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### On-Going

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

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- Saturdays Zorki playing acoustical guitar at Paoletti's Late Night at 10:30.

### Nov 13

- **ArtWalk**, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Artists and musicians will be around town. Children's ArtWalk at the Nature Center.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike to five waterfalls in the Tallulah Falls area, an easy hike of 3-miles. After the hike, the group will dine at Glen Ella Springs, an excellent restaurant on the National Register of Historic Places. Call 864-718-9265.

### Nov. 14

- Self-guided Gallery Tour as part of ArtWalk.

- As part of ArtWalk, Cynthia Strain of Mill Creek Gallery, will offer a free one-hour class on taking better photographs. Meet at Mill Creek Gallery in Village Square behind Wolfgang's.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an moderate 2-mile hike up Whiteside Mountain. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 2 p.m. Call 524-3300, for more info.

### Nov. 16

- Alan Shore, from Chosen People Ministries, will present "A Chosen Vessel," a one act play at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church. Dessert & coffee to follow. All are welcome. Chosen People Ministries is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus "to the Jew first and then to the Gentile" throughout the world.

## Committee says Highlands epitomizes growth

**By Kim Lewicki**

After looking back 40 years and forward 50 years, the Land Use Planning Committee boiled Highlands

down to one word – growth.

At the tenth Land Use Planning committee meeting members of the community — said to have "histori-

cal" memory — were asked for input.

"We've been gathering informa-

•See **GROWTH** page 15

## Vandals disrupt town status quo

**By Kim Lewicki**

Residents and town officials are still cleaning up after vandals had a hey-day last Friday night.

Saturday morning the phone at the Highlands police station began ringing off the hook as residents and business owners awoke to find vehicle windows smashed and obscenities scrawled in red spray paint across SUVs, trucks, stone walls, signs, mailboxes and buildings across town.

Police Chief Jerry Cook said he doesn't know the underlying causes for actions like these because it "just doesn't make sense," he said. "But it's clear the boys are angry and just hate everything right now."

So far three teenage boys have been apprehended – but Chief Cook

•See **VANDALS** page 14

## Town could expand sewer lines in town

**By Kim Lewicki**

With some septic systems failing and only about 10 percent of residents sewer, officials are considering expanding the sewer infrastructure within the town limits.

At the Public Works Committee meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 10, members heard four grouped requests for sewer – five homeowners on Oak Street behind D&J Express Mart; new construction on Big Bear Pen; Shelby Place/

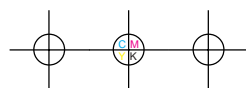
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## Just another day on Main Street



Photo by Nancy Welch

It was a busy Saturday on Main Street when pedestrians were surprised to see a golden retriever come trotting around the corner of Fifth and Main. He held a brown checkbook firmly in his mouth and seemed to have a purpose. Was it thievery? "What should we do?" one person asked. "Should we stop him?" another said. The group of 10 or so were puzzled and then amused as Claudia Lazow owner of Highlands Fine Art & Estate Jewelry came around the corner. "It's OK, that's my dog, Max," she said. The consensus – Max was either the best retriever in town, or the best security dog. Perhaps he was both.







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## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Laughing or making fun?

Dear Editor,

This week, after I read "Laughing at Life." it gave me pause again. It made me wonder how all the other weeks read. Do we laugh at life by taking a pot shot at a new minority each week? The most recent letter made a joke about the people of Highlands getting their shorts in a wad just because a fast-food chain wanted to move into town...almost as if the NAACP wanted to hold a convention here'. Yeah, the streets of Highlands are lily white and, yes, I'm sure that that may be a decision factor for some people to make their homes here. AND YES that's the beauty of living in America; we get that right to choose, don't we? AND YES, NONE OF US would have our freedoms dictated to us in any other way.

But I wonder.... would that NAACP crack have been verbalized in an Atlanta newspaper?

It reminds me of a comedian I saw on TV once. I forgot who it was, but it was very funny because it hits home for most everyone. Let's say you are riding in your car and someone, four cars in front of you, cuts the guy behind him off. The comedian (pretending to be YOU) loudly screams an obscenity.

Now, say the guy who cut the other guy off comes up the elevator with you on your way to work. I GUARANTEE, you wouldn't say anything harsher than "good morning."

So, is this laughing at life, or is it just taking advantage of the fact that in Highlands I have yet to see more than two black people in the town at any one time? I'll give the benefit of the doubt...the "turtle" thing may have been innocent. But this is two in a row since I started reading the column. It's beginning to look suspicious to me.

**Rick Lundy  
Highlands**

### Here's hoping the decision was the 'right' one

Dear Editor,

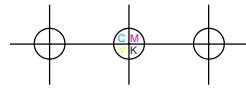
Well the battle is over and like it or not our future has been decided for the next four years. The Republican side ran on a moral agenda, God, gays, abortion, and guns for fighting terrorism. The Democrat side ran on a policy agenda, health care, the deficit, and combating terrorism through alliances.

Most Americans do not reject John Kerry's policies, but were more drawn to George Bush's morality based on faith. People don't want to listen to a politician's plan to solve their problems; they would rather hear someone speak with passion about what is morally right.

Democrats need to take a cue as to the way the Republicans sold themselves. That it is morally wrong to give tax cuts to the rich and cut social programs for the poor. That there is a moral obligation to give all children an education and good health care without sacrificing basic needs to do so. That it is morally wrong that millions of people don't make enough money to keep themselves out of poverty.

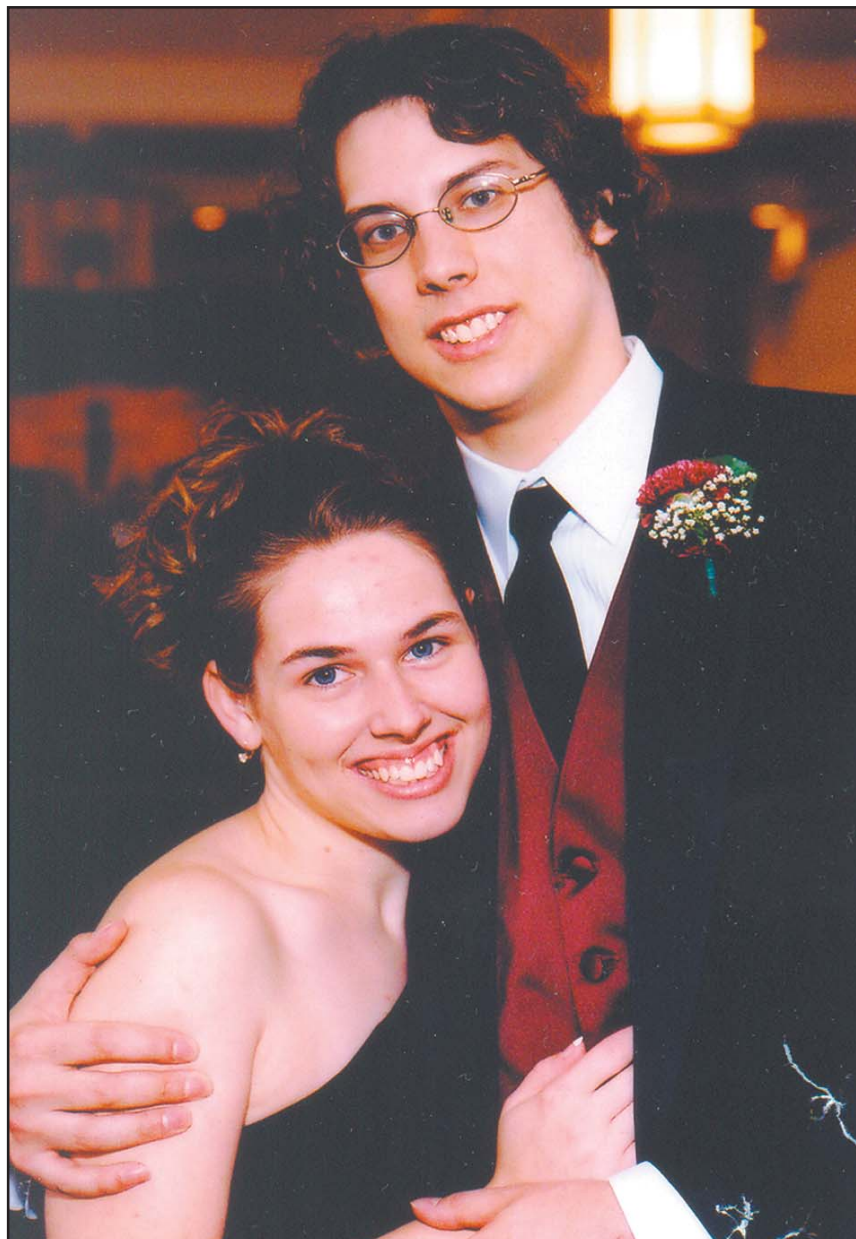
We will have the opportunity to see if we made the right decision during the next for years. Unfortunately, we won't be able to take back the years if we were wrong.

