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### On-Going

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**Dec. 3 -5**

- Highlands Historical Society's Christmas Show House, the Ravenel House on Wolf Ridge, is open 1-5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$20 (students are free) available at The Old Rangoon "on the Hill," or D&J Express Mart.

**Dec. 4**

- Highlands Chapter #284 OES is having a bake sale featuring pumpkin & cream cheese rollups at Main and Fifth from 10 a.m. until -- before and after the Parade.. Raw peanuts - \$3.

- Breakfast with Santa at Fireside Restaurant, 8-9:30 a.m.

- Annual Christmas Parade on Main Street starts at 11 a.m.

- Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 is having its annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Highlands Conference Center after the Christmas Parade.

- BBQ in support of Bascom-Louise Gallery at the Hudson Library right after the parade.

- Open House at the Highlands Child Development Center on Church Street after the parade noon-3p.m.

**Dec. 7**

- Highlands School Band Christmas Program at 6 p.m., at the school.

- Highlands Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its Holiday Business After Hours at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse at 5:30. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Reservations at the Chamber office. Call 526-5841.

- "Waking Ned Devine" (1998) A charming, earthy British comedy about a tiny Irish village turned asunder when one of its aged residents wins the lottery – and his neighbors try to contrive a way to share the wealth – 7:30 p.m. at PAC. It's free but donations to Bascom-Louise Gallery accepted.

**Dec. 9**

- Highlands Community Players Christmas Reading at PAC at 7:30 p.m. It's free.

## With town's backing UCWA in line for \$110,000

By Kim Lewicki

The Upper Cullasaja Watershed Association is applying for a \$110,000 grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund but to get the money it needs the town's backing.

"The grant requests verification

that there is a dialogue between UCWA and Highlands," said UCWA Director Katy Calloway. "Basically that we are on the same page and communicating about projects as they come up."

At the Dec. 1 Town Board

meeting, commissioners agreed to act as a cooperating agency with UCWA to procure federal and state grant money to help manage the watershed.

"But we want to hear about projects especially if they are going to

▪See UCWA page 6

## Forces rally to eradicate Japanese Knotweed

By Kim Lewicki

There's so much of it in Highlands, people think it belongs here. But Japanese Knotweed is an unwanted plant which has taken up residence, going the way of Kudzu, driving out native vegetation and

wildlife and threatening the natural ecosystem.

At the Dec. 1 Town Board meeting, commissioners heard from Mercedes Heller, spokesperson for the Land Stewards of the Highlands Plateau who asked

the board to partner with the organization to eradicate the knotweed.

"The Land Stewards recommend that a representative from the North Carolina Exotic Plant Council in coordination with

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## Don't miss the parade!



Photo by Jim Lewicki

It's a true "Norman Rockwell" scene every year in Highlands, when just about every civic group and organization marches in the annual Christmas Parade. It's always on the first Saturday in December – this year Dec. 4 at 11 a.m. on Main Street.

## Accelerated Math program boosts math skills

By Nancy Welch

Contributor

A recent workshop presented by Renaissance Company, which helps supply curriculum to schools, has brought the accelerated math program at Highlands School into focus.

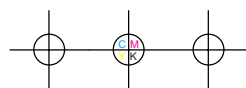
Highlands Principal Monica Bomengen said the program has been in place for a year, thanks to donations from the school's PTO. But, she said, the teachers needed to be on the same page, using the program to help students excel in math.

"It's based on the individual level," she said. "It's not just for students who are below average, it is also for those above average. It is a wonderful tool for the teachers and the students are benefiting greatly.

Carol Bowen, media coordinator for the school, said the program's name was a bit misleading.

"People tend to compare it to the accelerated reading program, but it's different," she said. "In the minds of most people, when you think of the accelerated reading program, you

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## Hospital Auxiliary Tree of Lights

Bells (in honor of living friends and loved ones) and Stars (in memory of deceased friends and loved ones) will be placed on the Hospital Auxiliary Christmas Tree. These tributes are available with a gift of \$25 or more.

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## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### In support of 'The Salvation Army'

Dear Editor,

It is Christmastime, and here is another reminder that our society is becoming far less compassionate. This article is a direct reference to Target Stores refusing to allow the Salvation to ring their bells, and for us to have the pleasure of making donations into those beautiful red kettles. Isn't that really the reason for the season? Target sites that they must enforce their no-solicitation policy consistently. The Salvation Army bell-ringers are an American icon. We too, have a choice of where we spend our money.

Hopefully you will join me by boycotting Target stores and going online at <http://www.salvationarmyusa.org/> to make an online donation or mail a check to: The Salvation Army National Headquarters P.O. Box 269 Alexandria, VA 22313.

Here are just a few reasons why:

Donations provide Christmas dinners, clothing, and toys for families in need. Financial assistance also helps with basic necessities, along with seasonal aid. Families of prisoners often are included.

Volunteers distribute gifts to shut-ins in hospitals and nursing homes, and shelters are open for sit-down dinners. The Salvation Army endeavors to bring spiritual light and love to those it serves at Christmas so that the real meaning of the season is not forgotten.

Many families receive aid over a period of months after the Christmas season as well, people struggling with difficult family, emotional, or employment problems.

In addition, The League of Mercy is a visitation program that connects volunteers and Salvation Army officers and soldiers to those with special needs in hospitals, nursing homes, and correctional facilities.

The Salvation Army also helps the increasing numbers of older Americans present special challenges for housing, employment, and recreation. Community programs give seniors renewed interest and zest for life. Contemporary residences are provided, as well as retirement developments for the elderly. They provide safe and comfortable living accommodations at moderate cost. Cooperative efforts with federal, state, and local programs help provide hot meals to housebound seniors.

The Armed Forces: Service to the Armed Forces began during the Spanish-American War, when Salvation Army officers accompanied troops to the Philippine Islands. In 1917, National Commander Evangeline Booth initiated a program that ministered to the needs of American military men at home and abroad. In the program, female Salvationists became known as "Sallies" as they served donuts and coffee in the front-line trenches and elsewhere. They became a symbol of love and caring that has endured through the years.

In 1939, as World War II appeared inevitable, The Salvation Army helped create the interfaith movement that led to the formation of the United Service Organization, known as USO.

Disaster Relief: Whether it be a local incident or a major disaster, Salvation Army staff and volunteers are often the first on the scene and the last to depart, honoring a century-old commitment to serve those in need, at the time of need, and at the place of need.

The red shield continues to be a beacon of compassion; of immediate aid, psychological support and spiritual counsel to individuals and families whose lives have been disrupted or shattered by forces beyond their control.

Salvation Army disaster response teams, coordinated and directed by commissioned officers and trained personnel, supported by volunteers, are "on call" to serve at all disasters and civil disorders which place a community or its populace at risk or which may disrupt or destroy family security and well-being.

"Forbes Magazine" has awarded The Salvation Army a gold star as one of America's top 10 charities of 2003 according to the Forbes article "Genuinely

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# Businesses/school board taking 'smoke-free' environs seriously

By Kim Lewicki

It's no secret smoking, chewing tobacco, even being exposed to second-hand smoke can cause cancer.

