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EDC to entice biz with county financed grants

The Economic Development Commission has seen a rebirthing this year with commitment to a common goal in the county's municipalities and at the county level.

At the Dec. 14 County Commission meeting, the board agreed to a proposal presented by James McCoy, the consultant the

county hired to get the newly formed EDC off the ground and EDC Director Trevor Dalton.

To promote diversified development, encourage growth in the property tax base, improve recruitment of business and industry, enhance job creation and continue the county's ability to function as a local center of commerce and

industry, the county is ready to assist with grant funding.

"As our EDC continues to work toward being able to attract companies that will make capital investment and create jobs in our county, it is compiling a number of tools to work with," said County Commission Chair Ronnie Beale. "The grant proposal is a way

to hopefully attract companies to consider Macon County for this type of investment."

According to the proposal, any grants will be offered at the discretion of the commission and will be considered for new or expanding businesses that meet certain criteria.

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Highlands 2009 – Year in Review

New faces on the Town Board, new ordinances, good-byes to old friends, criminals caught, wild weather, tragedy at area rivers and falls ... it all happened in Highlands in 2009.

January

- Due to the snowy weather, the Town Board held an abbreviated meeting Wednesday night with Town Manager Jim Fatland seated for the first time

- Town to tap federal stimulus package for stormwater remediation and sewer expansion.

- Chris Metrick was named "Outstanding Fireman of the Year" at annual Fire & Rescue banquet.

- Highlands High School students and six chaperones were part of history as they joined an estimated three million people in the District of Columbia to celebrate the inauguration of President Barack Obama.

- With the downturn in the economy, families in nearby Satolah, GA asked for a reprieve from out-of-state tuition..

February

- During the early morning of Feb. 4, unrelenting winter weather buffeted the plateau with roaring winds, subzero temperatures that turned all mois-

ture to ice and a dusting of snow. Citizens on the Highlands Plateau awoke to silence, darkness and bitter cold. The power had gone out -- not because of weather, but due to a faulty piece of equipment inside the Duke Power substation at Mirror Lake Road and U.S. 64 west.

- Old Pierson Inn rises again. In classic OEI form, the old Pierson Inn on South Street is being renovated to its prior glory. The building existed as an inn in some form from 1889-1993 according to Ran Shaffner's "Heart of the Blue Ridge" and now it will be part of OEI's bevy of accommodation packages.

- As of Jan. 29, the NC School Report became available to the public and though only considered a "snapshot," Highlands School fared very well compared to other schools in the Macon County and the state.

- County prepares for shortfalls; trims \$1.33 million from 08-09 budget.

- A Franklin couple has been arrested and charged with a variety of sex crimes against children.

- The Town of Highlands received a Clean Water Management Trust Fund Grant (CWMTF) for an innovative stormwater project at Kelsey Hutch-

inson Park, formerly known as Pine Street Park.

- With its previous space to be occupied by the Highlands Police Department, the Highlands ABC Store is moving to Highlands Plaza.

- Around 11:30 a.m., Monday, Feb. 16, Highlands Fire & Rescue began fighting a brush fire on Satolah Mountain along N.C. 28 south. They were there until 9 p.m. and returned to the scene Tuesday.

- Highlands First Presbyterian Church to welcome its new full time minister, Rev. Doctor Lee Willey Bowman
- Town Administrator Richard Betz retires with 26+ years of service.

March

- Highlands Police arrest counterfeiter.

- Macon County Commission amends height ordinance. Buildings can extend above 48 feet.

- Board may go to one meeting a month.

- County's Junk Ordinance 'junked'.

- Duke Power is raising its wholesale electric rates for the Town of Highlands effective March 2010 so the town considers a gradual rate increase to its customers beginning April 25, 2009.

- Families of students living in Satolah, GA, who meet discretionary admission criteria at Highlands School no longer have to pay tuition to Macon County.

April

- Highlands electric rates will increase 10% on May 1 with the increase evident in the May 25 bill.

- Beginning with the 2009-10 school year, children must be five-years-old by Aug. 31 to enter public school.

- Highlander Jamie Bolt wins scholarship to prestigious Johnson & Wales culinary school.

- Highlander Zack Woodcox, 2004 graduate of Highlands School and 2008 graduate of University of Colorado at Boulder commissioned into the U.S. Marines.

- Police dog Canine Ruby finds 92-year-old man alive but disoriented.

- Due to the state of the general economy, as well as the school district budget, Macon County Schools Superintendent Dan Brigman didn't take his pay increase.

- Highlands School seniors

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MC Athletic Committee ensures rules are fair

To level the playing field within the Macon County Schools athletic departments a meeting was held at the district office to discuss financial compensation among other things.

At the Wednesday Oct. 28 meeting, inequities in compensation in regards to athletic supplements at each school were discussed, as was establishing a consistent formula for compensating athletic directors and the establishment of a consistent schedule for reporting the coaching lists for each school each sports season.

The group decided to rectify all inequities in regard to athletic supplements at each school beginning with current 2009-10 school year and beyond.

Each athletic director will receive \$300 for each stand-alone varsity sport; \$150 for each stand-alone junior varsity sport and \$100 for each stand-alone middle school sport.

Beginning July 1, 2010, volunteer coaches will receive compensation at the same level of other member schools; the varsity basketball coaches at Franklin High School, Highlands School and Nantahala School will be 11-month employees and will be re-

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- Create new capital investment of \$1 million or more;
- Create full time jobs that pay wages at or above the median wage for Macon County and provide health insurance and other benefits;
- A binding lease agreement that exceeds the length of time for which grant payments will be made;
- Projects eligible for grants include but are not limited to data management facilities, corporate headquarters, research and development facilities, software development enterprises, retail businesses, manufacturing facilities, technology related business professional offices, health care services and back office operations;
- Projects not eligible for grants included: cemeteries, golf courses, public utility uses, resource recovery facilities, adult uses, private clubs, slaughterhouses, mining, landfills, residential projects and telecommunication towers. Expansion projects will be excluded if the project results in a net reduction of the property tax valuation of all facilities owned by the company, its parent subsidiary or affiliated companies;
- Furthermore, projects eligible for grants must have neither started construction nor been publicly announced prior to consideration for application;
- Economic development grants must comply with the NC GS 158-7.1 and other applicable statutes;

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• THANKS •

Support for Highlands School is phenomenal

In all my years in education, I have never been in a community that expresses appreciation to teachers and staff like Highlands does.

The PTO at Highlands School is the most supportive organization that I have ever seen. They provide funding for just about any requests teachers have. They reimbursed teachers for expenditures at the beginning of school; they shared the profits of the Fall Festival with the teachers who worked there; they provided us with a gourmet meal on Tuesday as a Christmas celebration; and they are lavish with treats during Teacher Appreciation Week and arrange for us to go out to lunch at a local restaurant, to name a few examples. The leadership of our PTO is careful to plan meetings to coincide with our Book Fair so

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that we can have the best possible turnout, and I really appreciate that because all the money earned goes directly back into the school to provide resources for our students. Thank you, Highlands PTO, for all you do for all of us at Highlands School! We appreciate you!

Additionally, the Rotary Club of Highlands annually presents the staff at Highlands School with a monetary Christmas gift in appreciation for our service to the children of Highlands. Thank you, Rotary Club members! We appreciate your support!

Carol Bowen
Media Specialist
Highlands School

Hospital care outstanding

I would like to thank all my family and friends for their visits, calls and most importantly their prayers.

I know that we (the people of Highlands) live in the best place on earth, and we are very fortunate to have such a wonderful hospital, staffed with expert doctors, nurses, and technicians. For me and my family, it has truly been a blessing to have such a facility here, where I did not have to travel out of town for medical care. I know I would not have received the same care and attention anywhere else.

I want to express my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Baker, Dr. Carter, Dr. Koell, Dr. Dozier, all the nurses, technicians and the entire staff of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for all they did for me.

Jim Nix
Highlands

Library Board appreciates donation

On behalf of the Hudson Library Board of Trustees and patrons of the library, I want to express our deep appreciation and gratitude to the Highlands Motoring Festival Committee for their generous contribution.

The library is undergoing extensive renovation this winter, and this gift is a very welcome donation. It will be particularly useful as we make extensive upgrades to our space and our services. It was a delightful event, and we wish the Highlands Motoring Festival continued success for many years to come.

Robert E. Smith
President, The Hudson Library Board
of Trustees

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quired to submit a time sheet to document their hours; the athletic directors at Franklin, Highlands and Nantahala will be 11 month employees and due to the size and scope of the athletic program at Franklin High School two 11-month co-athletic directors will be appointed.

In addition, the athletic director at Macon Middle School will be a 10-month employee and will submit a time sheet for hours worked during the summer months.

From now on, coaching lists for each school will be submitted at the Board of Education meetings with submissions for the fall season heard at the May BOE meeting; submissions for the winter season heard at the September BOE meeting and submissions for the Spring season heard at the January BOE meeting.

Present at the meeting were Jay Brooks, from Franklin High School, Butch Smart from Highlands School, Robbie Newton from Nantahala School, Keith Brooks from Macon Middle School, Angie Cook, school finance officer and Dan Moore, director of personnel/county athletic director.

— Kim Lewicki

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And, applicants must understand there is no right or entitlement to economic development assistance. All assistance is made at the discretion of the board of commissioners.

Project grants will be made in annual payments in an amount and for a period depending on the amount of assistance granted.

- For a Capital Investment of \$1-2.999 million the annual grant payment will be 1.5% of the investment for three years;

- For a Capital Investment of \$3-5.999 million, the annual grant payment will be 1.75% of the investment for four years;

- For a Capital Investment of \$6-9.999 million, the annual grant payment will be 2% of the investment for 4 years;

- And for a Capital Investment of \$10 million and above, the annual payment will be 2.5% of the investment for 5 years.

Chairman Beale said the funding capital will come from the county by granting a portion of the tax that would be provided by the capital investment.

"This is a common practice in economic development and is really quite conservative in comparison to other communities and states," he said. "An important part of the guidelines is that the commissioners have the discretion of granting the incentives and thereby have control of the type of growth our county would consider."

— Kim Lewicki

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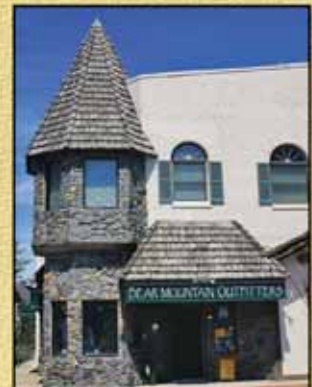
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I can do “snooty”

Well, 2009 is history and good riddance. Happy New Year, everyone.

Picture this: I'm standing on a high ladder outside my house taking down Christmas lights and sweat is soaking my t-shirt and shorts. Vultures circle overhead hoping I'll fall. I'm not making this up.

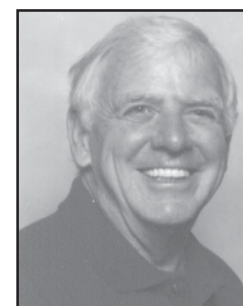
Since leaving Highlands for South Florida, I've marked the number of days I've had to put on a windbreaker before going for our morning walks. I can count them on one hand. So far, it's been a warm fall and winter is expected to be the same. So, here's my question: Do I run the air conditioning in South Florida or head for Highlands and run the heat. Puzzlement!

Tomorrow, the li'l missus and I will start packing for our annual trip to Dubai to visit our son and his wife. They live there. From New York, the flight usually takes 12 hours but this time it will take.... well, 23days. That's right: We're taking a slow boat to Dubai. Our trip is part of a grand 107-day world cruise tour on the most elegant, snootiest ship roaming the planet. On the Queen Mary 2, the waiters' tuxedos look better than mine and their shoes squeak.

And speaking of sweating in t-shirts, you better not leave the ship's cabin wearing one as they are considered underwear and exposure is prohibited. So are blue jeans. On the QM 2, you don't sweat in the gym, you perspire.

The li'l missus and I have taken many cruises starting way back with the old Britannia of the '50s. But this will be our second crossing on the QM2. Without a doubt, it's the snootiest ship at sea. Their white glove service is impeccable and the evening Broadway shows are the best you'll find at sea. She's not the biggest ship out there but she's the grandest and the most noble of them all. I love descending the grand staircase, dressed to the hilt with the li'l missus on my arm as we head for dinner. Is everyone looking at us? I casually check my fly, not knowing what I'll do if it's open.

Hey, I know how to do snooty but



Fred Wooldridge

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darn if I can remember which fork to use first. Currently, the li'l missus is training me on the proper use of finger bowls 'cause last time I complained the soup was tasteless.

The caste system still exists on this big girl so we'll not be allowed into certain rooms on the ship. I'm OK with that because those uppity folks who paid more than twice as much for passage are not allowed in our dining room and it's more elegant and beautiful

than theirs. And, ha, I have as many forks next to my plate as they do.

I know the QM2 is not for everyone, but I find it fun to act snooty. I know some Highlanders would be proud of me because they're uppity all the time. It's just a frame of mind. Jackets are worn for every evening meal and dressing casual means not wearing a tie.

The best is the bi-weekly “black and white” ball in the Grand Ballroom after dinner. Flowing formal gowns and tuxedos are everywhere. Most of the older gals are stretched tighter than a Highlands budget and they're all beautiful in the dim light. Here, I order a dry martini and pretend I'm James Bond on a secret mission. Then, looking at my li'l missus, I wonder if she could look more beautiful in her finery.

Also, this grand ship has a planetarium. I'm not kidding. You enter this huge room and, as the lights dim, your theatre-styled seat begins to recline. Suddenly, the sky lights with distant stars and planets and you are taken on a journey into space. It's wild and I can't believe I'm on a ship in the middle of the ocean. It's a knock-your-socks-off performance.

Now here's the really fun part. Are you sitting down? Wyn and John Cleaveland will be on this ship with us. We're not telling the captain. To prepare ourselves, the four of us have been practicing being snooty all week. I guess with David Wilkes at the helm, John feels he can relax.

John and I have gotten real good at looking down our noses at people. I'll send pictures once we're on board. And we'll be sending you weekly reports of our snootiness, especially once we straighten out those hijackers in the Gulf of Aden.

• THE VIEW FROM HERE •

Thoughts on healthcare revisited

I spent the last two hours in the hot tub. I chatted with James and his wife, who are visiting from Wales. Walter moved from Sweden 20 years ago and started a telecommunication company in Ohio. A hot tub is a great place to swap views.

In recent years I've heard a European view of our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, a French impression of American football, and a Swiss view of global warming. Walter, my new Swedish-American friend wanted to talk about health care. He grew up under socialized health care in Europe and has observed and participated in the American system for two decades, and has pretty strong opinions on the subject. Remember that Walter has enjoyed great success in America, and while I didn't inquire, I'm certain that he has top drawer health coverage. He is every bit American, with attitudes similar to those of other wealthy Americans. Had he not spent the first 50 years of life under socialized medicine, I would have dismissed his observations as those of just another Republican.

