-Ashby Importers, Cohen Private Cellar Selections of Lake Norman, NC for a formal extraordinary five course dinner with White Truffles. Reception Champagne: Bollinger Special Cuvee. Three Vintages each of: Le Montrachet Marquis De Laguiche, Grand Cru, and Pomerol.

Presenter/Host: Joel Cohen & VP Emeritus Dreyfus-Ashby Importers

...on the Verandah Guest Chef Dinner Series – SOLD OUT

Venue: on the Verandah (828) 526-2338

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: \$175 per person (inclusive of sales tax and gratuity)

Time: 6:30 pm

Limit: 50

Wild Game Wine Dinner

Venue: The Log Cabin (828) 526-3380

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007

Cost: \$120 per person includes wine

Time: 6:30 pm

Limit: 75

Event Description: The Log Cabin will host a seven course wild game dinner with wine pairing. **Menu features:** Amuse Bouche, 04 Paringa Sparkling Shiraz; 1st Course, Smoked Quail Salad, Arugula, butternut squash, orange segments and tangerine vinaigrette, 06 Trevor Jones "Virgin" Chardonnay; 2nd Course, Duck Consomme, Duck confit and foie gras beggar's purse, 05 Teusner "Joshua" Blend (GSM); 3rd Course Roasted Pheasant Breast, dried fruit stuffed lady apple, choucroute, and a natural jus, 05 Samuel's Gorge Tempranillo; 4th Course, Broken Arrow Ranch Antelope, sweet potato, bacon, spinach and goat cheese hash, and a dried cherry demi glace, 04 Parson's Flat Shiraz/Cabernet; 5th Course, Braised Wild Boar Osso Bucco, mascarpone polenta and roasted baby root vegetables, 05 Shirvington Shiraz; Intermezzo; Dessert, Molten Chocolate Cake, caramalized chocolate ice cream, candied pistachios, NV Jonesy Port

Presenter/Host: Matthew Thole is a graduate of Johnson and Wales University in Charleston, SC.

He has honed his culinary skills in many of the best restaurants in the southeast, culminating in New Orleans, LA at John Besh's Restaurant August. Chef Thole uses many of the flavors and skills learned in his time in both Charleston and New Orleans.

Emerging New Appellations Wine Dinner is SOLD OUT

Venue: Lakeside Restaurant (828) 526-9419

Date: Saturday, November 10, 2007

Cost: \$85 per person plus tax and gratuity

Time: 7 pm

Limit: 42

Holiday Entertaining – Wine, Food & Ambiance Dinner

Venue: Fireside-Gallery Room 526-3636

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: \$70

Time: 7 pm

Limit: 30

Event Description: What better way to add sparkle to the holiday season than with the perfect wine? Whether you need the right "meet and greet" wine or are looking for inspiration in food and wine pairings let the Fireside help you make this the most wonderful holiday yet. Chef Travis Schultz will present a pre-fixe menu including the final version of the afternoon's culinary demonstration. Wines chosen specifically to enhance each course will be served. From hors d'oeuvres to desserts, for an intimate family dinner or gala holiday reception, you're sure to find something new to dazzle your guests and family. Trisha Kieltyka of The Christmas Tree on the Hill has transformed our room into a holiday wonderland. Stan and Donna Cochrane of Mirror Lake Antiques will present a holiday table resplendent with antique china and silver.

Presenter/Host: Travis Schultz grew up in the restaurant developing a passion for food. A recent graduate of Cook Street School of Fine Cooking in Denver, he also studied at the Italian Culinary Institute in Asti, Italy, and with Chef Martial in Paris.

Pan - Asian Dim Sum Dining

Venue: Cyprus Restaurant (828) 526-4429

Date: Saturday, November 10

Cost: \$70 inclusive of food and wine

Time: 7pm

Limit: 60

Event Description: Cyprus International Cuisine and Best Of The Bunch invites you to join us for Dim Sum and an Exhibition of Asian Home Decor. Enjoy a great array of Dim Sum (Chinese Tastes), delivered steaming hot to your table, on a traditional cart. Enjoy a great variety to your heart's content as we present an exhibition of floral arts and handwork sourced by Best Of The Bunch. This dinner will be paired with exceptional small production wines. This will be an experience in cuisine and artisisanal craft like nothing you have experienced. Join Us!

Presenter/Host: Chef Nicholas Figel and Best Of the Bunch.

Wine Tasting Event – Wines of Napa Valley, California

Venue: Highlands Wine & Cheese

Date: Saturday, November 10

Time: 1:30-4 pm

Wine Flights

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Time: 4:30-6:30 pm

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Two authors to sign at Cyrano's this weekend

On Friday, Nov. 9, renowned North Carolina writer Robert Morgan will sign copies of his new book, "Boone: A Biography" from noon to 1:30 p.m. Immediately following Morgan, Macon County poet Brent Martin will sign his new collection, "Poems From Snow Hill Road," from 1:30-3 p.m.

Thomas German's event-packed yet spiritual "The Caucasian Dove" is set on the Russian Front, where Jürgen, a decorated officer in the Panzer Korps, experiences a spiritual awakening after visiting a church in the Caucasus Mountains. Subsequently ordered into the pivotal battle of Stalingrad, then captured and forced into a Soviet Gulag after the Wehrmacht's defeat, Jürgen gains a measure of salvation through his faith. Thomas German — who has a home in Savannah as well as Cashiers — was born in South Dakota. The son of a cowboy balladeer who was also a radio writer and interviewer, the author studied in Germany as a Fulbright Scholar, and then began a career in medicine which culminated in an orthopedic residency at Duke University and a family practice in Savannah. Dr. German says that "Caucasian Dove" evolved from his inherited passion for writing. He signs at Cyrano's this Saturday, Nov. 3, from 1-3 p.m.

"Forget the coonskin cap; he never wore one," Robert Morgan writes in the introduction to his new book. That misconception "is the image from Hollywood and television....The real story of Daniel Boone is more complicated than the fiction, stranger and far more interesting." And after years of research Morgan provides the straight dope on the epic life of the frontiersman born in Pennsylvania in 1734 but who spent many of his early years in North Carolina before moving on to Kentucky and Missouri. An explorer — from the Cumberland Gap to Yellowstone — trap-

per, businessman, politician and Indian fighter, Daniel Boone has at last received the biography he deserves: "Boone" is exciting, in-depth and beautifully written, and has many maps and illustrations. The Raleigh News and Observer calls the book "stunning" and both novelist Lee Smith and historian Joseph J. Ellis have lavished praise on "Boone."

Robert Morgan was born in Hendersonville in 1944 and grew up on the family farm in the Green River Valley of the Blue Ridge Mountains. He attended North Carolina State before graduating from Chapel Hill; he has an M.A. from UNC-Greensboro. Morgan has published many works of poetry and prose. His novel "Gap Creek" was a New York Times bestseller, and was also chosen by the Times as one of its Notable Books of the Year and was a selection of the Oprah Book Club. Currently, Morgan is a professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y.; he signs from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 9.

Brent Martin and his wife live in the historic Doc Clark house, just off of Snow Hill Road in the Cowee Community, down the Little Tennessee River from Franklin. Naturalist William Bartram visited the area in the 18th century, and Martin's collection of poems opens with a quotation from Bartram's "Travels" extolling "the great vale of Cowee, exhibiting one of the most charming natural mountainous landscapes perhaps any where to be seen" and includes Martin's own poetic evocation of the event, which anticipates the manmade changes to come. Indeed many other of Martin's poems telescope past and present into a single landscape, infusing it with both humor and regret. "The Attempted Lynching of Escamoe Howell," "Waving at a Drunk" and "Old Woman at Brush Creek" are examples. Another poem begins: "The crows of Snow Hill have returned this morning/

to slide their shiny bodies between heaven and earth/ through the portal of our worn pasture...." Martin is a former assistant director of the Little Tennessee Land Trust and now works for the Wilderness Society. He autographs "Poems From Snow Hill Road"

Friday, Nov. 9, 1:30-3 p.m.