With that in mind, Macon County School Board officials are considering making Macon County School campuses and sports facilities smoke-free.

At the Dec. 22 school board meeting, the board heard from Sandy Conaty, tobacco educator for Macon County, who asked members to consider making Macon County campuses and sports arenas 100 percent tobacco-free.

"We need to make 'not smoking' the norm not 'smoking the norm'," she said. "It's common knowledge, it will kill you."

At a recent game at Franklin High School, Conaty was pleased and surprised when no one complained at the announcement that the game and arena would be smoke-free for the night.

"Parents are used to places being non-smoking and the kids started taking ownership of the concept," she said. "It was easier than I thought it

would be."

Board members Tommy Cabe and Donnie Edwards said it's probably time for the board to adopt such a policy.

"The first county to become 'smoke-free' in the state is the county where all the tobacco companies are," he said. "You'd think it would have been the last place to accept it but it was the first."

Edwards said he was at a school game in Mecklenburg County recently which was smoke-free and no one seemed to mind. "Everyone thinks making schools and games smoke-free is going to be a big problem, but it really isn't," he said. "I think we need to do it, maybe start it next school year."

Instead of suspending students who are caught smoking at school or at school-sponsored sports events, Conaty suggested educational sessions where students learn about the harmful effects of smoking.

The board took no action on the proposal, instead took it under advisement but agreed it was a concept whose time had come.

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Recently, Macon County restaurants participated in the NC Heart Health Survey which included determination of smoke-free policies.

The facts about the harms of second-hand smoke are now indisputable. The Surgeon General and the National Academy of Sciences examined the evidence about exposure to second-hand smoke. Both agree — disease risk due to second-hand inhalation of tobacco smoke is not limited to the individual who smokes. More specifically, the risk of developing lung cancer is higher.

In addition, the National Cancer Institute says non-smoking workers exposed to second-hand smoke are 34 percent more likely to get lung cancer. And non-smoking waiters and waitresses who work in smoky environments have a 50 percent greater risk of lung cancer than they would in smoke-free restaurants.

Unfortunately, these risks affect everyone. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), just 30 minutes of exposure

to secondhand smoke can cause unhealthy stress on your cardiovascular system, such as faster heart rate. The effects can last up to eight hours, similar to the effects in smokers.

Contrary to popular belief, ventilation systems are not the solution. There is no way to completely remove secondhand smoke from an enclosed environment.

It turns out that 64 percent of North Carolinians prefer smoke-free restaurants anyway, according to the CDC. And, 70 percent feel that businesses should do more than they are to protect their customers from second-hand smoke.

If you have any questions, or would like to know more about Tobacco Free Restaurants in our community, please call the Healthy Carolinians of Macon County at 349-2426.

In Highlands non-smoking restaurants have become the norm in the following restaurants: Lakeside

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Needy!" [12/8/03] "Our annual survey of 200 large charities picks 10 that shine," stated the magazine, designating The Salvation Army as one that gives supporters "a better bang for the donor's buck." Thank you to all of our donors and volunteers for making it possible to use donations where they are needed most!

Let's show Target that we, the people, can make a difference and help make up some of the 9 million dollars lost by their decision to boycott The Salvation Army.

**Patricia Thornton**  
Highlands, NC

# • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

## Hey ToJo, I don't think we're in Atlanta anymore

Here is yet another of my famous children's stories, specially adapted for those obnoxious, bratty little whippersnappers who might be living in Kansas, Atlanta, or worse, Miami.

When you read this story to your little hellions, speak slowly and use your best sing-song voice, like when you tried to convince your gram ma she was better off in a nursing home. Do not read this story to small children who have always lived in Highlands as they could be corrupted by its content. This is strictly for city slickers.

Once upon a time, there was little girl named Dorothy who owned a not so cute little dog named Tojo. They lived in a very scary place called Atlanta.

Dorothy adopted Tojo from the dog pound where he was about to get snuffed for being the ugliest dog there. Dorothy spotted him and it was instant love. You see, Dorothy is no prize herself, sporting buck teeth, crossed eyes which are very close together and pigeon toes. (Here, I suggest you pause, point to the picture of Dorothy and Tojo, laugh and make fun.)

One hot summer afternoon, up come a giant storm (that's mountain talk) and, because of poor building codes in Atlanta, ripped their house from its foundation and sent it hurling into the sky with Dorothy and Tojo inside. It spun around and around for a long time and finally landed with a thud.

Dorothy and Tojo opened the front door and looked out. To their amazement, they saw lush green forests, beautiful birds, wonderful waterfalls and an abundance of wild life. "Oh Tojo," Dorothy screeched, "I don't think we're in Atlanta anymore." A voice called out from the side of the house, "You are in the land of make believe, called Highlands."



Fred Wooldridge

A stout gentleman presented himself to them who Dorothy first thought was Santa Claus without the garb. "Hi, my name is Buck and I am the Mayor of Highlands. You can call me Buck 'Trout' like everyone else does."

He extended his hand and they set foot in Highlands for the first time, feeling instantly enchanted. Everything was so very beautiful "By the powers 'invested' in me, I anoint you Queen of Highlands for killing that dastardly person from the evil empire, setting us free of future inflation," the mayor proudly announced.

Dorothy looked down and saw a pair of legs protruding from the corner of her house. "Oh my, I didn't mean to hurt anyone. I am so sorry." "Not to worry child, this evil person was buying up all of Highlands and causing prices to rise on everything. You have done us a great service."

By this time many Highlanders had come out of their homes to help the mayor celebrate this glorious event. They sang songs and cheered. Then the mayor said to Dorothy, "Now let's get down to business, I have been nice long enough. Get this house out of here as it is violating our many building codes. If you don't move it, we will sue. We're very good at that. Besides, this house is worth 10 times more than when it was sitting in Atlanta. You will be a millionaire. All you need is a realtor. We have a zillion of them in this enchanted land."

The mayor took Dorothy and Tojo over to a place called Mill Creek where he introduced her to Richard Betz and Hank Ross. Dorothy said, "I think I know the two of you. Didn't you star in a play in Atlanta called Mutt and Jeff?" Ignoring the comment Mr. Betz said, "See this road? It is called the

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# • MOVIE PIX •

## Brassed Off

The 1996, bittersweet comedy/drama, written and directed by Mark Herman (Blame it on the Bellboy), starring Pete Postlewaithe (Hamlet), Tara Fitzgerald (Englishman Who Went Up the Hill), and Ewan McGregor (Moulin Rouge, Big Fish), with music brilliantly arranged by Trevor Jones and the Grimthorpe Colliery Band.

The Storyline: There has been a coal mine in Grimly for centuries, and for 111 of those years, as band leader Danny (the superbly talented Postlewaithe) tells us, there has been The Band. Two world wars, strikes, and a serious depression, and still, the Grimly Colliery band has played on, but things are looking grim in Grimly.

Set in the early 90s, when coal mines throughout Britain faced closings, this is the tale of a town dealing with a changing world and a changing life, and while some of it is sweet and funny, more than a bit is dramatic and tear jerking.