**Don Twardowski  
Franklin**



## ● WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT ●

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### **Turbyfill and Potts to wed**

Mr. and Mrs. Terry Potts of Highlands are proud to announce the upcoming marriage of their son, Timothy Ryan Potts to Keeshia Yvonne Turbyfill of Elk Park, N.C. The wedding will take place at 2 p.m., December 4, 2004 at Elk Park Christian Church on 220 Old Mill Road, Elk Park, N.C. Friends and family are invited to attend.

## ● TOWN BOARD AGENDA ●

The next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Town Hall. The agenda is as follows:

- I Reports.
  - 1. Mayor.
  - 2. Committees.
  - 3. Town Administrator.
- II Old Business.
  - None.
- III. New Business.
  - 1. Presentation of FY 03-04 Audit.
  - 2. Discuss siltation in Big Creek.
  - 3. Thomas Eubanks and Bobby Gibson—petition for annexation.
- IV. Adjourn.

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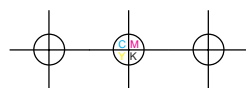
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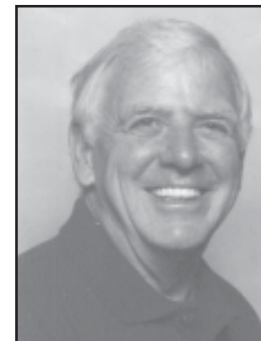
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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### I'm decomposing (I ain't even dead yet)

This should not be happening to me. Body decomposition is not supposed to occur until way after the backhoe has finished tamping dirt on top of my new, permanent home. But it is happening. I am decomposing and breathing at the same time. Am I talented, or what?



Fred Wooldridge

How could this be, you ask? It all started a long, long time ago in a very scary place called Miami. I used to live there and was a sun worshiper. I spent every free moment on the sandy beaches and when I went to work at my first job with Florida Power and Light, I spent the day bare chested and in shorts. Being brown was really the in thing and I was as tan as a white person could get. Well, until I met the little missus.

Because my entire life was spent out on the beach, it should be no surprise that I met her waist deep in the Atlantic ocean. I won't tell you what year that was in fear she will speed up my decomposition, but this pretty, petite dark haired girl was more tan than I. POW, there was instant attraction and it was only moments later we were comparing skin tone by holding our arms next to each other. How romantic. Now I had someone to bake my body with and the two of us spent endless hours lying prone in the sun. Friendship turned to love and the rest is history.

Flash ahead a zillion years to 1999. While rappelling, I slammed my thumb against a granite rock and in a matter of hours it was sore and purple. In time it healed but not perfect. The nail was deformed (stay with me 'cause it gets better...ah, worse) and for the next two years I just put up with occasional soreness and deformity. Then I read an article that said I may have nail rot which may be incurable without prescription medication.

I panicked because I am terrified of doctors. They always want to shove something up my rectum. No matter what I go in for, sooner or later, they will want to do that. I was relieved to learn I would have to see a

dermatologist and they are not known for wanting to invade you.

Once in the office, I displayed my deformed nail to the doctor. "This is not a biggie," I confidently announced as he walked into my cubicle. Ignoring my nail, he immediately stared at my arms. "Take off your shirt and lie down on your stomach." My eyes widened. This is a perfect

example of why you should never go to the doctor unless your whole arm has been ripped from your shoulder. As I ran for the door he assured me this did not involve an invasion of my privacy, at least not below my waist line.

After a quick examination, he called in a colleague and an intern to take a gander at my back. Now I have three pair of hands (a cheap thrill for me) probing me while they engaged in doctor talk. I did pick up on a few words like "and," "but" and "hmm." I am really getting nervous. "What about my thumb nail" I sheepishly asked? He ignored my question and says, "I would like to take a few samples of tissue decomposition from your back. It is painless and, although you have hundreds, I only want four or five." "Yikes, my back is decomposing" I asked? "Relax, it's a good thing. I see you have spent a great deal of time in the sun and that you are fair skinned. There are a small number of white, fair skinned people in the world, like yourself, who never get skin cancer and we don't know why. Instead of cancer, they get small blemishes of brown, decomposed tissue. They are harmless and we could use them for our research."

I was still not convinced he would, sooner or later, want to break out the chrome cho-cho train and violate my dignity, but I agreed to the surgery. Elated, they went right to work. The process was painless and a half hour later I left his office with four Band-Aids on my back and a decomposing, deformed thumb nail.

Oh yes, the thumb nail. The doctor did give me a prescription for a medicated nail polish I had to apply for the next six weeks. I thank God it did not come in pink.

## • MOVIE PIX •

### Dirty Rotten Scoundrels

The 1988 PG rated criminal comedy, starring Steve Martin, Michael Caine and Glenn Headly, written by Dale Launer and directed by the brilliant Frank Oz, with very cool music done by Miles Goodman.



Stuart Armor

very best physical comic work of his career. When the town becomes a little too small for the both of them, they make a wager, the first to extract \$50,000 from the beautiful, naive American soap queen (Headly is flawless in her

**T**he Storyline: Caine (who is, of course, elegant and charming) plays the role of a deposed prince, trying desperately to free his homeland. No, I mean, he is playing the role of a wealthy Australian real estate developer in this film.

Whoops, actually in this movie, he portrays a brilliant, revolutionary psychiatrist. Well, it seems he is all that and more, as he works the Riviera, playing his game like Perlman plays a Stradivarius. And no one could be as smooth, polished and suave at his craft as Lawrence Jamison, confidence man extraordinaire.

And there seems to be no impediment to his perfect life and perfect world in the lovely town of Beaumont Sur Mer. Oh, until Freddy Benson (Martin) arrives on the scene and forces the reluctant Jamison to take him on as an apprentice.

The scenes of trying to turn Martin's sow's ear into Caine's silk purse are screamingly funny, done in a series of musical vignettes, with Martin doing some of his

performance, a gifted physical comic in her own right) gets to stay, the loser must leave.

A fierce duel ensues between these two dirty rotten scoundrels, and I have complete confidence you will enjoy the battle.

Caine, who performs drama, thrillers and

comedies with equal ease, brings

his usual brilliance to this role, plays well opposite Martin's perfect geeky style. And Headly is simultaneously goofy, endearing, slapsticky, and beautiful.