Walter observed that most western Europeans alive today have never known anything other than socialized medicine, in one or another of its various forms. He explained that the only thing that Swedes complain about is the long waits to get treatment. He pointed out that Europeans have no idea that the limitations of their care extend far beyond long lines. His wife mentioned taking snacks and sleeping bags to the emergency room in anticipation of a thirty hour wait for care. She journeyed to the states for treatment of back pain with steroids, treatment that was unavailable at home. It's hard to imagine a trans-Atlantic flight with a sore back, but Gail made the trip and responded to cortisone treatment in five days.

The greater problem, and one which Europeans can't possibly comprehend, is that there are sophisticated, and sometimes life-saving treatments in the States which are simply too beyond the budget of European socialized care. He talked of year-long delays to have an MRI examination. He mentioned the death of a friend who died because a fairly routine cardiac procedure in the U.S.A. was unavailable in Sweden. I was shocked. I believed that although there were delays in treatment, life-saving care was available, on an expedited basis, to those who really need it. He made Sweden, and western Europe, sound more like Zimbabwe than I could have imagined.

His main concern was what he called opportunity costs. He pointed out that before the advent of socialized medicine, most medical advances came from Europe, but in recent decades the United States has authored



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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almost all medical advances. His fear is that if we implement a European system here, the robust flow from the American pipeline of ingenuity will be reduced to a trickle. I had been aware of this cost if we eliminated the profit motive in American health care, but it never before seemed so significant.

I'm not sure that my evening in the hot tub with Walter will change my view that we can't afford to continue the current system, but it made me

question my opinion. Of course there are problems with access to care for the poor, and the reality of care motivated by profit rather than patient needs. I've written about those problems before. These problems must be addressed, but maybe there is a solution that doesn't stifle American inventiveness in an industry in which we still enjoy a dominant position. I've believed that we can't afford the present system. Maybe the truth is that we can't afford to dismantle it. I don't know the answer, but I think I should stay out of the hot tub for the rest of the week.

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Michael Baty and Carolyn Hornsby were named King and Queen at Highlands School Junior-Senior Prom.

• The Town of Highlands receives a \$3 million grant award for the Mirror Lake Sewer Project — one of three communities to receive the maximum award amount allowed by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

May

- NC has 7 confirmed cases of H1N1 Flu.
- Irene 'Granny' James dies at 103.
- Fire Dept. to get new ladder truck.

• As per the Governor's Executive Order Number 11, fulltime public school employees are to receive 10 hours of flexible furlough leave to be taken between June 1 and December 31, 2009 in return for a .5% reduction in salary.

- Public says 'no' to new Pine Street park design. Pine Street not to close.
- County's 2009 budget down 10%.
- Highlands School renovations to begin on front, roof and bathrooms.

• At the Athletic Banquet, David and Sammie Leffler, were named "Fans of the Year" for the second time!

June

• At Wednesday morning's Highlands School Awards Ceremony, William Edwards was named Salutatorian and Casey Jenkins was named Valedictorian.

• At 4:40 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, Highlands Fire & Rescue and Macon County EMS crews were called to Glen Falls where a visiting 16-year-

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Annual Resolution Run offers health insurance for 2010

What's the best health insurance you can obtain for 2010? Make a New Year's Resolution to take control of your own health.

A healthy lifestyle is the driving force behind the Highlands Roadrunners Club's annual Resolution Run, according to Club President Richard Betz. For many years, the annual event has attracted the usual two dozen or so regular runners, but it has also welcomed visitors and new runners who want to start the New Year in a positive way.

"For those of us interested in a lifestyle that revolves around health and fitness, it's a wonderful opportunity to have fun, celebrate the New Year, and meet other like-minded folks. We welcome everybody in the community to join us."

The Resolution Run has no entry fee and offers no T-shirts or trophies. Those interested in participating simply gather in front of the "old" Town Hall at 210 North Fourth Street on Friday morning, January 1, at 9 a.m. and run a three-mile loop at a relaxed pace around the downtown area of Highlands, returning to the Town Hall. Walking breaks for new runners are encouraged. The run is held "come rain or shine or ice or snow," but Betz claims that the weather has been flawless for several years, though a little on the chilly side on some occasions.

"Running is a great way to stay in shape,

especially as we grow older," Betz says. "Our running club has been successful in attracting and encouraging a pretty broad demographic who want to stay fit and achieve measurable goals." The Club welcomes both men and women, and all age groups are represented, from those in their teens to those in their 70s. Many "novice" runners in the club have gone on to train and complete marathons within a year or two of beginning training.

While the marathon distance — 26.2 miles — is not for everyone, even a modest program of running or other regular aerobic activity can produce remarkable results, from controlling weight to improving the condition of heart and circulation. There's even some suggestions that exercise might help prevent Alzheimer's and other age-related diseases.

"Many of the runners in our Club are in the best physical condition of their lives, even though they may be in their 50's, 60's, and beyond," Betz said. "In addition to the fun and camaraderie, that's what keeps a lot of us going."

So if you've been thinking about starting the new year as a healthier person, plan to join the Roadrunners Club on January 1 in front of the Town Hall building for their first run of the year.

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• REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

Troughs



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I love hiking in the woods, but not on established trails. One of the things I've enjoyed about living on Turtle Pond Road is that this community is surrounded by National Forest land. Over the years I have developed some trails near my house and I have found some special places I enjoy visiting regularly.

My main paths lead to the tops of two of the mountains across the road from me, Rattlesnake and Big Dog. For years that's all I was interested in; climbing to the top. And in the winter the views were nice — I could see Whiteside from both summits.

Then last winter I felt like doing something new. So I decided to explore the trough *between* the two mountains, and I learned what I call the "charms of the trough." Between the two mountains is an impressive saddle, with a very narrow ridgeline curving between the shoulders of the mountains. As I crossed down below the saddle into the narrow canyon between the two mountains I soon found the springhead of a little stream. After running for a stretch barely noticeable among the previous fall's leaves, some rocks appeared, and suddenly there was a lovely mossy-rocked stream with little falls and pools.

I followed it down almost to the Cullasaja River where I was stopped by a wall of rhododendron.

On my way back up to the saddle I reflected that in life we are always seeking the highs — the great moments, the pleasures, the peak experiences. We shun the troughs — the sad times, grief, despair, loss.

One of my favorite movies is "Pleasantville." The film tells the story of a black-and-white 1950s sitcom-world that is transformed into color by the influence of a couple of transplants from the future. Pleasantville is like many people's idea of Heaven, a place where nothing bad ever happens and everything is always the same, but it's also a place where there is no joy or love or art or growth. In short, the film portrays the dualistic nature of reality — you can't have up without down.

For example, Pleasantville's basketball team never loses; in fact the players never miss the basket. The first sign that something has changed is that a player throws his ball at the basket and

he misses.

The young people in the film embrace the changes because they want to explore, learn, grow, and expand. But the changes also bring anger and pain and loss and violence.

The highs and the lows of life are contingent; you can't have one without the other.

When I spoke about this to my husband Arthur, he said, "Is this why we often stay stuck in a 'comfortable' situation because at least it's 'pleasant'? Why we're afraid to take risks because it might lead to a trough?"

This seemed to be the best way I could think to say the following: this will be my last column for the Highlands' Newspaper. Arthur and I are moving.

Highlands has provided me with opportunities to grow that I will always be grateful for. There are not many places where I could have had the opportunity to produce a weekly television show with the (almost) complete freedom I have enjoyed here. I have had the chance to learn television production — filming and editing — and learn how to be a good interviewer, all while having a fabulous time interviewing interesting people I otherwise would never have had a chance to meet. In the last six years we have produced 199 "Heart of the High Country" shows! By the way, we are donating copies of all of those shows to the Highlands Historical Society.

Similarly this column, which I have done weekly for three years, has been a great opportunity to improve my writing skills, learn to express my opinion without fearing criticism, and learn to handle criticism. I'm grateful to Kim Lewicki for giving me this forum, and for being tolerant of the length of my essays.

However, I feel that I have reached the limit of what I can achieve here. To keep growing I need to leave.

I'm planning on continuing my website, www.kathleenbrugger.com, where you can currently find all of my articles. I think I will be doing a blog where I'll continue writing the kinds of articles I have published here in this newspaper and at Kim's insistence, I may return to the paper in some abbreviated form. We'll see.

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website:
www.kathleenbrugger.com

• HIS & HERS •

Let it snow!

By Michelle A. Mead-Armor

When we are children, snow is a perfect joy! It closes schools. We build snowmen. Maybe a sled arrives under the Christmas tree.

My parents, thinking that there probably wouldn't be snow for the holiday, gave Eric and me sleds early one year. It was a good thing, too, since Christmas Day that year dawned bright and sunny, with temperatures in the low 60s.

Few gifts brought me as much pleasure as that wooden sled into which my father had burned my initials, to distinguish it from my brother's sled – otherwise identical in every way. Our sledding destination was the pride of the entire town, a tricky slope overlooking the golf course which we had nicknamed Blueberry Hill. Bundled up against the cold, I trotted over to the top of the hill, sat on my new sled, and with a push of the foot, launched my way downward. It was scary and thrilling at the same time. This sailing down the hill and then trudging up again continued most of the afternoon, until an older boy from another neighborhood almost ruined everything.

It sounds snobbish to talk about “the wrong side of the tracks” but there was a wrong side of the tracks in Waynesboro. There were people of very modest means in town, and I'm sure their children resented those who had more and better toys than their parents could afford to give them. Out of breath from my last downhill slide, I didn't notice the older boy striding toward me. He reached out and grabbed the rope of my sled, pulling it out of my hands. When I protested and tried to get my sled back, he reached out his hand, and shoved me into a nearby snow bank. Suddenly, from out of nowhere appeared my brother, eyes blazing in anger. He grabbed my sled back, pushing the boy away. Gruffly, he handed me the reins of my beloved sled. Just as I was formulating one of those “My hero” thoughts, I found myself once again propelled into the snow bank. My brother's words were the kind of statement typical of big brothers everywhere. “If anyone's gonna give my sister a bad time, it's gonna be me!”

Living in Virginia, we seldom had much snow, for very long. We'd typically get a few inches, only to shovel them the next day wearing Bermuda shorts. One



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year, however, we had a spectacular snowstorm. We sat around the kitchen table listening to the local radio as it called out its list of closed schools and businesses. A shout of glee escaped my father as he heard “General Electric” and Eric and I echoed that cheer when we heard our school called. That year – that exceptional year – we were snowed in for three days, and

still have the photos to prove it.

With time, I should have become less enchanted with snow, knowing the down side of it now – the traffic jams, delayed flights, and disruption to daily life which it can cause. But, no, I still have that same childish excitement whenever I spy those first flakes begin to fall. I even created my own tradition!

I was living in New York, eagerly anticipating the first snowfall. Sure enough, the first snowflakes began to fall in Manhattan. Seized with a kind of insanity I still don't understand, I went up to the first gentleman I saw walking by. Excusing myself, I solemnly explained that there was a family tradition which I had to fulfill. I had to kiss the first man passing by after spying the first snowflake of the season. Fortunately for me, each year provided a kind, bemused gentleman who was only too willing to help me fulfill my “family tradition.” I look back on those days, and wonder at my audacity, and the good nature of the men in question, who never took advantage of the situation.

Now, I live in Highlands. While the roads may get messy, and businesses have to close early for the safety of their employees and customers alike, I still retain my childlike wonder and appreciation for snow. My husband, John, doesn't mind it, either. He just makes sure he's the one around when that first snowflake appears in the winter sky.

• About the Author: Michelle A. Mead-Armor is a writer and translator who grew up in Waynesboro, Virginia, before wasting her youth and good looks in Baltimore, Sydney, Paris, and New York. She and her husband live on top of a mountain on the Continental divide near Highlands. They are members of the Highlands Writers Group. Michelle is enjoying the holidays with her husband, John, and her mother, Annette, who is visiting.

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I was in Copenhagen once. Ironically, the day I was there, it was hotter than Hades. I was told the temp was 94 degrees and that was the hottest ever recorded in Copenhagen. Checking the records, I

guess it was. That was 13 years ago so evidently global warming hasn't struck Denmark since then.

What has struck Copenhagen is the inescapable reality that the "climate change" scam is, and always has been, about money. It isn't only Gore who wants a piece of your pie, but also a slug of insignificant countries such as the island nation of Tuvalu, officials of which claim that, since their island will be under water in 20 years, developed nations need to hand over huge amounts of cash in case they need to relocate.

Hillary Clinton, you remember her, she's there suggesting or at least agreeing to establishing a fund of \$100,000,000,000 a year, starting in 2020, to help the backward folks come up to standard, whatever that is. By then, we may not be backward, but we just might have a little difficulty coming up with our share, around \$35,000,000,000. I know it seems like a trivial amount in light of the trillions being thrown about these days, but by then, 35 billion a year might be real money, since we may well be bankrupt at the time.

As I write this, our President is winging his way across the Atlantic, preparing to save the conference, which has disintegrated into the muddled mess it was destined to be. With cyber conferencing readily available for such occasions, one wonders why the international muckety-mucks felt the need to spew a gazillion tons of CO2 into the air flying in on their private jets. I guess it was to be in the presence of his radiance.

Come to think of it, President Obama doesn't have such a great record in Copenhagen. Remember his ill-advised attempt to salvage procuring the 2016 Olympics for his real-estate developer buddies in Chicago. Came in 4th out of four on that one. Breaking News - He's landed, and is about to speak. The crowd is breathless, awaiting the sound of his voice. He speaks. Oh, Oh.

The Guardian.uk says it this way. "Barack Obama's speech disappoints and fuels frustration at Copenhagen. Copenhagen heading for meltdown as stalemate continues... Copenhagen summit veering towards farce..." The sheer self-adulation of the man is rapidly undoing him.

He was warned not to go to the conference unless he could close the deal. There was never a deal possible yet he just couldn't resist the spotlight. The PR nightmare he was warned about is now unfolding. The magic sound of his voice no longer moves his most ardent admirers. Even his comrade, Hugo Chavez, said that he sniffed sulfur in the air as Obama spoke,



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referencing his previous claim that Bush 43 was Satan.

The final act of the whole show was an "agreement" to draw up a list of their objectives (individually) that are not binding and with no verification in place. Obama predictably says that it is a momentous accomplishment. The conference was built around "Greenmail," pure and simple, and it blew up, as it should have. If cap and trade legislation wasn't dead before, it is now.

At the time of this writing, Sen. Ben Nelson, (D-NE) evidently has squeezed everything out of Harry Reid he can, and has signed on to the Senate's version of the health reform bill that few have seen much less read. If the "public option" provision is truly out and if the destruction of Medicare is truly out and if public funding for abortion is truly out, what the Senate sends to reconciliation would appear to be reasonably toothless.

Sen. Mitch McConnell, Senate Minority Leader, followed Nelson's announcement with comments from the Republican point of view. He said the bill is a train wreck of historic proportions. He says the abortion language is not adequate. Not good. He says insurance premiums and taxes will escalate. Not good. He says that scheduling the vote for 1 AM as peoples' minds are on Christmas is an outrage. I agree, but if I voted for a bill that a large majority of voters oppose, I'd do it at a time when nobody was paying attention.