While the rest of their world seems out of control, Danny and his mates (including McGregor and Fitzgerald) pursue the dream of competition at the Albert Hall. The question is, can the band survive without the mine?

Wonderful, stirring performances by the cast, not just



Stuart Armor

the better known principals, but the whole ensemble. I defy anyone who watches the scene when they play "Danny Boy" to refrain from getting a little teary eyed.

The box art on this film describes a "delightfully entertaining, romantic

comedy," but that misses the mark. It overlooks the British penchant of dealing with drama and tragedy with dry, razor sharp wit.

There is the love interest (McGregor and Fitzgerald), which is cute but secondary. It is a low budget production, as many British films are, so it has to rely on the old-fashioned film technique of great writing and acting. They don't treat one of my heroes, Iron Maggie Thatcher well, but I can get over that, because it's a great story.

The music, naturally, is spectacular, but an interesting side note, the actual brass band doing the music, Grimthorpe Colliery Band had a VERY difficult time sounding like a bad band in need of more practice, as they did in the beginning of the story, they had never practiced how to sound bad; apparently it was quite a challenge for them.

If you like this one, give a look to Pricilla, Queen of the Desert, Shirley Valentine, Full Monty, Sister Act, Cosi, and Blaze, all well worth seeing.



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# Town Hall expansion/construction in 'talking' phase

By Kim Lewicki

Over the last couple of months, the Town Board has tossed around the idea of either expanding or re-locating Town Hall.

Though the concept is still in the "talking stages," commissioners have looked at preliminary expansion designs by

Commissioner and architect Dennis DeWolf.

Expansion could involve utilizing the entire Town Hall building which means the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center would move elsewhere.

Board members are taking all

the municipal property in the immediate area of Town Hall into consideration.

Mayor Buck Trott said it's time the town also think about enlarging the police station. "They don't even have a proper evidence room over there," he said.

Though most commissioners

agree the central location of the current Town Hall is a good one, the board is also entertaining the idea of purchasing property elsewhere and building from scratch. At the last Town Board meeting they discussed property acquisition in closed session.

The 2004-2005 budget doesn't include funds for expansion or building, only for preliminary studies and plans.

As of yet, nothing has been decided, ruled on or made final. Once commissioners make a definitive plan, they will bid out design work and construction.

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affect the town," said Commissioner Herb James.

Over an 18-month period, UCWA will use close to \$200,000 to develop a water quality improvement and protection plan to address current causes of impairment and future threats to stream integrity of the Upper Cullasaja River Watershed.

In addition to the \$110,000 grant request, UCWA has secured \$86,000 in matching funds from consultant services, products and donations from stakeholders and other supporting agencies.

With the state suggesting municipalities implement stronger stormwater runoff controls, UCWA has long been saying the watershed's current and potential problems should be assessed and a plan outlined to keep waterbodies clean. Officials say it's likely stronger regulations will be mandated in the near future.

The North Carolina Division of Water Quality has already identified parts of the Upper Cullasaja River and Mill Creek as impaired waters and has targeted them for restoration.

Over the past year, UCWA has been working with contractors, golf course managers, property owners, community groups and local and state government agencies teaching ways to keep area water bodies clean.

Funding from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund will allow UCWA to identify and develop specific projects in collaborations with these groups.

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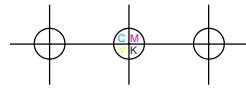
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(Now hug your child and tell him if he is not good, you will never take him to Highlands.)

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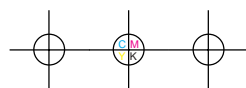
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# 'Virtual classroom' could expand course options for students at-home or while abroad

By Kim Lewicki

Painting a "world picture" for education through on-line learning could be a possibility very soon in Macon County.

At the Dec. 22 Macon County School Board meeting, Superintendent Dr. Rodney Shotwell told the board he was investigating an on-line learning program for students both at home and out of country.

"Last year we ran into this with students who were studying abroad where the courses they took while away didn't transfer back in," he said. "With on-line courses, if the students have the time, they could take courses and earn

the credits they need in Macon County."

He and Assistant Superintendent Susie Cabe are looking at two venues – Learn NC and Web Academy. Both sites offer an extensive list of both curriculum courses and AP courses.

"Before we do this we have to make sure that courses are accepted across the board so the courses taken through the sites are weighted the same and one school or one student isn't getting something others don't have," he said.

Because of the Valedictorian and Salutatorian status, it's important that students take exactly the same number of courses so that Grade Point Averages are computed the same.

Shotwell said taking AP courses on-line from resident high schools like Nantahala and Highlands – small schools where head count determines course availability – would be one way to meet the needs of highschoolers at small schools.

He said the virtual classrooms would be available to students in all three high schools in Macon County but a policy will determine exactly which courses will be accepted and which "virtual classroom" students can attend.

The board is expected to vote on the exact venue at the January school board meeting.



Twigs on U.S. 64 east won first place in the "Local Tradition" category.

## Holiday window decorating winners

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# Highlands School Boys basketball teams playing well from the start

**By Kathryn Coppage**  
12<sup>th</sup> Grade

Highlanders' basketball team shot off to a great start winning two out of three games so far this season. They hold a 2-1 record for the games against the Blue Ridge Bobcats, the Rabun County Eagles, and the Robbinsville Knights.

In their first game against Blue Ridge on Nov. 19, the Highlanders smothered the Cats with an outstanding 93-36 victory. With a player shortage and a lack of depth, the Bobcats didn't stand a chance against the Highlanders.

Ryan Bears and Allen Shearl

were the stars of the night with 17 and 14 points, respectively.

The Highlanders' second game against Rabun County on November 20 was an even greater success. Being a 2-A school, Rabun County poses a great challenge to the Highlanders, but the challenge was overcome by an excellent game. Every player had his game on that night and they took control of the game as soon as they stepped foot onto the court. The Highlanders remained in the lead by at least eight points throughout the game.

"I was proud of both the boys and the outcome of the game. They

went out there and played their hardest and they walked off with a win against a big school and a tough team to beat," said Coach Butch Smart.

The final score was 56-42 with points distributed among all the Highlander players. Alec Schmitt and Matt Rice led the game with 12 points each.

When the Highlanders faced the Robbinsville Knights on Nov. 30, the outcome was not quite as pretty as their previous outcomes. The Knights knocked the Highlanders

out of the game with a 93-46 win.

"They were bigger, taller, and stronger. Most of their physical attributes were difficult to override, and we just did not play to our ability by any means," Captain Matthew Keener stated.

Coach Smart said, "My team just didn't show up at the game. I don't know where they were, but they were not in that game. Everything went downhill, especially our score."

The Highlanders look forward to a great season this year.

## Girls basketball team coming together

**By Claire Frederick**  
11th Grade

Lady Highlanders have had a shaky start to this year's basketball season, but are 1-0 in conference play.

The Ladies hold a 1-2 overall record so far. In their first game Nov. 19, the Lady Highlanders crushed the Blue Ridge Bobcats.

The Highlanders played aggressively and worked together as a whole to easily defeat the Bobcats.