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



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It all started last spring in Burnsville, NC. Emma Harris and her brother Nathan found a sparkly green hat and had a fantastic idea! “We could pass this hat around church and to our friends and collect money to help children!” The only problem was they didn’t know what children they could help. It was suggested by their mother that they could collect money for the United Methodist Children’s Home in Winston Salem.

Emma set to work immediately. She decorated a manila envelope and took it with her to school for a whole week. During that week she recruited the help of some of her classmates and with the permission of her teacher, she went door to door to every classroom teacher and asked for their support. If they didn’t have money one day, she came back the next.

By the end of the week she had raised close to \$300. Her next step was to go to her church and explain her mission. By the end of her fundraising effort last spring Emma had raised over \$500 for the children in the children’s home.

Emma’s grandmother, Sandi Harris, decided to help out with the effort by making a quilt and donating it to Emma to raffle off with the hopes of raising even more money for the children’s home. Emma and her Nana worked very closely together to pick out the pattern and material. With Emma and Sandi’s great eye for brilliant color and a lot of love the Butterfly and Blooms quilt was made and made ready for a raffle.

Much to Emma’s surprise and God’s perfect timing, her family moved to Highlands. Highlands United Methodist Church has spent the last six weeks studying the United Methodist missions as they relate to children. Through this discussion the children looked at global organizations and local organizations. To conclude their study they celebrated last Sunday with a Children’s Sabbath Worship service. During this service all the children donated a blanket to an organization called World Vision. This group gives blankets to children around the world in need of some loving warmth.

Emma was given the opportunity during this service to share her desire to help the children of the United Methodist Children’s Home in Winston Salem. The quilt was put on display and raffle tickets are being sold.

This fundraising event is not limited to United Methodists. It is a fundraising event that calls to every person who loves children. If you would like to help Emma and be a part of her effort to “help children” please drop by Highlands United Methodist Church during office hours (Mon.-Fri. 8 am-4pm) or stop by Wednesday evenings or Sunday mornings. Come see the quilt in person and purchase raffle tickets. Raffle Tickets are being sold for \$2 each or 3 Tickets for \$5. The Drawing will be held at Highlands United Methodist Church Saturday Dec., 8 at 9 am.

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Men are given the responsibility of leadership in the Church of Christ. It was man that committed treason against God in the Garden. Paul says in I Timothy 2:14 that Eve was deceived, Adam was not, thus he committed treason. Now, that does not relieve woman of her responsibility in sin but it lays at man's feet the greater responsibility. It is, therefore, man that is called to serve in the leadership of the Church. How is it that man can accomplish that leadership? It is by grace alone. The woman is called to a role of submission. How is that she can fulfill her role? It is by grace alone.

In Ephesians, Paul speaks of the role of both men and women with each other. He tells women, they are to submit to their own husbands as unto the Lord and tells men to love their wives as Christ has loved His Church.

It is clear that men, again, are given the responsibility of leadership within the family. The role of the man is clearly defined by Paul's words in Ephesians 5:25-27. It is the man that should pursue the woman and prove his affection for her, just as Christ chooses you as members of his church. For does not God's Word tell you, "...He chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight" (Ephesians 1:4). It is, then, the man's responsibility to provide all that is necessary to win his wife's affections, just as Christ gave himself to secure your salvation. The Word of God tells you, "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Not only must the husband seek out his wife but he must also work to keep her secure and safe, just as Christ gives you all that is needed to keep you safely within his fold. Does not Paul say of those belonging to Christ, "May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful and he will do it" (I Thessalonians 5:23-24). The husband must be faithful to his wife and must keep that love ever fresh and alive in her heart, as Christ does for his Church.

We as men are to be imitators of Jesus Christ. Paul teaches that the man is to be the head of the wife. Not a tyrant over her but a friend beside her. Not a jealous monster but a champion of her virtue. Not a lazy sponge on her but a provider for her.

Men, if you are going to be all that is required by God's Word to your wife, then you must study and learn of the man Jesus Christ, for it is he that God sent to show you how to be true men and good husbands. When you do this, then your wives and daughters will live happy and fulfilled lives and the threats of this world will not be able to cause them the pain, a so called liberated life of this day brings.

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8:30 A.M. - Breakfast; 9 A.M. - Sunday School
10:30 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Rite II)
Sunday Service on Channel 14 at 10:30 A.M.
Monday: 4 P.M. Women's Cursillo Group
Tuesday: 8 A.M. Men's Cursillo Group
4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry
Wednesday: 6:30 P.M. Choir Practice
Thursday: 10 A.M. Holy Eucharist (Chapel)
10:30 A.M. Daughters of the King

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5 p.m. Youth Group

Wed: Supper; 6; 6:15 - children, youth, & adults
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Lake Sequoyah Drive Located on a huge private lot, this lovely home was crafted of the finest Native materials available with few details left to chance. The main level has all the necessities for comfort and convenience with a spacious cathedral great room with fireplace. Large Glass doors open onto a wonderful stone patio, which flows back onto a screened outdoor living room. Fantastic Custom kitchen with top of the line appliances, butlers pantry, and large utility room, and den and office, a full wing of the house features a huge Master bath with heated tile floors, walkthru shower and workout area, along with a bright but cozy master bedroom. The upper level features two large guest bedrooms each with a full bath, walk in closet and separate storage areas. Rounding out this package is a large 2 car garage, and automatic generator. Do not miss looking at this home if you are seeking the best in quality. \$3,450,000.00 mls #63660



One of the nicest properties in Highlands Country Club, this spacious home is set on an acre lot above beautifully terraced gardens. It features great detail in the custom finishes throughout. From the antique beams in the great room, to the three stone fireplaces, to the huge custom dual-dishwasher kitchen, you will not be disappointed with the features and charm of this exquisite home. Custom features include granite countertops and over-sized cherry wood cabinets throughout the kitchen, marble countertops in the bar and all five full baths, and an ample generator. An inviting floor plan flows for living and entertaining. The large main-floor great room leads to a screen porch, large enough for both dining and seating areas in front of the stone fireplace. The Screen porch overlooks the lovely terraced gardens and a stone patio featuring a lap pool and whirlpool spa with a fully automatic cover. The main floor master bedroom includes two walk-in closets and a large travertine-tiled master bath with separate tub and spacious dual-controlled walk-in shower. Off the master bedroom is a large high-ceilinged room with marble fire-place and separate outside entrance. Currently used as an office, this would also make a very nice sitting room for the master. Also on the large main floor is a second bedroom with full bath currently used as a library/media room, an exquisite powder room, and a spacious laundry. Upstairs has 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, cedar closet and ample storage. The terrace level has living/game room, bedroom, full bath and a wine cellar. The terrace level also has a gardener's room with half bath and ample storage. The grounds feature extensive landscaping and a small stream winds through the gardens past a new gazebo. Don't miss this move-in condition home, complete with immediate availability of a golf equity membership upon satisfaction of club requirements and payment of fees. \$3,300,000 mls #61729



Smart passive solar home features 3 bed, 2 baths & 2 car garage. Main level vaulted living room with a large stone fireplace. Island design kitchen is great for entertaining family or for dinner parties. Master bedroom with ample closets and a large bath. Upper level has 2 bedrooms, one bath and cavernous storage areas. Perennial & herb gardens, winter view. \$545,000. mls #61079



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Schroll - Lovely starter home is located on almost 3 acres with end of the road privacy. 3 bedrooms, 2 bath plus a family room and a wonderful covered deck that overlooks a scenic rock outcropping and a babbling spring that comes from the adjacent USFS lands. Great cabin with loads of potential. \$450,000.00 mls #63664



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Left: Walk to downtown Highlands from this new log home with lots of charm. Three bedrooms, 3 baths, hand-hewn logs, two-story rock fireplace, Pine floors, professional landscaping, outdoor fire pit. Can have additional privacy or build additional homes on adjoining 3 acres. Offered for \$849,000 with additional land also available.