Frank Oz is one of my favorite directors, and has worked well with Martin before, in Bowfinger, Little Shop Of Horrors and Housesitters. See more of Headly in Mr. Holland's Opus and Dick Tracy, more of Caine in Death Becomes Her, Muppet Christmas Carol (really, it's terrific!), Noises Off and Cider House Rules.

Some of Martin's best are Mixed Nuts, Pennies from Heaven, Jerk, Roxanne, and Three Amigos. And some of my favorite lighthearted scam movies are Fish Called Wanda, Fierce Creatures, Big Lewboski, Paper Moon, and Ruthless People.



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## Sugar, where's the sugar

The grades are posted - on doors, usually — just like in college. But these aren't on professors' doors, these are on restaurant doors. Most of the dining establishments I grace with my presence have made A's on their inspections. Lucky folks.

My father is the dreaded kitchen inspector in our family. Luckily, now that I am eight hours away from their coastal home, he spares me. I doubt I could even stretch a D.

My mother's kitchen is, however, fair game. And the inspections are usually unscheduled and unexpected, although they shouldn't be after 58 years of marriage to the man.

Like many inspectors, he hasn't spent a day running a kitchen. He couldn't fry an egg or even boil water. When I was a child, we would go to my grandmother's in West Palm Beach for two weeks each summer. My father would drive us down A1A, go back to our home in Macon and return to Florida to retrieve his family.

In the interim, he would eat out or go to his mother's for meals. He had never cooked and couldn't be trusted to pick up a loaf of bread at the neighborhood grocery store on the way home from the office.

But should he venture into the kitchen, look out!

He was generally looking for something simple, but he could complicate the easiest search. Now that he is retired, things are worse. He finds himself in the strange world of my mother's kitchen more often.

The scene might go something like this. It is

breakfast time. He needs more sugar for the sugar bowl. Normally, he would look to the woman of the house for such needs, but she is, more often than not, at the hairdresser's or off at a bridge game.

He mutters to himself (loud enough for me to hear, of course) as he bangs about, opening and shutting cabinet doors.

"You would think a cup of sugar would be the easiest thing in the world to find in a kitchen this small!" he proclaims. He grabs a canister from the cupboard. It is

clearly marked "sugar."

"Who in the world would do something so stupid as put flour in a canister clearly marked 'sugar?'" he will ask.

I immediately bury my head in a book. This is one reason I always take a great tome with me when I visit them — that and the fact they watch nothing but golf and reruns of Lawrence Welk.

"Flour! I don't need flour. I need sugar," he continues. I can easily envision the frown on his face.

"Well, let's try a little feminine logic," he says sarcastically. "Here's a canister marked 'flour.' Guess the sugar must be in here."

He opens the canister and moans loudly.

"I simply cannot believe this. It's oatmeal in the flour canister. Flour in the sugar canister."

I read on, refusing to be brought into this — so far — one-man squabble.



**Nancy Welch**



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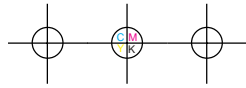
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The banging of cabinet doors continues. He pulls boxes, cans and other various and sundry containers out and places them on the counter. Since he is still having no luck locating the elusive sugar, he moves on to the under counter cabinets. They are dark caves filled with mysteries to this organized, obsessive-compulsive

senior citizen.

I hear metal hitting metal. He has reached the world of pots and pans.

"Well, if the sugar isn't in the cabinet in the canister marked 'sugar' it could be down here," my father declares. He looks up at me. Clouds of fury hover. I am caught.

"Do you have any idea

where your mother may be keeping the sugar this week?" he asks.

"Let me see if I can help you," I reply, maintaining my calm. "Why don't you go sit down and read the paper."

He begins to shove pots and pans back into the cabinet, carefully stacking the smaller pans into the larger ones.

"You see, if you organize, you can find things much more easily," he lectures. "I have been trying to tell your mother that for years."

I walk over to the refrigerator and open the door.

"Oh, you'll never find anything but leftovers in tiny plastic containers in there," he says.

"Here is it," I say, handing him a clear, covered, plastic container that was on the front top shelf of the fridge.

"What?!" he cries. "Why would she keep the sugar in the ice box?"

"Well, Daddy, I think it's because of the ants," I explain.

"Ants, we can't have ants," he replies.

"Well, Mom thought she saw some yesterday, so I guess she put the sugar in the refrigerator like Granny use to do," I say.

"It's just ridiculous," he says, taking the sugar and filling the sugar bowl. "Flour in the sugar canister, oatmeal in the flour canister, pots and pans a mess. Sugar in the ice box. How does she ever find a thing? You have to be organized, I tell you."

It is generally at this point my mother, innocent and happy, floating on a cloud of hairspray, enters the kitchen.

"Well, how is everything here?" she asks. "Is everyone having a nice morning? Honey, did you have your cereal. I left the box on the table for you."

I run like the wind, sweeping my book up as I pass the easy chair.

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## Baked goods at Children's ArtWalk



The Girls' Clubhouse is selling baked goods at the Children's ArtWalk at the Nature Center, Saturday, Nov. 13. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of Christmas gifts for the needy in the area. Seventh-graders Maricia Owens and Sally Zachary are second year Girls' Clubhouse members. ArtWalk festivities begin at 9:30 with opening ceremonies at Town Square. The fun starts at the Children's ArtWalk at the Nature Center at 10 a.m. with a performance by Music Thru the Ages; at 11 a.m. is Brian Starr Kid's Rock & Roll with an appearance by Tinkerbelle; at noon there's an introduction to Drama; at 1 p.m. Puff the Magic Dragon will be on hand; at 2 p.m. it's Shaun Moss with his Sparkle Magic Show. There will be arts & crafts, face-painting, birdhouse painting, magnet painting and much more.

## • SPORTS PICKS •

### Live personal soccer vs. TV soccer

With all the excitement from HHS's latest playoff success in soccer, I thought I would ask former HHS soccer coach (and current colleague of mine) Roger Mueller some questions about soccer and why a sports fanatic such as myself should incorporate the sport into my other favorites.



Ryan Potts

Ryan Potts: Obviously with the success of the local team soccer has become much more popular in Highlands these days. However, once the boys are through playing why should I care about the kind of soccer played on TV as opposed to soccer played by people I personally know.

Roger Mueller: Well, if you want to take it from a socio-political perspective, let's take the issue of globalization. Why not do what the world is doing?? Everybody is playing soccer in the world. We want to have 'free trade' around the globe, so why not play the sport that everyone else is

playing.

Ryan Potts: Spoken like a true elitist. So tell me this, how am I (your typical dumb American) supposed to follow a sport whose top teams are not in my country, whose top players are foreign, and where there can

be 90 minutes of action and only one goal? Is there not something to be said for today's American "Sportscenter" athletic landscape? Again, as a typical dumb American, why should I care about Manchester United's latest victory?

Roger Mueller: Well, we do have a professional league here (the MLS) supported by a number of semi-professional leagues that feed in to it. As soccer is the WORLD'S most popular sport—and I do like it—I suppose I AM an elitist. Anyway, back to your question. There are numerous youths playing soccer in this country, it does involve a huge degree of participation for EVERYONE on the field, AND we

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## – Attention All Ladies! – Eighth annual holiday 'Ladies Banquet' set for Nov. 18

Highlands First Baptist Church is hosting their 8th annual ladies holiday banquet for all the ladies in the community.

The event will be held on November 18 at 6:30 pm at the Highland's Civic Center. The event will be catered by Holly Roberts of *Let Holly Do the Cooking!* Each table is decorated beautifully with a unique theme decided by each table hostess.

