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• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6 mile moderate hike in Pantherdown Valley to Blackrock Mtn., Granny Burrell's Falls, and Salt Rock Overlook, with an elevation change of 800 feet. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

**Sunday, Nov. 7**

• The Highlands United Methodist Church youth will have Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for sale for \$10 a dozen on Sunday morning between services. This is a fundraiser for Haiti.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.2-mile hike on Lake-side Drive Trail, Call Leader Kay Corriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

## Hybrid form of government stands

Several issues were discussed at the Nov. 3 Town Board meeting but the issue that resulted in the most discussion involved the possible revision to the Town Ordinance to match the Town Charter when it was amended to the Council-Manager form of government a little over two years ago.

When the town changed its charter to the

Council-Manager form from the Mayor-Council form, it left in tact the provision that the Town Attorney, Zoning/Watershed Administrator and Police Chief work at the pleasure of the board and not at the pleasure of the Town Manager as in all other departments.

This is allowed by law under the Local Mod-

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## Locals impact county & state races



**District II  
Ronnie Beale**



**District II  
Ron Haven**



**District I  
Brian McClellan**



**Sheriff Robert  
Holland**



**District II BOE  
Tommy Cabe**



**District IV BOE  
Gary Shields**



**NC Senate 50th  
District  
Jim Davis**

All signs were pointing to a record Election Day when the Macon County Board of Elections saw upward of 5,000 voters show up to vote early.

Board of Election Director Kim Bishop said that was more than ever before.

Soon after the polls closed Tuesday night, officials learned that 53.9% of Macon County's 24,635 registered voters (13,078) actually voted - this in a mid-term election that typically barely gets noticed.

North Carolina has a new state senator for the 50<sup>th</sup> District in

newcomer to state politics (Rep) Jim Davis who defeated incumbent (Dem) John Snow with 30,896 votes to Snow's 30,709 votes, 50.15% to 49.85%, respectively.

The candidates split the eight counties they represent with Davis carrying Clay, Haywood, Macon and Transylvania and Snow carrying Cherokee, Graham, Jackson and Swain.

Davis said he's very grateful to the voters and all the people who worked so hard to make this happen.

"I'm going to do my best to return North Carolina to fis-

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## MC School system set to get \$120K for four years

**'Race to the Top' funds will help offset statewide budget cuts to schools coming FY2011**

At the October School Board meeting, the public learned that North Carolina had received \$200 million in Race to the Top (RttT) grant funding to be distributed to each county to help improve schools statewide.

At the end of the meeting last month, board members were discussing how to best use the money - some wanted to use it for technology, others in the audience were pushing for classroom supplies.

Following a special called meeting Monday night, the school board outlined the best use of the money as it applies to stipulations put forth by the state.

Superintendent Dan Brigman reminded the board that the funds must be used in a specific manner - in support of NC's plan for school improvement. The four pillars that exemplify NC's school improvement plan are Great Teachers and Principals, Quality Standards and Assessments, Turnaround of Lowest-Achieving Schools, and Data Systems to Improve Instruction.

North Carolina was awarded the federal Race to the Top grant through round two of the Race to the Top (RttT) initiative. North Carolina held approximately \$200 million of these

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Enough is enough!

Dear Editor,

This letter is to all candidates who were elected (or reelected) to serve in the Congress of the United States and the Legislature in Raleigh.

I cannot begin to express the high level of contempt that I have for each of you, and you have only yourselves to blame.

You see, during the campaign, not ONE of you told me what you stood for or what had accomplished or what you hoped to accomplish should you be elected to or returned to office. Instead, you chose to focus on what dastardly deeds the person daring to run against you would perpetrate if I dared vote for them. Do you think that I am really that stupid?

Well here's the bottom line. You are finished as far as I'm concerned. I will not vote for you — or anyone else — who runs that kind of campaign in any future election. You have shown me that you are not fit to represent me or hold any office under the United States Constitution or The Constitution of the State of North Carolina.

I want SOMEBODY ELSE in your place!

John Gaston  
Highlands, NC

### Highlands has bevy of offerings

Dear Editor,

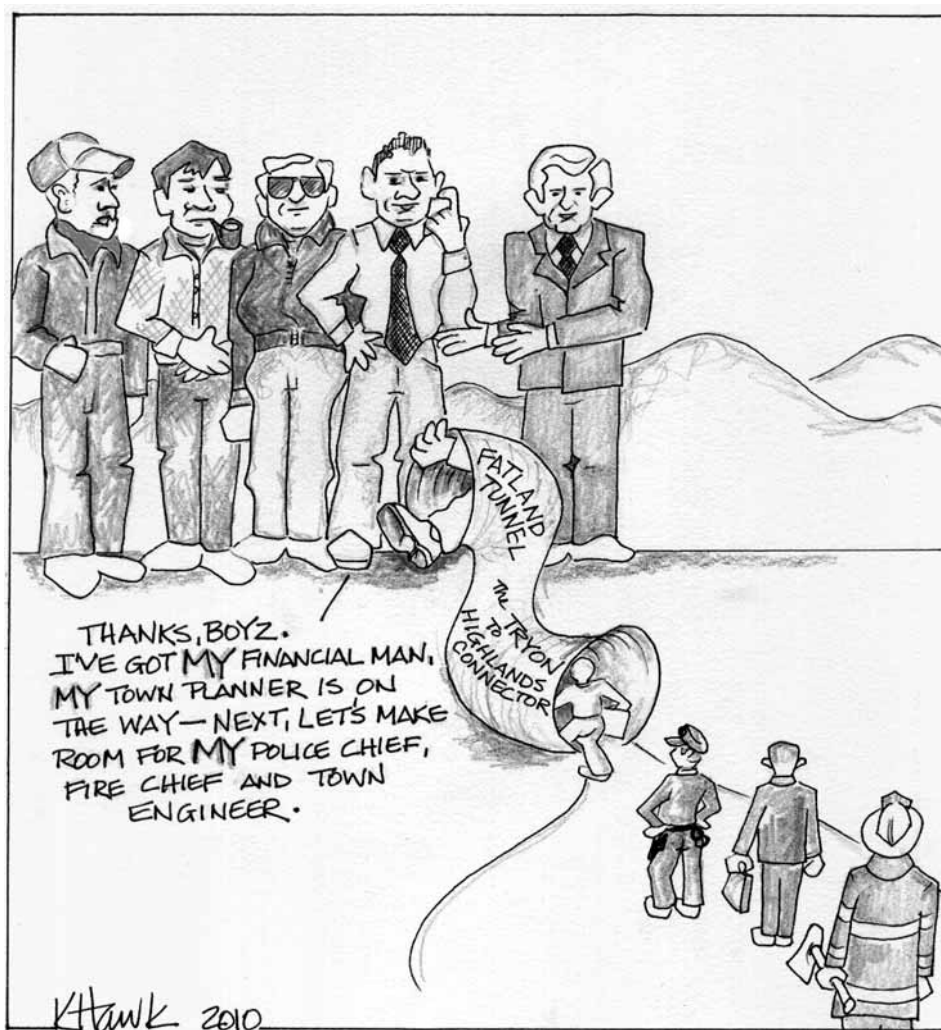
Remembering what fun Halloween was in Highlands I wanted to have my grandchildren share in the fun. I was not disappointed. A few days before that magic night I stayed with a friend and was lucky enough to catch "Life with Father." It was done with Ronnie Spilton flair!

I was also privileged to experience a magnificent concert at Incarnation. We heard Beethoven and Brahms perfectly executed by Robert Henry, Incarnation Music Director, at the piano, Charae Krueger on cello, and Fia Mancini Durrett on violin. Also with a flair! Unfortunately word did not get around and we were an intimate group. These extremely accomplished musicians plan a return engagement in January. So look for them and don't miss it!

Highlands as always holds treasures for those who live there and also for visitors.

Edna Foster  
LaGrange, Ga

## • HAWK'S EYE VIEW •



### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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cal sanity both budget and tax-wise and to be friendly to business."