At this time last year, I wrote that a disaster was brewing and that 2009 had the potential for undoing our economy. Little did I know how seriously they would undertake to do just that. Among many other things, I wrote that the election of Al Franken as Senator from Minnesota presented a new low in national politics.

The other day, Franken was chairing a committee hearing and denied Joe Lieberman "a moment" to complete a thought as he spoke to the committee. Veteran Senators said they had never seen such a lack of decorum.

The good news is, on September 12, conservatives planted their flag on the lawn of the Capitol. It didn't matter if they were 9/12ers, Tea Party Express people, FreedomWorks people, people from several other organizations, or no organization at all. It was our "Woodstock" and it will have as significant an effect on our culture in a positive way as the original Woodstock had in a negative way. Going into 2010, the "People" will be heard, during the campaign season and in the election.

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• COACH'S CORNER •

New Year's Mission: Find my lucky shirt

Disaster struck a few Saturday's ago, as I was unable to do something that I had done for 13 weekends during the last couple of months.

While I was able to watch the New Orleans Saints play at my location, I was unable to wear my lucky Saints polo shirt that had brought 13 straight wins. I actually remarked before the game about how my failure to wear my lucky shirt would cause the Saints to lose to the Cowboys and how disgusted I was with myself for forgetting to pack the shirt.

At the time, my girlfriend laughed at me, saying that I was "so silly" for believing that and that everything would turn out OK. HA! Little did she know that my superstitions go way past that lucky polo shirt.

The superstitions go all the way back to middle school, where I could be found clutching my Duke "True Blue" Soda can during Blue Devil basketball games as I silently prayed to the basketball gods for victory. If Duke won, it was because I had the proper relic beside me (the soda can was present for the Laettner shot against Kentucky) and if they lost it was because I had somehow failed to perform the proper ritual before the game. Nevermind that this makes absolutely no sense in a logical methodology, but as I try to explain to Jenny all the time-sports are not exactly the most logical of arenas.

As I have gotten older, I have moved away from the relics and towards more intangible (HA!) superstitions. For example, it is bad luck to go to the bathroom during any portion of game action. Those with weak bladders can be punished mercilessly by the sports gods, as well as their cohorts watching the games. Additionally, it is also a huge no-no to claim victory before the game is actually over. Instead, one should use what is called the "Lou Holtz" maneuver, which involves poor-mouthing your team to the point that you actually convince yourself and others that they have no chance of winning the game, followed by great surprise when they actually do prevail. Also, team apparel is a must, as long as it is not over the top. Hence my lucky Saints polo, which is nice enough to wear casually yet doesn't scream out "raging lunatic" quite the same way that a helmet and/or face and body paint does.

Unfortunately, I violated two of these rules the other day, when I failed to wear my Saints polo for the New Orleans-Dallas game and I committed a terrible sin. Having watched the Saints come back all year from crazy deficits, I did not panic when they trailed 24-3. I smirked at the Cowboy



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fans in the bar as the Saints rallied to 24-17, and I let out a full hearted laugh as Nick Folk missed a 39 yard FG and the Saints took the ball with the chance to tie. Therein lay my mistake — I fully believed the Saints would win. Despite all of my years of conditioning otherwise, despite my knowledge that these are indeed the New Orleans

Saints (who once threw a Hail Mary only to miss the extra point) I believed they would win because of a 13 game stretch of miracles. DOH! Indeed, the football gods punished me by having Demarcus Ware strip Drew Brees and end our quest for perfection.

Now before you dismiss this as the ramblings of an insane person, let me leave you with one final note. As we were sitting at the bar paying the tab and getting ready to head into the night, Jenny said something to me that summed everything up perfectly — "You know, it is kinda strange how the one night you didn't wear that polo shirt all of the dropped passes and weird stuff started happening."

Ladies and gentlemen, another convert to the madness of superstition! Now all I need to do is find that shirt before the playoffs start.

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old had fallen 80 feet from the top tier of the three-tiered falls. He was taken to an Asheville hospital to recover.

- Town's operations budget cut for FY10.
- New ladder truck named for standby, Ole Bob (Houston).
- Dummy copy unnerves motorist.

July

- New Main Street design proposed involving more planters and extending center parking to First Street.

- First H1N1 case in Macon County confirmed.

- The Grady family was playing in the river just above Bust Your Butt falls in a hole that swirls with water. Around mid-morning, Austin Grady, 12, got his foot caught in the hole as the water rushed in threatening to engulf him. His dad Mike, 52, jumped into the hole and was able to lift his son out. But then he too, got stuck and fire & rescue workers weren't able to save him.

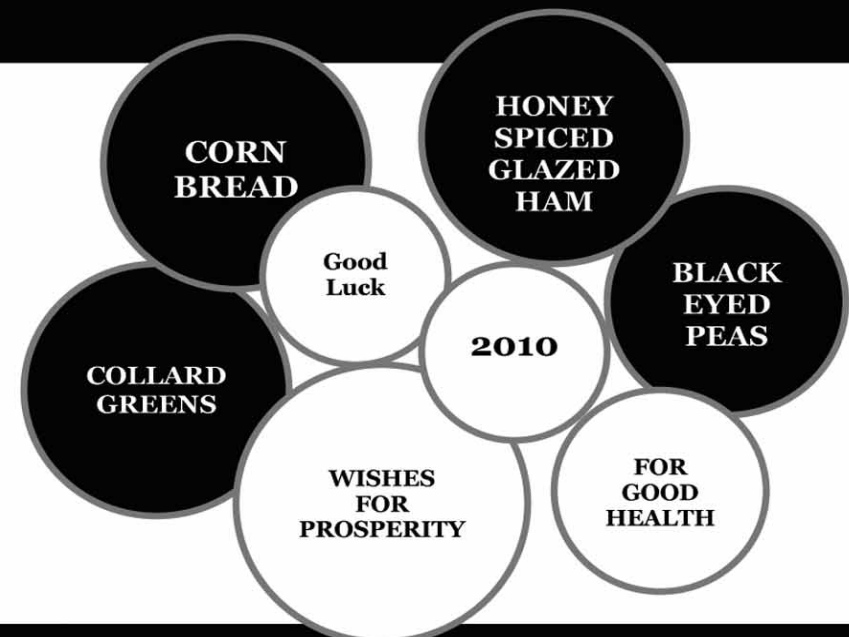
- Folk, pop icon Judy Collins comes to Highlands.

- Long-time Highlands family physician Dr. John F. Baumrucker has decided to retire again from office practice, but not from medicine.

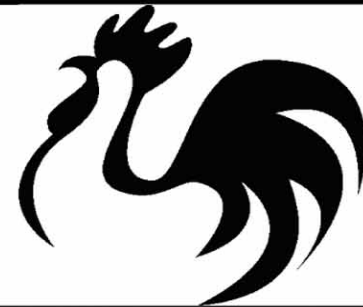
- Tuesday afternoon, friends and family filled the Community Bible Church at the memorial ser-

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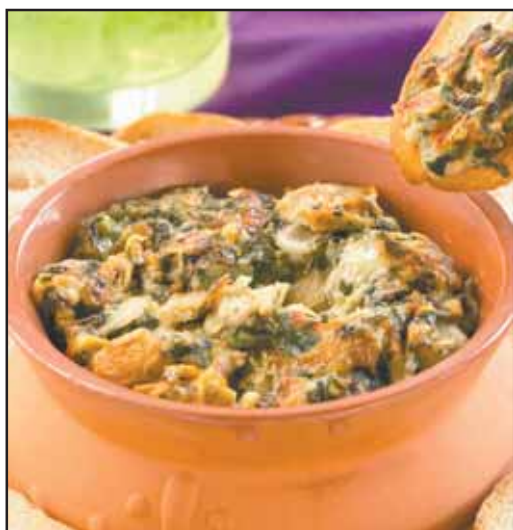
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For those party hosts who lack the time, but really enjoy a more hands-on approach, another great, time-saving tip involves impressing your guests with party-perfect appetizers that you make simply by adding a few homemade touches to prepared products. Here are few ideas that will allow you to truly enjoy your guests, while leaving them wondering how you ever found the time to prepare all the delicious food.

Four-Cheese Potato-Stuffed Mushrooms

Prep Time: 15 minutes

Cook Time: 15 minutes

Servings: 12

1 4-ounce package Idahoan

Four Cheese Mashed Potatoes

12 large mushrooms or 18 medium mushrooms

3 tablespoons butter, margarine or olive oil

3 tablespoons chopped chives 3/4 teaspoon salt

1. Preheat oven to 450° F.

2. Prepare Idahoan Four Cheese Mashed Potatoes as package directs.

3. Remove stems from mushrooms; chop stems and set aside. Carefully scoop out the center of each mushroom cap with a spoon, leaving 1/2-inch shell.

4. Melt butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add chopped mushroom stems and cook 3 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat and stir in mashed potatoes, 2 tablespoons chives and salt.

5. Fill each mushroom cap with potato mixture, mounding it slightly. Bake 10 minutes or until potatoes are lightly golden. Sprinkle mushrooms with remaining 1 tablespoon chives.

Holiday Brie en Croute

Thaw: 40 minutes / Prep: 15 minutes

Bake: 20 minutes / Stand: 45 minutes

Makes: 12 servings

1 egg

1 tablespoon water

1/2 of a 17.3-ounce package Pepperidge Farm Puff Pastry Sheets (1 sheet), thawed

1/2 cup apricot preserves or seedless raspberry jam

1/3 cup dried cranberries

1/4 cup toasted sliced almonds

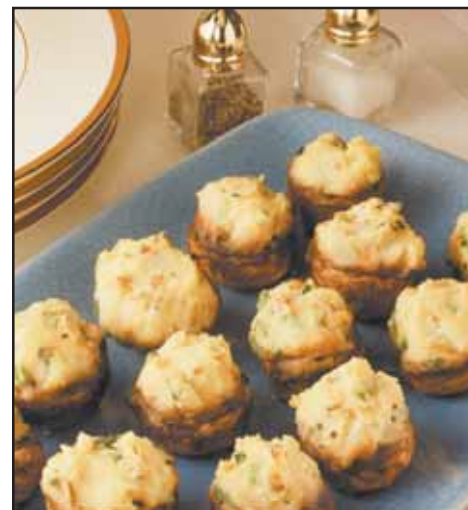
1 (13- to 16-ounce) Brie cheese round

1 package (13 ounces) Pepperidge Farm Entertaining Quartet Distinctive Crackers

1. Heat the oven to 400° F. Beat the egg and water in a small bowl with a fork.

2. Unfold the pastry sheet on a lightly floured surface. Roll the pastry sheet into a 14-inch square. Spread the preserves on the pastry to within 2 inches of the edge. Sprinkle with the cranberries and almonds. Place the cheese in the center of the pastry. Fold the pastry up over the cheese to cover. Trim the excess pastry and press to seal. Brush the seam with the egg mixture. Place seam-side down onto a baking sheet. Decorate with the pastry scraps, if desired. Brush with the egg mixture.

3. Bake for 20 minutes or until the pastry is golden brown. Let stand for 45 minutes. Serve with the crackers.



Four-Cheese Potato-Stuffed Mushrooms



Holiday Brie en Croute

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• 531848, 2161 N 4TH ST, U. S. 64 EAST, 4/27/2007 0:00, PEARMAN WESLEY B, 5/13/2009 0:00, \$109,000, \$40,000, \$88,660, LUPOLI JOHN R JR, \$128,660
• 532277, 3309 HORSE COVE RD, HORSE COVE, 11/7/2006 0:00, MORRIS WILLIAM T, 3/6/2009 0:00, 0, \$610,740, \$572,600, MORRIS WILLIAM T TRUSTEE, \$1,183,340
• 515337, 193 CENTENNIAL LN, RD 1603, 11/7/2006 0:00, ETtinger MARK P TRUSTEE, 1/7/2009 0:00, 0, \$665,260, \$32,600, ETtinger MARK P TRUSTEE, \$697,860
• 600564, 36 BELLWOOD DR, OFF HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, GREEN JOACHIM WOLFGANG, 2/20/2009 0:00, 0, \$50,860, \$68,300, W & M PROPERTIES LLC, \$119,160
• 651800, 59 BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 1, 10/3/2006 0:00, RIVERS STACY ELAINE, 2/18/2009 0:00, \$167,000, \$34,760, \$116,460, CORAM JENNINGS B, \$151,220
• 533047, 134 SAGEE WOODS DR, LOT 10 SAGEE WOODS RD 1604, 2/8/2006 0:00, DAVIS DENNIE A, 6/4/2009 0:00, 0, \$266,570, \$640,970, DAVIS DENNIE A, \$907,540
• 516292, 1293 HIGHGATE RD, LOT 18 BENCHMARK SUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, THOMPSON LINDA D TR, 4/21/2009 0:00, 0, \$275,000, \$917,740, THOMPSON LINDA D TR, \$1,192,740
• 551037, 2252 DILLARD RD, UNIT 3 THE SHOPS AT KETTLER ROCK, 11/19/2008 0:00, BLUE SKY WAY LLC, 1/15/2009 0:00, 0, \$150,000, \$173,720, BRYSON JAMES P, \$323,720
• 512158, CHESTNUT RIDGE RD, LOT 45 RUSTIC FALLS, 4/25/2007 0:00,

BUBENICK WILLIAM, 5/6/2009 0:00, 0, \$51,510, 0, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, \$51,510
• 517056, 166 CRESCENT TRL, LOT 238 CULLASAJA CLUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, 5/6/2009 0:00, 0, \$471,740, \$970,110, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, \$1,441,850
• 500041, 339 PICKLESIMER RD, LOT 4 PICKLESIMER SUB, 11/3/2006 0:00, KING JEANNETTE HARRIS, 1/16/2009 0:00, 0, \$64,310, \$258,060, KING JEANNETTE HARRIS, \$322,370
• 551611, 221 SHADOW CREEK LN, LOT 5 (WAS LT 1 & 5), 8/21/2006 0:00, FIGELAALAN, 2/17/2009 0:00, 0, \$169,400, \$181,940, FIGELAALAN, \$351,340
• 517610, 22 MOONBEAM PL, LOT 12 SEC B MTN LAUREL SUB, 12/3/2007 0:00, HYLAND CHARLES A, 3/27/2009 0:00, \$552,500, \$103,680, \$564,110, FITZGERALD CHRISTIAN E, \$667,790
• 551741, 441 GLEN FALLS RD, OFF 1618, 11/13/2006 0:00, CHOCTAW PROPERTIES LLC, 2/27/2009 0:00, \$215,000, \$226,180, \$33,200, PARRISH LINDA KELLY, \$259,380
• 500619, 140 NETSI PL, LOT 6 BLK C CULL HGTS, 11/15/2006 0:00, COULSON BERNARD, 4/7/2009 0:00, 0, \$163,430, \$187,400, FLASHGIT LLC, \$350,830
• 551795, RAIN TREE LN, ON HWY 64 EAST, 5/8/2007 0:00, HIGHLANDS FALLS EMPLOYEE HOUSING, 2/20/2009 0:00, \$385,000, \$156,600, 0, MCKIM KEITH J H, \$156,600
• 500853, 1604 HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN CLB, UNIT 1604 HLDS MTN CLUB, 3/30/2007 0:00, PETERSON RICHARD A, 3/11/2009 0:00, 0, \$70,000, \$259,000, PETERSON RICHARD A, \$329,000
• 518877, 1541 FALCON RDG, LOT 7 BLK G SEC II HFCC, 2/14/2006 0:00, FUSELIER GREGORY J, 3/13/2009 0:00, 0, \$152,940, \$812,150, FUSELIER GREGORY J, \$965,090
• 400733, 5420 BUCK CREEK RD,