It is a feast for all the senses to see the tables decorated so beautifully, hear the lovely music and words of encouragement, taste the scrumptious food, smell the holidays in the air, and have your heart touched by the joy of the evening.

The theme this year is Harvest of the Heart and the message will be on joy. Please plan to attend and enjoy a lovely evening of encouragement, elegant dining and inspiration for women.

The speaker, Ann Fallaw, a native of Columbia, S.C., is a graduate of South Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing. She has five grown children and is blessed with nine grandchildren.

Ann lived in Brazil 18 years as a missionary with her late husband, Reverend Billy Fallaw. Since her retirement in 1998 from the International Mission Board, she has been involved in teaching English in

the International community of Columbia and assists with orientation for overseas short-term volunteers through the Southern Baptist Convention. She has also served on short-term mission trips to Brazil, the Caribbean, North Africa and Western Europe. Ann lived in Highlands for two years and attended the First Baptist Church of Highlands.

The special music will be performed by talented Heaven's Gems, the McAllister Family of Franklin. Pat, Susan and their ten children, Katie, Will, Carlyn, Andrew, David, Ansley, Timothy, Margaret, Johnathon and Robert, ranging in age from 4 to 21, are involved in the providing the music.

The McAllister family has had the opportunity and privilege to sing and share across the southeastern United States. Their travels include a radio broadcast with Dr. James Dobson of Focus on the Family, Scott Dawson Evangelistic Crusades, and singing for a Nascar-Busch race on national television just to name a few. Throughout these and other events, their primary goal of encouraging families has remained strong.

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## Free film at PAC – donations to benefit Bascom- Louise Gallery

On Nov. 19, at 7:30 p.m., The Bascom-Louise Gallery presents the film "Resurrection" at the Performing Arts Center. Ellen Burstyn stars with Sam Shepard and Richard Farnsworth. The film is free, but contributions are gladly accepted for the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

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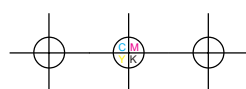
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# Highlands Hillbilly Day has a healthy five-year run

By Kim Lewicki

**T**he trove of photographs and memorabilia Watson Barratt left Judy Hempe Johansson's family when he died has brought back memories dear to many Highlanders.

Back in the 1940s and 1950s Watson Barratt was a Highlands resident and scenic designer and producer on Broadway, in England and St. Louis.

He married Louise Bascom, daughter of H.M. Bascom, one of Highlands original settlers, who came to town when he was 28, a widower from Illinois. After a time and while establishing himself as a retailer, realtor and developer, he married Florence Coffin and they soon had Louise.

When Louise Bascom Barratt died, Watson was left in charge of the Bascom family's holdings in Highlands which included the Tricemont Terrace Inn. Known as many names -- the Davis House, Tricemont Terrace, the Bascom Louise and Lee's Inn -- it stood where the Kelsey Hutchinson Lodge is now located.

After Watson renamed the Tricemont Terrace to the Bascom Louise, he set about renovating it.

"When Mr. Barratt took over the inn he ran it in his special style, complete with a mural of local Highlands landscapes in the lounge, said Judy.

For several summers, the Hempe family drove from New York city to Highlands to manage the inn for Watson.

The families knew each other in New York City where Judy's father and Watson Barratt worked with each other in theatre.

Judy particularly remembers everyone getting involved in Hillbilly Day, even guests at the inn.

According to Ran Shaffner's "Heart of the Blue Ridge," Hillbilly Day was an annual event every Aug. 1 from 1952-1957 -- the brainchild of Isabel Hall Chambers. For her efforts, she was crowned the first Hillbilly Day Queen. Earl Young

was crowned the first Hillbilly Day King.

"Myrtle Beach had a Fun Festival and I thought we could have something fun up here," said Isabel. "Something that was apropos of Highlands."

Isabel said Hillbilly Day was a day just for Highlands. "It was a day to poke fun at ourselves not at mountain people," she said.

On that day everyone who came to town had to come dressed like a "hillbilly." If they didn't, they were carted off the jail where they waited to be bailed out by friends or family. All money went to the newly formed Highlands Recreation Dept.

Festivities included a parade, barbecue and square dance, a hog calling contest, climbing a greased pole for a \$5 bill at the top, logrolling with a go-devil, crosscut sawing and log hewing.

"It ended with a street dance which was so much fun," said Isabel. "Main Street was closed and we danced right there under the traffic light."

Judith Johansson was just a kid at the time," but I recall everyone dressed in some kind of costume, and if they didn't, they got thrown into the 'jail,'" she said. "'To get out of jail they paid a fine -- could've been a dime, I'm not sure. There were some activities, too -- climbing a greased pole, catching a greased pig, and a parade."

The guests at the Bascom-Louise Inn were typically wealthy. Judy remembers lots of doctors and their wives frequenting the inn. But regardless of their 'place' or where they came from, they all participated in Hillbilly Day.

According to "Heart of the Blue Ridge," Hillbilly Day ended when "the amount of drinking became excessive" and because some people were "throwing propriety to the wind in their eagerness to draw laughter."

But Isabel said when word got out that there was free barbecue the outside world came in and the whole thing fell a part.



Watson Barratt, leaning against the pillar in the back, dressed the part along with his guests.



Visiting doctors and their wives gathered on the side porch of the Bascom Louise for a photo op before heading for town. The woman in the white dress and hat borrowed her outfit from Watson Barratt. It had been one of Louise's outfits.

"Others decided Highlands was too 'high-brow' for Hillbilly Day and the Brevard Music Festival was invited to come during the summer," she said.



# Highlanders scoring through playoffs

By Kathryn Coppage  
12<sup>th</sup> grade  
& Claire Frederick  
11<sup>th</sup> Grade

**H**ighlanders have not yet ceased to amaze the Highlander fans. They have had an incredible season. Highlands' varsity soccer team has made it to the third round of state playoffs.

They played their first state playoff game against East Wilkes on Thursday, Nov. 4. The Highlanders won the challenging game 3-2.

At half time, both teams were neck-and-neck holding a 1-1 tie. The Highlanders knew they had to kick it into high gear because it was not going to be a slide-by game. Wilkes wanted the win just as bad as the Highlanders, but the win was not in their grasp.

The Highlanders got a bit shaky in the first half of the game when the ball ricocheted off of Highlander defender Allen Shearl's shin guard and into the Highlanders' goal giving Wilkes the lead with the first goal.

Recovering from the downfall, Highlander Alec Schmitt scored the first goal giving the Highlanders the hope

and confidence they needed to regain enough stamina to overcome East Wilkes.

In the second half, it was Highlanders Lucio Trazzi and Matt Man Keener who gave the team the assurance of a victory with two more goals. These goals wouldn't have happened without the great assists made by Matthew Chenoweth and Lucio Trazzi, respectively.