The state is reportedly facing a \$3.2 billion budget shortfall for fiscal year 2011-2012.

Though the Asheville and Greenville TV stations have reported a run-off between Davis and Snow, officials at the Macon County Board of Elections said they haven't heard anything about that.

If anything, a recount might be a possibility but that can't happen until after the canvass which is Nov. 12 and so far a recount has not been requested, they said.

If Sen. Snow wanted a recount, the demand for a recount must be made in writing and must be received by the county board of elections by 5 p.m. on the first business day after the canvass - which would be Monday, Nov. 15.

According to the state statute, in a ballot item within the jurisdiction of the State Board of Elections, a candidate shall have the right to demand a recount of the votes if the difference between the votes for that candidate and the votes for a prevailing candidate are not more than one percent (1%) of the total votes cast in the ballot item, or in the case of a multi-seat ballot item, one percent (1%) of the votes cast for those two candidates.

Once Davis's win is final he will give up his District III County Commission seat. The Republican Party will appoint a person for Davis's unexpired term. In two years, that seat will be open and up for election.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners District II race was a tight one. Five candidates ran for the two open seats. Incumbent Ronnie Beale and Ron Haven won the seats with Charlie Leatherman and Beale in dead heat.

Haven gleaned 24.66% of the vote with 5,719 ballots and carried Nantahala and Burnington.

Beale gleaned 23.88% of the vote with 5,539 ballots from all three Franklin districts, Cartoogechaye, Union, Ellijay, Millshoal and Iolita.

Charlie Leatherman got 23.12% of the vote with 5,362 votes mostly from Highlands, Flats and Sugarfork.

Bob Simpson got 18.36% of the vote (4,259) and Vic Drummond got 9.98% of the vote (2,316).

There has been no mention of a recount between Beale and Leatherman but again as per state statute, discretionary recounts can be ordered by the county board of elections or the State Board of Elections when necessary to complete the canvass in an election. The county board may not order a recount where the State Board of Elections has already denied a recount to the petitioner.

Concerning mandatory recounts for ballot items within the jurisdiction of the County Board of Elections: In a ballot item within the jurisdiction of the county board of elections, a candidate shall have the right to demand a recount of the votes if the difference

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## • WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT •

### Lewicki and Tilley wed



Rachel Price Lewicki and Wesley Rosser Tilley were married on Oct. 23. The ceremony was at the Cornucopia Restaurant in Cashiers followed by the reception in the same location. The officiant was Ross's grandfather Rev. Dr. Bob Shepherd. Rachel's attendants from left were Caitlin Rawlins, Rebecca Derrick, Molly Jones, Alana Wilson, Maid of Honor Megan Lewicki, Flower Girl Ivy Fielding, Margie Potts, Meredith Leuker and Emily Lester. Ross's attendants from left were Joel Axelrod, Kory Roscoe, Patrick Walker, Ben Lawhorn, Best Man Dale Shepherd, Ring Bearer Collins Eckard, Blake Williams, and Talmage Shepherd. As part of the ceremony, Claire Frederick recited the poem "I Love You" and Megan Lewicki sang "Make You Feel My Love." The MC and DJ was Steve Hott and the photographer was Sarah Valentine. The party's flowers were by Cospers Flowers. Rachel's hair was done by Creative Concepts. The couple honeymooned on south Miami Beach. They reside in Raleigh, NC. Ross is a Business Development Manager for the commercial division of Aerotek in Raleigh. Rachel is a chef at Glenaire Retirement Center in Cary, NC.

Photo by Sarah Valentine

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funds off the top to support state-wide technology initiatives, specifically implementation of the NC Cloud. Receipt of this grant, designed to spur public school innovation, is a key component of North Carolina's work to continue its momentum for school improvement, said Brigman.

All together, these "pillars" support Career & College: Ready, Set Go!, North Carolina's state public education initiative.

The belief and the hope is that RttT funds will allow North Carolina to move faster and further in delivering on one key promise: All students will graduate and be career and college ready.

Macon County's annual allotment will be \$121,017.50 and will occur for four consecutive years.

At Monday night's meeting, the board agreed to spend the money in the following ways.

First, wireless connectivity will be in-

stalled in each school and hand-held computers (iPads) will be used to support the new teacher evaluation instrument and facilitate access to other online resources, as well as professional development to support the NC ACRE Project.

"These three priorities are also consistent with most counties within our region as a result of the support we now have through the high-speed fiber optic loop," said Brigman. "Ultimately, these priorities have been established to support the delivery of NC Cloud resources to the classroom level." NC Cloud resources involve high level internet and computer connectivity.

Brigman said since the beginning of the current school year, the requirements of RttT have been consistently evolving while Macon County strives to align district priorities with the regulations set forth by the federal and state government.

"We are very fortunate to have this additional funding to support our technology infrastructure and required professional development," said Brigman. "This allotment will provide us with additional support and allow other funds to be used to secure programs and personnel as we continue planning for the tremendous budget shortfall in July 2011."

Accountants from Martin & Starnes recently reported that the state is facing a \$3.2 billion shortfall for fiscal year 2011-2012. Representatives suggested entities of all kinds – school boards, municipalities and county governments – "stay on top of disbursements or reimbursements from the state because there are drastic problems at the state level which could delay promised disbursements."

For more information, about RttT funds and their purpose go to [www.ncpublicschools.org/rttt/](http://www.ncpublicschools.org/rttt/).

– Kim Lewicki

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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### Gettin' outta Dodge

Well, I managed to make it through another summer without being shot at or even kicked in the shins. I did manage to get insulted about a dozen times. I feel sorry for those writers who remain all year. They are, at times, subject to the wrath of our readers... but not as much as li'l ole me. How do they do it? When people walk up to me and ask, "Are you Fred Wooldrige?" I smile and say, "Never heard of the guy."

In Florida, all I have to watch for are those stupid Floridiots who might still be holding a grudge from things I wrote during the summer. If you're a Floridiot and reading this, I'm sorry and didn't mean it... well, maybe a little.

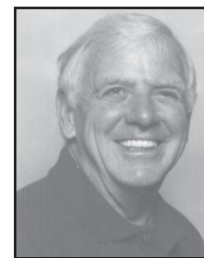
And if you're a regular reader, then you know the li'l missus and I are winter weenies and she is worse than me. No, let me rephrase. We are weenie, weenie, winter weenie wimps. Got it? For us, it's about survival. We cease to function below 50 degrees because we both moved to Florida as teenagers and, except for our 42 years of pilgrimages to Highlands, spent our entire lives roasting in the sun, trying to grow skin cancer.

I actually did police work in cop cars with no heat or air conditioning. Can you imagine? On cold nights, I would take the portable spotlight, turn it on and put it to my chest and other places.... don't ask. Am I a weenie, or what?

If you're a person who actually spends the entire winter in Highlands, I know it's asking too much for you to feel sorry for me. Every year-round friends we know went in the ditch at least twice last year. And we have learned that some Highlanders who call themselves 'year-rounders' actually sneak outta here for a couple of the coldest months. I call them mini, weenie, winter wimps. My admiration is for those true year-rounders that don't budge all winter and have been in the ditch three or more times. Wow, where do I sign up for that?

And even though South Florida had a harsh winter last year, killing off most of our lizards, I still had two of the critters waiting to sneak in at our front door when we arrived. They're so arrogant; they act like Republicans. They waited patiently as I unlocked the six locks on our front door. Even though I was able to shoo them away, they'll return because they know I have to leave the front door open while I lug in umpteen pieces of luggage and six house plants we couldn't bear to leave behind.

Since the house is boarded up, we have



Fred Wooldrige

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to turn on every light in the place to look for critters or signs of critters. We are fortunate that the biggest critter ever found was a small shriveled lizard that got stuck inside. That's a lot better than the six-foot snake skin once found in our li'l cabin on Clear Creek in Highlands.

