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- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club's final in a series of seated breakfasts of homemade pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice at the Scaly Mountain Ski Lodge from 7-10 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Proceeds will go to area human service agencies and local scholarships.

- Silver Oak Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's on Main. Call 526-3807.

- Tour the Edwards homeplace on the Kelsey Trail from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

- Come explore the unique trees and plants along the Greenway Trail through town. Starts at 10 a.m. at the Highlands Civic Center. Refreshments and music after at the Nature Center.

- Mirror Lake Improvement Assn. will have a litter pick-up Saturday at 9 a.m. Meet at Thorn Park. **Oct 24**

- An old-fashioned hymn-sing at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Attendees get to pick songs and special guest singers will perform. **Oct 27**

- * Chestnut Hill, will hold an Open House on Wednesday from 1 to 4 p.m. **Oct. 28-31**

- "Steel Magnolias" performed by Highlands Community Players at PAC. Call 526-8084 for showtimes.

Closing 4 1/2 St. Ext. illegal without ordinance

By Kim Lewicki

Before the Town can legally restrict traffic on the 4 1/2 Street Extension, it has to adopt an ordinance.

At the Oct. 6 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted to close the graveled street to everything except emergency traffic and residents

who live on the north end of the road.

But at the Oct. 20 Town Board meeting, they learned that their decision to close the street to public use was illegal.

"To permanently close a street you have to have a public hearing," said Town Attorney Bill Coward. "To temporarily close or restrict use, you

have to draw up an ordinance."

Coward also said when a town permanently closes a road the property reverts to the adjoining property owners. If a road is deemed "temporarily closed" it still belongs to the public.

"But we're not temporarily

■ See 4 1/2 ST. page 8

Fire & Rescue Dept. gets new truck



Photo by Jim Lewicki

About once every 15 years or so, the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. gets a new fire truck. Chief James Manley is standing next to the department's new 2005 International Pumper/Tanker. It holds 1,250 gallons of water and pumps 1,500 gallons per minute. It was built by E-One Company and cost \$170,000. It replaces the 1988 GMC Pumper/Tanker. The eagle and flag was custom-painted on the side in honor of flag and country.

Subdivision variance denied

By Kim Lewicki

In a surprise move Wednesday night, commissioners voted against the planning board's recommendation and denied a road-width variance for Sequoyah Point subdivision.

To save two large red oak trees, Gloria Parisseau, owner of Sequoyah Point (currently known as Toad Hall) requested a road-width variance of 12

feet from 18 feet.

Commissioners said they have granted road-grade variances in subdivisions before because of the topography of the plateau, but not road-width variances. "Except where a new subdivision road meets an older narrow road," said Commissioner Herb James. "I think if we have a subdivi-

■ See VARIANCE page 8

More parking & sidewalks coming

By Kim Lewicki

It'll cost about \$67,000 but Highlands will become more pedestrian-friendly and will get more parking, too.

At the Oct. 20 Town Board meeting, commissioners voted to allocate funds budgeted for paving and sidewalks to improve and add parking on Oak Street between Third and First Street and at Spring and Third streets.

Existing parking spaces behind the First Baptist Church along the north side of Oak Street will be lengthened to accommodate vehicles which now extend into the travel-way. Diagonal parking will be developed along the backside of Mountain High Lodge — where the boulder outcrop is now — from the lodge's back driveway to the property line toward First Street.

A curb and gutter sidewalk will be extended from Maple Street along Oak Street — possibly to First Street.

At Spring and Third streets a parking area will be developed across from the Christian Scientist Church. Someday commissioners would like to see a sidewalk extended along Third Street from Spring to N.C. 28.

All of this will take place in stages, but as soon as possible town crews will begin extending the parking spots on Oak Street.

"A lot of this work can be done during the winter in preparation for paving and sidewalks in the spring," said Town Engineer Lamar Nix.



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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Halloween takes a holiday

Dear Editor

Well, Halloween is being tampered with *again*. Last year October 31 fell on a Friday and the downtown restaurants went ballistic because Main Street would be closed to parking on an October weekend night and customers might have to walk a block or so through festive and colorful throngs to reach their restaurant (what a bummer).

This year it seems that "the churches" (*which* churches?) don't think it's "appropriate" for kids to go out and trick or treat on Sunday night, October 31, due to their belief that such harmless fun is (a) thinly disguised devil worship and (b) extra super-blasphemous because it's devil worship on "The Lord's Night." So Halloween in Highlands will be celebrated *this* year on Monday night, November 1! Why not just permanently shift the annual Dispensation of Sugar to, say, the first Monday in February between 5 and 7 p.m., to be followed by a general exorcism of the entire town?

Is all of this just an excuse to discourage a weekend deluge of candy-craving out-of-towners?

When I was a kid, Halloween night was a blast—topped only by Christmas. Today, from preposterous rumors about children given apples with razor blades inside completely unfounded), to certain businesses terrified of losing a buck, to certain religious sects who apparently believe in the actuality of ghosts and goblins, Halloween, at least in Highlands, is on the endangered holiday list.