Highlands faced the 2A team, the Rabun County Eagles Nov. 20, in a disappointing loss.

The Lady Highlanders came out strong in the beginning but quickly lost their offensive force.

On Nov. 29, Lady Highlanders

fell to the Robbinsville Black Knights 59-27.

So far this season, the team leader in assists, scores, and defensive rebounds is senior captain Kayla McCall. Keri Raby leads the team in steals and free throw shots and Rebecca Ashburn and Maggie Dearth led the team in offensive rebounds.

Coach Bill Lanford feels that the season is going to be OK and they just haven't gotten it together. He said, "The team has been working hard and we're just trying to find the people that work best together."

Despite two losses in their first three games, the Lady Highlanders are undefeated in conference play.

## School band concert set for Dec. 7

The annual Highlands School Christmas Program is set for Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. in the school gymnasium.

It's extra special this year because it will be in the newly remodeled gym complete with a stage.

Music teachers Joe Powell and Donna Sizemore work with students grades K-12.

The elementary program will include grades K-5, directed by Ms. Sizemore will feature Christmas songs sung by the

students. The fourth- and fifth-graders will be playing recorders (plastic flutes). There will be a brief intermission between the elementary and middle school/high school program.

The middle school and high school bands, directed by Mr. Powell, will be performing a variety of Christmas music. The program will be dedicated to American soldiers.

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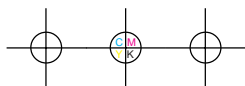
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## – Town Lighting –

On Saturday, Nov. 27, the holiday season officially began in Highlands with the town lighting. This year, it was held at the Rec Park when rain and wind chased the celebration indoors – but it was a celebration nonetheless.

Visitors and families filled the gym at the Rec Park to enjoy hot chocolate and cookies, buy seasonal sweatshirts and sing Christmas Carols.

Santa, Highlands own Buck Tott, Mrs. Clause, Highlands School kindergarten teacher Ms. Jane Chalker and No 1 Elf, Liliane Chidsey from Winston-Salem, N.C., made a special appearance to the delight of children and adults alike.



No. 1 Elf, (Liliane Chidsey), Mrs. Claus, (Jane Chalker) and Santa, (Mayor Buck Trott.)  
Photos by Jim Lewicki



Mary Beth Brody and the Highlands Town Singers & Brass ensemble.

## HCP ready for annual Christmas program

The Highlands Community Players will present their Christmas Reading and Music program Thursday, Dec. 9 at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street.

This will be the ninth "Christmas Gift to the Community" from the Players. It will feature both serious and festive readings performed by members of the group.

Among the performers are Mary Adair Leslie, Misty Thomas, Adam Heffernan, Jim Schulte, Ronnie

Spilton, Jim Gordon, Stuart Armor, Jill Montana, Ann Schneider, Sandie Trevathan, Tanji Armor and Dean Zuch. Callie Rawlins will be this year's Lucia Bride.

Music will be performed by the Hamburg Trio consisting of Valerie Muse, David Muse and Tom Mazzola from Glenville. Vocals will also be sung by Christal and Carlos Green of Highlands.

There is no charge for the program and refreshments will be served after the performance.





## ... MATH from from pg 1

think of going on a computer, reading a book, and doing a quiz on the computer. Accelerated math is nothing on the computer. It is a management program for teachers."

Bowen said this allows them to individualize instruction for the students so each can get what they need. "The computer technology for the students is a test or a diagnostic program called STAR math," she said.

Each student in the program takes a quiz that is on their grade level and this allows the teachers to see where each student stands. The teacher can then see what each student needs and tailor the instruction to help them work to their best ability.

"This actually gives a level for their math proficiency," she said. "I can't emphasize enough that this is just one piece of the puzzle. You also have the teachers' observations and other data to go on to decide what the student needs."

She said with the accelerated math program, the teacher chooses the objectives the students need to work on through the STAR math tests. "But the students do the work with pencil and paper," said Bowen.

She said the recent workshop was a boon to the program at Highlands School.

"We had kind of been using it hit and miss because we had not had good in service on it," she said. "So we had a representative from the Renaissance Learning Company to do a professional seminar — the same kind that many other schools had attended in Atlanta. Instead, we had the representative come to our school for an entire day and go through the program, manuals and answered questions."

She said everyone is more comfortable using the program now.

She said the standards and objectives are correlated to the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.

"The students seem to enjoy doing it," Bowen said. "They seem to feel more empowered. They feel like it's something just for them. Every student in the class doesn't get the same practice and the same test."

Currently the program is targeted toward second through fifth, but Bowen looks forward to adding the middle school as soon as equipment and software is available.

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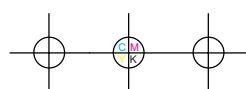
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## – A Christmas Story –

# Nigel marches again...maybe for the last time

By Nancy Welch  
Contributor

**N**igel the Basset Hound has been a part of the Basset Hound Brigade in the Highlands Christmas parade for many years. He has marched proudly, once the largest Basset at 94 pounds, he clomped along, his ears draping close to the ground.

This year 14-year-old Nigel is not so well. He has bone cancer and has defied the veterinarian's prediction he may not survive leaf season. He no longer walks, according to Sandie Trevathan, who owns the dog along with her husband Bob.

"He sort of slithers around the kitchen looking for food," Sandie said. "He has good days and bad. We never know. Since he can't really take walks anymore, we take him for a ride in the golf cart everyday. Yesterday, he never lifted his head; but today, he got out and visited with a doggie friend and was in fine spirits."

Sandie and Bob aren't about to let Nigel miss his annual moment in the spotlight, so, with the help of a friend, they will take the golf cart downtown so Nigel can ride in the brigade with his fellow Bassets.

"It's really funny," Sandie said. "He's never ridden in the front seat of the car because he's too long. He always rides in the floor of the golf cart and I told Bob, we've got to start training him to ride on the seat so people can see him."

Time is drawing close for Nigel's big day and Sandie said it may take some doing to get the 70-pound dog coaxed into riding on a seat.

"I thought I would decorate the cart with a big pair of Basset ears," she said. "And we have a poster my niece made last year to put on the front."

Over the years Sandie has organized the Basset Hound Brigade, a high point of the annual parade. This year, however, the actual parade day responsibilities will go to Bob.



"He's always been there with me, so it won't be a problem," Sandie said. "I'll be in another part of the parade."

Sandie laughs as she recalls one year when a young sister and brother showed up with their dog — not a Basset.

"Is this where the dogs line up for the parade?" they asked?

"What could I do?" Sandie said. "The parade is, after all, for the children. So I let them fall in line. They never even noticed their dog was different and had a wonderful time. It was funny."

Sandie encourages anyone with a Basset Hound to call her at 526-5852 to join the brigade.

"We never know how many we will have, but the more, the merrier," she said.

**Nigel's mom, Sandie Trevathan, holds the Basset Brigade sign in last year's Christmas Parade.**





## – News from Chambéry, France, part 4 –

# Giving thanks far from home

By Megan Lewicki

Contributor

Chambéry in autumn is almost as beautiful as Highlands in autumn. The weather is slightly colder, just cold enough to frost the peaks of the surrounding mountains.