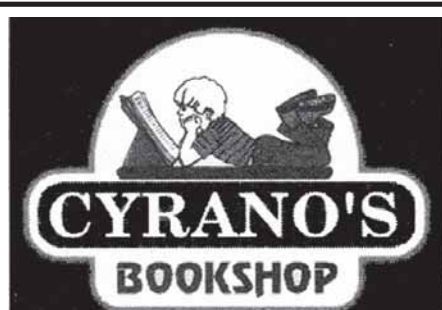
Right: Former home of Highlands premier contractor Deadeye Potts. Wormy chestnut in living room, some hardwood under carpet. Wonderful pond in backyard with deck overlooking it. Private location, yet very close in. Downstairs basement area could be finished into more bedrooms and living space. Extensively remodeled in recent years. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Pond, privacy, excellent construction, in-town. Unoccupied and easy to show. Reduced 50K from 998,000 to 948,000



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Friday, Nov. 9

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On-going

- November auctions at Scudder's Galleries Friday & Saturday at 8 p.m. Viewing from Mon.-Thurs. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. 352 Main St.

- Live music every night at 7:30 p.m. and during brunch on Sunday at ...on the Verandah restaurant.

- Live music at Fressers in Helen's Barn with Cy Timmons Wed-Sat 6 p.m. until.

- NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365 or go to the website: www.ncmana.org.

- Step Aerobics at the Rec Park, 4-5 p.m., Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays. \$5 per class.

- Beginners Clogging class Tuesday, 6-7 p.m. at the Sapphire Valley Community Center. Come have lots of fun and exercise. Call 743-7663.

- At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call Jeanette Fisher at 828-526-1FIT.

- "The Circle of Life" support group continues at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at the Jane Woodward room 201. It is designed for anyone who has experienced the loss of a loved one. 10 a.m. until noon. Call Barbara Buchanan at 526-1402 or Florence Flanagan at 743-2567.

First Mondays

- Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

Every Monday

- Recreational Bridge 1 p.m. at the Rec Park. \$3 per person.

Every Tuesday

- Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

- Weight Watchers meets at the Highlands Civic Center. Weigh-in is at 5:30. The meeting starts at 6 p.m.

- Open Studio Night Figure Drawing: Informal instruction available for beginners. Bring your sketch pad or paint box for a leisurely session of figure drawing/painting. Cost is \$12, \$10 for "Friends" of the Gallery.

Every Wednesday

- "The Bible Tells Me So" at 6:15 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church. The study will meet in the Fellowship Hall — beginning promptly at 6:15 and will last approximately one hour.

- Highlands MountainTop Rotary Club meets at the Highlands Conference Center at 7:30 a.m.

- Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

- CBC will offer the AWANA program for kids — K-5th grade non-denominational Bible-based program for kids — from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Every Third Wednesday

- Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

Every Thursday

- At Main Street Inn, Lisa Price piano and vocals in the wine bar 6-9 p.m.

- Al-Anon Meetings, noon in the First Presbyterian Church basement at Fifth & Main Street.

- Women's Bible Study at 9:30 am - 11:45 am at Community Bible Church. Beth Moore's *Believing God*. All women are invited.

Every Saturday

- Live music at Cyprus Restaurant in the Dillard Village Shopping Center at 9:30 p.m. \$10 cover.

- Children's classes ongoing at Bascom-Louise Gallery — cost is \$5 per student.

• See EVENTS page 31

'I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Sale' Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Instant Theater

Without the community's help ITC will have to close its doors forever come Dec. 31!

The Instant Theatre Company presents a dazzling *I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale* on Saturday, December 1 in its Studio on Main, upstairs at 310 Oak Square, Main Street. The doors for the sale will not open until after the Highlands Christmas Parade has finished at 12 noon and will run until 4:30 p.m. A "White Elephant" sale implies that items to be sold will be of good quality, unique, sometimes rare, and always in good repair.

The *I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale* will include, but is not limited to, everything from sporting goods to boutique items, books to furniture, art to electrical items, dishwashers to cashmere, collectibles to jewelry, and just about everything except the kitchen sink.

Wonderful donations have already come in from some generous Highlands businesses, Kent LTD, Why Knot Knit, ...on the Veranda, Drakes Diamond Gallery, The Old Rangoon, McCulley's Cashmere, Summit One Gallery, and also beautiful treasures from friends of the ITC who want to see the theatre stay open. All proceeds from the sale go to benefit The Instant Theatre Company.

The ITC is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit, professional company that provides the community with year around diverse, quality entertainment. To keep its doors open for a 2008 season it needs to raise \$25,000 by the end of December. If you wish to contribute items to the *I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale* please call 828-342-9197.

Since October of 2003, the ITC has presented at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center, *Love Letters*, with celebrity critic Rex Reed & Collin Wilcox, *Nick the Beard*, a new and original Christmas play, *The Cabin Fever Variety Show*, tapping untapped creative potential in the community, *Voices from the High School*, an all teen production, *Wild Hog Band*, best Blue Grass band in the area, *Cowboy Envy*, imported all girl harmony group brought back to the PAC for three engagements, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, a thrilling Musical Celebration, and *Voices in the Laurel*, a 50-member all youth choir.

Once the ITC was settled into its 2,500 square foot loft on Main Street the company began presenting entertainment from their Studio. Audiences flocked into the intimate 60 seat theatre to see the chilling *Turn of the Screw*, the wildly funny comedy, *Sylvia*, the zany *Carpe Noctum Theatre*, and the mesmerizing North Carolina Premiere of a new play, *My Secret Weapon*. As well as

presenting legitimate theatre the company also produced two full year around seasons of off-the-cuff-make-it-up-as-you-go-along improvisation that had audiences returning evening after evening, no two shows ever the same. These popular improv shows were variously entitled, *Evenings of Little Entertainments*, *Little Entertainments*, and *Cocktail Hour Theatre*. Also on the ITC bill of fare at the Studio over the last two years have been dances, stand-up comedy, staged readings, storytelling, films, music concerts, children's shows, free performing arts classes for children, free scene study and improv classes for adults, Song-Writers-in-the-Round, Summer Acting Camp for children, song writing seminars, comedy seminars, Nationally Touring singer songwriters Chuck Pyle, Jack Williams, Jenny Bird, Cosy Sheridan, Small Potatoes and Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, the amazing all girl band, *The Buckerettes* from Asheville, and Highlands first *Comedy Festival* featuring nine Nationally Touring Stand-Up comedians over two week-ends.

The company has also been host to the highly successful Highlands Community Players production of *Parallel Lives*, the unusual Stray Cat Productions (based in Athens, GA) of *Art*, Ralph Stevens and David Milford's dramatic production of *Copenhagen*, and the Highlands Writers Group in readings from their original works in Writers-in-the-Round. All in all the ITC has presented over 200 nights of entertainment since its resurrection in October of 2003.