So here we are, settling in to our other life. I already miss my friends in Highlands but thank God for e-mail so we can stay in touch.

I also miss getting plummeted at the Rec. Park bridge games, then an occasional late afternoon meal at Wolfgang's with the same friends that just beat the pants off us. And I already miss \$1 beers and half-price wings at Fresser's on Wednesdays. I'll miss our daily morning walks through downtown Highlands without even sweating. The best part of our walk was smelling the coffee as we passed by Buck's.

We'll miss our friends at church, especially the crazy lady from Yellow Mountain who once found a starving horse in a field and rescued it, daring the owner to stop her. In Palm Beach, we call that chutzpah. In China they would say she has oversized ovaries. By the way, have you ever tasted Chinese crab ovaries? They're to die for; one bite and you wanna die.... or at least throw up!

I admire women with chutzpah. I can't tell you the horse thief's name 'cause I think horse rustlin' is a forever felony. It's too bad she's a dad-gum Democrat. Almost makes me want to turn her in. Ha!

And finally, there's the culture shock we're about to encounter. But that's a different column. Anyway, thanks for not shootin' at me or kickin' my shins and, believe it or not, I enjoyed the insults.

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## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Sports and politics are eerily similar

Military metaphors are common in sports. The NFL features bombs, blitzes, and sacks. Now sports metaphors are entering the political arena. Democrats are hoping for a late inning rally. A cable news commentator postulated that the Republicans peaked too early. It means losing late in the season after winning early.

There are a good many possible explanations; injuries, a tougher schedule, and bad luck, all more plausible explanations than ill-timed excellence. Mountain climbers don't get much sports coverage, but peaking too soon doesn't seem to be a problem. Has a mountaineer ever complained, "I was supposed to meet Bob up here at 7 a.m. I peaked too early. I guess I'll leave him a note and head down for breakfast."

Premature peaking is a phenomenon closely related to "momentum." As long as a team is winning, it has momentum. If fortunes change, sportscasters report a shift in momentum, often affectionately called "Big Mo." Shifting momentum, like early peaking is invariably an after the fact observation, never a prediction.

Psychology plays a big part in sports, and teams can quickly lose confidence in the face of adversity, hence Big Mo's fickle ways can be explained on the basis of loss of confidence. Brave, beleaguered Democrats claim their confidence is high and are hoping to rain three-pointers on the opposition.

It's not at all certain that political candidates or parties react like athletic teams. Public opinion varies with time and circumstances. Public opinion also changes with information.

Senator Gary Hart was flying high until the electorate learned about Donna Rice. His precipitous fall from favor was a classic case of a premature peak. Big Mo was seen fleeing to unexposed candidates.

This is an unusual election. Many candidates have no prior governmental experience, and no qualification for office other than a deep loathing of government, which is a compact, if strange resume. Christine O'Donnell is a case in point. She peaked early, swept, on a wave of Tea Party euphoria, to Delaware's Republican nomination for the Senate. It remains to be seen if she will "strike out" in the general election. Revelations of dabbling in witchcraft, along with a generally silly demeanor, cost her momentum. In a debate, she seemed ignorant of the First Amendment's provision for separation of church and state. Her belated explanation that she meant those ex-



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act words didn't appear in the Constitution did little to prevent a fourth quarter collapse.

Thus we revisit the notion that she peaked too early. If the primary had been held closer to the general election, say last week, the electorate would have had less time to discover her foibles, and Big Mo might well have stayed in her camp. She has become a decided underdog, but may still mount a ninth inning rally. Other Tea Party candidates may experience similar fates as the finish line approaches.

Citizens wonder if candidates whose only goal is to obstruct governance make effective representatives. On the other hand, this is a political season of discontent. The American people may be so angry with the state of our country that they will vote against any incumbent. Like disgruntled fans in the cheap seats, Americans may shout, "Throw the bums out."

**...on this day**

**Nov. 4, 1922**

**Howard Carter finds the entrance to Tutankhamen's tomb.**

Mr. Carter found a stiff, identified it by its glyph, seems he was called

Tutankhamen, that's a name that's not too common,

not even up and down the Nile, which is where he was, this Egyptophile.

Archaeologist or tomb robber? Either way, it's sort of macabre.

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### America, we have a problem

By the time you read this, the election has been held. Most, if not all the results are in, and we are surveying the landscape to see where we go from here. I'm guessing that Nancy will be trying to decide whether to take the Minority Leader's job, or to pack it in. I further assume that Hapless Harry Reid will have been beaten by Sharron Angle, a political unknown outside of Nevada, backed by the Tea Party. I also suspect that the Dems will hold the Senate by a razor thin margin. I have no idea who would succeed Reid as SML.

Furthermore, I have no idea what the Dem-dominated Congress will do between the election and January 19<sup>th</sup>. They could wise up and feel they have done enough damage to the country. Or, they could step up the insanity and create more problems. We'll see. After the dust has settled, one thing remains for sure – Obama.

While I realize this is not a scoop, I understand what the ongoing problem will be. It came into crystal clear focus about a month or so ago, when CNBC carried a discussion between Jack Welch and Elizabeth Warren. This was news because Warren had just been named a special adviser by Obama to oversee the development of the new Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. What qualified Warren for the post? Why, she is a visiting professor at Harvard Law, of course.

She writes books, appears in movies with Michael Moore and is frequently interviewed by Charlie Rose.

Welch, on the other hand, graduated from the University of Massachusetts/ Amherst with a degree in chemical engineering. He earned his PhD three years later at which time he joined General Electric as a junior engineer. For the next 20 years, he worked his way up the ranks and in 1981 was named chairman and CEO, the youngest in GE's history. Welch, with his bold, dramatic management style, produced great results. When he left the company, its market value had risen, under his watch, from \$14 billion to \$410 billion, making it the largest and most valuable company in the world at the time.

So what has all of this got to do with anything? Good question. During the discussion on CNBC, Welch asked Warren a pertinent question. I don't remember the precise subject matter, but I do remember Warren's reply: "Jack, you're asking the wrong question," and she proceeded to tell him what he should really be interested in. What presumption. What gall. Here is a person who never lived in the real world telling perhaps the most revered manager in our generation what to think about a matter on which he is



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an expert.

This, my friends, is the problem. President Obama has surrounded himself with academics, almost all of whom come from the lawyer side of life, who have never done a stinking thing to forward this country or to contribute anything practical to our society or our culture.

I listen daily to giants of business who have answers to problems with our economy that the administration doesn't even know exist. Ken Langone, co-founder of Home Depot, is a genius in understanding the complexities facing our economic future and what to do about them.

Mike Jackson, chairman and CEO of AutoNation, is brilliant in understanding the realities of the country's needs and has sensible, effective solutions. These are two of many (not the least of which is Jack Welch) who could be invaluable in solving our problems. So whom does the President surround himself with? Ivy League elitists who know everything there is to know about screwing things up.

As if by magic, I saw an interview with Elizabeth Warren this morning. She was whining about the fact that she wasn't getting the cooperation she feels she deserves from the people who will be affected by the establishment of her new layer of governmental intrusion. Her idealistic notions just don't mesh with those of the folks who are going to have to deal with the outcome of her efforts.

Now, I fully understand the role and value of lawyers, although I am having a problem understanding how Eric Holder fits into the picture. My point is, perhaps Obama might come up with some answers if he had people advising him who had a working knowledge of the area of their responsibility.

I don't have the time to research the educational and professional background of his "tzars" — that is a story for another day. While America has become a litigious country, there is more to us than lawyers this, lawyers that — how about some experts who actually have had some experience and success in the area of their assigned positions.

I'm not picking on lawyers. Law is a necessary and honorable profession. However lawyers do not know everything about everything. Perhaps Obama's administration and the country would be better served if he appointed people

from the vast wealth of talent that lies beyond his myopic view of the country.

We have a wealth of talent to draw from in all areas of endeavor. Let's use them to solve our problems. We can use the help.