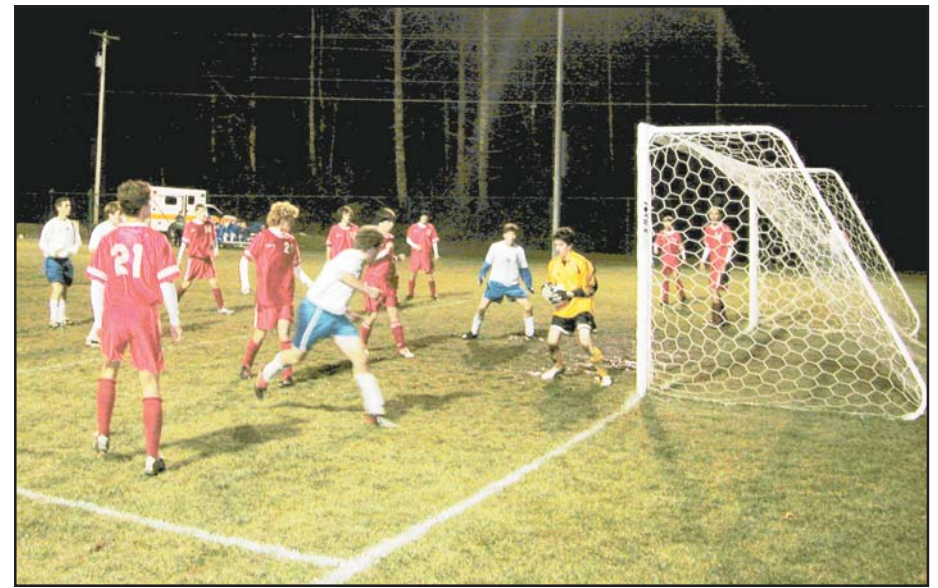
The Highlanders walked off the field, ready and pumped for the second playoff game to come.

On Saturday, Nov. 6, the Highlanders conquered the field against East Montgomery.

The game ended 5-4, but the outcome of the winner did not appear that way throughout the game.

At half time the teams were tied 2-2. Montgomery put up a hard fight against the Highlanders. Chenoweth scored both goals in the first half, assisted by Buddy Boy Parrish and Alec Schmitt.

In the second half of the game, East Montgomery took the lead with two additional goals, putting the score at 2-4.



Photos by Jim Lewicki

**Thursday, Nov. 4, the Highlanders played the first playoff game on their home field against East Wilkes and won 3-2.**

Highlanders tightened their defense and pushed forward their offense to put themselves in the position of taking advantage of the game. They came back with three goals. Greg Porter scored a goal, followed by Lucio Trazzi with two goals.

The Highlander fans were going wild. It was a high-adrenaline game that

kept the crowd on the edge of the bleachers the entire time.

Coach David Parrish is proud to see how far the boys have come this year, and looks forward to seeing how far they can go in playoffs. Results from Wednesday's game will be posted in next week's issue of *The Highlands' Newspaper*.

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are starting to make major inroads in the sport internationally. We have a number of marquis players competing for world class teams in Europe, including Tim Howard, Casey Keller, Brad Friedal, Frankie Hejduk, and Claudio Reyna. Perhaps, you could ask the Brazilians how to follow a sport whose top teams aren't in their country either, and yet have somehow managed to win a record setting FIVE World Cups. The majority of the best players in the world ALL play in Europe and this doesn't stop those countries from around the globe from watching and even participating (through fan participation) in the matches that they see on a weekly basis for 9 to 10 months out of the year. Soccer in those countries seems to be more important than ANYTHING else at the time — many countries simply shut down for the day while their national teams compete in the World Cup. I don't think it's not an issue of not being able to

include the sport in our athletic landscape; it's already a part of it, whether you like it or not. By the way, GO HIGHLANDS SOCCER!!!! By the way, as long as you enjoy watching, playing or even coaching soccer, I don't really think it's important that you do care about Man U's latest victory.

Ryan Potts: There's the fire that I like to see — I can actually picture your forehead smoking as you typed that. I totally agree that soccer is the most popular sport in the world and should have a much better following here in the US. However, you still didn't tell me why you think that soccer has lagged behind in terms of national pub and media coverage here in the US. I remember when the US was playing in the World Cup — I got up early in the morning to watch and was extremely interested in the outcomes — but once it was over, soccer went right back to the rear burner. How are we as Americans

supposed to enjoy soccer when there are no dunks, home-runs, 70 yard runs, etc?

Roger Mueller: Ah, getting personal are you, LURCH. There is PLENTY of excitement in soccer. How many times have you seen someone getting slide-tackled from 15 yards away. What about diving headers, or even goalkeeper dives, for that matter. What about the dribbling finesse of a Denilson, or if you like someone closer to home, a Landon Donovan or a Demarcus Beasley (Both, MLS players). What about a perfectly executed through ball (JUST at the precise moment) to a sprinting forward, who dribbles it once or twice before shooting deftly for the top corner, ONLY to be robbed by a flying keeper who seems to defy gravity... You traditional sports junkies in this country seem to turn your noses up at soccer because there aren't a lot of goals scored (WHICH isn't always entirely true) when you don't realize

that your traditional American sports (namely football, basketball, AND baseball) can be JUST as, NO, MORE boring and inconsequential than soccer. How come these traditional professional American sports come with COMMERCIAL breaks — seems to imply the action gets so boring that you need to take a break from the boredom. In soccer, there are NO commercial breaks. The fans are right there until half-time chanting, singing and cheering on their teams. (During half-time they chant, sing and cheer some more). There is NOTHING like being at a soccer game with 60,000 plus screaming fanatical fans. So it hasn't reached a fever pitch here in the United States yet... Not that big of a deal, I've played, coached and even been to plenty of games where people were willing to split a gut over their team. CONGRATULATIONS HIGHLANDS

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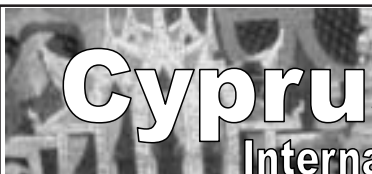


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said he's sure more people are involved. The case is still under investigation.

Employees at the Pizza Place reported hearing a noise at the Highlands United Methodist Church when they were putting the garbage out around 9 p.m. Friday night. They reported seeing an old model Ford Explorer, dark in color, with two males in it drive away.

Obscenities were sprayed in red paint on a Bryson's Food Store delivery truck, a school bus parked in front of Highlands School, on signs, walls and buildings including a First Presbyterian Church building. Fifteen cases of vandalism were reported.

The windows in the Rec Park van and the Highlands United Church van were smashed in – the second time in a week for the Rec Park van.

In an unrelated incident, on Halloween night the windows of the Rec Park van and a van owned by Fletcher & Lee Antiques were smashed.

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Munger Creek and Highlands Country Club/Cobb Road.

Committee members are considering the Oak Street and Shelby Place scenarios at this time due to some system failures and because replacing the Shelby Place lift station system with a town-owned gravity-fed method will maintain system integrity and enable the town to serve more residents.

The other two groupings – Big Bear Pen and Highlands Country Club/Cobb Road have been taken under advisement pending more information.

Currently it isn't mandatory to hook into the town sewer if it runs by a residence. But officials will review the sewer connection policy to see it needs to be revised now that the town is considering expansion of its infrastructure. Some members questioned the legitimacy of a policy that requires sewer hook-up even if a septic system is in good shape.

Members of the committee are Commissioners Herb James, Hank Ross, and Alan Marsh, Town Administrator Richard Betz and Town Engineer Lamar Nix.





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tion and now we want to bring the pieces together to get a perspective of time and purpose as to what Highlands Land Use Plan should look like for the future," said Geoffrey Willet with the League of Municipalities. "We need you to help the planning board (who is responsible for updating the land use plan) understand the transitional historical perspective of Highlands and the surrounding region."

By listing significant events for each decade beginning with 1960 through 2000 the planning board and participants were able to see how Highlands dealt with changes along the 40-year time-line.

The 1960s were remembered as "the good ol' days" with outhouses still in use in some areas of town, four-digit phone numbers and Helen's Barn. Also remembered were very little year-round employment, men-folk leaving town during the winters to find work; and basically slow growth coming out of a recession. The roads were not what they are today, but then there weren't traffic jams, either. The first sewer plant went online in 1964 and those not on town water got water from springs and wells.