If the ITC, with the help of the community, is able to raise the needed funds through the upcoming *I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Christmas Sale* and monetary donations from supportive benefactors, the company plans to include in its 2008 season, a newly created improvisational and sketch comedy show *ITC LIVE*, an English comedy by Peter Shaffer, *Lettice and Lovage*, *The 2000 Year old Man* by Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner, *Park Your Car in Harvard Yard* starring David Milford and Madeleine Davis, *Evenings of Stand-Up Comedy*, films, dances, Writers-in-the-Round, the return of *The Buckerettes* and Song-Writers-in-the-Round, the Highlands Community Players production of *Parallel Lives II and More*, and off-season performances of a local Chamber Music Trio.

Call 828-342-9197 for further information, or write to the Instant Theatre Company at P.O. Box 2200, Highlands, NC 28741, or e-mail the ITC at instanttheatre@verizon.net.

• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Every Friday

• The Girls' Clubhouse meets in the school cafeteria 3-4:30 p.m. All 6-8 grade girls are welcome. Come have fun while serving others. For more information, call Kim Lewicki 526-0782.

Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 8-11

• Trunk Show at Acorn's -- MarieBelle Chocolates.

• The Chamber of Commerce presents "Cooking Central" at the First Annual Highlands Culinary Weekend. Highlands area restaurants, accommodations, and merchants will partner to present instructional culinary courses/classes, tastings, and outdoor activities. Call 866-526-5841 or 526-5841.

Friday, Nov. 9

• At Cyrano's Bookshop, author Robert Moyer signing "Boone - A Biography" from 12-1:30 p.m. and Brent Martin signing "Poems from Snow Hill" from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 10

• Trunk Show at Peak Experience, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Jewelry by artist Mary Elizabeth Wilson. Register to win a pair of 14k gold, pearl and champagne topaz earrings. Retail value: \$850.

• At The Instant Theatre, musicians Freddy Bradburn and Sylvia Sammons will perform at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15. Reservations are suggested. Call 828-342-9197 for further information. Refreshments are sold at each event. Check for everything ITC by visiting: www.instanttheatre.org.

• The fourth annual Great Smoky Mountain Book Fair, a fundraiser for the Jackson County Library building fund, will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Sylva's First United Methodist Church.

• American Red Cross Blood Drive at Memorial United Methodist Church (4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin) 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 349-3254 for more information or to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors can enter a drawing for 2 Delta Air Lines domestic round-trip tickets! Volunteer blood and platelet donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh no less than 110 pounds. It is safe to give blood every 56 days and platelets every two weeks. All volunteer blood donors must show a photo ID. To find a convenient place to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

• "An Enchanted Evening" sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Franklin. Performances by harpist Valerie Von Pechy-Whitcup and Classical Guitarist, Michael Waters. 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 85 Sierra Drive, off Lakeside Drive in Franklin. Call 524-6777 or 526-8971 or 342-0546 for tickets.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 9 mile hike to Windy Falls on the Horsepasture River, with an elevation loss/gain of 600-700 feet. The hike is mostly on a rough, un-maintained trail and should not be attempted by those with health problems. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. No pets, please.

Wednesday, Nov. 14

• High Mountain Squares will dance this from 7-9 p.m. at the Macon County Community Building on Georgia Rd. (441S). The callers will be Richard Smith from Gainesville, GA. We dance Modern Western Style square dancing. All visitors are welcome. For more information call: 349-0905, 369-8344.

Singer-songwriters to perform at ITC

This Saturday, Nov. 10, two gifted folk singer songwriters will perform for a lucky few. Those fortunate enough to get tickets will be soothed, dazzled and amused by songs written and performed by their creators, award winning Freddy Bradburn and Highlands Balcony balladeer, Sylvia Sammons.

Freddy Bradburn is known for his unusual way of looking at life. He muses on subjects like "Barbie, the Untold Story" or what it could be like in a nursing home in "Love in the Same Old Skin." Freddy's award winning song "Cartoonland" will grab you and never let you go. The folks at Mountain Stage don't just give away the "Best Song" award, it has to be great. Three times Freddy has graced Highlands in the ITC's popular "Songwriters in the Round" series. If you missed those appearances you now have the opportunity to get to know Freddy Bradburn and his wonderful world of song.

Several years ago, up "on the hill", in downtown Highlands every Friday evening, a blind woodworker who lived above her shop would sing from her balcony to the music lovers gathered below. Sylvia Sammons was a folk-singer and songwriter before she became a woodworker. She began playing the coffee houses of the South in the 1960s. She has even



Freddy Bradburn

had a song taken, claimed to be written by another, then made famous by yet others like the Byrds, Emmy Lou Harris, Joan Biaz and Graham Parsons. This song, "Hickory Wind," which was later sold to Vanguard Records, carries a story all its own. Sylvia loves to sing and play and present her "children-pets" as she calls her music.

to schedule an appointment. All presenting donors will receive a coupon for a dessert from The Chef and His Wife and can enter a drawing for 2 Delta Air Lines domestic round-trip tickets! Volunteer blood and platelet donors must be at least 17 years old and weigh no less than 110 pounds. It is safe to give blood every 56 days and platelets every two weeks. All volunteer blood donors must show a photo ID. To find a convenient place to donate, please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543).

Saturday, Nov. 24

• At Cyrano's Bookshop author Mary Kay Andrews signing three books from 1-3 p.m.

• At Instant Theatre the second annual Tree Lighting Dance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$2.50 for children. No reservations are necessary. Call 828-342-9197 for further information. Refreshments are sold at each event.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 8-mile strenuous hike from Beech Gap to the Appalachian Trail and Timber Ridge. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298 for reservations. No pets

• The Nantahala Hiking will take a moderate-to-strenuous 6-mile hike to several waterfalls and Little Green Mtn in Panthertown Valley. Meet at the Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 8:30 a.m., returning 2-3 p.m. Drive 15 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people. Call leader Walter Taylor, 743-6977, for reservations. No pets please.

Saturday, Dec. 1

• Highlands Annual Christmas Parade, 10 a.m.

These pets will become your friends too, comforting as a cat purr and amusing as an inquisitive terrier. All those fans who used to pull up lawn chairs or sit on the curbs up "on the hill" will be able to visit Sylvia again in the best little concert hall in the western Carolina mountains. We'll supply the chairs. The music begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7.50 17 and under.

Next weekend, November 16-17 make plans to experience the wit and humor of Mark Twain in the Instant Theatre Company's staged reading of his "The Diaries of Adam and Eve." Adam will be brought to life by David Milford, nominated for this year's Best Actor in the Atlanta Theatre Awards. Madelaine Davis, Highlands' favorite actress, portrays Eve as only Mark Twain could imagine her. Jolie's on Main Street has sponsored this literary event playing for two nights only at 8 p.m.. Advance reservations are suggested. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7.50 for 17 and under.

For information and reservations call 828-342-9197. The Studio on Main is located at 310 Main Street Oak Square, upstairs. There is an elevator available close by. Everything ITC is available at www.instanttheatre.org.

on Main Street.

• "I'm Dreaming of a White Elephant Sale" in the Instant Theatre Studio, noon to 4 p.m.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 2.5-mile hike to the south face of Whiteside Mtn., descending with extreme caution on the rough and rocky path that the climbers and rappellers use and climbing out by the same steep trail. We will walk beneath the rocky cliffs of the mountain, looming spectacularly above, an awesome experience, but NOT FOR THOSE WITH HEALTH PROBLEMS. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Highlands Bank of America or at the Whiteside Mtn. parking area at 9:45 a.m. Drive 10 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear gloves and hiking boots. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader, Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations. No pets, please.

Sunday, Dec. 2

• HCP auditions from 2-6 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Scripts are available at the Hudson Library in Highlands. For questions or more information please call: 828.526.5440.