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ification Clause of the General Statute.

However, Mayor David Wilkes asked the commissioners who were involved with the change if leaving the ordinance intact was done on purpose or was it an omission or a mistake.

Commissioner John Dotson said he remembered discussing that item and the general consensus of the board was that those three positions should continue to work at the pleasure of the board, though they work under the umbrella of the town and are administratively supervised by the Town Manager.

"Because the Police Chief and the Zoning Administrator are in quasi-judicial positions upholding laws and ordinances, they need to answer to the board rather than to just one person," said Dotson.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the Town Board has a direct connection with the citizens who elected them and the Town Board is the way citizens have control of their government particularly as it applies to those positions.

"If it's not broke, don't fix it," she said. "We need to answer to the citizens concerning our laws and the planning of our future. The firing and hiring for these jobs can't be in the hands of one man."

Town Attorney Bill Coward said the town isn't in violation and it can keep the ordinance as it is.

However, if it wants to change it – that is have the Zoning Administrator and Police Chief work at the pleasure of the Town Manager — then different things have to happen for each.

Where the Zoning/Watershed Administrator is concerned, the Planning Board must make a recommendation to the Town Board at which point a public hearing must be set and finally a vote taken by the Town Board. If it's a 4 to 1 vote the change passes, if it's a 3 to 2 vote the process must be done again.

Concerning the Police Chief, a public hearing isn't necessary, just a motion to amend the ordinance. A 4 to 1 vote passes it but a 3 to 2 vote sends it to the next public meeting for a re-vote.

Several citizens spoke on behalf of keeping the chain of command as it is on the grounds that the current ordinance allows for checks and balances so power isn't concentrated in the hands of one man – a man not elected by the citizens.

"If the Town Board relinquishes this power and this responsibility to the Town Manager it is letting the citizens of Highlands down," said Linda Clark.

Ginger Slaughter expressed shock and severe disappointment in the Town Board for its firing of Zoning Administrator Joe Cooley and the way it was done. "He brought great gifts to the table and this is a great loss to the town," she said.

Cooley's firing – specifically the fact that he wasn't given a chance to tell his side or go through a grievance procedure – initiated talk both on the board and by citizen concerning

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## • Highlands Eateries •

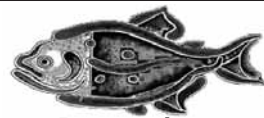
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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### The season of a lifetime?

As most of you know, I grew up here in Highlands-born and raised from a fairly long line of local folks. You know the old chestnut "there's more Potts than pans in Highlands," and all of that. I spent all of my compulsory school years at Highlands School and am proud to have worn the blue and gold throughout my years here in Highlands. Having returned to teach at the same school, I think it is important to recognize the outstanding state of the Highlander athletic program and confidently say that this has the potential to be one of the greatest athletic years in Highlands School history.

The athletic program at Highlands has historically had some highs and lows, usually based on the talents of a particular group of athletes. The small size of Highlands School means that there are less athletes in the talent pool to draw from, and Highlands is usually competing against schools that have a much larger pool of students from which to select teams.

Despite a current enrollment of fewer than 150 students in the high school, the Highlanders have already had perhaps the best fall sports season in school history. Girls volleyball captured a conference championship and advanced to the third

round of the NCHSAA state playoffs for the first time in school history. The Highlander Cross Country team will be represented by sophomore Hayden Bates, who qualified and will race for the State Championship. Additionally, the Highlander Men's Soccer team won its 8<sup>th</sup> straight Conference Championship, and is gearing up for a state championship run that could see the Highlanders host as many as three straight NCHSAA playoff games. Even Highlands Middle School shared in the success, with HMS soccer going undefeated on the season and winning a conference championship as well.

Winter sports look equally as promising for Highlands School, as the Highlanders and Lady Highlanders will both enter the season as the preseason favorites in the LSMC. The Lady Highlanders will return four starters from last year's squad and will be looking to dethrone Hiawassee Dam as conference champions. The Highlanders return everyone from last year's varsity squad and will feature an experienced team made up entirely of upperclassmen. If



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these squads perform up to expectations, Highlands could have what is likely the most successful athletic year in the history of the school. It is a testament to the commitment of the student-athletes at Highlands to have the opportunity to accomplish such a feat.

One of the great things about living in a community like Highlands is the support that the town provides for the athletes of Highlands School both in attending the

games as well as the generous financial support through the Highlands Booster Club. The facilities at Highlands School are the best in the area, and the fan support for the students as they have competed this season has been tremendous. I hope that we continue to see familiar faces as we move from fall sports to winter sports and on to spring sports-but I also hope that those who have not had a chance to make it to a game will come out and watch our athletes in action this season. All of us have the chance to be a part of what could be a truly special year in the annals of Highlands School.

## • HS SOCCER/VOLLEYBALL •



Senior Tucker Bates at the last conference game of the season against Hayesville.

Photo by Noel Atherton

### Highlanders win Conference Title; set sights on state

**By Ryan Potts**

The Highlander men's soccer team closed out the regular season last Wednesday with an 8-3 victory over the Hayesville Yellow Jackets to clinch yet another undefeated SMC season.

The Highlanders were led by three goals from senior Michael Shearl, two goals each from sophomore Taylor Osteen and Andrew Renfro and one goal from senior Robbie Vanderbilt. It was a very emotional night for the Highlanders as they were able to celebrate the ten seniors on the squad.

Highlands hosted rival Blue Ridge in the first round of the state playoffs on Wednesday, but those results were not available at press time. If the favored Highlanders advance they will host a home NCHSAA play-

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### Volleyball falls in 3<sup>rd</sup> round

**By Ryan Potts**

The historic season of the Lady Highlanders volleyball team ended Wednesday night at the hands of the #1 ranked Rosman Tigers.

The Lady Tigers defeated Highlands 3-1 in what was a terrific match that featured the striking power of Rosman versus the defense of the Lady Highlanders. Indeed, even in a loss the Lady Highlander defense was spectacular, even earning the praise of the officials and the Rosman faithful.

When asked to comment on his team's season, Highlands coach Kyle McKim couldn't contain his praise for his girls. "All year long we have been working on eliminating unforced errors. Putting the pressure on the other team and not beating ourselves. This season was the culmination of several

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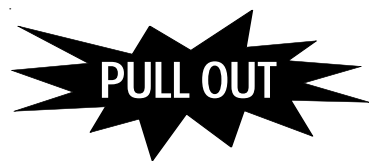
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# On going and Upcoming Events

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## Through 2010

• At The Bascom, Do Tell environmental sculpture: Patrick Dougherty. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Through Dec. 18

• At The Bascom, American Craft Today, Juried Exhibition, Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Through Sat., Nov. 27

• At The Bascom, Recent Works: Aaron Yakim and Cynthia Taylor. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

## Ongoing

• Hospital Tours: "Grand Rounds" at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will be providing small group tours to interested area residents. Tours will be held periodically each month, through October. Tours begin at 7:30 a.m. and will include breakfast with HCH's doctors and a meet and greet with the new CEO, Craig James. Call the Foundation Office at 526-1435 as space is limited. Or RVSP by email at [info@hchospital.org](mailto:info@hchospital.org).

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes all week long. Call 828-526-1FIT.

• Nantahala Tennis Club meets everyday at 9 a.m. at Highlands Recreation Park. \$2 per person; all visitors welcome. Call 526-3556.

• YOGA- Moonrise Yoga - The Highlands Dedicated Studio, 464 Carolina Way. Mon 5:15pm and Sat 9:30am. All Levels. Mats provided. Pre-register for Winter Series, 526-8880. More info at [www.yogahighlands.com](http://www.yogahighlands.com).

## Sundays

• Aftershock Youth meets every Sunday Night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God at 6201 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC. Contact youth ministers Seth & Sarha Henegar at 828 369-7540 ext 203.