Because of the cold weather, all of the French are dressed in multicolored scarves wearing them in at least 20 different ways. If you're under the impression that there are only a couple of ways to wear a scarf, come to France during the colder part of the season, and you'll see what I mean.

But the fall season means more than cold weather. My favorite holiday is in the fall – Thanksgiving – an American foreign exchange student's nightmare.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are emotional roller coasters for an exchange student. They are all about spending time with your family – the one thing we could not fit in our suitcases.

This past Thanksgiving was the first time in my life I did not spend it with my family. I did not get to taste my mother's homemade mashed potatoes, or my grandmother's delicious stuffing, or have seconds and thirds on pumpkin pie.

Instead, the other American (and one Canadian) foreign exchange students and I celebrated our own Thanksgiving, on Friday, instead of Thursday. (It was a school night!)

Our host, 17-year-old Brittany Lang from Missouri, made all the typical Thanksgiving treats, except the pumpkin pie. Try as we did, we could not find the can of pumpkin pie mix anywhere. (With only the basic of cooking abilities, making it from scratch was definitely not an option!) Brittany's host mother made us an apple tart (very similar to a pie) as a substitute.

We gathered around the table and stuffed our faces, talking and reminiscing (in both French and English) of all the things we missed. For me it was American television without the strange French voices dubbed in; Oreos (believe it or not, they do not exist in France); understanding what my teacher at school is actually saying; Wal-Mart; driving around with my friends; going to a Highlands high school soccer or basketball game; my guitar (I could not bring it to France because it was too big); waking up in

my own bed; my dad's laugh; my mom waking me up every morning; Sunday dinners with my grandparents; Sweetreats, Highlands Hill Deli, The Pizza Place, Bucks; acting in a play; watching reruns of "Friends" with my best friends; my church and its congregation; my community; and all my former comfort zones.

But Thanksgiving after all is about giving thanks, and I'm grateful for plenty.

I'm thankful for the Rotary Club here in Chambéry that always seem to know how to make me laugh; my French friends and the other exchange students who make this experience a lot easier; having a one- or two-hour lunch everyday (The French students are absolutely baffled that we American students can wolf down our lunch in less than 20 minutes.); delicious French hot chocolate and coffee; my discovery of Nutella; my French teacher Mrs. Wilson (I'm

so glad you made me learn all that vocabulary!); Janet and King Young who tutored me with my conversational French every Wednesday night during the summer; the Internet (I'd never survive if I couldn't email my parents and friends twice a day); and being surrounded by beautiful France 24/7.

As they say, "separation makes the heart grow fonder," it couldn't be truer for me.

Be thankful for your family and friends that surround you during the holidays. Be thankful for even those little things that you never even think about and take advantage of, like seeing your family everyday, or being an American and having such a unique holiday as Thanksgiving.

**\*Fun fact # 4: Every pharmacy in France is marked with a bright green cross on the outside.**

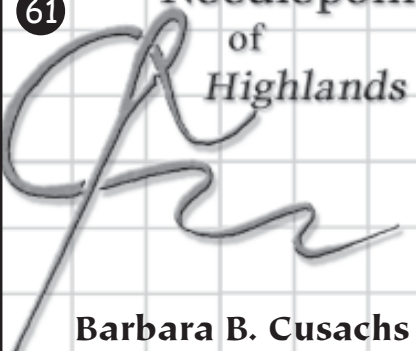


From left, Amanda Dana from Vermont, Florent Plana (Brittany's 13-year-old host brother), Julie Post from New York, Megan Lewicki from Highlands, Katie Barr from Pennsylvania, Brittany Lang from Missouri (the hostess!), and Emma Ferguson from Canada.



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## • BUSINESS NEWS •

### Old Creek Lodge now part of OEI

The Old Edwards Inn & Spa purchase of Old Creek Lodge is effective Dec 1. Located one half-mile from Highlands, Old Creek property is comprised of 15 unique cabins along with three premium guestrooms and one suite in the Lodge. The Old Creek Lodge is opened year round and offers a getaway on six acres with native trees and flowers, and situated on the banks of a waterfall. The Old Edwards Hospitality Group will manage The Lodge and all employees will be retained.

### Gloria Dobrolski named director of rooms for OEI

Gloria Dobrolski has been named Director of Rooms for the Old Edwards Inn and Spa. Dobrolski's responsibilities will consist of directing Inn operations including reservations, front desk, concierge, bell, valet and housekeeping. In addition, she will supervise room operations for the Inn's sister property Kelsey & Hutchinson Lodge.

With more than 10 years in the hospitality industry and a background in management and marketing for corporate hotels, Dobrolski brings a skill-oriented understanding of successful room operations and administration to this new role.

She was most recently the Assistant Director of Housekeeping for the Fairmont Hotel there. Prior to that, she was with Hyatt Hotels as the Assistant Hotel Manager and Director of Security in San Diego, Calif. and later in Kansas City.

### ... KNOTWEED continued from from page 1

the N.C. Cooperative Extension Service of Macon County conduct classes for Highlands town employees, golf course superintendents and private citizens in environmentally safe methods of eradicating Japanese Knotweed and other invasive plants," said Heller.

Because it spreads rapidly through seeds and rhizomes as long as 60 feet, a comprehensive, cooperative plan must be put into action for eradication to work in the area.

Commissioner Amy Patterson worried that it would be a never-ending battle. But Director of the Highlands Biological Station Robert Wyatt said it could be knocked back with an aggressive herbicide program.

"It doesn't seem to be spreading by seed in Highlands but by the rhizomes," he said. "And once it's gone native plants will be able to seed in and grow." He said planting replacement vegetation won't be necessary so erosion shouldn't be a problem.

Commissioners agreed to support the concept of partnering so the Land Stewards would be eligible for a \$2,000 grant, but they want to make sure the remedy for one problem doesn't cause another.

"We need to know exactly what to do and how to do it," said Commissioner Alan Marsh.

Mayor Buck Trott and Bob Wright with UCWA said it's important that the area streams and waterways aren't inadvertently polluted in the process.

Recreation Director Selwyn Chalker, who used to be a licensed chemical applicator, said the municipality may have to look into potential contamination liability. "It's one thing for me to apply a herbicide at my home and another for me to do it on public property."

Heller said that's why eradication should be done by qualified personnel.





## • HOLIDAY RECIPES •

Highlands School Family & Consumer Science teacher Ms. Anne Tate offers these mouth-watering recipes for the holidays.

### Microwave Fudge

- 1 lb. confectioner's sugar
- ½ c. cocoa
- ½ tsp. salt
- ¼ c. milk
- ¼ lb. butter

Place the sugar, cocoa, and salt into a microwave safe bowl. Stir until well blended. Add the milk and stir until it is mixed with the dry ingredients. Place the stick of butter on top of the other ingredients in the bowl. Cook on HIGH for 2 min. or until the bottom of the bowl feels warm. Stir contents of the bowl well. Pour onto a buttered plate and chill.