The 1970s were about modernization. There was heightened development of country clubs, gated-communities, more year-round houses, and higher-quality building. The movie "Deliverance" produced in 1972 brought an awareness of the region to the outside world. Business groupings were built - Village Square, Highlands Plaza, Town Square and there was more attention given to managing the town. The first subdivision ordinance was adopted and folks began to realize environmental consequences due to growth. Mayor Buck Trott cited the sedimentation of Mirror Lake due to development of Highlands Falls Country Club.

After much turmoil, Highlands got the ABC store in the 70s which meant people didn't travel to Georgia and South Carolina for alcoholic beverages. "That kept commerce in town," said John Cleaveland. "When people left town to buy alcohol, they bought a dress, groceries, other things, too. With the ABC store, they didn't have to do that, anymore."

In the 1970s there was also surge

in condominium building - VZ-Top, The Mountain Club and others. "The idea was 'build it and they will come'," said members. "There were a lot of people with a lot of money and a lot of property to develop."

The 1980s was called the "Decade of the Tourist" and a "Time of Congestion." The room tax was enacted - an economic factor that brought growth. "Suddenly the Chamber of Commerce had money to spend and they had to spend it promoting tourism," said members.

Rt. 441 became a four-lane highway. It took less time to travel between Highlands and Atlanta. There was rapid growth and people from Atlanta began building second homes. The number of shops in town quadrupled - 51 new businesses opened - and there was a loss of Highlands culture and the "old village feel." With that, historic preservation suddenly became important.

The 1990s saw accelerated growth and an economic boom - the era of million dollar homes. Regionally a four-lane highway from Atlanta meant Atlanta was only two

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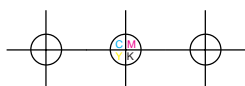


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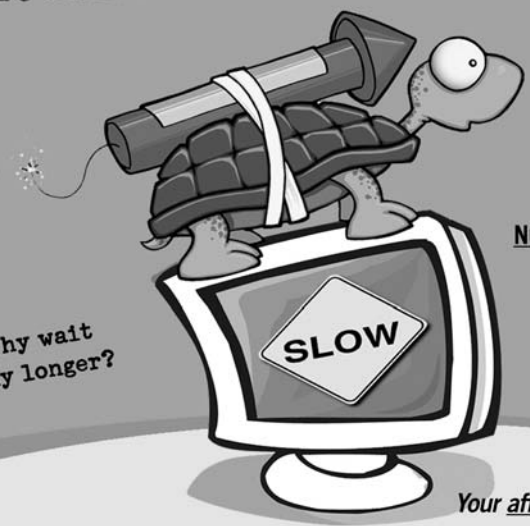


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## Raising the bar on the beetles



Co-chairperson, Karen Hawk can now raise the beetle mark on the goal for the woolly adelgid campaign to the \$21,000 mark. Monies raised by the Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance will go to Clemson University for beetle releases to combat the woolly adelgid. As Beetlemania continues, watch for the Beetle Task Force to perform in the Highlands Christmas Parade for Healthy Hemlocks with a dance to match.

## Hospital seeks to empower patients through 'SpeakUp' campaign

Like most health care providers across the country, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is always working to improve the care we provide and make it safe. Patients can play an important role in that process, and the hospital has implemented a special campaign to encourage patients and family members to become more active partners in their medical care.

The on-going campaign, called "SpeakUp," is designed to help us prevent health care errors and is part of a national effort conducted by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

"We want our patients to know they are partners with us in making their care safe and effective," says Frank Leslie, who chairs the hospital's Patient Safety Committee. "Patients and family members can help us improve the care they receive by voicing their concerns, asking questions about procedures and treatments if they don't understand something, and speaking up if there is something that is being done that doesn't seem right. We want to empower our patients to speak up."

The hospital has been putting up posters around its acute care areas, providing brochures to patients and informing physicians, nurses and technologists about the aims of the program.

Leslie said the hospital is always examining ways to improve the safety and quality of care. Patient satisfaction surveys are performed each month, for example, and safety issues that arise are

addressed and corrected as part of a regular internal review process. While those controls usually come into play after the fact, Leslie says patients who will take the actions suggested in the SpeakUp campaign can have an impact on the care as it happens.

"There are many patients who feel reluctant to ask questions or voice their concerns to a doctor or a nurse or other staff, but we want those people to feel comfortable developing a dialogue with all of their caregivers," he said.

- Speak up if you have questions or concerns, and if you don't understand, ask again.
- Pay attention to the care you receive and make sure you are getting the right treatments and medications. Don't assume.
- Educate yourself about your diagnosis, tests you are undergoing, and your treatment plan.
- Ask a trusted family member or friend to be your advocate if necessary.
- Know what medications you take and why. Medication errors are the most common mistakes.
- Participate in all decisions about your treatment. You are the center of your health care team.

"This is good advice to follow no matter where you go for medical care, at any hospital or any provider. No matter where you are, those who are treating you should be willing to answer your questions and listen to your concerns," he said.

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**SOCCER!!! WAY TO GO on a GREAT SEASON, YET AGAIN...**

**Ryan Potts:** Nothing personal about it. My forehead gets hot when I get angry, and I still have a full head of hair (for now anyway). Did you ever think that maybe we have commercial breaks because advertisers are wanting to sell stuff to the millions of people watching that particular sporting event...as compared to the hundreds watching the soccer match?

**Roger Mueller:** Who cares what they are trying to sell. Maybe these sports should cater to the whims of the advertiser and let the sport stand on its own. But your point is well taken. I'll guarantee that millions are watching the World Cup — the most watched sporting event in the world, even more than the Olympics. And there are plenty of advertisers from around the globe paying for their spots during World Cup matches.

**Ryan Potts:** Awful sensitive are we? If I wanted to get personal, I might say something like..."this reminds me a lot of Pardon the Interruption — except only one of us is bald." Ok, enough of me being mean. Here's the deal — I like to watch the game of soccer — it is exciting to me despite the sometimes low scores. However, how am I as a casual fan supposed to adopt a team and support it like I have in other sports. MLS just isn't on TV enough, and I can't imagine myself fanatically devoted to a foreign team. (Except for maybe a French team because they would lose all the time — much like the Saints. Wait a minute, New Orleans is very close to the French...so THAT's why they can't win a dadgum thing.)

**Roger Mueller:** Oh, I didn't even know you were being mean. That's pretty funny about the French. Except they actually have some good teams AND, the French did win the World Cup back in 1998. They have some GREAT players — Zinadene Zidane and Desaly, and Franz Barthez — to name but a few. Why not have a favorite foreign team? Again, it goes back to globalization. You can support national teams — World Cup qualifying (because the World Cup IS the largest and most participated-in sporting spectacle in the world) lasts for over two years. You could lit-

erally follow a team, like Jamaica, or Mexico or EVEN the FRENCH and follow them as they go through qualifying. If watching qualifying is difficult for you (because it is hard to see the games) you could follow the likes of Real Madrid, Arsenal (they're actually BETTER than MAN U right now) or Bayern Munich. All quality teams with FANTASTIC players.

**Ryan Potts:** Perhaps, but could you see me walking around in a French jersey? What I was talking about is coverage. How can I support a team that I will only see play every 4 years?

**Roger Mueller:** BUT seriously, it is pretty difficult to cover the sport in its qualifying rounds, unless you are watching the US and teams in its own group. Some of the cable packages have a channel devoted strictly to soccer—THAT would be a step in the right direction. I don't think it would be hard, at all, to watch a Man U, Liverpool, or Real Madrid on a fairly regular basis. What's really ironic about this whole thing is that there are SO MANY teams playing it's even hard to cover a few adequately.