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• 503016, 235 CINNAMON LN, CLEAR CREEK, 3/6/2007 0:00, TILSON LAURA ELAINE, 2/10/2009 0:00, 0, \$250,410, \$45,840, BURRELL J S, \$296,250
• 452025, 6435 BUCK CREEK RD, BUCK CREEK, 11/5/2007 0:00, PETRONE JAMES G, 6/3/2009 0:00, 0, \$161,000, \$93,440, PETRON KEVIN M, \$254,440
• 400988, 356 CARDINAL RIDGE DR, OFF 64E, 8/22/2006 0:00, LAIER DONALD CO TRUSTEE, 2/2/2009 0:00, 0, \$144,270, \$126,480, BOYCE GARRISON, \$270,750
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• 504221, 89 PICKLESIMER RD, PT OF LOT 6 PICKLESIMER, 11/3/2006 0:00, LAMB BRETT D, 6/12/2009 0:00, 0, \$38,710, \$260,390, PUGH MABEL GORMAN, \$299,100
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• 540825, 8 SMITH LN, LOT 1 THE INN AT HALF MILE FARM, 12/6/2006 0:00, SALZARULO HENRY H, 11/3/2009 0:00, 640000, THE CABINS AT HALF MILE FARM LLC, 688560
• 525274, 236 SHORTOFF RD, ON 1540, 4/30/2007 0:00, DCPC HOLDINGS LLC, 9/30/2009 0:00, 400000, COX BRYAN S, 278890
• 543251, 141 STONEY CREEK RD, OFF 106, 11/13/2006 0:00, ZOELLNER ELLA MAE TR, 8/13/2009 0:00, 0, ZOELLNER RICHARD C SR & ELLA MAE, 1586760
• 1447258, DILLARD RD, HWY 106, 4/12/2007 0:00, ZOELLNER ELLA MAE TR, 8/13/2009 0:00, 0, ZOELLNER RICHARD C SR & ELLA MAE, 184800
• 545528, 14 HOLT RD, RD 106, 6/30/2009 0:00, SUNSHINE NC LLC, 11/10/2009 0:00, 2700000, TUG WA RIDGE LAND LLC, 1720280
• 500510, 30 PINECREST RD, LOT 1A PINE CREST, 4/25/2007 0:00, ZEHR FARREL J, 7/13/2009 0:00, 0, 30 PINECREST LLC, 1519790
• 552206, 0 FALLS DR, HLDS FALLS CO CLUB, 4/3/2007 0:00, BECKER MARY ELIZABETH TRUSTEE, 9/14/2009 0:00, 60000, HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB, 63350
• 528540, OFF 64 & 1404, LOT 3 SEC II BL J HFCC, 2/14/2006 0:00, HIGHLANDS FALLS COMMASSOC INC, 7/31/2009 0:00, 0, KILPATRICK HAROLD D, 100
• 443926, 6435 BUCK CREEK RD, BUCK CREEK, 8/24/2006 0:00, MURRAY SUSANNA P, 8/3/2009 0:00, 0, MURRAY MARTIN, 136680
• 501517, 440 OAK ST, ON PINE ST, 8/2/2007 0:00, SOSSOMON CREIGHTON, 12/3/2009 0:00, 0, SOSSOMON CREIGHTON W, 1823090
• 219851, GOLF ESTATES RD, LOT 50 HOLLY SPRINGS MTN EST, 8/28/2006 0:00, SHEARL JOHN L, 9/28/2009 0:00, 23000, CAT CREEK REALTY LLC, 14000
• 219852, GOLF ESTATES RD, LOT 51 HOLLY SPRINGS MTN EST, 8/28/2006 0:00, SHEARL JOHN L, 9/28/2009 0:00, 23000,

CAT CREEK REALTY LLC, 14000
• 552179, HIGHGATE RD, PARCEL 4 TRACTA, 1/1/1900 0:00, HIGHGATE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC, 9/2/2009 0:00, 0, HIGHGATE LLC, 100
• 547256, ARNOLD RD, OFF 106, 11/13/2006 0:00, ZOELLNER ELLA MAE TR, 8/13/2009 0:00, 0, ZOELLNER RICHARD C SR & ELLA MAE, 609180
• 411331, 1788 DENDY ORCHARD RD, GOLD MINE, 3/30/2006 0:00, HANSON THOMAS EDWARD SR, 9/24/2009 0:00, 0, HANSON THOMAS EDWARD SR, 77140
• 1434589, VISTALN, LOT 2 SATULAH VISTA, 10/17/2006 0:00, DODSON HC, 12/9/2009 0:00, 0, DODSON H C, 474280
• 501651, 858 HORSE COVE RD, ON E MAIN ST, 9/20/2006 0:00, HARRIS SHARON TR, 8/28/2009 0:00, 0, EDWARDS THOMAS JOEL TR, 440270
• 514031, 2465 CASHIERS RD, US 64E, 11/9/2006 0:00, PATTERSON AMY E, 7/27/2009 0:00, 0, PATTERSON AMY E, 552300
• 501709, 500 CROWE DR, SHORT-OFF OFF US 64, 11/22/2006 0:00, 500 CROWE LLC, 11/10/2009 0:00, 0, MENDLER HENRY, 303870
• 501720, 695 COUNTRY CLUB DR, LOT 49 SEC D WILDCAT CLIFFS, 5/1/2007 0:00, ROYALS EDRIE J GEORGE, 8/10/2009 0:00, 464000, KOVAL JOHN M, 592660
• 433964, 20 DOUBLE BRANCH TRL, ON RD 1535, 8/16/2006 0:00, SULLIVAN JAMES W., 9/10/2009 0:00, 0, SCHEERER DAVID, 260400
• 545529, 10 HOLT RD, RD 106, 8/5/2008 0:00, SUNSHINE NC LLC, 11/10/2009 0:00, 2700000, TUG WA RIDGE LAND LLC, 1507850
• 518613, 1726 UPPER DV, LOT 25 BLK F SEC II HFCC, 5/7/2007 0:00, COX BRYAN SCOTT, 9/30/2009 0:00, 450000, BRADY CLYDE A III TRUSTEE, 591050
• 513856, 394 CLEAR CREEK RD, WALHALLA RD, 10/14/2009 0:00, SCHROLL KAREN KRISTIN, 7/1/2009 0:00, 56000, GUIDER ALICE F., 191980
• 1452161, 42 UPPER BUTTERMILK RD, OFF HWY 106, 11/4/2009 0:00, SCHULTZ CATHERINE RHODES, 8/25/2009 0:00, 0, RHODES D A & MANILA, 156790
• 550322, 13 CABE PL, UNIT 19 FREEMAN CENTER, 11/13/2006 0:00, S&A PROPERTIES OF HLDS LLC, 9/11/2009 0:00, 290000, GILBERT CHRISTOPHER, 220200
• 543582, HIGHGATE RD, TRACT B, 4/30/2007 0:00, HIGHGATE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC, 9/2/2009 0:00, 0, HIGHGATE LLC, 100
• 219812, GOLF ESTATES RD, LOT 48 HOLLY SPRINGS MTN EST, 3/21/2007 0:00, SHEARL JOHN L, 9/28/2009 0:00, 23000, CAT CREEK REALTY LLC, 15600
• 219828, GOLF ESTATES RD, LOT 23 HOLLY SPRINGS MTN EST, 8/28/2006 0:00, SHEARL JOHN L, 9/28/2009 0:00, 23000, CAT CREEK REALTY LLC, 14000
• 445197, BUCK FALLS RD, RESER-

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VOIR LOT, 8/22/2006 0:00, KUPS TERRANCE, 7/22/2009 0:00, 160000, STOUN RICHARD L, 100

- 518864, MACK WILSON RD, RD 1609, 4/9/2007 0:00, KEENER DAVID DONALD, 11/20/2009 0:00, 45000, JMME INVESTMENTS LLC, 100050
- 533632, 1840 N 4TH ST, OFF HWY 64, 8/9/2007 0:00, 1840 HIGHLANDS LLC, 11/10/2009 0:00, 0, MEN-DLER HENRY, 4517930
- 501881, 715 DOG MOUNTAIN RD, , 11/14/2006 0:00, AUSTIN SAMUEL F TR, 11/24/2009 0:00, 0, AUS-TIN SAMUEL F, 546790
- 349712, OFF HWY 64, LOT 5 PLAT CARD 5254, 8/15/2006 0:00, PANNABECKER GERALD K JR, 9/15/2009 0:00, 10000, L & L ENTERPRISES LLC, 19190
- 452114, 321 GOLD MINE CHURCH RD, OFF ROAD 1678, 8/21/2006 0:00, DENDY ALTON LIFE ES-TATE, 7/22/2009 0:00, 0, DENDY ALTON, 432510
- 520508, 195 MAIN ST, LOT 34 WRIGHT MEMO-RIAL SQUARE, 4/27/2007 0:00, BUILDING PROPER-TIES LLC, 8/17/2009 0:00, 860000, TRAPNELL JOHN R, 893910
- 810730, 198 CRAWFORD RD, CRAWFORD ROAD, 9/28/2006 0:00, SHOMPER DANIEL KEITH, 10/9/2009 0:00, 0, SHOMPER DENNIS & FRANCES, 60170
- 516964, 260 GARNET ROCK TRL, LOT 75 CUL-LASAJA CLUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, SHIPP BEN ROBERT, 7/17/2009 0:00, 0, SHIPP B ROBERT, 746480
- 400097, 6623 BUCK CREEK RD, LOT 2 JAMES G PETRONE, 8/24/2006 0:00, MURRAY SUSANNA P,

8/3/2009 0:00, 0, MURRAY MARTIN, 312560

- 400268, WESTERN RHODES DR, ON ROAD 1538, 8/24/2006 0:00, MURRAY SUSANNA P, 8/3/2009 0:00, 0, MURRAY MARTIN, 88820
- 500299, 601 CENTER DR, LOT 16 GREENWOOD FOREST, 10/17/2006 0:00, SOSSOMON CREIGHTON, 9/2/2009 0:00, 0, SOSSOMON CREIGHTON W, 501150
- 503713, 3648 CASHIERS RD, ON 64 E, 11/13/2008 0:00, DAVID KENTON TR, 8/3/2009 0:00, 0, DAVID LINDAW, 6076780
- 537868, 2939 CASHIERS RD, SHORTOFF, 6/20/2007 0:00, BRYSON JOHN MICHAEL, 8/20/2009 0:00, 0, BRYSON WALTER NEVILLE, 859650
- 503787, 322 MAIN ST, 209 MAIN ST, 9/14/2006 0:00, 322 MAIN STREET LLC, 10/26/2009 0:00, 0, GREENFIELD NANCY, 993810
- 504331, 174 HARRIS DR, LOT 30 BLK 8 SUN-SET HILLS, 11/1/2006 0:00, KIKOIN ALIAKSANDR, 8/14/2009 0:00, 0, KIKOIN ALIAKSANDR, 452390
- 504927, 208 MOOREWOOD CIR, LOT 169A SAS-SAFRAS KNOB PH 3, 11/2/2009 0:00, MERRY FIN-LEY H, 8/31/2009 0:00, 420000, DIXON MICHAEL C, 871610
- 517057, 190 CRESCENT TRL, LOTS 239 & 239A CULLASAJA CLUB, 10/25/2006 0:00, S & D CAPITAL LLC, 11/23/2009 0:00, 0, WOODS DOUGLAS RICH-ARD, 1439240
- 503339, 3819 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD, FLAT MTN RD, 9/26/2006 0:00, HEINEMANN DARLENE L, 8/18/

2009 0:00, 0, HEINEMANN DARLENE L, 511840

- 504066, 326 S 4TH ST, ON 4TH STREET, 11/6/2006 0:00, HIGH COUNTRY CAFE INC., 9/30/2009 0:00, 295000, C E GIDDER INC, 574970
- 505148, DILLARD RD, , 9/25/2006 0:00, TATE JAMES PHIL, 10/8/2009 0:00, 150000, MCCALL SADIE JANE, 197330
- 1425488, 427 N 5TH ST, ON 5TH ST, 9/20/2006 0:00, MOORE M DAVID, 12/4/2009 0:00, 390000, SCHMITT CLIFTON W, 350070

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- 512158, CHESTNUT RIDGE RD, LOT 45 RUS-TIC FALLS , 4/25/2007 0:00, BUBENICK WILLIAM F , 5/6/2009 0:00, 0, \$51,510, 0, BUBENICK WILLIAM F , \$51,510
- 650835, HWY 106, HWY 106, 9/19/2006 0:00, WARTH HOLDINGS LLC, 2/26/2009 0:00, 0, \$145,230, 0, WARTH DAVID W , \$145,230
- 531848, 2161 N 4TH ST, U. S. 64 EAST, 4/27/2007 0:00, PEARMAN WESLEY B , 5/13/2009 0:00, \$109,000, \$40,000, \$88,660, LUPOLI JOHN R JR , \$128,660
- 532277, 3309 HORSE COVE RD , HORSE COVE, 11/7/2006 0:00, MORRIS WILLIAM T , 3/6/2009 0:00, 0, \$610,740, \$572,600, MORRIS WILLIAM T TRUSTEE, \$1,183,340
- 515337, 193 CENTENNIAL LN, RD 1603, 11/7/2006 0:00, ETTINGER MARK P TRUSTEE , 1/7/2009 0:00, 0, \$665,260, \$32,600, ETTINGER MARK P TRUSTEE, \$697,860
- 600564, 36 BELLWOOD DR, OFF HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, GREEN JOACHIM WOLFGANG , 2/20/2009 0:00, 0, \$50,860, \$68,300, W & M PROPERTIES LLC, \$119,160
- 651800, 59 BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 1, 10/3/2006 0:00, RIVERS STACY ELAINE, 2/18/2009 0:00, \$167,000, \$34,760, \$116,460, CORAM JEN-NINGS B , \$151,220
- 533047, 134 SAGEE WOODS DR , LOT 10 SAGEE WOODS RD 1604, 2/8/2006 0:00, DAVIS DEN-NIE A, 6/4/2009 0:00, 0, \$266,570, \$640,970, DAVIS DENNIE A, \$907,540
- 516292, 1293 HIGHGATE RD, LOT 18 BENCH-MARK SUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, THOMPSON LINDA D TR , 4/21/2009 0:00, 0, \$275,000, \$917,740, THOMPSON LINDA D TR, \$1,192,740
- 551037, 2252 DILLARD RD, UNIT 3 THE SHOPS AT KETTLEROCK, 11/19/2008 0:00, BLUE SKY WAY LLC, 1/15/2009 0:00, 0, \$150,000, \$173,720, BRYSON JAMES P , \$323,720
- 517056, 166 CRESCENT TRL, LOT 238 CULLA-SAJA CLUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, BUBENICK WILLIAM F , 5/6/2009 0:00, 0, \$471,740, \$970,110, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, \$1,441,850
- 500041, 339 PICKLESIMER RD, LOT 4 PICK-LESIMER SUB, 11/3/2006 0:00, KING JEANNETTE HARRIS, 1/16/2009 0:00, 0, \$64,310, \$258,060, KING JEANNETTE HARRIS, \$322,370
- 551611, 221 SHADOW CREEK LN, LOT 5 (WAS LT 1 & 5), 8/21/2006 0:00, FIGEL A ALAN, 2/17/2009 0:00, 0, \$169,400, \$181,940, FIGEL A ALAN , \$351,340
- 517610, 22 MOONBEAM PL, LOT 12 SEC B MTN LAUREL SUB, 12/3/2007 0:00, HYLAND CHARLES A, 3/27/2009 0:00, \$552,500, \$103,680, \$564,110, FITZGERALD CHRISTIAN E, \$667,790
- 551741, 441 GLEN FALLS RD, OFF 1618, 11/13/2006 0:00, CHOCTAW PROPERTIES LLC, 2/27/2009 0:00, \$215,000, \$226,180, \$33,200, PARRISH LINDA KELLY, \$259,380
- 500619, 140 NETSI PL, LOT 6 BLK C CULL HGTS, 11/15/2006 0:00, COULSON BERNARD, 4/7/2009 0:00, 0, \$163,430, \$187,400, FLASHGIT LLC , \$350,830
- 551795, RAINTREE LN, ON HWY 64 EAST, 5/