### Oatmeal Jam Bars

- 1 stick plus 6 T. softened butter
- 1 c. firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 c. all-purpose flour
- ½ tsp. baking soda
- ½ tsp. salt
- 2 c. oats (uncooked)
- 1 ½ c. jam

Cream butter; gradually add sugar beating well at medium speed. Combine flour, soda and salt; add to creamed mixture, mixing well. Stir in oats. Press 1/2 of the mixture into a lightly greased 9X13 pan. Top mixture with jam, spreading to ¼ inch of the pan edge. Sprinkle remaining mixture over jam and press into jam. Bake at 400 for 30 min. Cool and cut

Options—add coconut or chopped nuts to the top of the crumb mixture before baking or drizzle with a glaze (sugar or chocolate) after baking.

### Overnight Coffee Cake

- ¾ c. soft butter
- 1 c. sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 c. flour
- 8 oz. sour cream
- 1 tsp. baking o\powder
- 1 tsp. soda
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground nutmeg
- 1 tsp. cinnamon ¾ c. firmly packed brown sugar
- ½ c. chopped nuts

Combine butter, sugar, cream until light and fluffy. Add eggs and sour cream. Mix well. Sift flour, baking powder, soda, salt and nutmeg. Add to mixture. Pour into greased and floured 9x13 baking pan. Combine brown sugar, nuts and cinnamon. Mix well. Sprinkle over batter. Cover. Chill overnight. Uncover, bake at 350 degrees for 40 min.

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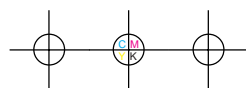
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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-going

- Basset Hound Brigade is on again. All bassets and their owners are welcome and needed to march in the parade. For more information, call Sandie Travathan at 526-5852.

- Every Saturday until Christmas, Santa Claus will be at Town Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. to hear Christmas wishes. A photographer will be on hand, too. (Not until after the Christmas Parade on Dec. 4)

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery – The Element of Collage is now on exhibit in the gallery. The exhibits are free and open to the public.

- At the Bascom-Louise Gallery – Education New – Open Studio with a Live Model 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at the gallery. All participants bring your choice of art medium and \$10 to pay for the model and facilitator. This class is for artists 18 yrs. and older or under 18 with written parent permission. Join us for this exciting new class!

- RAFFLE – Highlands Emergency Council to help fund fuel for elderly and Christmas gift program. \$1 for one or 6 for \$5. Raffle for \$250 Wal-Mart Gift Card or \$250 D&J Express Mart Gift Card.

- Al-Anon Group meets at noon on Thursdays in the Community Room at First Presbyterian Church.

- At ...on the Verandah on Lake Sequoyah, open Fri. & Sat. from 6 p.m.; Closed Dec. 3 & 4. Dinner and piano entertainment from 6 p.m. Dec. 26-31.

- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wed and Fri at noon.

- At Highlands Wine & Cheese – Wines. Wine Flights Friday and Saturday: 4:30-6:30. Saturday: Football Flights. Wines by the glass and cheese plates available Wednesday through Saturday: 1:30 until 4:30. Complimentary Tastings Saturday: 1 until 4:30.

### Dec. 3 & 4

- "A Family of Friends Productions" announces the "Nutcracker Ballet," at the Fine Arts Center at Franklin High School on Friday, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door, Franklin Chamber of Commerce, Cedar's Café and Dairy Queen. Seniors and Students \$5; Adults \$8. Family tickets \$25 (available from Chamber only).

### Dec. 3 -5

- Highlands Historical Society's Christmas Show House, the Ravenel House on Wolf Ridge, is open 1-5 p.m. each day. Tickets are \$20 (students are free) available at The Old Rangoon "on the Hill," or D&J Express Mart.

### Dec. 4

- Highlands Chapter #284 OES is having a bake sale featuring pumpkin & cream cheese rollups at Main and Fifth from 10 a.m. until -- before and after the Parade.. Raw peanuts - \$3.

- Breakfast with Santa at Fireside Restaurant, 8-9:30 a.m. before the parade.

- Annual Christmas Parade on Main Street starts at 11 a.m.

- Highlands Boy Scout Troop 207 is having its annual Christmas Tree Sale at the Highlands Conference Center after the Christmas Parade.

- BBQ in support of Bascom-Louise Gallery at the Hudson Library right after the parade.

- Open House at the Highlands Child Development Center on Church Street after the parade from noon-3 p.m.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 7-mile hike on the Panther Creek Trail in North Georgia

off Old Highway 441. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9:30 a.m. or call leader for alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Call leader Cheryl English, 524-3300, for more information.

### Dec. 5

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 2-mile hike from Winding Stair Gap on 64 West on a Forest Service road, returning via the Appalachian Trail. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for more information.

- There's a "Friends of Library Holiday Party" at 2 p.m. at in the library at 108 Wayah St., in Franklin. The Carolines choral group will provide entertainment. Building and fund-raising plans for the new library also will be presented. Public is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. Call

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### Dec. 7

- Highlands School Band Christmas Program at 6 p.m., at the school.

- Highlands Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its Holiday Business After Hours at the Chestnut Hill Clubhouse at 5:30. Hors d'oeuvres, wine and beer. Cost \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door. Reservations at the Chamber office. Call 526-5841.

- "Waking Ned Devine" (1998) A charming, earthy British comedy about a tiny Irish village turned asunder when one of its aged residents wins the lottery – and his neighbors try to contrive a way to share the wealth – 7:30 p.m. at PAC. It's free but donations to Bascom-Louise Gallery accepted.

### Dec. 9

- Highlands Community Players Christmas Reading at PAC at 7:30 p.m. It's free.

### Dec. 10

- Attention Ladies! Singer, songwriter, dramatist, minister, Lisa Ison, will perform at the Community Bible Church at 7 p.m. Dessert to follow. It's free.

### Dec. 11

- Instant Theater sponsoring "Voices in the Laurel" at PAC at 8 p.m.

### Dec. 12

- The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation invites the Highlands community to join them in celebrating the installatio of its new rector, The Rev. Brian Sullivan. The installation will be by the Bishop of the Diocese of Western N.C., The Rt. Rev. G. Porter Taylor at 4 p.m. The ceremony will be followed by a reception in the parish hall.

### Dec. 11 & 12

- Highlands Community Christmas Chorale Concert at Highlands United Methodist Church – 4 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 7 p.m. on Dec. 12.

- Bel Canto Children's Choir and Youth Chorus of Franklin, NC presents "An Evening of Christmas Cheer," on Saturday, from 7-8 p.m. at The Factory, in Franklin; and Sunday, 7- 8 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Avenue, in Franklin. Both performances are free.

### Dec. 16

- Audubon's annual Christmas Bird Count, Thursday. Please contact Edwin Poole, 526-2775, if you would like to participate in this full day of citizen science. Teams will count birds in the Highlands Plateau for compilation with results from all over North America.

### Dec. 25

- Christmas Dinner at Main Street Inn sponsored by the Highlands Innkeepers Assn. to benefit Habitat for Humanity. For reservations, call 526-2590.