• East Coast Girls Volleyball showcase for 9th-12th grade girls at the Greensboro Sportsplex from noon-4 p.m. \$40 per player before Nov. 5; \$60 per player thereafter. Call Lucky Dog Volleyball at 877-665-6661.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Kimsey Creek Trail at Standing Indian Camp Ground. Drive 45 miles round trip. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (across from Burger King) at 2 p.m. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820,



Police Chief Bill Harrell and Humvee

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which was primarily used for military operations.

The Humvee will help the department during inclement weather and enable it to be 'able and ready' to provide services in the event of an emergency.

"We most typically and routinely have weather conditions that could leave us stranded and cause us to not be able to provide the services in which the community inherently needs under these types of circumstances," said Chief Harrell. "With the department's new Humvee, we can also assist the other emergency departments including Highlands Fire & Rescue, the Macon and Jackson Counties Sheriff's Departments, State and Federal law enforcement agencies, the Emergency Medical Technicians Department and the community."

With the Humvee, the Highlands Police Department can also transport, if the need arises, persons in need of medical attention when inclement weather prevents medical emergency personnel from reaching them.

The Chief said the department can also use the Humvee in the deployment of its traffic deterrent methods, such as its speed trailer and cone barricades; and the transporting of the department's Special Operations Command Center (SOCC). The SOCC is valued at more than \$12,000 is special operations equipment which was also obtained through a 100% no match grant about a one year ago through the Governor's Highway Safety Program (GHSP).

Free of charge to the Highlands Police Department, the Humvee will mainly be a means of transportation under durance, inclement weather conditions, and road hazards when routine patrol transportation is inadequate.

As a specialty vehicle, the Humvee will be available to each officer who has been trained in its usage and operations. Other than acquiring new four-wheel drive specialty vehicles as needed, Chief Harrell foresees the acquisition of additional new vehicles "only as the need arises."

He hopes to maintain a delicate balance between the department's standard patrol vehicles and its four-wheel drives to secure the best of services to the community — particularly given Highlands' geographical makeup. Currently, the Highlands Police Department has eight standard patrol cars, three four-wheel drives, and its newly acquired Military AM General Humvee.

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K9 Handler Officer John Cherry welcomed the Highlands Police Department's first police dog "Ruby" to the Highlands community. Ruby arrived just recently, and according to Police Chief Bill Harrell, she is ready for duty.

Ruby is a two-year-old Black Labrador who was trained at the Tarheel Canine Academy in Sanford, NC. Both, Officer Cherry and Ruby, underwent extensive training in preparation for their services to

the Highlands' area. Prior to Officer John Cherry's arrival at the academy, Ruby was excelling in her 14-week training course. She was further trained for an additional three weeks with her new Handler Officer Cherry at his arrival.

Graduating in the top of her class, Ruby is classified as a "Dual Purpose" police dog. Her special training and skills will be utilized primarily in narcotics detection (inclusive of marijuana, methamphetamines, cocaine, etc.) and in trailing in search, rescue or seizure.

Trained to trail by a single-scented article or by retrieving the uncontaminated scent of a lost individual from their last known whereabouts, K9 Ruby can assist in the recovery of lost articles or individuals.

"I am excited that Ruby will be here," says Chief Harrell, "to offer that tool... for us, the community, for surrounding emergency service agencies, for the Highlands Fire and Rescue Department upon request."

Ruby's special training enables her to trail lost individuals in the wilderness and articles of evidence; "this makes her a valuable asset to the Highlands Police Department and the community," he said.

In the war on drugs and the police department's endeavor to reduce drug use is demonstrated by taking an aggressive proactive stand and by taking into custody those who violate the narcotic laws by holding them accountable through deterrence.

"I hope that the awareness of Ruby's availability to the department will act as a deterrent and thereby reduce the abuse of illegal drug use in and around the Highlands," he said. "With Ruby's ability to conduct an "ambient air detection sniff" she will have the capabilities of detecting various different kinds of narcotics — marijuana, methamphetamines, cocaine — in public arenas, in areas suspicion of drug violations, and during traffic stops where there exists a reasonable amount of suspicion of narcotic laws violations.

In these types of situations, where an "ambient air detection sniff" has occurred and Ruby has indicated a positive response to the presence of illegal narcotics, with probable cause established a search warrant from a judge is not needed in the state of North Carolina to conduct a physical search on the premises of private property.

Through a "Mutual Aid Agreement" with the law enforcement agencies of Macon and Jackson counties, Ruby can also be used in any law enforcement narcotic scenario outside of her immediate jurisdiction.

"This makes K9 policing available to the county Sheriff Departments and State and Federal agencies who also patrol in the area which further accentuates Ruby's value to the Highlands area in the war on drugs.

• Ladee Cheyenne has been a freelance writer since 1989. She is a writer and a recent graduate of a local Citizens' Police Academy. kopskornet@hotmail.com.

• BUSINESS NEWS •

Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles names top producers for October

The following CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of October: In the Cashiers office Cathy Garren, broker/owner, was named Top Sales Agent and Sharon Dalton, provisional broker, was named top listing agent.

Cathy Garren was awarded the Centurion Producer award for her production in 2006 as well as the Top Sales by Volume and Production award for her office in 2006.

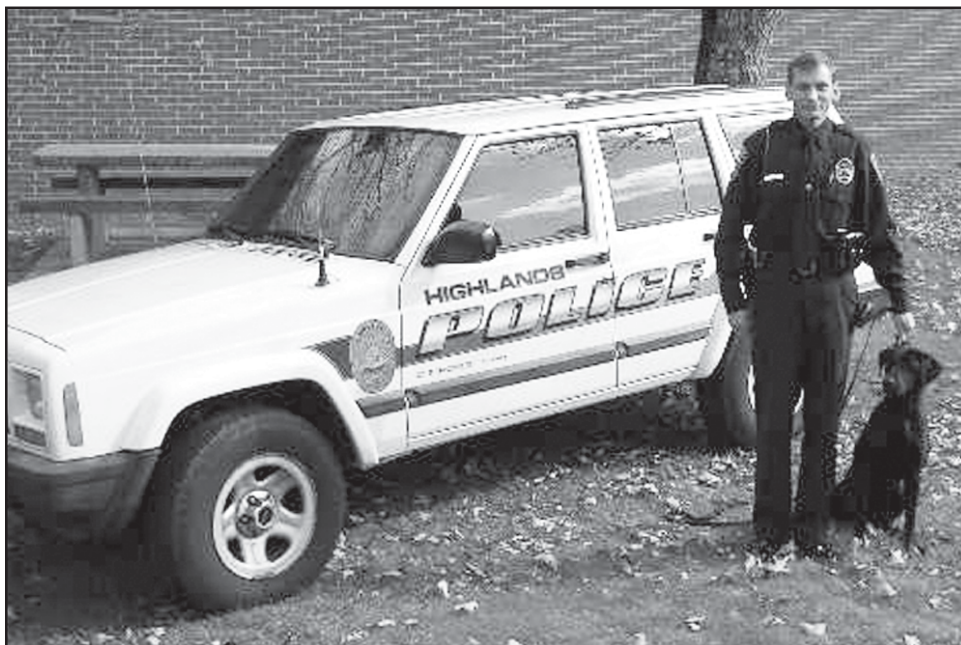
In the Highlands office, Jerry Hudson, broker associate, was named Top Sales Agent.



Cathy Garren



Sharon Dalton



Ruby and her handler Officer John Cherry.