• The High Mountain Squares will be having a dance workshop get-together on Sundays. This will include main/stream and plus levels. The caller will be Jim Roper from Cornelia, GA. The dances will be held at the Environmental Resource Center, Lakeside Drive, Franklin, from 3 to 5 p.m. Come in casual clothes and dance with us. Now is the time to come if you have not danced in a while and you would like to get started again. This is good exercise and a lot of fun. The cost is \$3 per person. For information, call 828 349-0905, 828 369-8334, 706 782-0943.

## Mon. & Thurs.

• On the Mat Yoga at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Upper Level Jones Hall.

Mon., and Thurs. at 10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. \$10/hour. (12/31)

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class at the Rec Park. 8:30-9:30 a.m. \$20/month.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

## First Mondays

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

## Mondays

• Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Tuesdays

## AngelFood

The November menu features the popular Thanksgiving Box. This special holiday box includes a 7.5 lb. roasting hen, 3-lb ham roast, corn bread stuffing mix (2 pkgs) frozen cranberries, mini-corn cobbettes, green beans, diced sweet potatoes, dinner rolls, brown gravy mix (2 pkgs) and dessert for only \$36.

Come by the Church of the Incarnation at 5<sup>th</sup> and Main streets to pick up a complete menu and place your order.

The deadline for ordering is Thursday, Nov. 11. Distribution day is Saturday, Nov. 20 from 8-9 am.

Also, the Christmas Holiday Box will be available and orders for this box should be placed by Dec. 1. Distribution will be Dec. 18. This box includes the same items as are in the Thanksgiving Box.

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• The Highlands Dialogue invites everyone to

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participate in our Tuesday discussions at the Civic Center from 10-11:30 a.m. While our name is new, the Highlands Dialogue intends to build on the Fall/Winter-Spring discussion series previously sponsored by HIARPT. Discussions range from current events and great books to extreme whimsy. The only membership requirements are that you come with an exploring mind and that you read a session's material before attending the discussion (we distribute readings either by e-mail or at previous sessions). Even if you are not able to attend all of the discussions, you are encouraged to come when you are available. If you would like information about the Highlands Dialogue or any of our upcoming discussions, please e-mail John Gaston johngaston@aol.com or Karen Hawk hwkncrw@earthlink.net. If you would like us to add your name to the Highlands Dialogue's e-mail list, please contact David Scheyer at scheyer08@frontier.com.

## Tues. & Thurs.

- Study Hall at the Literacy Council of Highlands in the Peggy Crosby Center from 3 to 5 p.m. Come do your homework, projects use the resources on site and get help from a tutor. For more information, contact Faviola Olvera at (828) 526-0925 or by email at missolvera@yahoo.com.

- Kettlebell Class at the Rec Park with Ginger Baldwin at 5:15 p.m. Fast moving free weight kinetic

chain movement for 30-40 minutes. \$8 per class. Call 526-3556 or 526-4959 to reserve a spot.

## Wednesdays

- \$2 off bar drinks at El Azteca. 70 Highlands Plaza across from Bryson's Food Store.

- The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at 7:30 a.m. in the dining room at the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Enter the hospital in the main or emergency entrance and follow the signs downstairs. Visitors are welcome. Meetings end at 8:30 a.m.

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

- The Homegrown Buds, a homeschool 4-H club, meets at noon at the Macon County Library on Siler Road in Franklin at 1 p.m.

## Wednesdays & Fridays

- Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Every 3rd Wednesday

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

## Thursdays

- Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

## Friday & Saturdays

- Live Music at The Downhill Grill at Scaly Mountain Outdoor Center 7-9 p.m.. BYOB.

## Every Third Saturday

- The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

## Saturdays

- At Paoletti's Restaurant, intimate Wine Tasting at the bar at 1 p.m. Great values in wines from around the world, available for retail sales daily. Cheese and Crackers are served. Cost: \$20 per person.

- At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

- Highlands Knitting & Needlepoint Guild meets to knit, crochet and needlepoint on the terrace at the Bascom. Questions? 526-1741.

- At The Bascom, Nov. 12, 19, Dec. 11 and 18 (no class on Thanksgiving Saturday or Christmas Parade day). Youth will learn about other cultures and make crafts that can hang on the tree or be given as gifts. Each class will cover the art and culture of two different countries. To register or for more information, visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call 828.526.4949, ext. 100.

## Wednesdays through Dec. 15

- Have you ever experienced grief? Has someone close to you died? Has your marriage ended in divorce, leaving you feeling angry or possibility depressed? If you have experienced a significant loss and want to meet with others sharing similar feelings, the join us. Highlands United Methodist Church (HUMC) is hosting a free Grief Support Group, which is open to the community. Beginning Wednesday, No-

vember 3rd, through December 15th the group will meet in the church parlor, from 6:15-7:30pm. If you want to come early and join us for supper, \$5 per person of \$12 per family, call the church office by Monday of each week. (526-3376) The support group is facilitated by Dr. Jamye Christy. Dr. Christy has 15 years of Pastoral Counseling experience. HUMC is excited to offer this support to the community. Come share your story, and make the journey to better emotional health.

## Thurs., Nov. 4

- Taize in Highlands, 5:30 at Highlands United Methodist Church.

## Friday, Nov. 5

- The High Mountain Squares will dance this Friday night, November 5th at the Macon County Community Building from 6:30 to 9 PM. Jim Duncan from Otto and, Jim Roper from Cornella, GA will be the callers. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. There will be a Plus Workshop from 6:30 to 7. Everyone is welcome. For information call 828-349-0905 or 828-369-8344.

## Fri. & Sat., Nov. 5-6

- At The Bascom, Mini-workshop: Bill Rouda, photography, Improving the Photographic Eye. For information, call 828.526.4949.

## Sat., Nov. 6

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6 mile moderate hike in Panthertown Valley to Blackrock Mtn., Granny Burrell's Falls, and Salt Rock Overlook, with an elevation change of 800 feet. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or the Cashiers Wachovia Bank at 9:50 a.m. Bring water, lunch, wear sturdy shoes. Drive 50 miles round trip. Call leader Jim

## • A REVIEW •

### HCP's 'Life with Father'

By Luke Osteen

I just wanted to compliment the cast and crew of Highlands-Cashiers Players' production of "Life With Father," now playing at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

This sweet-natured drama, flavored with a healthy dose of vinegar provided by David Hoffman in the role of patriarch Clarence Day, chronicles life in a busy New York City family in the 1880s.

Although life clearly revolves around Father, the Day household is powered by the children of family – played with subtle comedic timing by Cai Roman, David Long, Daniel Long, and Taj Roman – and Betsy Miller's marvelously discomposed wife and mother Vinnie.

Adding fuel to this combustible mix are a team of maids (Elizabeth Gordon, Vangie Rich, Jeannette Brand, Denise Dunn and Kris Maree) whose choreographed table-setting skills are a masterpiece of comic timing; visitors Michelle Hott and Kaycee Carver (a jewel

as the tender and surprisingly spunky romantic interest of Cai Roman); Wayne Coleman as the Rev. Doctor Lloyd whose careful scheme to secure the soul of Father is pitch-perfect; and a pair of doctors (Curtis Rich and Jim Dunn) whose services highlight a pivotal plot point.

Talented as these performers are, they're supported by a dazzling production team – John Roman's eye-popping set is a marvel to behold; costume designer Jeanie Crawford's wardrobe dazzles with its richness; and Steve Hott's lighting is subtle and evocative.

Naturally, all of this talent would flounder without the assured direction of Dr. Ronnie Spilton. She's delivered a smart show that's funny and sweet and remarkably warm.

My thanks to everyone involved with "Life With Father."

Tickets are available by calling the box office at 526-8084. Performances run Friday-Sunday, 7:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m., respectively.