## The Highlands Historical Society – Christmas Show House – The Ravenel House at Wolf Ridge

This home was built in 1915 for Thomas Parker's half-sisters Marguerite and Claire Ravenel. It has a panoramic view of Horse Cove, Whiteside Mountain, Sagee, Fodderstack, Satulah, Wayah Bald, the Fish Hawks, the Balsams, the Smokies, Yellow Mountain, Clingman's Dome and best of all the Town of Highlands.

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## Christ the King



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When I was growing up, and even today, one of the many fun things I used to do was to read the comic strips in the Sunday newspaper. Most of us probably remember a comic strip call "The Little King."

The panels of this comic strip were simply drawn with very little dialogue. This little king was short with a roly-poly body shaped much like my own body and his body was covered in a red robe. He looked much like I now look in these vestments. The cartoon's humor came from the contrast between this small monarch and the situations that called for someone of more, let us say, royal stature.

A more contemporary version of "The Little King" is the little king that appears in the comic strip called "The Wizard of Id." Short kings are inherently funny, but this modern cartoon figure finds no humor in his smallness and roundness. Small to him is not funny! He is much like he would be after hearing that song which was popular in the mid-1970s: "Short People Ain't Got No Right To Live!"

The Wizard of Id king consistently denies his shortness and quickly punishes anyone who calls attention to it. Kings are just not supposed to be little, or un-royal.

And, kings are not supposed to die on crosses either. There is nothing funny in the death scene that Saint Luke records for us in the gospel. Indeed, the contrast between this scene and our adulation of Christ the King is excruciating. How can we hail such a powerless ruler? Or, his he really powerless?

Only in the ancient myths did kings die for their people. In some primitive societies, the king's death was thought to render the land fertile. In these cultures, a ritual death was part of the burden of ruling. The people who

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### Buck Creek Baptist Church

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Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

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### Community Bible Church

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Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45

Wed: Supper – 6 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

### Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Rev. Brian Sullivan – 526-2968  
Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m. ;Adult Sunday School  
classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;  
Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.  
Mondays: Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4  
Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8  
Wednesdays: Supper & Program;  
Thursdays: Daughters of the King – 9 a.m.; Holy  
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p.m.; School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.;  
Choir – 7:15  
Wednesdays: Dinner – 5:30 p.m.; Team Kids – 6  
p.m.; Prayer – 6:15 p.m., Choir – 7:30 p.m.

### First Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175  
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m. ;School – 9:30 & 9:45.  
Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;  
Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.  
Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

Sat: Adventistas del Septimo Dia – 10 a.m. & 5

### Highlands Assembly of God

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street  
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### Highlands 7th-Day Adventist Church

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### Highlands United Methodist Church

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376  
Sundays: School – 9:30 & 9:45 a.m.; Worship –  
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Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study &  
activities – 6 p.m.

### Holy Family Lutheran Church – ELCA

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Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg. – 7 p.m.

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Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

### Scaly Mountain Baptist Church

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Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

### Scaly Mountain Church of God

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore  
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Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.  
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### Shortoff Baptist Church

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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### Westside Baptist Church

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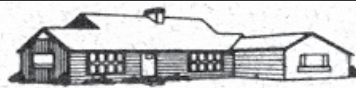


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## • POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Nov. 24-Dec. 1. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

**Nov. 24**

• At 11:20 a.m., a larceny of missing cash was reported at a local business. The case is under investigation.

• At 12:40 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Ravenel Ridge Road. All was secure.

**Nov. 25**

• At 10 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Bruner Lane. All was secure.

• At 10:27 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Old Edwards Inn & Spa. All was secure.

**Nov. 26**

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Ravenel Ridge Road. All was secure.

• At 11:15 a.m., a motorist was cited for making an unsafe movement at Third and Main streets.

• At 4:15 p.m., a wallet was reported lost in the vicinity of Reeves Hardware and Town Square.

• At 9:25 p.m. officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Bruner Lane. All was secure.

**Nov. 28**

• At 12:28 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Rosenthal's on Main Street. All was secure.

**Nov. 29**

• At 8:30 a.m., officers responded to an accident on N.C. 106 and Dog Mountain Road. There were no injuries.

**Nov. 30**

• At 6:25 a.m., a motorist at Poplar and U.S. 64 east was cited for speeding 44 mph in a 25 zone.

• At 6:35 a.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Webbmont was cited for speeding 53 mph in a 35 zone.

• At 10:30 a.m., vandalism of the fencing around a compressor was reported by the manager of Mountain Fresh Fine Foods.

**Dec. 1**

• At 6:30 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Acorn's on Main Street. All was secure.

• At 9:15 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Sagee Dr. All was secure.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Nov. 24-Dec. 1.

**Nov. 25**

• The dept. responded to a fire alarm on business on Main Street. It was false.

**Nov. 27**

• The dept. responded to a possible electrical fire at a residence on Mirrormont, but it was something burning in the oven.

• The dept. responded to a grease fire at a residence on Donald Ross Road.

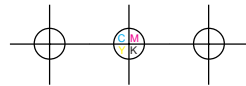
**Nov. 29**

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

**Dec. 1**

• The dept. responded to a tree on fire across a power line on Cornet Lane.





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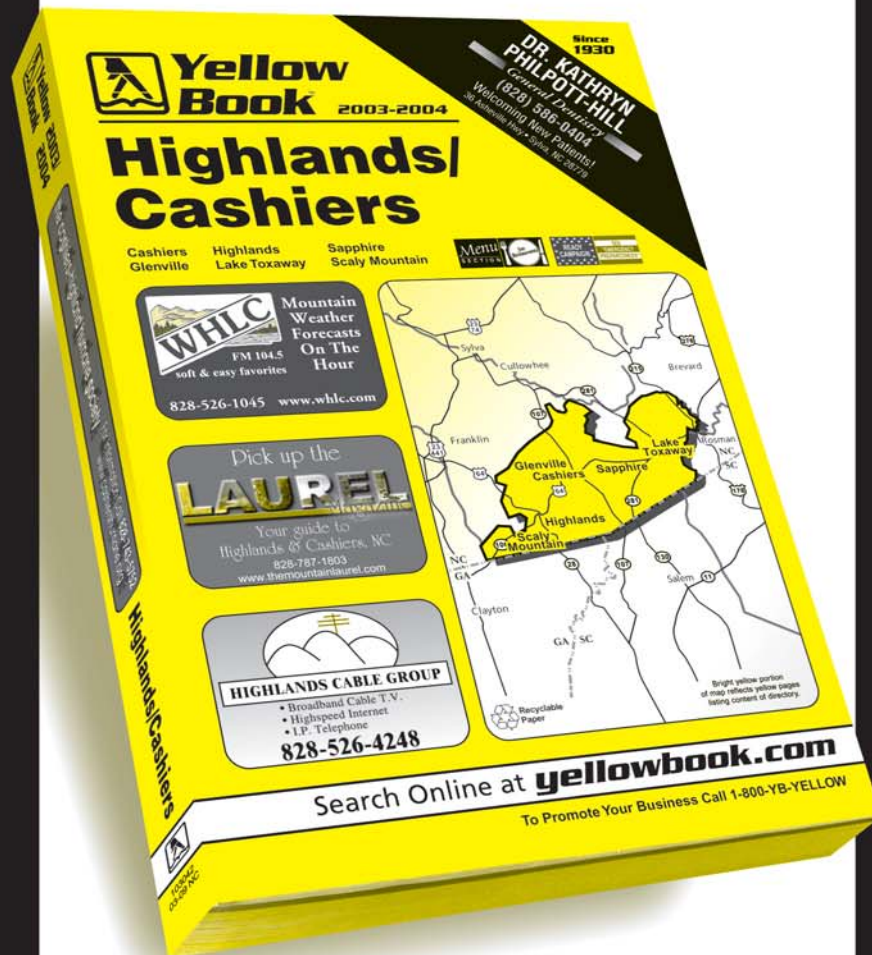
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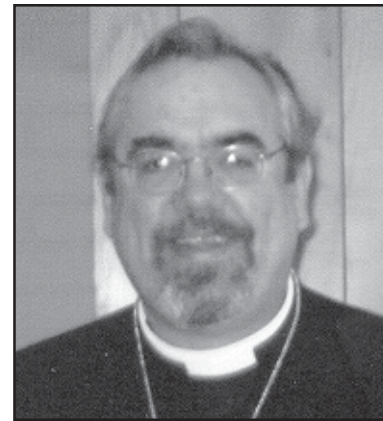
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acclaimed a man as leader would be the same people who killed him after a period of time. The religious outlook of the time posed a simple choice: either the king died to guarantee the harvest, or the people would die of starvation.