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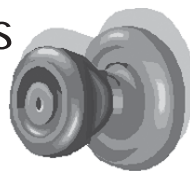
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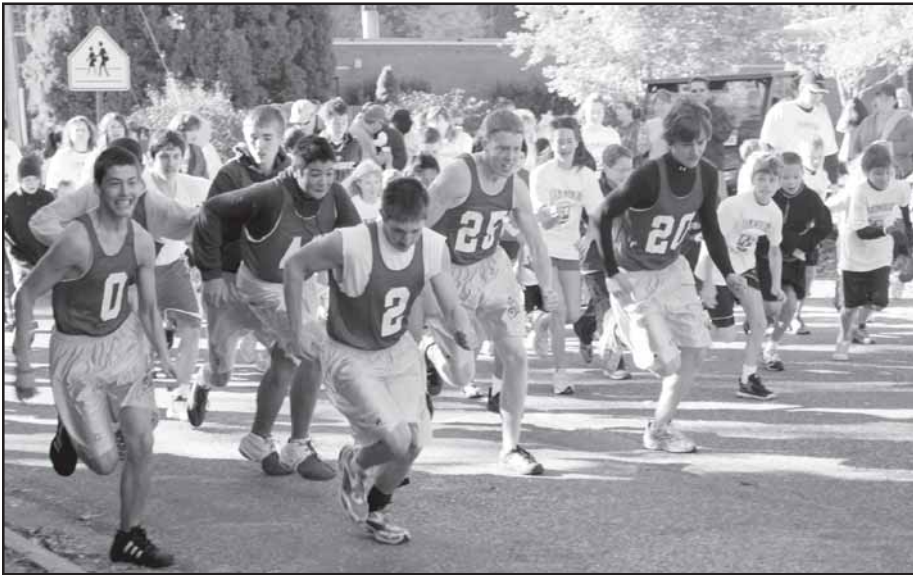
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Fun Run' raises money for school



The Highlands School Fun Run had 136 runners participate on Saturday, Oct. 27. The event was a fundraising success with all monies going to the Athletic Booster Club and Highlands School Art Club. Thanks to all the sponsors for making the event a success. Alan and Amanda Yates, Burlingame, Church of the Incarnation, Community Bible church, Coppage & Coppage, Highlands Cabinet Company, Highlands Construction, J.W. Underwood Constructions, Laurel Magazine, Macon Bank, Rainy Day Golf, Roto-Rooter, Sam's Grading, Scaly Mountain Nursery & Landscaping, Scaly Mountain General Store, Schmitt Builders, Sports Page, and the Cashiers Connection. Thanks to Mountain Fresh Fine Foods, Bounty Land, The Pizza Place and Wits End for donations. And thank you students, parents, teachers and coaches for participation and ongoing support.

Photo by Stephanie McCall

- The Fun Run Committee

Highlands plays 2nd round in playoffs



Highlands School Varsity Soccer lost during the second round of State Playoffs against Central Academy Nov. 3, in Highlands. But it wasn't for the lack of trying! Above Will Mathodis fights to keep his footing against Central Academy opponent.

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matter of figuring out how to pay for it.

"The commissioners have said so repeatedly," said County Manager Sam Greenwood. "So now they will regroup and rethink their priorities concerning the school program. The first thing they will likely do is sit down with the school board and discuss building priorities. They will take everything into consideration concerning their capacity to finance, mainly how much they are willing to raise taxes for each building function."

Greenwood said it's likely the county will have to raise taxes and finance part of the schools' facility plan. "The county is allowed to finance up to \$10 million a year and commissioners will have to raise taxes to pay the debt service of that loan," he said.

County's often opt to finance through a Certificate of Participation program (COPS) or Local Government Commission because the interest rates are so good. "As long as the county's finances continue to be solid, there won't be a problem financing projects," said Greenwood.

Since the county can only finance \$10 million a year, the schools building timeline will likely lengthen and more complicated financing will be required.

"In the spring, as the county prepares for the 2008-2009 budget, it's likely the

commissioners will have to consider a tax increase," said Greenwood.

One penny in the tax rate brings in \$950,000, so to raise \$5 million a five-cent increase would be needed.

The Community College bond for \$3 million was close, too, with 3,905 citizens voting "no" and 3,003 voting "yes."

The percentage between the "yes" and "no" votes for the Public Buildings bond, the Parks and Recreational bond and the Library bond were very similar with the "yes" votes in the 30 percentile and the "no" votes in the 60 percentile.

The Public Buildings bond for \$6.5 million lost with 4,229 citizens voting "no" and 2,670 voting "yes."

The Parks and Recreation bond for \$9.4 million lost with 4,320 saying "no" and 2,524 saying "yes." Greenwood said the only part of the project that will continue anyway is the grading at South Macon School for a ballfield.

The Library bond for Highlands lost with 4,719 saying "no" and 2,094 saying "yes."

Finally, the media blitz against the Land Transfer Tax paid off with 75% of the voters — 5,178 — saying "no" and 1,681 or 24% saying "yes."

— Kim Lewicki

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the company also produced two, year around seasons of improvisation that had audiences returning evening after evening because no two shows were ever the same.

These popular improves were variously entitled, *Evenings of Little Entertainments*, *Little Entertainments*, and *Cocktail Hour Theatre*.

Over the last two years have been dances, stand-up comedy, staged readings, storytelling, films, music concerts, children's shows, free performing arts classes for children, free scene study and improv classes for adults, Song-Writers-in-the-Round, Summer Acting Camp for children, song-writing seminars and comedy seminars

Nationally touring singer songwriters Chuck Pyle, Jack Williams, Jenny Bird, Cosy Sheridan, Small Potatoes and Steve Gillette and Cindy Mangsen, the amazing

all-girl band, *The Buckerettes* from Asheville blew audiences away. Most recently, it featured Highlands first *Comedy Festival* featuring nine Nationally Touring Stand-Up comedians over two week-ends.

The company has also been host to the highly successful Highlands Community Players production of *Parallel Lives*, the unusual Stray Cat Productions (based in Athens, GA) of 'Art,' Ralph Stevens and David Milford's dramatic production of *Copenhagen* – all cutting edge, high-calibre theatre featuring performances that makes you think and talk.

All in all, the ITC has presented over 200 nights of entertainment since its resurrection in October of 2003.

If the company can stay in business, the 2008 season will in-

clude a newly created improvisational and sketch comedy show *ITC LIVE*, an English comedy by Peter Shaffer, *Lettice and Lovage*, *The 2000 Year old Man* by Mel Brooks and Carl Reiner, *Park Your Car in Harvard Yard* starring David Milford and Madeleine Davis, *Evenings of Stand-Up Comedy*, films, dances, Writers-in-the-Round, the return of *The Buckerettes* and Song-Writers-in-the-Round, the Highlands Community Players' production of *Parallel Lives II and More*, and off-season performances of a local Chamber Music Trio.

If you can help call 828-342-9197 or write or email The Instant Theatre Company at P.O. Box 2200, Highlands, NC 28741; instanttheatre@verizon.net.

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Conference Center), the Performing Arts Center and county-owned Zachary Field – only so county officials would know that Highlands School uses it for middle school and high school soccer for both men and women and because the town supplies water and sewer to the county-owned facility at no charge to the county.

"They've been saying one reason to take over our recreation facilities is to make sure that Highlands has the same recreational opportunities and facilities as elsewhere in the county and I want them to know that we have significant staff, significant facilities, significant programs, and significant maintenance already," said Commissioner Amy Patterson who is on the town's recreation committee. "We're not lacking anything. We have a full-fledged, well-run recreation department with a budget of \$700,000 but we're only asking for \$500,000."

At a joint meeting in September, county officials said as soon as the contract is signed and delivered, the \$500,000 promised the town for 2007 would be released.

Once signed, the contract will be sent to the county.

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Mayor Don Mullen said the town needs to tell the county it is ready to commit and pay for the municipal solid waste transfer station at the landfill.

But since the amount budgeted of \$476,000 was based on an estimate presented by the county, Commissioner Patterson suggest-

ed the town cap its obligation at that price.