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## Sunday, Nov. 7

• The Highlands United Methodist Church youth will have Krispy Kreme Doughnuts for sale for \$10 a dozen on Sunday morning between services. This is a fundraiser for Haiti.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.2-mile hike on Lakeside Drive Trail, beginning at the Macon County Health Center to walk through woods and fields. This short neat hike is one of Franklin's little treasures. Meet at the Macon County Health Center parking lot at 2 p.m. Bring water; wear sturdy shoes. Call Leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

## Tuesday, Nov 9

• Highlands Dialogue is developing a list of documents that should be "required reading" for anyone seeking or elected to public office. These documents and/or books can be anything from any time. After the group has created the list, the group will rank them and send the list to every person in the Federal, State, or

Local Government who represents anyone attending the Dialogue. Coordinator: Mary Lou Worley. The Highlands Dialogue's Tuesday discussions are held at the Civic Center from 10:00-11:30 a.m. For more information about the Highlands Dialogue or any of our upcoming discussions, please e-mail John Gaston johngaston@aol.com or Karen Hawk hwkncrw@earthlink.net. If you would like us to add your name to the Highlands Dialogue's e-mail list, please contact David Scheyer at scheyer08@frontier.com.

## Thursday, Nov. 11

• The November meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club will meet on Thursday at 6 PM at the Blue Ridge School, in Glenville. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcomed. The club meets every second Thursday.

## Thursday-Sunday, Nov. 11-14

• Annual Culinary Festival. Call the Chamber of Commerce for details. 526-2114.

## Sat., Nov. 13 - Sat., Dec. 18

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## Veteran's Day Art Program celebration at The Bascom



Susan Nastasic will teach The Bascom's free Veteran's Day Art Program celebration for kids. To register or for more information on The Bascom call 828. 526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

On Thursday, November 11, The Bascom will be hosting a free Veteran's Day Art Program celebration for kids. Susan Nastasic, a popular Bascom youth instructor, will lead students in a patriotic project that includes elements of design, color, pattern, and construction.

Two age-specific sessions will be offered: kindergarten-fourth grade will be from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and fifth-eighth grade from 1 to 3 p.m. Snacks will be provided.

"The Bascom offers many free events and hands on opportunities for community participation. The "Spooky Raku" pottery firing on Halloween brought out many de-

lighted observers and participants. We will highlight another important holiday, Veteran's Day with a program that allows children to use their imaginations and honor America's veterans," said Norma Hendrix, The Bascom's education director. "This is all part of our continued creative outreach effort for the Highlands-Cashiers plateau."

Exhibitions at The Bascom are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Workshop registration is going on now and space is limited. For more information on The Bascom visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call 828. 526.4949.

## Be a part of The Bascom's Nog Off and Table-Scape Competition; view the historic beauty of the 'A Stitch in Time: Quilts Exhibition'

Circle Saturday, November 13 on your calendar as The Bascom unveils three "do not miss" events. First, the *A Stitch in Time: Quilts* exhibition opens in The Bascom Loft Gallery. Enjoy this opportunity to examine quilts on loan from local collectors and appreciate functional objects as works of art. Quilts embody the love and care of family, as they were originally created for warmth and protection in our mountain heritage. Today, these once-practical objects are treasured and collected by family and fiber enthusiasts. The exhibition will be on view through December 18.

Then join in The Bascom's Nog Off and Table-Scape competition from 5-7 pm. Bring your own unique, interpretive ideas or just your taste buds to The Bascom's Nog Off, a friendly contest and culinary celebration of a favorite holiday drink. There are two ways to participate. Submit your

favorite eggnog recipe or come sample the nogs and cast your vote to determine the 2010 victor. For those with a more decorative flair, the Tablescape event shows off creatively designed table arrangements. Prizes will be awarded! The days festivities are free to the public and there is no entry fee for participants.

Don't miss The Bascom's outstanding exhibition line-up including *Fire and Heat by Three*; Recent Works: Aaron Yakim and Cynthia Taylor; *American Craft Today*, *Moulthrop and Woodturning Magic* and Patrick Dougherty's *Do Tell* environmental sculpture. Exhibitions at The Bascom are free and open to the public Tuesdays through Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To register for the Nog Off and Table-Scape or for more information on The Bascom visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call 828. 526.4949.

## A November to Remember at The Bascom

### ■ *A Stitch in Time: Quilts Exhibition* November 13-December 18



### ■ Nog-Off and Tablescape November 13, 5-7 pm Enter Your Favorite Recipe Vote for your favorite!

### ■ Artist Marketplace November 26-27 Purchase one-of-a-kind, affordable, hand-crafted gifts



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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events

• At The Bascom, A Stitch in Time: Quilts. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org). Galleries are open to the public, Tues.-Sat., 10 am-5 pm; Sun., noon-5 pm.

**Sat., Nov. 13**

• At The Bascom, Nog Off and Table-Scape

Competition, 5-7 pm. An artistic, culinary celebration of a favorite holiday drink featuring some delicious and unique family eggnog recipes. Admission is free. For information, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• At The Bascom, Demonstration: Holiday Floral

Arranging, 10:30-11 am. Admission is free. For information or to register, call 828.526.4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• The Christmas Tree "on the Hill," 212 S. Fourth Street, presents the Saucy Sisters dispensing wine and holiday entertaining tips from noon to 4 p.m. Event is FREE. Information call (828) 526-3687.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate-to-strenuous 7-mile hike in Panthertown Valley to Schoolhouse Falls, Wilderness Falls and Little Green Mtn. with an elevation change of 300 ft. into and out of the valley and a steep climb up Little Green. Meet at Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:00 a.m. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 30 miles round trip. Call leaders Mike and Susan Kettles, 743-1079, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

**Mon.-Sun., Nov. 15-21**

• Operation Christmas Child at Community Bible Church from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 828-526-4949 ext. 100 for more information.

**Thurs., Nov. 18**

• Taize in Highlands, 5:30 at Our Lady of the Mountain Catholic Church.

**Sat., Nov. 20**

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 5-mile hike on the Park Ridge and Park Creek trails in the Standing Indian area. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9:00 a.m. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Drive 40 miles round trip. Call leader Gail Lehman, 524-5298, for reservations. Visitors are welcome, but no pets please.

• At The Bascom, Play in the Clay Day. \$40 for members, \$45 for non members. 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 526-4949, ext. 100 for more information.

**Sun., Nov 21**

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy-to-moderate 3-mile hike on the Tennessee Rock Overlook Trail in Black Rock Mtn. State Park near Clayton GA. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center at 2:00 p.m. or call leader for an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands. Drive 28 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish, and a few extra dollars for the carpool drivers. There is a \$3 parking fee at the park. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations or an alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Clayton. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

**Tuesday, Nov. 23**

• Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Highlands Civic Center at 6 p.m. It's free.

**Fri. & Sat., Nov. 26-27**

• At The Bascom, A Gingerbread House Workshop. Participants are invited to enter their creations in a contest, to be judged by popular vote. \$40 Bascom members/\$45 non-members. The public is invited to cast their votes Tuesday-Saturday, November 30-December 10, 10 am-5pm. The winners will be announced at 10 am, Saturday, December 11, the public is invited. For information, call 828.526.4949.

• At The Bascom, Artist's Marketplace in the Dave Drake Studio Barn Featuring a gathering of artist tables in the Studio Barn, the marketplace is the ideal place to find unique, affordable, one-of-a-kind artists' works for Christmas, hostess and New Year's gifts. For information, call 828.526.4949.

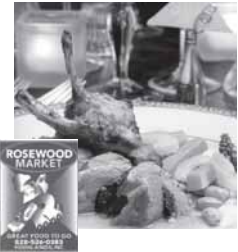
• At Paoletti's, Grand Holiday Wine Tasting at 1 p.m. \$20 per person. Refundable with wine purchase.