8/2007 0:00, HIGHLANDS FALLS EMPLOYEE HOUSIN , 2/20/2009 0:00, \$385,000, \$156,600, 0, MCKIM KEITH J H , \$156,600

- 500853, 1604 HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN CLB , UNIT 1604 HLDs MTN CLUB, 3/30/2007 0:00, PETER-SON RICHARDA, 3/11/2009 0:00, 0, \$70,000, \$259,000, PETERSON RICHARD A, \$329,000
- 518877, 1541 FALCON RDG, LOT 7 BLK G SEC II HFCC, 2/14/2006 0:00, FUSELIER GREGORY J, 3/13/2009 0:00, 0, \$152,940, \$812,150, FUSELIER GRE-GORY J, \$965,090
- 400733, 5420 BUCK CREEK RD, BUCK CREEK ON RD 1538, 11/5/2007 0:00, WALLER SUS-AN W, 1/5/2009 0:00, 0, \$227,640, \$644,870, WALLER SUSAN , \$872,510
- 503016, 235 CINNAMON LN, CLEAR CREEK, 3/6/2007 0:00, TILSON LAURA ELAINE, 2/10/2009 0:00, 0, \$250,410, \$45,840, BURRELL J S, \$296,250
- 452025, 6435 BUCK CREEK RD, BUCK CREEK, 11/5/2007 0:00, PETRONE JAMES G, 6/3/2009 0:00, 0, \$161,000, \$93,440, PETRON KEVIN M, \$254,440
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- 511737, LOT 127 SEC H WCCC, LOT 127 SEC H WILDCAT CLIFFS COUNTRY CLUB, 10/24/2006 0:00, COPELAND D, 6/9/2009 0:00, 0, COPELAND D, \$173,530
- 512158, CHESTNUT RIDGE RD, LOT 45 RUS-TIC FALLS, 4/25/2007 0:00, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, 5/6/2009 0:00, 0, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, \$51,510

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

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• 546562, 169 BROADVIEW CIR, LOT 4 BLUE VALLEY RIDGE, 12/18/2006 0:00, BROOKS CHRISTOPHER K, 4/13/2009 0:00, \$350,000, CITIMORTGAGE INC, \$503,820
• 546708, S R 1600, WHITESIDE TRUST, 5/1/2007 0:00, DAVIDSON CHARLIE, 5/19/2009 0:00, 0, DAVIDSON CHARLIE, \$161,280
• 546709, S R 1600, WHITESIDE TRUST, 8/9/2007 0:00, CLD PARTNERS LP, 5/19/2009 0:00, 0, CLD PARTNERS LP, \$154,180
• 530011, HORSE COVE RANCH RD, ON ROAD 1603, 10/3/2006 0:00, ALLEN WALTER R, 6/17/2009 0:00, \$50,000, KOLOZS CAROL J, \$56,540
• 530086, 91 SALT ROCK CT, LOT 4A BL F SEC II HFCC, 2/8/2006 0:00, IVY KIM C, 6/22/2009 0:00, 0, COWEN ROBERT C, \$444,470
• 547335, BILLY CABIN RD, TRACT G, 4/18/2007 0:00, STERLING TRUST COMPANY CUSTODIAN FBO, 3/6/2009 0:00, \$90,000, PAXTON COLLIN WILCOX, \$183,600
• 531472, 200 SKYLINE LODGE RD, LOTS 3 4 & 5 SEC 1 SKYLINE LODGE, 10/4/2006 0:00, PARISH ALBERT E JR, 3/13/2009 0:00, 0, YODER YOLANDA K, \$365,550
• 514705, 28 WINTERBERRY CT, UNIT 3 WINTERBERRY COURT, 11/22/2006 0:00, RUBY SYX ANSLEY REVOCABLE TRUST, 6/15/2009 0:00, 0, ANSLEY JOHN P, \$578,210
• 531848, 2161 N 4TH ST, U. S. 64 EAST, 4/27/2007 0:00, PEARMAN WESLEY B, 5/13/2009 0:00, \$109,000, LUPOLI JOHN R JR, \$128,660
• 548923, MTN LAUREL DR, 10 STRIP OF LOT 2 SEC A MTN LAUREL, 11/14/2006 0:00, ENGLISH BEVERLY ANN TR, 5/27/2009 0:00, 0, ENGLISH HUGH M, \$3,460
• 531931, TURTLE POND RD, LOT 21 HIGHLANDS GLEN, 4/26/2007 0:00, DUPUIS MICHAEL L

, 2/13/2009 0:00, 465000, DEHOLL J DAVID JR, \$71,740
• 531932, TURTLE POND RD, LOT 22 HIGHLANDS GLEN, 4/26/2007 0:00, DUPUIS MICHAEL L, 2/13/2009 0:00, \$465,000, DEHOLL J DAVID JR, \$73,840
• 515065, 126 APPLE MOUNTAIN CIR, LOT 18 APPLE MTN, 10/25/2006 0:00, SALYER STEPHEN L TRUSTEE, 1/9/2009 0:00, \$480,000, COX BRYAN SCOTT, \$410,910
• 532277, 3309 HORSE COVE RD, HORSE COVE, 11/7/2006 0:00, MORRIS WILLIAM T, 3/6/2009 0:00, 0, MORRIS WILLIAM T TRUSTEE, \$1,183,340
• 532299, HWY 64 EAST, LOT 25 THE MEADOWS, 10/25/2006 0:00, OLD AIRPORT LLC, 5/4/2009 0:00, 0, NEASHAM FREDERICK L TRUSTEE, \$84,740
• 515337, 193 CENTENNIAL LN, RD 1603, 11/7/2006 0:00, ETTINGER MARK P TRUSTEE, 1/7/2009 0:00, 0, ETTINGER MARK P TRUSTEE, \$697,860
• 550323, 21 CABE PL, UNIT 21 FREEMAN CENTER, 11/13/2006 0:00, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, 1/13/2009 0:00, 0, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, \$226,740
• 550324, 23 CABE FL, UNIT 23 FREEMAN CENTER, 11/13/2006 0:00, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, 1/13/2009 0:00, 0, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, \$220,200
• 550327, 17 CABE PL, UNIT 17 FREEMAN CENTER, 11/13/2006 0:00, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, 1/13/2009 0:00, 0, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, \$220,200
• 516292, 1293 HIGHGATE RD, LOT 18 BENCHMARK SUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, THOMPSON LINDA D TR, 4/21/2009 0:00, 0, THOMPSON LINDA D TR, \$1,192,740
• 516343, 26 CHERRY TREE LN, LOT 5 CULLASAJA CLUB, 10/24/2006 0:00, KINSELLA JAMES J, 4/

30/2009 0:00, 0, KINSELLA JAMES J, \$1,459,810
• 516346, 113 LAKE CT, LOT 14 CULLASAJA CLUB, 10/24/2006 0:00, ROTHBAUM FAMILY LTD PRTNSP, 4/1/2009 0:00, 0, ROTHBAUM FAMILY LTD PRTNSP, \$2,170,170
• 516805, OFF HWY 64, LOT 13A CULLASAJA CLUB, 10/24/2006 0:00, ROTHBAUM FAMILY LTD PRTNSP, 4/1/2009 0:00, 0, ROTHBAUM FAMILY LTD PRTNSP, \$405,000
• 516891, 65 LAURELWOOD CT, UNIT 13 LAURELWOOD, 12/19/2007 0:00, GLASS MARYLON R TRUSTEE, 1/16/2009 0:00, 0, GLASS MARYLON R TRUSTEE, \$595,190
• 551037, 2252 DILLARD RD, UNIT 3 THE SHOPS AT KETTLEROCK, 11/19/2008 0:00, BLUE SKY WAY LLC, 1/15/2009 0:00, 0, BRYSON JAMES P, 323720
• 517043, LOT 225 CULLASAJA CLUB, LOT 225 CULLASAJA CLUB, 2/14/2006 0:00, HARRIS W HENSELL JR, 1/20/2009 0:00, 315000, REGISTER ANN BATTS, \$248,400
• 517056, 166 CRESCENT TRL, LOT 238 CULLASAJA CLUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, 5/6/2009 0:00, 0, BUBENICK WILLIAM F, \$1,441,850
• 500211, 130 HIGHLANDS VIEW RD, WALHALA RD, 9/25/2006 0:00, BALDWIN SILAS RAYMOND TR, 6/15/2009 0:00, 0, BALDWIN SILAS R JR, \$243,060
• 500238, 333 MOON MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 110B MOON MTN, 11/13/2006 0:00, NC CHALET LLC, 5/7/2009 0:00, 0, BARRUS MARY J TRUSTEE, \$315,870
• 500312, 216 SKYLINE LODGE RD, LOT 18 SEC 1 SKYLINE LODGE, 10/4/2006 0:00, PARISH ALBERT E JR, 3/13/2009 0:00, 0, YODER YOLANDA K, 215210
• 500330, 105 HOLLY BERRY LN, LOT 38 & 1/2 OF 39 HLDS HILLS, 11/22/2006 0:00, RHODES ROBERT, 5/1/2009 0:00, \$360,000, PALEOLOGOS CELIA TR, \$402,990

• 551607, 87 CHARLOTTE LN, TRACT 1, 4/19/2007 0:00, KLOSZEWSKI STEVEN A, 1/15/2009 0:00, \$475,000, HILL EDDIE, \$754,460
• 551611, 221 SHADOW CREEK LN, LOT 5 (WAS LT 1 & 5), 8/21/2006 0:00, FIGEL A ALAN, 2/17/2009 0:00, 0, FIGEL A ALAN, \$351,340
• 500548, NALL FARM RD, LOT 1 MISTY COVE, 10/5/2006 0:00, HILTON W JOE TR, 2/9/2009 0:00, 0, HILTON W JOE, \$137,680
• 517610, 22 MOONBEAM PL, LOT 12 SEC B MTN LAUREL SUB, 12/3/2007 0:00, HYLAND CHARLES A, 3/27/2009 0:00, \$552,500, FITZGERALD CHRISTIAN E, \$667,790
• 551741, 441 GLEN FALLS RD, OFF 1618, 11/13/2006 0:00, CHOCTAW PROPERTIES LLC, 2/27/2009 0:00, \$215,000, PARRISH LINDA KELLY, \$259,380
• 500637, 54 BROWNELL RD, ON BILLY CABIN RD, 12/19/2007 0:00, EAGER GEORGE B, 5/8/2009 0:00, 0, EAGER LAURA, \$496,460
• 551795, RAINTREE LN, ON HWY 64 EAST, 5/8/2007 0:00, HIGHLANDS FALLS EMPLOYEE HOUSIN, 2/20/2009 0:00, \$385,000, MCKIM KEITH J H, \$156,600
• 534856, MOON MT RD, PART OF 111 MOON MOUNTAIN, 11/13/2006 0:00, NC CHALET LLC, 5/7/2009 0:00, 0, BARRUS MARY J TRUSTEE, \$75,600
• 534857, MOON MT RD, PART OF 111 MOON MOUNTAIN, 11/13/2006 0:00, NC CHALET LLC, 5/7/2009 0:00, 0, BARRUS MARY J TRUSTEE, \$110,600
• 552068, OF 1544, OF 1544, 11/17/2006 0:00, GURITZ DONALD K, 6/15/2009 0:00, 0, GURITZ LEILA L, \$8,160
• 552072, DENDY ORCHARD RD, TRACT 23456, 1/7/2008 0:00, COOLEY JOSEPH L, 6/18/2009 0:00, \$175,000, FIRST CITIZENS BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, \$78,200

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Flat Mountain estates. Newly painted and in excellent condition, the 3 bedroom, 3 bath home has an additional family/rec room and sleeping area in the terrace level. Cathedral ceiling in the living room, stone fireplace, Screened porch and Huge deck! Offered at \$699,500. MLS#66203



What do you get when you pair one of the best builders with one of the best design and decor teams in the Highlands area? A great house with a spectacular mountain view! Located at The Cotswolds, this 4 bedroom, 4 1/2 bath has an exceptional floor plan, loads of glass, French doors, 2 car garage and a great covered porch are just a few of the features of this new home under construction. Offered at \$1,586,000. mls #60668



Designers Home is located in the Breezes atop a knoll off North Cobb Road near Highlands Country Club. 3 bedrooms, plus den, 4 baths. Great Living room with fantastic screened porch! Open with lots of Light! Low maintenance yard. Excellent parking. Offered at \$650,000. Owner wants offer! mls #68298



Sherwood Forest. Areal nice 3 or 4 bedroom home in the city of Highlands all on one level with a two car garage and workshop. Covered deck and waterfall make this a must see. Offered at \$557,400. MLS#65908



Dogwood Drive Fully renovated cabin is loaded with features: Cathedral ceiling in the living room with fireplace opens on to a great screened porch with a mountain view, custom kitchen with stainless appliances and custom spice cabinet. new hardwood floors, heat and air system and generator, great master suite with 2 guest areas. new landscaping and additional parking. A great house in move in condition. Offered at \$445,000. mls #66120



2 bedroom 1 bath home in great condition on 1.00 +/- acre close to town. New furnace, range, hot water heater and new electrical system. Offered at \$249,000. mls #69371



Adorable three bedroom, two and one half bath home is tucked away on a picturesque country lane with a creek running down the side of the house and the hot tub deck which his off of the master bedroom. Private yet convenient to town. Wood floors, stone-faced fireplace, updated kitchen, wraparound porch, and two car garage. Offered at \$375,000 MLS# 69014