"We budgeted for that amount and can commit to that," said Betz.

Meanwhile, a response to a letter sent to the county Oct. 19 requesting that tipping fees charged the town at the county landfill in Franklin be waived for the next four years has not come.

"...\$476,000 is a significant capital expenditure for us," wrote Mayor Mullen, "We respectfully request that the county waive the tipping fee for commercial solid waste from Highlands over the next four years to help us defray this cost over time."

The town pays the county about \$100,000 a year in tipping fees.

The town hasn't heard back from the county, but acknowledged that the next county commission meeting is Nov. 13 so perhaps the town's request will be discussed then.

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David Wilkes, chairman of the Highlands ABC Board, read a letter into the record clarifying the ABC Board's integrity concerning the withholding of ABC profits to the town.

The clarification was initiated by Brian Starnes, auditor for the town, who recently said historically town's had to keep an eye on ABC Boards to ensure proceeds are allocated properly and he questioned the legality of an ABC store establishing a capital improvement fund.

But Wilkes said, "According to

G.S. 18B-805(d) with the approval of the appointing authority (the Town Board) the ABC board may set aside a portion of the remaining gross receipts as a fund for specific capital improvements.

Wilkes said since May 2007, the ABC Board has operated under the assumption that it had the town's approval and since Aug. 16, 2006, the ABC Board has had a specific capital improvement project as a goal.

The specific goal was identified August 2006, when the ABC Board requested permission to expand the ABC Store but learned it may have to buy land and build a new building instead.

Though the board never questioned the ABC Board's integrity, at Commissioner Hank Ross's suggestion, it agreed to have Attorney Coward make sure it is legal for the Town Board to approve the ABC Board's capital account if those monies are set aside for a specific capital project.

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Also discussed were several amendments to the zoning ordinance which were set for a public hearing at the Dec. 5 Town Board meeting.

Included are: landscaping requirements for screening and buffers; newly identified perennial streams; road widths and grades in subdivisions, big box limitations, setbacks for the Town Hall property, outdoor merchandise, and greenway ordinances pertaining to conditional uses, lot size exceptions, setback exceptions, and buffers.

– Kim Lewicki

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DINING ROOM TABLE & 8 CHAIRS – (7 w/o leaves) Great for Mountain Home. Nearly New. Good Condition. Leather & Upholstered chairs. \$1,000. Call Linda at 526-1517.

KING-SIZE HEADBOARD, \$40; new glass fireplace screen, (still in box,) polished brass finish, fits fireplace opening Height 24 3/4 " - 29 3/4 ". Width 30" to 37 1/2, " \$125. Call 828-371-2999

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DOG KENNEL. 10' x 10' x 6', heavy gauge chainlink. Like New. \$175, was \$270. call 828.389.2722 Hayesville, NC

DELUXE VENTED GAS heater high btu, slightly used, \$100. 524-6038.

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ARMOIRE & DRESSOR W/ 3 WAY MIRROR. Light Maple color. Excellent condition. \$600 for both or will sell separately. 526-9107.

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NEW SHOWER DOOR – Still in box. 27" wide, gold color. Call 526-4077. \$79.

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ANTIQUE BEAMS, FLOORING AND STRUCTURES: Hand hewn beams in oak and yellow pine. Beautiful material, large faces, \$3.50-\$4 per board foot. Original, reclaimed white and yellow pine flooring, random wide widths (6-16") \$6/ board ft. Also selling entire log and timber frame structures. 215-529-7637 (www.jcwoodworking.info)

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DINING ROOM FURNITURE. Very nice. Rectangular with two leaves 6 chairs, 2 with arms. Maple with upholstered seats. \$326 all inclusive. 864-972-8525 or cell 864-723-4101

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HIGHLANDS TOWNSHIP

- 0502872, VALENTINE N LOT 11, MID TIDE LLC, 10/3/2007, \$0., HIGH MOUNTAIN LLC, \$18,860.
- 0536825, 15 WOODLAND LN, GEYER K DEAN, 9/28/2007, \$450,000., THOMPSON M III, \$346,510.
- 0501840, 1533 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD, WOLZ STEPHEN P, 9/21/2007, \$216,000., RUSSELL KENNETH C & MARIAN, \$271,370.
- 0535558, VISTA RD LOT 10 HEMLOCKS AT HIGHGATE, BENNETT RICHARD A, 9/17/2007, \$0., HIGHGATE LLC, \$200,000.
- 0501455, VALENTINE LN LOT 13, MID TIDE LLC, 10/3/2007, \$0., HIGH MOUNTAIN LLC, \$283,340.
- 0501298, 67 DOGWOOD CT VILLA 6 HFCC, CANNON LUCINDA SAMFORD TRUSTEE, 9/4/2007, \$527,500., SAMFORD TRUSTEE, \$366,620.
- 0501026, 76 MAPLEWOOD LNSHORTOFF, PREDAR MARJEAN K, 9/19/2007, \$173,000., COX SUSAN H, \$262,290.
- 0500950, 306 DEER RUN COLD SPRINGS, TSPL LLC, 9/18/2007, \$219,500., TSPL LLC, \$583,500.
- 0500797, 96 HEMLOCK CIR LOT 14 HLDS HILLS, DYER WILLIAM H III, 9/13/2007, \$565,000., BOSHELL ROBERT C, \$520,060.
- 0517234, RD 1608 LOT 39 RUSTIC FALLS, REALTY INVESTMENT SOURCE LLC, 9/5/2007, \$45,000., FARMER EDWIN B, \$52,020.
- 0517127, 80 SUNSET TRCE CULLASAJA CLUB, ROBINSON GEORGE C TRUSTEE, 10/9/2007, \$0., ROBINSON GEORGE C TRUSTEE, \$944,220.
- 0517090, LOT 275 CULLASAJA CLUB, ROBINSON GEORGE C TRUSTEE, 10/9/2007, \$0., ROBINSON GEORGE C TRUSTEE, \$304,290.
- 0517058, LOT 240 CULLASAJA CLUB, WOODS J EDWARD, 9/13/2007, \$0., WOODS SCOTT EDWARD, \$244,820.
- 0517025, 236 KELSEY CT CULLASAJA CLUB, LASSITER ELWOOD GRAY III TRUSTEE, 9/4/2007, \$0., LASSITER E G, \$1,527,970.
- 0516885, 127 CHESTNUT COVE UNIT 2D, CARPENTER IRENE, 10/10/2007, \$275,000., MOBLEY HERBERT W JR, \$303,600.
- 0516308, VISTA CT LOT 34, BENNETT RICHARD A, 9/17/2007, \$0. HIGHGATE LLC, \$250,000.
- 0516309, VISTA CT LOT 35, BENNETT RICHARD A, 9/17/2007, \$0. HIGHGATE LLC, \$250,000.
- 0516281, VISTA CT LOT 7, BENNETT RICHARD A, 9/17/2007, \$0. HIGHGATE LLC, \$400,000.
- 0516282, VISTA CT LOT 8, BENNETT RICHARD A, 9/17/2007, \$0. HIGHGATE LLC, \$400,000.
- 0516283, VISTA CT LOT 9, BENNETT RICHARD A, 9/17/2007, \$0. HIGHGATE LLC, \$400,000.
- 0550037, BEARFOOT LN LOT 4 FLAT