**Friday, Nov. 26**

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Designers Home in the Breezes ff North Cobb Road near Highlands Country Club. 3 bedrooms, plus den, 4 baths. Great Living room with fantastic screened porch! Low maintenance yard. Excellent parking. Offered at \$650,000. Owner wants offer! MLS #68298



Unique property has 2 bedroom, 2 bath cabin with Blue Valley view and can be purchased with 1 acre at \$295,000, or with up to 9 acres for additional building sites, Offered at \$785,000 MLS#66916



Great log cabin with rock fireplace. Greatroom, dining room, kitchen, hardwood floors and split floor plan. Large back deck with winter view of Rabun Bald Mountain. All on one level. 17-acre community lake Osage. MLS# 67737, Offered at \$375,000.



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Old Highlands Charm with this charming cottage that sits overlooking the headwaters of the Cullasaja River with lake access to Mirror Lake. Recently renovated. Offered at \$495,000. MLS #67443



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Large 3+/- acre lot, nicely landscaped grounds w/water features. 5BR/4Bath home with plenty of room for friends and family. Lower level has 2BR/1Bath w/small kitchen, and is Handicap Accessible. Art studio, workshop, wet bar. Priced to sell at \$698,000. MLS #70237



Located atop one of the highest ridges in Cullasaja Club, this large estate offers the ultimate in view and privacy. Almost 4 acres that adjoins USFS lands, with flat usable grounds. 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath main house and charming guest house. Additional lot Offered at \$3,300,000. MLS #67407



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Choosing the right Realtor is paramount

Choosing a REALTOR you can trust is one of the most important steps that a buyer or seller can make in today's real estate market. While there are many options that are available for both buyers and

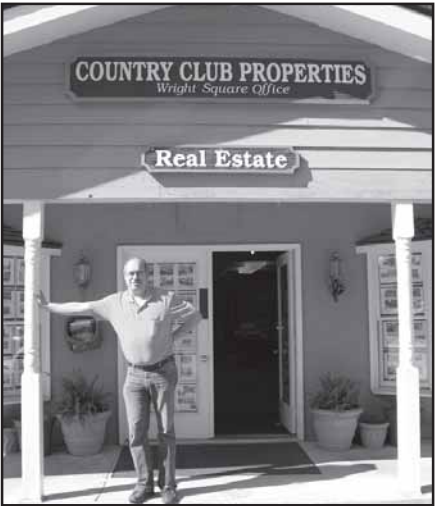
sellers, there are some characteristics that can make a particular REALTOR stand out when selecting a person to lead you through the transaction process.

One of the best ways to select a potential

REALTOR can be to ask around the community at banks, law offices and other local businesses in order to get an idea of who is recommended by the local business owners. Reputation can be an indicator of both the success and the honesty of a real estate agent, and is something that every buyer and seller should look for when making such an important choice.

Experience can and should be a primary factor in choosing a REALTOR, mainly because that experience can help make for a smoother process. An experienced real estate broker can help guide both buyers and sellers through the listing offer and closing processes and can offer the most realistic advice possible thanks to previous transactions.

Another quality that can be important in choosing an agent is the knowledge of the local area. A REALTOR who has lived in the area for many years will be of greater assistance in the "ins and outs" of the particular landscape. Longevity can allow for an agent



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to know of the best values, neighborhoods and views in the area in order to best match up a potential client with what they are interested in.

A good agent will also be willing to work with both the buyer and the seller in order to make the transaction as smooth as possible. In today's economy, a small snag in negotiations can be the difference between a sale that closes and a sale that falls through. Quality agents understand the process of negotiation and can help

in making the transaction something that leaves both sides walking away with a pleasurable experience.

In closing, I would like to remind all of those who will be leaving us for the winter to remember to winterize your homes before heading back to warmer locations. Freezing temperatures can cause pipes to burst and can damage homes, so make sure that your pipes are prepared to withstand the mountain winter so that you can return to a home that is in good condition.

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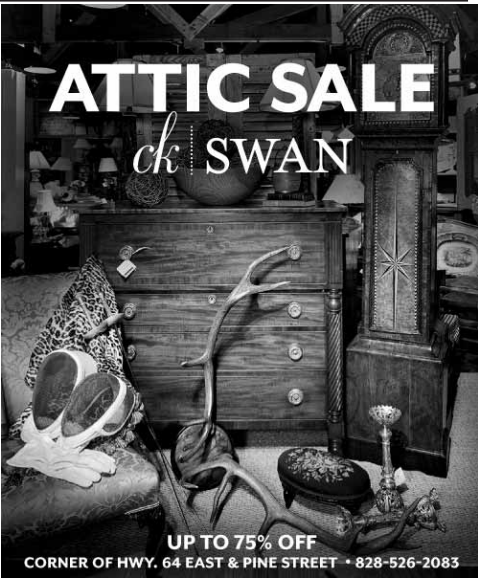
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off game on Saturday. Highlander coach Chris Green is looking forward to the challenge that the state playoffs will bring, saying that "It's like a brand new season for us in that every game is a one game season from here on out and we have to bring our best effort every night."

... VOLLEYBALL from 8

seasons of hard work and preparation by a group of girls that have stayed focused on getting better every time they step on the court. This is a team that is hungry to win and you see it in how they play the game. A team that has overcome the loss of one of our starters (Sarah Power) to a season ending injury and on a weekly basis overcome opponents that are bigger and stronger and have a lot more depth, by playing as a unit and controlling the ball."

Senior Taylor Buras seconded the words of her coach, noting that "it was very satisfying for the refs to come and tell us that ours was the best defense they had seen all year- we did the best we could with what we had and tried to do our best every time we took the court."

State of new  
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- Update: Encouraging -

Here is the most recent update on the proposed Post Office for the Highlands area.

A meeting was held on Nov. 2 with official postal authorities, and with all concerned it appeared to go very well. All parties being satisfied.

As yet, we have not been given a definite statement, but there are no indications that negatives are present.

We are greatly encouraged with the effective cooperation and a very pleasant meeting.

We will keep everyone posted.

- Jane Woodruff



## Dental care for fearful patients

By Dr. Joseph Wilbanks, D.D.S.

As many as 20% of patients who don't make regular trips to the dentist cite the fear of dentists as the primary reason why they don't seek regular dental treatment.

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The fear of dentists can be the result of numerous situations, but is frequently the result of the anticipation of pain, either involving the procedure itself or the needles that are associated with the numbing process. Many older patients may have endured dental treatments that were unduly painful prior to modern pain free dental techniques.

A feeling of not being in control may also result in a fear of dentists and in some rare cases, a phobia of dental care. Despite the nature of fearful symptoms in some patients, there are numerous options that are available to provide successful dental treatment. Sedation dentistry uses a range of medications and most anxious patients respond well to it. While local anesthetics may also be needed during a potentially painful procedure, the injection is usually given following the administration of a sedative. Before appointments, oral sedatives may be given to patients inducing a feeling of relaxation and sedation by IV is another option available for patients that require it. Another tool that is used in sedation dentistry is nitrous oxide which gives the patient a calm and relaxed feeling when it is inhaled.

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the implications of a pure Council-Town Manager form of government.

Skip Keener said he was against Town Manager Jim Fatland having ultimate control over hiring and firing everyone. "The last two employees worked for him in the past and that's just not right. I think these positions should be advertised to see if more people can do the job."

The board is currently considering hiring Mark Maxwell to be interim Zoning Administrator. He worked as Fatland's Public Works Director in Tryon when he was Town Manager there.

Though his employment was going to be considered in closed session Wednesday night, when commissioners learned that Maxwell's reference check was done by Fatland - his ex-boss - Commissioner Patterson requested that information be supplied by someone other than Fatland.

The closed session was cancelled and rescheduled following a continuation Town

Board meeting Monday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. when the board will also discuss bids for construction of the Police Department.

Ex-mayor Buck Trott said aside from administrative duties, it was very important to keep the Police Department - which is trained to follow the law - and the Zoning Administrator, who is also bound by laws and statutes, separate from the regular chain of command.

"Those two positions require a lot of experience and training and there is no room for error in either one, no room. So you want more depth for oversight," he said.