Check out this great home on desirable Foreman Road, walk to town and built by present owners contractor with quality finished throughout from the six bedrooms and five and one half baths to the two great fireplaces and lots of built-ins. Large pond to fish in, great kitchen and family room, two car garage. Professional landscaping. Move in condition! Offered at \$1,595,000. MLS# 69424



Excellent condition 2 bedroom 2 bath home is close to downtown on Highway 64 near Lake Sequoyah and the Veranda Restaurant.. Low Maintenance yard with small pond. Master bedrooms on main and upper level. A great starter or year round home that is in Move in condition. Offered at \$249,000. mls #69377



Good location near the Hospital with this one bedroom, one bath fixer upper that has hew electrical and heating system and great bones. Nice yard with additional storage shed. Great entry level into Highlands. Offered at \$85,000. mls #69404



Old Highlands Charm with this charming cottage that sits overlooking the headwaters of the Cullasaja River with lake access to Mirror Lake. Recently renovated, this home is in excellent condition and is an exceptional opportunity. Launch you canoe or boat after closing and enjoy the benefits of living on the water! Offered at \$575,000. mls #67443



Highlands Country Club. Old Highlands Charm abounds with this great home located on the 5th green. From the hand drawn beams, to the massive stone patio, craftsmanship is evident throughout this lovely home. Master suite has an additional sitting area with porch and 2 baths, 2 additional bedrooms on the main floor living area, each with private baths. The guest quarters has 2 bedrooms, each with baths, and is accessed through a separate entrance. There is also a full guest house above the garage and golf cart shed. One of the most desirable locations and not to be missed if you want to be at Highlands Country Club. Offered at \$2,200,000. ml #68329



Lake Osseroga Water frontage on private pond and lake access to Ravenel lake from this exceptional 4 bedroom, 4 bath in the lovely community of Lake Osseroga. Greatroom with a wall of glass, open design with 2 split bedrooms on the main level, custom kitchen and screened porch. 2 upper level bedrooms, each with baths and an additional family room. Lovely yard with great water feature! Offered at \$1,350,000 and shown by appointment. MLS#66416

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TR, 5/15/2009 0:00, 0, CARPENTER ANNE MADREY, \$457,150

• 523057, HARBISON ORCHARD RD, LOT 15 BLUE VALLEY, 9/25/2006 0:00, SUTHERLAND STEVEN M, 3/26/2009 0:00, \$50,000, DWW LLC, \$40,510

• 523779, RD 1544, RD 1544, 9/26/2006 0:00, SIEK GEORGE E SR TRUSTEE, 2/25/2009 0:00, 0, SIEK GEORGE E, \$297,020

• 540943, SHORTOFF RD, OFF RD 1540, 10/5/2006 0:00, RBC BANK, 5/15/2009 0:00, \$256,000, MERRILL RANDY E, \$682,270

• 541181, ARNOLD RD, ARNOLD RD, 4/11/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, \$1,367,790

• 541182, ARNOLD RD, ARNOLD RD, 4/10/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, \$1,367,790

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• 542062, ARNOLD RD, LOT 1, 4/10/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, \$920,320

• 542726, 41 STREAMSIDE LN, LOT 1 LAKE OSSEROGA, 5/1/2007 0:00, HEBERT PAUL M JR, 6/1/2009 0:00, 0, J T H INC, \$853,760

• 543030, ARNOLD RD, TRACT 3A SUBMERGED UNDER LAKE SEQUOYAH, 8/7/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, \$36,920

• 543031, ARNOLD RD, TRACT 3, 4/10/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, \$1,336,260

• 543034, ARNOLD RD, TRACT 1A SUBMERGED UNDER LAKE SEQUOYAH, 8/7/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, \$33,430

• 543679, TURTLE POND RD, LOT 6 HIGHLANDS GLEN, 8/21/2006 0:00, RBC BANK, 1/23/2009 0:00, \$45,000, AMETRANO-REILLY GINA, \$68,000

• 543806, RICH GAP RD, HWY 28, 4/9/2007 0:00, CHASTAIN TERENCE WAYLON, 2/18/2009 0:00, 0, CHASTAIN WILLIAM DENVER, \$40,710

• 527039, 428 LAKE VILLAS WAY, LOT 7 LAKE VILLAS CULLASAJA CLUB, 5/3/2007 0:00, HALL RICHARD D JR, 5/14/2009 0:00, \$689,000, BARBER WILLIAM, 73

• 517607, MOONLIGHT LN, LOT 7 SEC B MTN LAUREL SUB, 11/13/2006 0:00, MILLER PHILLIP R TR, 8/10/2009 0:00, 0, MILLER PHILLIP R TR, 129780

• 517609, 253 MOONLIGHT LN, LOT 9 SEC B MTN LAUREL SUB, 11/19/2008 0:00, MILLER PHILLIP R TR, 8/10/2009 0:00, 0, MILLER PHILLIP R TR, 797990

• 541756, 974 SKY LAKE DR, LOTS 2 & 3 BLK C HFCC, 10/2/2006 0:00, HOEWT KIT LATHAM TR, 8/20/2009 0:00, 0, HOEWT AXEL K, 619730

• 542798, 193 HIGHLANDS PT, LOT 7 HIGHLANDS POINT, 3/21/2007 0:00, SODEL HERBERT A, 8/6/2009 0:00, 1500000, MACON BANK INC, 2193590

• 542805, 268 BLUE VALLEY FALLS DR, LOT 6 BLUEVALLEY FALLS POINTE, 12/12/2006 0:00, LYLE DANIEL NICHOLS PERS RES TR, 10/30/2009 0:00, 0, NICHOLS LYLE D, 902050

• 540823, 20 SMITH LANE, LOT 3 THE INN AT HALF MILE FARM, 7/7/2009 0:00, RATHBURN ROBERT, 11/16/2009 0:00, 525000, THE CABINS AT HALF MILE FARM LLC, 702770

• 540824, 14 SMITH LN, LOT 2 THE INN AT HALF MILE FARM, 12/6/2006 0:00, BARFIELD SCOTT, 8/28/2009 0:00, 700000, THE CABINS AT HALF MILE FARM LLC, 543110

• 540825, 8 SMITH LN, LOT 1 THE INN AT HALF MILE FARM, 12/6/2006 0:00, SALZARULO HENRY H, 11/3/2009 0:00, 640000, THE CABINS AT HALF MILE FARM LLC, 688560

• 525274, 236 SHORTOFF RD, ON 1540, 4/30/2007 0:00, DCPC HOLDINGS LLC, 9/30/2009 0:00, 400000, COX BRYAN S, 278890

• 543251, 141 STONEY CREEK RD, OFF 106, 11/13/2006 0:00, ZOELLNER ELLA MAE TR, 8/13/2009 0:00,

0, ZOELLNER RICHARD C SR & ELLA MAE, 1586760

• 517596, 516 WILDWOOD DR, LOT 37 WILDWOOD MTN, 3/23/2008 0:00, CAMPBELL PAMELA SUE, 12/3/2009 0:00, 0, CAMPBELL W DONALD TRUST-92, 447190

• 523039, 82 AZALEA RD, ROAD 1693, 11/13/2006 0:00, KNOX JOHN A, 11/12/2009 0:00, 185000, FIELDS JIMMIE & REMELLE, 223990

• 523056, HARBISON ORCHARD RD, LOT 14 BLUE VALLEY, 9/25/2006 0:00, SUTHERLAND STEVEN M, 7/1/2009 0:00, 57500, COOK DOUGLAS T, 60900

• 543582, HIGHGATE RD, TRACT B, 4/30/2007 0:00, HIGHGATE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC, 9/2/2009 0:00, 0, HIGHGATE LLC, 100

• 500604, 2060 MAGNOLIA DR, LOT 117 SEC G WILDCAT CLIFFS, 4/15/2009 0:00, GARRARD R M JR, 7/21/2009 0:00, 0, GARRARD RALPH M, 633300

• 522996, 337 HARBISON ORCHARD RD, LOT 6 BLUE VALLEY ESTATES, 4/12/2007 0:00, GUTTMAN SCOTT H, 10/27/2009 0:00, 370000, AUGUST SUSAN COFFEEN, 496830

• 542760, 579 CHENEY LN, LOTS 16 17 & 18 TR 3 PRIMEVAL ESTATES, 12/20/2006 0:00, SMITH R BOB III, 8/10/2009 0:00, 1100000, LUMSDEN PROPERTIES LLC, 815560

• 500793, CHEYENNE DR, RD 1613, 9/25/2006 0:00, IVESTER CHANTAY, 7/1/2009 0:00, 0, IVESTER MAE BRYSON, 130880

• 500795, 155 HAWKS NEST LN, UNIT 4 SEC C HAWKS NEST VILLAGE, 8/28/2006 0:00, FARMER PEGGY I, 9/22/2009 0:00, 67000, BROWN LEVON E, 57420

• 501005, 736 COUNTRY CLUB DR, LOT 43 SEC C WILDCAT CLIFFS, 5/1/2007 0:00, FENNER JAMES H, 7/29/2009 0:00, 550000, STROUP DONALD JOSEPH, 851330

• 500786, 4594 DILLARD RD, RD 1621, 9/25/2006 0:00, KASPERS HIGHLANDS LLC, 11/24/2009 0:00, 1467000, KASPERS WILLIAM F, 1966640

• 535219, 159 BLACKBERRY LN, LOT 10 HIDDEN FALLS, 10/5/2006 0:00, FRENCH EDWARD L, 8/14/2009 0:00, 470000, WEST ARDEAN B, 471370

• 501217, 144 SPRUCE LN, LOT 20 BLK K HLDS FALLS, 11/22/2006 0:00, BOGAN R VAN, 9/8/2009 0:00, 451000, SCHWEIGART JOHN L, 711520

• 501243, 297 COUNTRY CLUB DR, LOT 65 SEC E WILDCAT CLIFFS, 5/3/2007 0:00, BARNES VIRGINIA BREECE TR, 10/23/2009 0:00, 0, JONES VIRGINIA BREECE TR, 560560

• 501250, 150 DOLLY LN, LOT 21 MIRRORMONT, 11/21/2006 0:00, NOVAK TABOR R JR, 9/18/2009 0:00, 542500, NICHOLS LYLE D, 604250

• 543419, 172 WEST FOREST WAY, LOT 4C WILDWOOD FOREST, 11/4/2008 0:00, SCALES CHARLES D, 11/19/2009 0:00, 450000, CIMARRON BUILDERS INC, 489050

• 543427, OFF RD 64, LOT 8B, 5/1/2007 0:00, ACKERMANN LEILA M, 7/15/2009 0:00, 27000, CIMARRON HOMES INC, 124030

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In 1835 a man visited a doctor in Florence, Italy. He was filled with anxiety and exhausted from lack of sleep. He couldn't eat, and he avoided his friends. The doctor examined him and found that he was in prime physical condition. Concluding that his patient needed to have a good time, the physician told him about a circus in town and its star performer, a clown named Grimaldi. Night after night he had the people rolling in the aisles. "You must go and see him," the doctor advised. "Grimaldi is the world's funniest clown. He'll make you laugh and cure your sadness." "No," replied the despairing man, "he can't help me. You see, I am Grimaldi!" (source unknown)

Is it a worthy goal to be happy? If we resolve to embark upon this next New Year or this next decade with the idea that we are in "pursuit of happiness" as our forefathers wrote, then we actually are in big trouble. By definition, happiness can neither be pursued nor truly apprehended. Happiness by definition is based on happenstance or good fortune. That is to say, if certain circumstances come about, beyond our total control, then you and I will experience a certain level of contentment. We will be happy if something from the outside takes place to raise our level of internal elation. Happiness is based on an "outside in" mentality.

The problem with this philosophy is that if things don't go well we are guaranteed the absence of happiness because happiness is conditional. This stinks! That is no way to live in a world as tenuous as ours. No wonder so many people are depressed.

Isn't joy what you and I really want? Joy is present regardless of outside conditions. Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance (James 1:2-3). A joyous life is a lived from the inside out. Joy isn't based on the economy. Joy isn't tied to the national debt. Joy isn't even obliterated by a terrible medical diagnosis. Joy is simply discovered in an abiding, authentic, personal relationship with God. You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand (Ps. 16:11). Christ has cornered the market on joy. He invented it. He likes it. He shares it. He makes sure that it never runs out. In fact he harvests it just for you everyday. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness... (Gal. 5:22).

As you and I embark upon a brand new year, perhaps we should enjoy our freedom to pursue happiness while we experience the joy found not in knowing about God but in really knowing him. The apostle Paul wrote from prison the following words, Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! (Phil 4:4). I pray that more people on this mountain would experience the joy found in Christ rather than a fleeting happiness that leaves one unsatisfied and wanting for more. "Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength." (Neh. 8:10) Let's have a joyous New Year!

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p.m.; Prayer - 6:15 p.m., Choir - 7:30 p.m.