What if that were a condition of being elected president of the United States? After four or eight years, we cut the president's gizzard out and sacrifice him for the health of the nation. I'll bet one thing – we would only get people in that job who were truly dedicated and in love with the people of this nation. All the politicians would find another line of work.

Today, of course, we are much more civilized. Even though such a condition is easy to think about requiring. Leaders do not die for their people anymore – anywhere in the world. In fact, quite the opposite has occurred on a large scale in the past 100 years.

Kings (rulers, presidents) live – their subjects die for them or at their order in what we call war. War is the result of an absolute failure in diplomacy whereby old men murder their children. Nothing more and nothing more glorious!

A king in our modern times who died for this people – now that would really be strange and most probably never happen. It seems that the more people whose deaths a king can command, the more powerful is that king. A king who kills no one – he is a little king in today's world.

By modern definitions then, Christ is a little king. He is not a figure of fun, surely, because there is

death here. But the only death Christ commands is his own – no one else's. That one death is for the benefit of everyone's life. That one death is enough, as the repentant thief discovered.

Little kings, I suppose, should be honored in little but royal ways. Our king, as we well know, refused the ordinary trappings of royalty. He fled crowds when they wanted to crown him as their ruler. He only submitted once, on Palm Sunday. He asked nothing for himself but urged everyone to honor his Father in heaven. A strange king – this one. He died for love, with words of forgiveness on his lips.

Ah, to live like a king! For centuries, that was the desire of common folk. Now, we have at hand the opportunity to carry out that unfulfilled wish of so many human beings before us.

We can indeed live like kings – like this King – Jesus Christ. We need no palace because we already dwell in a palatial place – the creation our king himself has made for us. We have no use for guards or large numbers of servants because we are surrounded by a whole community of brothers and sisters. We have in abundance the same wealth our king so freely gave all of this people to enrich them. We call it love.

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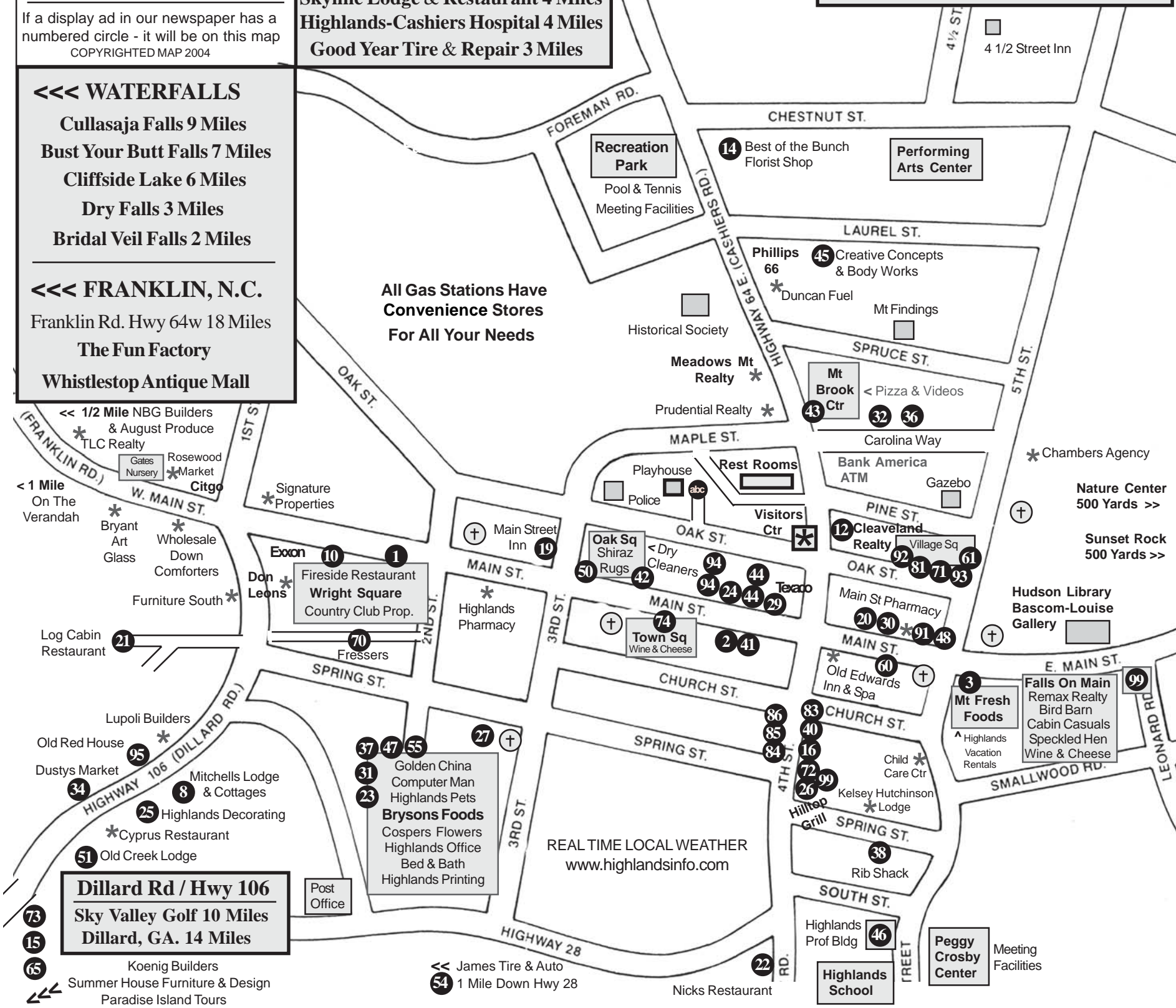
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