Mayor David Wilkes lobbied hard to change the ordinance and Commissioners Gary Drake and Larry Rogers agreed.

"We can't make our Town Manager responsible if we don't give him ultimate authority," said Wilkes.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said he was on the fence about making a change, but in the end agreed with Dotson and Patter-

son.

"First of all, if the Town Manager is totally in control, how do we really understand how good a job he is doing? But concerning these positions, we have to have a connection to them because they directly affect public policy and it does provide checks and balances. We need to have a hybrid approach to this and trust in the process of involving the board in some way concerning the Police Chief and Zoning Administrator."

In the end Mayor Wilkes suggested leaving the ordinance in tact for now. However a vote wasn't taken.

See next week's issue for more on the Wednesday night's Town Board meeting.

Specifics about the Police Department Renovation Project and its financing; discussion on the town's Animal Control Ordinance, the acceptance of the Macon County Recreation Agreement, and the financial stop-gaps put in place to reduce material weaknesses in the town's financial system will be discussed.

- Kim Lewick

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# Highlands Police & Fire Reports

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Highlands PD log entries from Oct. 21  
Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor, or public officials have been used.

**Oct. 21**

• At 3 p.m. several unauthorized charges were reported on a credit card used at Ruka's Table. The police are investigating.

**Oct. 26**

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Lucerne Drive and Zermatt Circle.

**Oct. 27**

• At 9:39 p.m., police responded to a bear call at a residence on Wyanaok Drive where an aggressive bear was on the porch. Once the bear was gone, officers instructed the resident to take the bird feeder inside.

**Oct. 29**

• At 3:39 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at the Regions Bank and Spring Street.

• At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at US 64 and S. 2nd Street.

**Oct. 30**

• At 1:05 p.m., a fanny pack with money, credit cards and personal belongings was reported lost in the vicinity of Loafer's Bench on Main Street. It was turned found.

• At 10:10 p.m., officers assisted A.L.E. agents at a traffic stop at the Exxon Station where two men were seen exchanging money for alcohol which was then given to an impaired man under the age of 21 years old. Two people were cited – one for giving a malt beverage to a person under 21 years of age and the other for consuming alcohol when under the age of 21. Eric Dietrich, 19, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI, purchasing a malt beverage when under 21, and for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. He was taken to the magistrate's office and given a secured bond.

**Oct. 31**

• At 2:11 a.m., Richard Henry Joiner, 45, of Highlands, was arrested for DWI, for driving with an open container of alcohol in the vehicle and for resisting arrest. He was jailed on a secured \$1,000 bond and later released.

**Nov. 2**

• A little after midnight, officers provided traffic control for town crew.

• At 11:06, officers responded to a 9-1-1 hangup from Highlands Suites but were told the call was an accident.

• During the week, police officers responded to 11 alarm and issued 6 citations.

Highlands F& R Dept. log entries from Oct. 24:

**Oct. 24**

• At 8:25 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashier FD while it fought a structure fire.

• At 12:36 p.m. the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cullasaja FD while it fought a structure fire on Goldmine Road.

**Oct. 26**

• At 9:06 a.m., the dept. stood by at a downed power line until the power company arrived.

**Oct. 28**

• At 6:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Country Club Drive but it was cancelled by the alarm company.

**Oct. 29**

• At 12:29 p.m., the dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on Flat Mountain Road. An injured man was taken to the hospital.

• At 5:19 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on Main Street. There were no injuries.

**Nov. 1**

• At 7:03 a.m., the dept. responded to the smell of electric wire burning at a residence on Crescent Court. It was dust burning in the furnace.

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between the votes for that candidate and the votes for a prevailing candidate is not more than one percent (1%) of the total votes cast in the ballot item, or in the case of a multi-seat ballot item not more than one percent (1%) of the votes cast for those two candidates.

Incumbent Brian McClellan held his seat against Allan "Ricky" Bryson — 58.95% (7,323) to 41.05% (5,099). McClellan carried all precincts in the Highlands District — District I.

Sheriff Robert Holland held his position

against George Lynch — 60.18% (7,802) to 39.82% (5,162) carrying all districts except Nantahala.

Four candidates vied for two Board of Education seats — Incumbent Tommy Cabe and Larry Brooks for District II and Incumbent Bobby Bishop and Gary Shields for District IV.

Incumbent Stephanie McCall ran unopposed for Highlands' District I seat.

Cabe held on to his seat with 52.15% of the vote (5,472 votes) to Brooks' 47.54%

(4,988 votes). Brooks carried Highlands, Flats and Nantahala.

Shields beat incumbent Bishop with 69.92% of the vote (7,999 votes) to his 29.97% (3,429 votes). Shields carried all the districts.

For a complete look at election results go to <http://maconnc.org> click on County Agencies and Board of Elections.

Board of Election officials say the counts aren't official until all the provisional ballots are counted and the canvass is completed.

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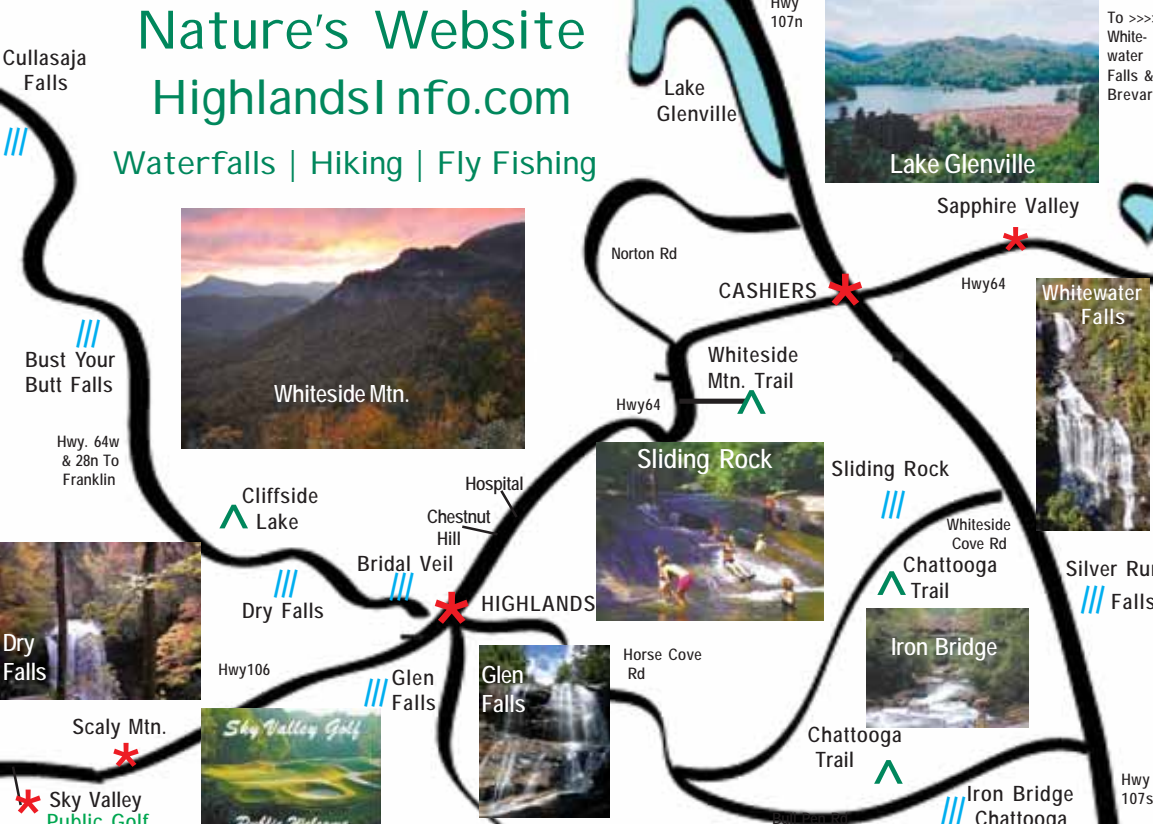


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