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Wednesdays - Choir - 7

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• 527575, CULLASAJA CLUB DRIVE, SMALL PT LOT 3 OVERLOOK VILLAS CULLASAJA CLUB, 2/14/2006 0:00, ADERHOLD THOMAS E, 8/31/2009 0:00, 0, OGLE WALTER L, 38400

• 552206, 0 FALLS DR, HLDS FALLS CO CLUB, 4/3/2007 0:00, BECKER MARY ELIZABETH TRUSTEE, 9/14/2009 0:00, 60000, HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB, 63350

• 501090, 2361 CASHIERS RD, HFCC, 4/19/2007 0:00, DANNA FRANK J TRUSTEE, 9/17/2009 0:00, 0, DANNA FRANK J TRUSTEE, 708810

• 544568, DILLARD RD, OFF HWY 106, 11/13/2006 0:00, ARMSTRONG RANDOLPH NEW, 12/1/2009 0:00, 0, NEW MARY S, 843950

• 501046, 185 HAWKS NEST LN, UNIT 7 SEC A HAWKS NEST VILLAGE, 8/28/2006 0:00, HAWKS NEST VILLAGE LLC, 8/3/2009 0:00, 0, CANTON CHRISTINE, 55360

• 552179, HIGHGATE RD, PARCEL 4 TRACTA, 1/1/1900 0:00, HIGHGATE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC, 9/2/2009 0:00, 0, HIGHGATE LLC, 100

• 552184, OFF 64, LOT 13 1415 BLK H HLDS FALLS, 10/2/2006 0:00, BERZIN NC INC, 0/2/2009 0:00,

0, BERZIN NC INC, 731440

• 518560, 106 FALLS CT, LOT 7 BL C SEC II HFCC, 11/10/2008 0:00, MCNEILL MABEL M, 8/7/2009 0:00, 0, MCNEILL PHILLIP SR, 986480

• 552137, 15 WATER VIEW LN, LOT 26 REVISED LAKE OSSEROGA, 6/25/2009 0:00, HADLEY JOHN C, 7/30/2009 0:00, 0, OSSEROGA HIGHLANDS COMPANY INC, 900940

• 552138, DILLARD RD, DILLARD RD, 11/13/2006 0:00, DUPREE AND ASSOCIATES INC, 7/27/2009 0:00, 0, DUPREE AND ASSOCIATES INC, 112160

• 552303, 611 RIDGEWOOD RD, LOT 17 AND RIDGEWOOD, 11/7/2006 0:00, CARROLL LARRY G TRUSTEE, 10/30/2009 0:00, 0, CARROLL LARRY G, 2452120

• 552319, HENRY WRIGHT DR, OFF RD 1543, 10/4/2006 0:00, KENT STEPHEN W, 11/6/2009 0:00, 250000, HIGHLANDS PROPERTY PRTRNSHP LP, 276870

• 518613, 1726 UPPER DV, LOT 25 BLK F SEC II HFCC, 5/7/2007 0:00, COX BRYAN SCOTT, 9/30/2009 0:00, 450000, BRADY CLYDE A III TRUSTEE, 591050

• 518572, OFF 64 E, LOT 21 A HFCC, 4/4/2006 0:00, HUSSEY EDWIN C, 11/16/2009 0:00, 130000, SHERROD JAMES H JR, 146190

• 530258, 531 BILLY CABIN RD, LOT 1 MIRROR-MONT SUBD PLAT CARD 2109, 11/17/2006 0:00, HUNSINGER JOHN S, 7/30/2009 0:00, 1065000, SCARBROUGH CLAUDE G III, 1191680

• 513251, LOT 7 MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, LOT 7 MOUNTAIN MEADOWS, 11/7/2006 0:00, HORSE COVE DEVELOPMENT CORP, 8/13/2009 0:00, 0, ZOELLNER RICHARD C SR & ELLA MAE, 71250

• 547566, STONEY CREEK RD, OFF HWY 106, 4/12/2007 0:00, CHESTNUT RIDGE LTD CO, 11/25/2009 0:00, 0, CHESTNUT RIDGE LTD CO, 65800

• 513856, 394 CLEAR CREEK RD, WALHALLA RD, 10/14/2009 0:00, SCHROLL KAREN KRISTIN, 7/1/2009 0:00, 56000, GUIDER ALICE F., 191980

• 528540, OFF 64 & 1404, LOT 3 SEC II BL J HFCC, 2/14/2006 0:00, HIGHLANDS FALLS COMM ASSOC INC, 7/31/2009 0:00, 0, KILPATRICK HAROLD D, 100

• 535712, 684 HOLT RD, LOT 28 PONDEROSA, 4/5/2007 0:00, RIVIERE CLARE R, 10/30/2009 0:00, 0, RIVIERE KENNETH C, 376990

• 535750, PINE CR, LOT 3 LAUREL FALLS AT SKYLINE, 4/25/2007 0:00, BUNN DARYL J, 10/6/2009 0:00, 130000, NASS ROBERT A, 120000

• 535751, PINE CR, LOT 4 LAUREL FALLS AT SKYLINE, 4/25/2007 0:00, BUNN DARYL J, 10/6/2009 0:00, 130000, NASS ROBERT A, 120000

• 518864, MACK WILSON RD, RD 1609, 4/9/2007 0:00, KEENER DAVID DONALD, 11/20/2009 0:00, 45000, JMME INVESTMENTS LLC, 100050

• 514031, 2465 CASHIERS RD, US 64E, 11/9/2006 0:00, PATTERSON AMY E, 7/27/2009 0:00, 0, PATTERSON AMY E, 552300

• 515704, 36 ALLEN RD, HICKS RD 1554, 11/7/2006 0:00, ALLEN ROBERT EUGENE TR, 7/21/2009 0:00, 0, ALLEN PEGGY, 482780

• 501709, 500 CROWE DR, SHORTOFF OFF US 64, 11/22/2006 0:00, 500 CROWE LLC, 11/10/2009 0:00, 0, MENDLER HENRY, 303870

• 501720, 695 COUNTRY CLUB DR, LOT 49 SEC D WILDCAT CLIFFS, 5/1/2007 0:00, ROYALS EDRIE J GEORGE, 8/10/2009 0:00, 464000, KOVAL JOHN M, 592660

• 501881, 715 DOG MOUNTAIN RD, , 11/14/2006 0:00, AUSTIN SAMUEL F TR, 11/24/2009 0:00, 0, AUSTIN SAMUEL F, 546790

• 516352, 281 KELSEY CT, LOT 203 CULLASAJA CLUB, 5/2/2007 0:00, ROOKWOOD LLC, 12/1/2009 0:00, 0, ROOK BENJAMIN T TR, 1633840

• 514260, 567 FALLS DR W, LOT 13 BLK A SEC II HFCC, 11/22/2006 0:00, ELEAZER CATHERINE D, 9/25/2009 0:00, 775000, BAIRD ELIZABETH J TRUSTEE, 886510

• 531472, 200 SKYLINE LODGE RD, LOTS 3 4 & 5 SEC 1 SKYLINE LODGE, 10/4/2006 0:00, BAGGETT SIDNEY M, 8/14/2009 0:00, 495000, PARISH ALBERT E JR, 365550

• 549271, DILLARD RD, DILLARD RD, 8/9/2007 0:00, ROBERT G MURRELL REVOCABLE TRUST, 9/22/2009 0:00, 0, MURRELL ROBERT G, 2009200

• 550322, 13 CABE PL, UNIT 19 FREEMAN CENTER, 11/13/2006 0:00, S&A PROPERTIES OF HLDS LLC, 9/11/2009 0:00, 290000, GILBERT CHRISTOPHER, 220200

• 550326, 15 CABE PL, UNIT 15 FREEMAN CENTER, 11/13/2006 0:00, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, 11/9/2009 0:00, 86500, GILBERT CHRISTOPHER, 226740

• 502078, 99 BALSAM LN, LOT 21 BL H SEC 1 HFCC, 11/13/2006 0:00, FIRST AMERICAN BANK & TRUST CO, 7/1/2009 0:00, 0, HARRISON MARJORIE M, 642850

• 502100, 186 CHESTNUT LN, LOT 8 HLDS SPRINGS & FALLS, 10/2/2006 0:00, SCALISE SAM L, 7/21/2009 0:00, 0, SCALISE SAM L, 575950

• 502101, CHESTNUT LANE OFF 1540, LOT 7 HLDS SPRINGS & FALLS, 10/2/2006 0:00, SCALISE SAM L, 7/21/2009 0:00, 0, SCALISE SAM L, 112620

• 516339, 20 KELSEY CT, LOT 198 CULLASAJA CLUB, 2/14/2006 0:00, TRICE DAVID A TRUSTEE, 8/25/2009 0:00, 0, TRICE DAVID A TRUSTEE, 1838170

• 500032, 91 RURAL FELICITY RD, WEBBMONT, 11/17/2006 0:00, ALLEN JACKSON M, 9/22/2009 0:00, 0, ALLEN JACKSON M, 592030

• 517041, 1786 CULLASAJA CLUB DR, LOT 223 CULLASAJA CLUB, 10/30/2008 0:00, WEBSTER BANK NA, 12/10/2009 0:00, 950000, KELLEY EVAN NELSON JR, 1448440

• 517057, 190 CRESCENT TRL, LOTS 239 & 239A CULLASAJA CLUB, 10/25/2006 0:00, S & D CAPITAL LLC, 11/23/2009 0:00, 0, WOODS DOUGLAS RICHARD, 1439240

• 502573, 179 HEMLOCK DR, LOT 4 SEC 2 SKYLINE VILL, 10/4/2006 0:00, MACLEOD JEAN, 7/22/2009 0:00, 95000, NEELEY LEWIS G, 252170

• 520128, 66 LAURELWOOD CT, UNIT 1 LAURELWOOD, 4/4/2006 0:00, ELLIOTT BETTY B TR, 9/25/2009 0:00, 0, ELLIOTT DONALD L, 544900

• 503713, 3648 CASHIERS RD, ON 64 E, 11/13/2008 0:00, DAVID KENTON TR, 8/3/2009 0:00, 0, DAVID LINDA W, 6076780

• 516964, 260 GARNET ROCK TRL, LOT 75 CULLASAJA CLUB, 5/1/2007 0:00, SHIPP BEN ROBERT, 7/17/2009 0:00, 0, SHIPP B ROBERT, 746480

• 536587, 100 BLACK BEAR TRCE, LOT 4 TWIN FALLS, 11/14/2006 0:00, MCVITTY RONALD A TR, 8/24/2009 0:00, 510000, JP MORGAN CHASE BANK NA, 959170

• 503023, 125 DOG MOUNTAIN RD, OFF HWY 106, 12/14/2007 0:00, MABBETT JOHN R III, 9/11/2009 0:00, 0, MABBETT JOHN R III, 345320

• 537281, 44 FALLING WATER DR, OFF HWY 106, 5/1/2007 0:00, RICHARDSON WILLIAM T, 7/17/2009 0:00, 830000, VAN HOOGEN PROPERTIES LLC, 892680

• 537868, 2939 CASHIERS RD, SHORTOFF, 6/20/2007 0:00, BRYSON JOHN MICHAEL, 8/20/2009 0:00, 0, BRYSON WALTER NEVILLE, 859650

• 552373, 2611 DILLARD RD, DILLARD RD, 7/18/2007 0:00, CHAPMAN GEORGE HAROLD, 10/26/2009 0:00, 439000, LEWELLYN PROPERTIES LLC, 714140

• 547256, ARNOLD RD, OFF 106, 11/13/2006 0:00, ZOELLNER ELLA MAE TR, 8/13/2009 0:00, 0, ZOELLNER RICHARD C SR & ELLA MAE, 609180

• 538050, 160 SPARKLING LAKES RD, OFF S R 1535, 4/30/2007 0:00, HARK RICHARD D, 7/15/2009 0:00, 507000, MULLEN JAMES W, 642180

• 505079, 8789 BUCK CREEK RD, RD 1558, 8/28/2006 0:00, TIDEWATER PROPERTIES LLC, 8/26/2009 0:00, 42000, BANK OF NEW YORK TR, 232520

• 503133, 160 HEDDEN LN, OFF RD 1540 GREEN BRIAR EST, 11/4/2009 0:00, STRATHY HELYN MARIE BEATRICE TR, 9/8/2009 0:00, 0, STRATHY HELYN MARIE BEATRICE TR, 92820

• 520178, OWL GAP RD, OFF HWY 106, 11/13/2006 0:00, ARMSTRONG RANDOLPH NEW, 12/1/2009 0:00, 0, NEW MARY S, 953450

• 503339, 3819 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD, FLAT MTN RD, 9/26/2006 0:00, HEINEMANN DARLENE L, 8/18/2009 0:00, 0, HEINEMANN DARLENE L, 511840

• 538166, WILSON GAP RD, TRACT 5 JOHN WILSON HEIRS, 9/25/2006 0:00, BUCHANAN OLLIE M, 11/12/2009 0:00, 0, BUCHANAN OLLIE M, 121130

• 538134, 311 BLUE VALLEY FALLS DR, DILLARD RD, 8/9/2007 0:00, ROBERT G MURRELL REVOCABLE TRUST, 9/22/2009 0:00, 0, MURRELL ROBERT G, 1740880

• 504363, RD 1600, LOT 146 SEC J WILDCAT CLIFFS, 11/7/2006 0:00, SINGLETARY KAY, 11/30/2009 0:00, 65000, REGIONS BANK, 101020

• 504509, 386 WALDEN WAY, LEASEHOLD ON USFS LAND, 3/7/2006 0:00, MATIS DONALD A TR, 11/2/2009 0:00, 0, MATIS DONALD A, 81540

• 504696, 165 HICKORY DR, OFF 1540, 10/2/2006 0:00, VANDERWOUDE JAMES A, 11/12/2009 0:00,

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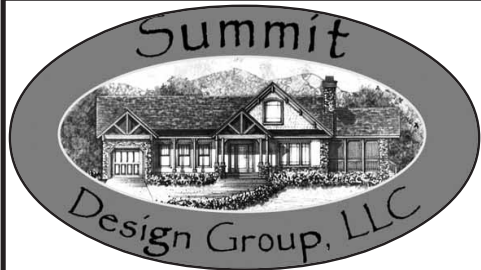
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• 628200, 337 BECK RD, HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, BECK MICHAEL JOHN, 6/16/2009 0:00, 0, BECK MICHAEL JOHN, 132160

• 645589, ON HWY 106, ON HWY 106, 9/18/2006 0:00, JONES DENNIS A, 10/30/2009 0:00, 0, SUSHI METRO LC, 509710

• 645649, 41 BUCK KNOB RD, OFF RD 1622, 9/19/2006 0:00, FLATS TWSHP HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 8/18/2009 0:00, 0, SCALY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER LLC, 80660

• 629858, ON MCCONNELL RD, OLD HOLT FARM/MIDDLE CREEK FARMS SHOAL CREEK, 9/19/2006 0:00, CANE HILL HOLDINGS LLC, 12/7/2009 0:00, 0, LEWIS MATTHEW S, 280390

• 637477, 261 AUTUMN VALLEY LN, LOT 5 AUTUMN VALLEY EST, 9/18/2006 0:00, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN, 7/9/2009 0:00, 0, SLEIGHT JOSHUA D, 273320

• 644456, 25 HURRAH RDG, PT LOT 1 SHOAL CREEK, 10/15/2007 0:00, TAYLOR HOLDINGS LLC, 11/9/2009 0:00, 738500, MCCARTHY DONNAT, 1313800

• 627690, SHOAL CREEK RD, OFF SHOAL CREEK ROAD, 9/18/2006 0:00, MALCOLM JOHN G TR, 9/16/2009 0:00, 0, MALCOLM JOHN G, 183600

• 646574, BUCK KNOB RD, LOT 7 LOIS PURDIN PROP, 9/19/2006 0:00, KOENIG JOHN C TR, 5/28/2009 0:00, 15000, SEACOTT RONALD C TRUSTEE, 38340

• 637481, 185 AUTUMN VALLEY LN, LOT 2 AUTUMN VALLEY EST, 9/18/2006 0:00, DEARTH TIMOTHY L, 7/2/2009 0:00, 35000, WILLIAMS JOSHUA, 51780

• 615633, ON RD 1685, ON RD 1685, 10/3/2006 0:00, CABRERA MARGARITA, 9/21/2009 0:00, 25000, CORAM JENNINGS B, 25900

• 650285, SHOAL CREEK RD, LOT 10B & 11 SILLY RIDGE, 9/19/2006 0:00, BISHOFF WILLA JANE, 10/27/2009 0:00, 225000, BRUSICH JON M, 230420

• 614254, 194 TATER HILL DR, LOT 11A HIGHLAND GAP, 9/18/2006 0:00, MALCOLM JOHN G TR, 9/16/2009 0:00, 0, MALCOLM JOHN G, 1058140

• 632690, 76 RUNKEN LN, ON RD 1624, 9/19/2006 0:00, HENDERSON ERNEST R, 10/9/2009 0:00, 45000, GILBERT CHRISTOPHER ANDREW, 46380

• 600009, 1190 KING GAP RD, LOT 41 KINGS MTN INC, 4/2/2007 0:00, MOUNTAINTYME ENTERPRISES LLC, 11/10/2009 0:00, 0, THARP JAMES W JR, 1282940