**Ryan Potts:** OK OK OK. But even you have to admit that soccer is not exactly easily accessed on my TV — and when it is the announcing is not always in English. Alas, if I was multilingual and multi-talented like you are. Maybe I would love soccer more than other sports too. But it is time to wrap this up. Any final thoughts? More cheerleading for Highlands soccer? Cracks about my appearance, intelligence, etc.

**Roger Mueller:** I'll admit that it isn't easily accessed on regular TV—but like I said you can pick up soccer concentrated cable packages without a problem. I don't even think they are that expensive. I don't really have much more to say, I think the record speaks for itself. After all, 5.8 BILLION people CAN'T be wrong. Long live Highlands Soccer!!!!

Well, there you have it folks — and I agree, long live Highlands Soccer. (But I disagree about 5.8 billion people being wrong sometimes — after all, David Hasselhoff is an international singing sensation.) Go Highlanders!!!

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

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But sure enough, the man came over to their table. "Where are you folks from?" he asked in a friendly voice.

"Oklahoma," they answered.

"Great to have you here in Tennessee," the stranger said. "What do you do for a living?"

"I teach at a seminary," he replied.

"Oh, so you teach preachers how to preach, do you? Well, I've got a really good story for you." And with that, the gentleman pulled up a chair and sat down.

The professor groaned and thought to himself, Great; just what I need — another preacher story!

The man started, "See that mountain over there?" He pointed out the restaurant window. "Not far from the base of that mountain, there was a boy born to an unwed mother. He had a hard time growing up, because every place he went, he was always asked the same question: 'Hey, boy, who's your daddy?'"

"Whether he was at school, in the grocery store or drug store, people would ask the same question: 'Who's your daddy?' He would hide at recess and lunchtime from other students. He would avoid going in to stores because that question hurt him so bad.

"When he was about 12 years old, a new preacher came to his church. He would always go in late and slip out early to avoid hearing the question, 'Who's your daddy?' But one day, the new preacher said the benediction so fast, he got caught and had to walk out with the crowd.

"Just about the time he got to the back door, the new preacher, not knowing anything about him, put his hand on his shoulder and asked him, 'Son, who's your daddy?'"

"The whole church got deathly quiet. He could feel every eye in the church looking at him. Now everyone would finally know the answer to the question, 'Who's your daddy?'"

"The new preacher, though, sensed the situation around him and using discernment,

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# New internist to open practice here next week

A new specialist in internal medicine and adult primary care has will open a full-time practice in the area next week.

Dr. Mark S. Wagner, has been practicing in the Stoughton, Mass., area for the past 17 years. He will replace Dr. David Dennison who is moving his practice to Cartersville, Ga, to be closer to his wife who teaches there.

Dr. Wagner's office will open to patients Nov 15. His practice will be located in Suite 300 in the Jane Woodruff Medical Building, located at the east end of the hospital campus.

"We are pleased to welcome Dr. Wagner to our medical staff at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital," said hospital Administrator Jim Graham. "He will be a strong addition to our outstanding group of primary care physicians."

In Massachusetts Wagner has been part of Caritas Good Samaritan Medical Practice, a group of more than a hundred physicians in a practice owned by Caritas Good Samaritan Hospital in Stoughton. Until last year, he also served as medical director of the Wedgemere

Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, a privately owned facility in nearby Taunton, MA.



**Dr. Mark S. Wagner**

Wagner has practiced in Massachusetts since completing his internship and residency in 1987 at Rhode Island Hospital in Providence, an affiliate of Brown University. He is a board-certified Diplomate of the American Board of Internal Medicine and a member of the American College of Physicians, the American College

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Wagner's wife is also an internist, who has focused on women's health, and may begin a part-time practice in the area once the family is settled.

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said the following to the scared little boy: 'Wait a minute! I know who you are. I see the family resemblance now. You are a child of God.'

"With that, he patted the boy on his shoulder and said, 'Boy, you've got a great inheritance — go and claim it.'

"With that, the boy smiled for the first time in a long time and walked out the door a changed person. He was never the same again. Whenever anybody asked

him, 'Who's your daddy?' he'd just tell them, 'I'm a child of God.' "

The distinguished gentleman got up from the table and said, "Isn't that a great story?"

The professor responded that it really was a great story! As the man turned to leave, he said, "You know, if that new preacher hadn't told me that I was one of God's children, I probably would never have amounted to anything!" And he walked away.

The seminary professor and

his wife were stunned. He called the waitress over and asked, "Do you know that man who was just sitting at our table?"

The waitress grinned and said, "Of course. Everybody here knows him. That's Ben Hooper. He's the former governor of Tennessee!"

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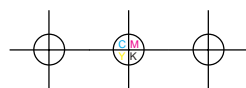
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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-Going

• Starting Tuesday, Jan 4, 2005, the 'High Mountain Squares' will dance on TUESDAYS at the MACON MIDDLE SCHOOL located on Wells Grove Rd. in Franklin. Until then, square dances are held at the Macon County Facilities Building across from Whistle Stop Mall. There is a different square-dance caller each week. Call 349-0905 for more info.

• 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.

• Pecans for Sale – Chapter #284 OES is selling pecans \$6/bag. Call Kathleen Wilson at 526-2852. Peanuts arrive Nov. 1.

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

• At ...on the Verandah on Lake Sequoyah, piano bar entertainment from 7:30 p.m. Thurs.-Mon. and Paul Scott on Wed. During Sunday Brunch, Chad Reed plays the piano from noon to 2 p.m.

• 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); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese – Wines. Wine Flights Friday and Saturday: 4:30 until 6:30. Saturday: Football and Flights. Wines by the glass and cheese plates available Wednesday through Saturday: 1:30 until 4:30. Complimentary Tastings Saturday: 1 until 4:30. Join artist Helena Meeksfeaturing her work in the Wine Bar Gallery.

### Nov 13

• ArtWalk, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Opening at Town Square on Main Street. Artists and musicians will be around town. Zorki at 12:30 at Town Square; Brian Starr at 1 p.m. at Old Rangoon, Zorki at 2 p.m. at Falls on Main; Hurricane Creek at 2 p.m. at Town Square. Children's ArtWalk at the nature Center.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will hike to five waterfalls in the Tallulah Falls area, an easy hike of 3-miles. After the hike, the group will dine at Glen Ella Springs, an excellent restaurant on the National Register of Historic Places. Meet at Macon Plaza (Bi-Lo) in Franklin at 1 p.m. or call leader for alternate meeting place if coming from Highlands or Cashiers. Bring a drink, a lunch or snack if you wish, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable

shoes. The hike is limited to 12 people; reservations are required. Call leader, Doug Deane, 864-718-9265, for reservations, more information, or in case the weather looks doubtful on the day of the hike.

### Nov. 14

• Self-guided Gallery Tour as part of ArtWalk.

• As part of ArtWalk, Cynthia Strain of Mill Creek Gallery, will offer a free one-hour class on taking better photographs. The class is for novice and experienced photographers and will cover exposure control, composition, and the use of filters. Meet at Mill Creek Gallery in Village Square behind Wolfgang's. For more information, call 787-2021.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an moderate 2-mile hike up Whiteside Mountain. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 2 p.m. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Cheryl English, 524-3300, for reservations, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

### Nov. 16

• Alan Shore, from Chosen People Ministries, will present "A Chosen Vessel," a one act play at 6:30 p.m. at Community Bible Church. Dessert & coffee to follow. All are welcome. Chosen People Ministries is committed to sharing the Gospel of Jesus "to the Jew first and then to the Gentile" throughout the world.