- MTN, HARRIS BOBBY RUSSELL, 9/28/2007, \$700,000., BEARFOOT AT FLAT MTN INC, \$556,650.
- 0549921, 175 WOODLAND HILL DR HIGHLAND HILLS, WOOD LUCY M, 9/17/2007, \$460,000., BREITENBACH MARY W, \$382,330.
- 0549922, 175 WOODLAND HILL DR HIGHLAND HILLS, WOOD LUCY M, 9/17/2007, \$460,000., BREITENBACH MARY W, \$63,970.
- 0549823, EDWARDS CREEK RDOFF 1603, MCCORD GUYTE P JR, 9/4/2007, \$0., MCCORD GUYTE P. JR, \$40,470.
- 0549820, EDWARDS CREEK RDOFF 1603, MCCORD MARK LANCE, 9/4/2007, \$0., MCCORD GUYTE P. JR, \$25,180.
- 0549821, EDWARDS CREEK RDOFF 1603, MCCORD MARK LANCE, 9/4/2007, \$0., MCCORD GUYTE P. JR, \$38,340.
- 0549822, EDWARDS CREEK RDOFF 1603, MCCORD GUYTE P JR, 9/4/2007, \$0., MCCORD GUYTE P. JR, \$47,180.
- 0549420, S R 1608 LOT 5 WALKINGSTICK FALLS, CHANDLER WEYMAN P, 9/4/2007, \$0., CHANDLER WEYMAN P, \$44,4290.
- 0548699, 40 OWL GAP LN OFF 106, DOWNS BRYAN A, 9/4/2007, \$400,000., NATIONAL RESIDENTIAL NOMINEE SVCS INC, \$450,380.
- 0546005, 320 BONNIE DR LOT 36 MIRRORMONT, WILLIAMS ROBERT W, 9/11/2007, \$855,000., ALLEN WATSON LLC, \$673,350.

Flats Township Scaly Mtn.

- 0619270, OFF HWY 106 LOT 9 RIDGEVIEW EST, FAIRCLOTH FAMILY LTD, 9/19/2007, \$38,000., STEINER JEANNINE TR, \$56,910.
- 0600634, 584 BOOGER HOLLOW TRL, ZANGERLE KELLY ELIZABETH, 10/1/2007, \$190,610., BROWN JOHN M JR, \$541,220.
- 0600078, OFF RD 1625 LOT 6 OSAGE MT, BOOS EDWARD G, 9/20/2007, \$0., DELEURAN FAMILY TRUST, \$8,700.
- 0600065, OFF RD 1625 LOT 8 OSAGE MTN SUBD, PHILLIPS JO ANN W, 9/5/2007, \$97,500., GILBERT HAROLD, \$42,920.
- 0650055, EAST SIDE DUCK MTN RD, GWALTNEY THOMAS M JR, 10/2/2007, \$96,000., HILL JERRY P, \$66,770.
- 0649745, BUCK KNOB RD, KUEHN MICHAEL, 9/7/2007, \$78,000., CORAM JENNINGS B, \$86,060.
- 0615626, ON HWY 106 TRACT 4 MARTHA MAGRUDER PROP, HAPPY HILL VINEYARD LLC, 10/4/2007, \$0., THREE FORKS PROPERTIES OF MACON CO LLC, \$91,800.
- 0649379, OFF S R 1622, HARTWEGER PETER, 9/5/2007, \$0., HARTWEGER PETER, \$80,490.
- 0649380, OFF S R 1622, HARTWEGER PETER, 9/5/2007, \$0., HARTWEGER PETER, \$74,260.
- 0649056, 484 OSAGE DR, SHAW DANNY G, 10/5/2007, \$850,000., SCHWARTZ S. WILLIAM, \$902,130.

• POLICE & FIRE •

The following is the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Nov. 3-7. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

Nov. 3

- At 9:30 a.m., vandalism was reported at the Hudson Library where a rock had been thrown through a window with damages estimated at \$250.
- At 10:10 a.m., a breaking and entering with larceny of petty cash was reported at the Hudson Library where \$45 in cash was stolen from the donation box which was broken. There was also damage estimated at \$150 to an exterior door.
- At 4:30 p.m., theft of two fishing poles valued at \$655 and \$645 respectively was reported at Highland Hiker.
- At 6 p.m. Highlands Police presented a fugitive warrant for a sheriff's department in South Carolina to Michael David Rogers, 44, of Highlands.

Nov. 5

- At 8 a.m, vandalism in the form of spray paint on a door was reported at the Rec Park.
- At 4:45 p.m., a motorist was cited for displaying an expired registration ticket and license plate.

• At 7 p.m., the restrooms at the Rec Park were vandalized.
The following is the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Nov. 1-7.

Nov. 1

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

Nov. 2

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Queen Mountain Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Nov. 3

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

Nov. 4

- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 106. There were no injuries.

Nov. 5

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

the hospital.
• The dept. responded to a brush fire at a residence on Mirror Lake. It was extinguished prior to arrival on scene.

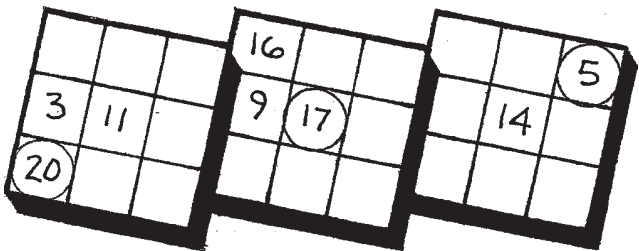
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act as go-to guys when it comes to needing a good topic to write about. They are all former high school or college buddies, and we have watched thousands of sporting events together throughout the years. Not only are these guys rabid sports fans like myself, they are also very interested in discussing sports, and in the past we have often joked about creating our own "Pardon the Interruption" type show. (Not that anyone would watch -- all of us have way more hair than Tony Kornheiser and Mike Wilbon.) Perhaps the best part of having this type of job is calling up one of my buddies and hearing him say "Man Potts, you still writing that column? I don't see how you can sit down and write every week. Don't you eventually run out of things to say?" It's about that time that I just laughing and start writing.

• FUN & GAMES •

PseudoCube[©]

#DNID - Level of Difficulty - Moderate



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.

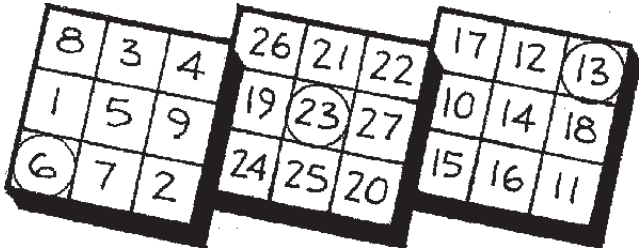
THE CHALLENGE:

Start with the three center numbers for each layer and the other numbers given. Now pour a cup of coffee, pick up a pencil and eraser and try to figure out where the other numbers belong. Good Luck!

The first correct solution emailed earns a coupon for a FREE cup of coffee from Buck's Coffee Cafe on Main Street.

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Solution to #BN4D in Nov. 1 issue



N-Cryptoku[©]

Object: Assign 9 different letters to each cell of 9 columns and 9 rows. In addition, nine 3 x 3 cells in the layout have the same nine different letters (this is similar to Sudoku but uses nine letters instead of nine numbers). A 'mystery word or phrase' using all nine different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different 'mystery word or phrase' (no spaces).

How to Solve: Determine the nine different letters among those given. Try to solve the mystery word using the clue given and write it in. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these ACROSS/ DOWN words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in all blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a line, column or 3 x 3 cell.

MYSTERY WORD:

"JUMPING AMPHIBIANS" (9 letters)

ACROSS

1. Tent Post (3)
2. Internet Server (3)
3. ___Cent.___%___ (3)
4. Hearing organ (3)
5. Space Between (3)
6. Fish eggs (3)

DOWN

- 6..Knock (3)
7. Palm type (4)
8. Travel (2)
9. Goofball (3)
- 10.Either/ (2)

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Solution to Nov. 1 puzzle

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