• 600010, 252 RAVEN RIDGE RD, HWY 106, 9/18/2006 0:00, WELLS DAVID R, 9/18/2009 0:00, 145000, OORTMAN EVERT H, 248510

• 600176, 9548 DILLARD RD, ON HWY 106, 9/18/2006 0:00, DAVIS MADELEINE BAINS, 4/6/2009 0:00, 0, DAVIS JULYAN HUGH, 169190

• 645973, 6507 DILLARD RD, OFF HWY 106, 8/7/2007 0:00, MCMASTER PROPERTIES LLC, 3/30/2009 0:00, 0, TARBUTTON HUGH M, 2446430

• 633523, ON RD 1622, ON RD 1622, 9/19/2006 0:00, BARBER CECILE S, 8/31/2009 0:00, 0, BAILEY MARGARET E TRUSTEE, 178350

• 616485, 10 RABBIT HILL RD, NAT FOR RD, 10/3/2006 0:00, KILBY KAREN W, 6/22/2009 0:00, 16000, MILLER BRIAN W, 110450

• 650835, HWY 106, HWY 106, 9/19/2006 0:00, WARTH HOLDINGS LLC, 2/26/2009 0:00, 0, WARTH DAVID W, 145230

• 600109, OFF 1624, OFF 1624, 9/19/2006 0:00, VAUGHN VERAN V, 9/18/2009 0:00, 26000, COURTNEY R D, 26480

• 600247, OFF 106, LOT 33 KING MTN INC, 10/3/2006 0:00, COLONY PROPERTIES INC, 4/17/2009 0:00, 0, MORRISON J DAVID, 75000

• 642807, HWY 106, TRACT 2 MARTHA MAGRUDER PROPERTY, 3/29/2007 0:00, FREEMAN PROPER-

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Don't procrastinate✓

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TIES LLC, 1/13/2009 0:00, 0, FREEMAN PROPERTIES LLC, 94500

• 643690, 164 BROWN LAKE RD, OFF RD 1622, 10/3/2006 0:00, KING DEWEY C TRUSTEE, 2/2/2009 0:00, 0, KING DEWEY C TRUSTEE, 148940

• 648180, 26 RUNKEN LN, RUNKEN LANE, 9/19/2006 0:00, PRATT ANITA H, 2/12/2009 0:00, 0, PRATT DENNIS L, 112390

• 649391, OFF HWY 106, OFF HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, FLATS TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 8/18/2009 0:00, 0, SCALY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER LLC, 17210

• 651636, 954 MILLER RD, LOT 4A, 10/3/2006 0:00, BALO DENES, 8/28/2009 0:00, 0, BALO DENES, 234660

• 600526, 116 EASTSIDE DUCK MOUNTAIN RD, OFF HWY 106, 4/2/2007 0:00, STEWART RANDAL T LIFE ESTATE, 2/18/2009 0:00, 0, STEWART KAREN M TRUSTEE, 144920

• 651899, HIGHLAND GAP RD, LOT 22 RATTLE-SNAKE RIDGE, 9/19/2006 0:00, PUTNAM ABEL A TR, 10/14/2009 0:00, 0, PUTNAM ABEL A TR, 137700

• 651900, HIGHLAND GAP RD, LOT 23 RATTLE-SNAKE RIDGE, 9/19/2006 0:00, PUTNAM ABEL A TR, 10/14/2009 0:00, 0, PUTNAM ABEL A TR, 137700

• 651911, BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD BOB LONG MTN RD, LOT 2A, 10/3/2006 0:00, CORAM JENNINGS B, 3/6/2009 0:00, 0, MILLER RICHARD & ALICE, 14510

• 652134, RD 1622, TRACT 2-1 BARTRAM RIDGE, 9/19/2006 0:00, SHEPARD WILLIAM STEVE SR, 7/31/2009 0:00, 144000, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 117210

• 652136, RD 1622, TRACT 2-3 BARTRAM RIDGE, 9/19/2006 0:00, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 7/31/2009 0:00, 144000, BARTRAM RIDGE DEVELOPMENT LLC, 145700

• 600150, 238 KING CIR, LOT 34 KING MTN INC, 6/2/2008 0:00, MORRISON J DAVID, 4/17/2009 0:00, 0, COLONY PROPERTIES INC, 75000

• 600314, 277 KING GAP RD, LOT 7 KINGS MTN INC, 4/2/2007 0:00, ROGERS JERRY W, 9/3/2009 0:00, 0, ROGERS JERRY W, 221530

• 651799, BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 1A, 10/3/2006 0:00, MILLER RICHARD, 3/6/2009 0:00, 0, CORAM JENNINGS B, 4590

• 651800, 59 BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 1, 10/3/2006 0:00, RIVERS STACY ELAINE, 2/18/2009 0:00, 167000, CORAM JENNINGS B, 151220

• 652101, CREEKSIDE COVE N, HWY 106, 9/18/2006 0:00, MCDANIEL GWENDOLYN I TR, 9/24/2009 0:00, 0, MCDANIEL LARRY R, 12150

• 600183, 1144 KING GAP RD, LOT 58 KING MTN INC, 4/2/2007 0:00, MIMBS JAMES W, 3/27/2009 0:00, 325000, SACAL INVESTORS INC, 374050

• 600339, 390 BROWN LAKE RD, OFF RD 1622, 10/3/2006 0:00, CHAN CEDAR, 6/1/2009 0:00, 0, BING BEULAH H, 189500

• 600355, 188 TALL PINES RD, OFF HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, LAROCHELLE ROGER O, 10/26/2009 0:00, 0, CARLSON JOHN L, 275940

• 600564, 36 BELLWOOD DR, OFF HWY 106, 10/3/2006 0:00, GREEN JOACHIM WOLFGANG, 2/20/2009 0:00, 0, W & M PROPERTIES LLC, 119160

• 600578, 110 BELLWOOD DR, OFF HWY 106, 4/2/2007 0:00, WOLF WALTER S LIFE ESTATE, 5/29/2009 0:00, 0, WOLF WALTER S LIFE ESTATE, 107540

• 600601, 640 ROCKY KNOB RD, LOT 1 ROCKY KNOB, 9/21/2006 0:00, GIFFORD RANDALL B, 7/24/2009 0:00, 310000, HARVEY LILIA C, 400170

• 600250, 531 SHOAL CREEK RD, OFF RD 1624, 9/19/2006 0:00, HOLT JAMES W, 1/20/2009 0:00, 0, WALKER BARBARA ANN, 143340

• 600453, OFF RD 1622, OFF RD 1622, 9/19/2006 0:00, BARBER CECILE S, 8/31/2009 0:00, 0, BAILEY

MARGARET E TRUSTEE, 106290

• 621307, 650 LAKESIDE RD, LOT 87 ROCKY KNOB-OFF SR 1625, 9/21/2006 0:00, MAGBEE LAUREL PESTIK, 10/15/2009 0:00, 0, PESTIK GEORGE L, 497800

• 652302, 245 LOVE RD, LOT 91011 BLK A SCALY MTN, 10/3/2006 0:00, MILLARDS MOUNTAIN RESORT LLC, 10/26/2009 0:00, 0, MILLARD WARNE R JR, 140190

• 652335, RAVEN RIDGE RD, PT OF LOT 11, 9/18/2006 0:00, PARRISH JACK JOEL, 10/30/2009 0:00, 50000, REYNOLDS NOLEN BRYANT TRUSTEE, 48290

• 618822, 25 LAKESIDE RD, LOT 50 ROCKY KNOB, 9/21/2006 0:00, FEDERAL NATIONAL MORTGAGE ASSN, 5/18/2009 0:00, 0, FULLER LOIS HOMANS, 313900

• 618823, 77 BLUEBERRY RD, LOT 54 ROCKY KNOB, 10/16/2007 0:00, JONES WILLIAM CRAWFORD, 11/13/2009 0:00, 302000, TALBOT VIRGINIA, 335310

• 618915, 137 WESTSIDE DUCK MOUNTAIN RD, LOT 2, 10/3/2006 0:00, LASTINGER JOAN O TR, 3/10/2009 0:00, 0, LASTINGER DALE, 166640

• 623883, 595 PINES RD, OFF RD 1627, 3/27/2007 0:00, BROWN PARKS H., 11/9/2009 0:00, 0, BROWN LAVERNE V, 45620

• 652233, OLD SALT ROCK GAP RD, TRACT 1B55A, 3/30/2007 0:00, BRONK ERIN M, 9/18/2009 0:00, 0, BRONK ERIN M, 82210

• 619551, 334 HICKORY RIDGE RD, LOT 8 HICKORY RIDGE, 9/19/2006 0:00, PARROTT DOUGLAS LEE, 6/5/2009 0:00, 0, PARROTT GREGORY R, 210370

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vice for Elizabeth Coram, who died Thursday, July 9 of an apparent drug and alcohol overdose.

- Town moves fast on flood ordinance so homeowners can qualify for FEMA backed insurance programs and mortgage refinancing

- Girl survives Glen Falls plunge and was taken to an Asheville hospital and began a year-long recovery process. Months later she returned to Highlands to thank the men at the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department who saved her.

- More out-of-district and out-of-state students have been accepted for attendance at Highlands School.

- Two cases of swine flu confirmed in county.

With more cases reported daily, the CDC change tracking procedure.

August

- At Wednesday night's special meeting, the Town Board adopted its flood damage prevention ordinance 3 to 2. Commissioners Buz Dotson and Larry Rogers voted no.

- Around 10 a.m., Thursday, Aug. 13, a man carrying a tote bag and a .410-gauge shotgun entered the lobby of RBC Centura Bank on U.S. 64west, shot the gun into the ceiling and demanded cash. He got away on foot through the woods behind the bank.

- On Sunday, Aug. 16, HUMC celebrated its

centennial anniversary on Main Street.

September

- The Town Board wants citizen input about the Rec Park. Surveys were mailed out and 860 -- 10% were returned. A report will be given in February.

- Billy Edward Vitatoe, 40, and Kari Huskey Conard, 32, both of Franklin, were arrested for the armed robbery of RBC Centura Bank on Aug. 13. They are also responsible for the robbery attempt of the credit union ATM in Highlands Plaza the night of Wednesday, Aug. 5 where a vehicle was crashed into the ATM.

- The one percent sales tax increase that went into affect across North Carolina will help offset the \$4 billion budget-gap that federal stimulus money and budget cuts didn't fill, say state officials. All the money goes directly to Raleigh.

- Highlands School teachers name Teacher-Assistant-of-the-Year Cindy Reed and Teacher-of-the-Year Chris Green. Each year teachers in Macon County's 12 schools, select co-workers as Teacher- and Teacher-Assistant-of-the-Year.

- The Town Board nixes plans to build a new Town Hall. Architects discover the building is sound and can be renovated for a permanent Town Hall.

- More than six inches of rain fell between midnight Saturday and midnight Sunday with 3 1/2 more on Monday. Areas of town flood.

October

- There are three seats open on the Town Board. All three sitting representatives are running again for office and two citizens are vying for those seats. Running for Mayor of Highlands is incumbent Don Mullen and David Wilkes. Running for commissioner are incumbents Amy Patterson and Hank Ross and Gary Drake.

- On Wednesday, Sept. 30, the Macon County School Board representative for District I, Frieda Bennett, submitted her resignation.

- Appeal case stymies Zoning Board when John Shearl owner of J&J Lawn and Landscaping at 1663 S. 4th Street appeals a violation issued by Zoning Administrator.

- With color still on the trees, the first snow of the 2009 winter season -- Sunday, Oct. 18 at 7:45 a.m. -- a full week sooner than last year.

- Actor Collin Wilcox Paxton died October 14 at 4 p.m., in her bed surrounded by roses, lilies, scented candles listening to the ocean waves looking out on a beautiful rainy colorful Fall day in Highlands.

- A renovated Dry Falls park opens.

- Kenneth A Shull, who has been president and chief executive officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital for the past four years is leaving to become CEO of St. Luke's Hospital in Columbus, NC, near Tryon.

- County only keeping 8% of room tax money, roughly \$32,000 a year -- to administer the occupancy tax.

- Planning Board says 'yes' to HUMC rezoning request from B3 to Conditional-B1 for its property behind the church.

- Greenway committee members, workers and town employees officially open the renovated bridge over Mill Creek and much improved Greenway trail that originates at the Rec Park.

November

- On Tuesday, Nov. 3, 429 of Highlands' 893 registered voters -- a whopping 48.04%. Wilkes beat Mullen by more than three to one with 385

votes or 77.7%, to Mullen's 108 votes or 21.82% of voters..

- At its regularly scheduled meeting on Oct. 21, the Town Board approved the establishment of a Sustainability Advisory Committee which will provide feedback and advice to the Town Board on policies, ordinances and administrative procedures regarding environmental protection and the conservation of energy and natural resources.

- On Monday, Nov. 9, 50,000 sq. ft. of grass-sod was rolled onto the Highlands School soccer field.

- At the special called Board of Education meeting Stephanie McCall was selected to replace Frieda Bennett who announced her resignation in September.

- Town signs 20-year contract with its wholesale power supplier, Duke Power.

- With the slowing of the real estate market since 2008, county determines 2011 is not the time to do a reval.

- September rains sent a wall of water down the Bowery cliff causing soil, trees and foliage to scour its face leaving the underlying granite exposed.

- Legendary Golfer Bobby Jones was immortalized at Highlands Country Club with a statue. Since then, the majority of the board voted to have the statue removed. It now seeks a new home.

- Town Board to return to its two meetings a month policy.

- On Monday, Nov. 16 renovations began at Hudson Library.

December

- Macon County Commission voted unanimously to raise the current tax rate per \$100 valuation from 26.4 cents to 27.9 cents, effective July 1, 2010. The money raised through the tax hike will be used to finance the debt incurred to build the new lotla K-4 school and make renovations and repairs to Franklin High School and Nantahala School.

- New mayor David Wilkes suggested the formation of a Business Advisory Committee whose purpose will be to act as a liaison between the business community and the Town Board.

- At Monday night's Planning Board meeting, members once again stone-walled the Town Board's attempt to get an "Abandoned Building" ordinance on the books.

- Questions were posed regarding the town's policy for electing its Mayor Pro Tempore.

- Following the closed session part of the Tuesday, Nov. 17 Macon County Commission meeting, commissioners said the county would not purchase land in the vicinity of Zachary Field as entertained in 2007.

- Macon County has contracted with Emergency Communications Network to license its Co-deRED high-speed notification solution.

- Mayor David Wilkes and Commissioner Gary Drake met with Police Chief Bill Harrell to learn about the police dept. for themselves.

- The possibility of a 300-ft., steel, communication tower erected on county property in the Highlands area was discussed at the Monday, Dec. 14 Macon County Commission meeting.

- Phase I connectivity of WNC-Ed- NET -- the network that will bring voice, video, data and distance communications to more than 70 school sites in Western North Carolina -- will be turned on once a WAN Engineer is hired.

- No snow days in the 2010-11 school calendar. There is no room for snow days because now school can't start before Aug. 25 and must end before June 10.

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