### Nov. 19

• The film "Resurrection" at 7:30 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center. Ellen Burstyn stars with Sam Shepard and Richard Farnsworth. Free, but contributions accepted for the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

### Nov. 20

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.5-mile hike (with car shuttle) on the Smith Creek Trail to Anna Ruby Falls in Unicoi State Park near Helen, Ga. Meet at Macon Plaza in Franklin (Bi-Lo) at 9 a.m. Bring a lunch, a drink, wear clothing appropriate to the weather and sturdy, comfortable shoes or boots. Drive 100 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20 people; reservations are required. Call leader Cheryl English, 524-3300, for a reservation, more information, or in case weather looks doubtful on day of hike.

### Nov. 21





## ... GROWTH continued from page 15

hours away. There were 53 zoning permits issued; in 1997 permits rose to 106. Construction costs rose from \$3.3 million in 1990 to 11 million in 1997. By 2000, construction costs were up to \$18 million.

In 2000 Highlands saw an increase in the Latino workforce; hurricanes and snow storms that put the EMS and fire and rescue crews to the test. Also, more building, more year-round people, an extension of "the season" and the suburbanization of both Highlands and Cashiers.

In the next 10 years, the group sees unbridled potential growth. The planning board expects to

have to deal with more retirement housing, the need for more recreational opportunities, more year-round residents and a necessary increase in town infrastructure. "Where you see one house today, there will be two," said Commissioner Herb James.

They expect higher density living within walking distance of town coupled with more regulations and zoning. "The more people living closer together makes zoning an important issue," they said.

On the up side, Griffin Bell said if Atlanta finds another Highlands then future growth won't be a problem.

## • POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Nov. 3-10. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

### Nov. 3

- At 1 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Big Bear Pen Road. All was secure.
- At 4:30 p.m., officers did a welfare check on a child at Highlands School. All was OK.

### Nov. 4

- At 10:45 a.m., the Highlands United Methodist Church van was reported vandalized.
- At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a minor hit and run on Church Street.

### Nov. 5

- At 9 a.m., officers responded to a minor hit and run at Highlands School.
- At 5:20 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles. There were no injuries.
- At 7:40 p.m., a resident called police about a barking dog.
- At 8:55 p.m., the Rec Park van was reported vandalized.
- At 9:10 p.m., the Highlands United Methodist Church van was reported vandalized.

### Nov. 6

- At 9:30 a.m., a resident on Oak Street reported his SUV spray painted with red paint.
- At 9:30 a.m., Bryson's Food Store's truck was reported spray painted with red paint.
- At 9:50 a.m., a resident on Oak Street reported her mailbox spray painted with red paint.
- At 11 a.m., a Highlands School bus was reported spray painted with red paint.
- At 11 a.m., officers responded to a construction noise complaint on Satulah.
- At 11:30 a.m., the dugout at the Highlands ballfield was vandalized.
- At 12:05 p.m., the Assembly of God van was reported spray painted with red paint.
- At 2 p.m., a breaking and entering was reported at the Highlands Townsite Condominiums.
- At 2 p.m., a resident on South Fifth Street reported her sign spray painted with red paint.
- At 3 p.m., four cases of vandalism were reported in the vicinity of Gibson Street, Lower Lake Road and the Highlands Biological Station where red spray paint was found on signs, walls and buildings.

### Nov. 7

- At 1:16 a.m., a car was reported blocking N. Cobb Road.

### Nov. 8

- At 9:20 a.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at Fourth and Spring Streets. There were no injuries. One motorist was cited for making an unsafe movement.
- At 1 p.m., employee theft was reported at Cashiers Cleaners.
- At 4:10 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without a license or insurance.
- At 11:30 p.m., a suspicious vehicle was parked at the corner of First and Oak streets.

### Nov. 9

- At 11:40 a.m., officers responded to a civil matter between a resident and a contractor.

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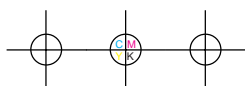


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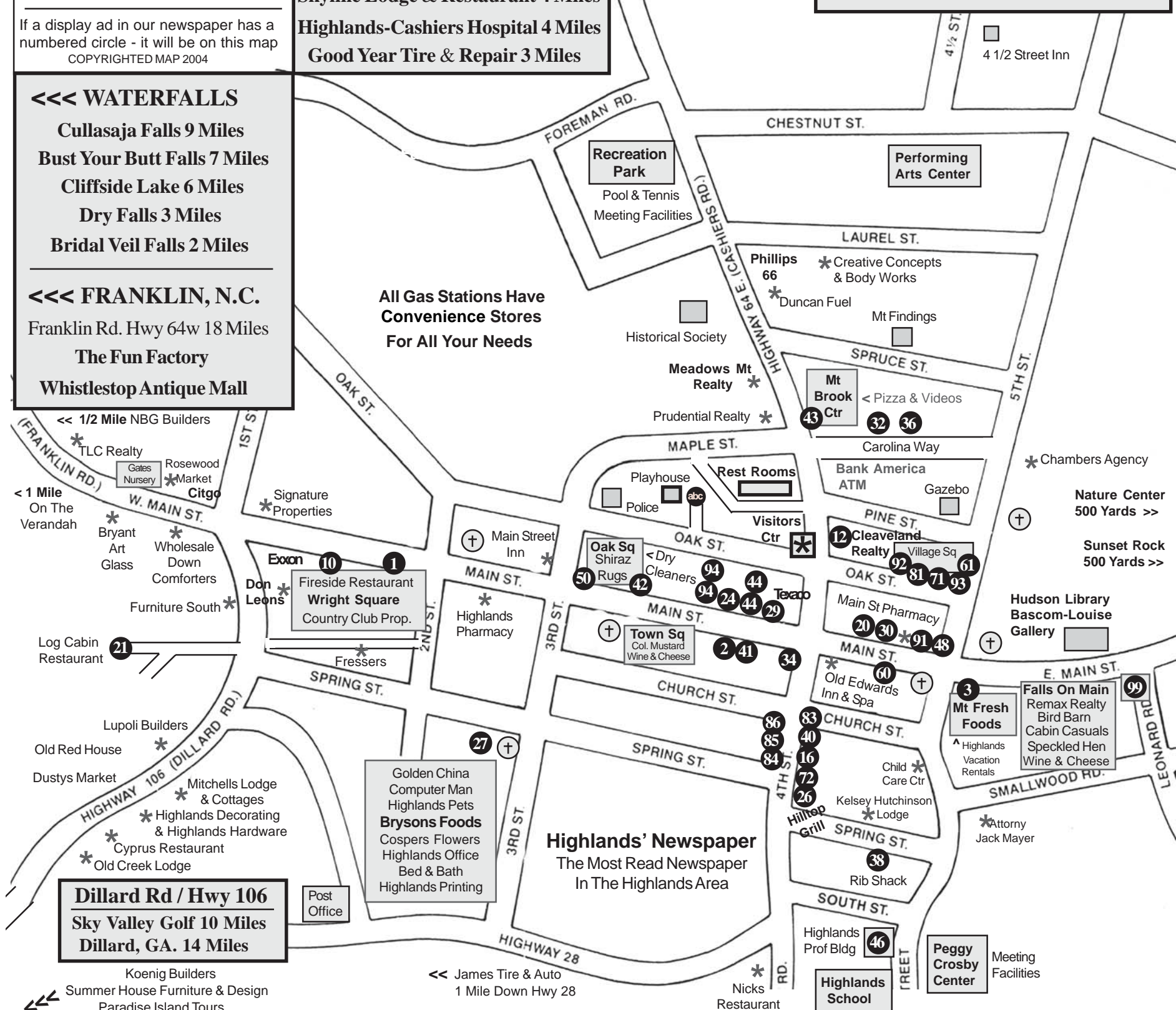
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