If those in charge can't stop caving in to special lobbying interests and go on and celebrate Halloween on October 31st like everyone else then maybe they should pack it in and let the kids go back to going door to door. They'd get less candy but probably have more fun...and it *would* be Halloween.

Arthur Hancock
Highlands

To Fred, Dear Fred

When the judge slams down the gavel,
Says, "Alice, now make a choice;
Would you rather be The Gravel,
Or the Armpit with the loud voice?"

Says I, "I'll be The Gravel,
I'll choose it any day;
It's much more fun to travel
Than a gaudy paved highway.

"Besides," says I, "an armpit?
Belonging to S. Hussein?
Dear Fred would never quit
His hairy foul domain.

"He'd never budge an inch,
Not even for Old Buck,
Who surely wouldn't flinch
From revving up his truck

"To liquidate The Gravel,
By accident, of course."
The judge slammed down his gavel,
Thus ending the discourse. (Maybe.)

Alice Nelson
Highlands

'Appreciation Day' appreciated

Dear Editor,

At the October 6 Town Board Meeting, Mayor Buck Trott declared October 13 Appreciation Day for Town Employees, Emergency Medical Services Personnel and Highlands Firemen. This was a way to thank them for all of the hard work they had done during our visit from Hurricane Ivan. With the help of the Highlands Recreation Park staff, volunteers Ann Chastain and Sue Potts, a lunch was planned for them on the Appreciation Day. The Town so graciously donated funds and food for the lunch. Civic organizations helped with funds to obtain gifts for the Appreciation Day.

Special thanks should go to Duncan Greenlee who drew a cartoon of the groups thanking them for their service. It would be hard to tell all the things people

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Fall Festival & 5K & Fun Run set for Oct. 30

The Fall Festival, the largest fundraiser for Highlands School is set for October 30 beginning at 5 p.m. The 5K Run will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the Fun Run will begin at 10 a.m. on October 30. Fun includes Bingo, haunted house, hayrides, Imagination Station, duck pond, lollipop tree, animal walk, go fish, golf, archery, basketball and "The Jail", cake walk, costume parade, cotton candy, slushies, popcorn, moon walk, balloons, photo booth, a raffle with great prizes. and pumpkin art (for the wee ones). Also there are new "theme" boxes this year, not just food boxes – the Great Beginnings Class is doing a "The Power is Out" box filled with goodies you would need when the power goes out. This year's 10 Major Sponsors (\$500 gift level) for the 2004 Art Run 5K/Fall



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• OBITUARIES •

Mildred Jones Daugherty

Mildred Jones Daugherty, age 86, of Buck Knob Road, Scaly Mountain, NC, died Thursday, October 14, 2004 in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She was a native of Tarrant County, Texas, a daughter of the late Sylvester and Elizabeth Haley Jones. She was married to Kermit R. Daugherty, who died in 1988. She was a homemaker and a member of Cartoogechaye Church of God.

She is survived by a son, Joe Roulston and his wife Charlotte of Scaly Mountain, NC; two sisters, Augustas Cook and Minnie Elrod both of Texas; three grandchildren, Lila Haugrud of Virginia, Twila Nelson, of Texas and Cindy Miller of Scaly Mountain, NC; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren also survive. She was preceded in death by a son, Ralph Lee Daugherty.

Graveside services were held Sunday, October 17 at 2 p.m. at Woodlawn Cemetery, with Rev. Robert Dryman officiating. Pallbearers will be Steve Haugrud, Shawn Haugrud, Gary McCall, Richard McCall and Samuel Dryman.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Vernon Douglas Reed

Vernon Douglas Reed, age 45, of Highlands, NC died Tuesday, October 20, 2004 in the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of Macon County, the son of Lester Reed Jr. of Highlands, NC and the late Evelyn Watts Reed. He was a heavy equipment operator and attended Goldmine Baptist Church. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife of 8

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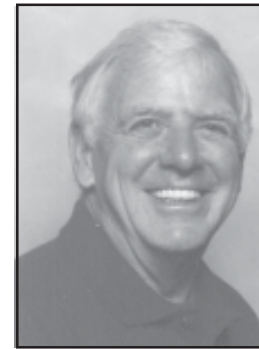
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Is this funny...or not?

I'm supposed to be funny, right? Well, some folks in Highlands totally disagree that I am. I say, "Forget them." Go find your humor in an annual watershed report. Then again, some Highlanders who think I am funny may not think this particular article is funny at all. Let me know what you think.



Fred Wooldridge

This is my take on "funny....or not."

First thing that comes to my convoluted mind is "Isn't it funny there are no black people living in Highlands?" Is that funny, or not? Oops, I take that back; there is one full-time black person living here who describes herself as "The chocolate chip of Highlands." Now that's funny. This pretty lady says, "There have been a few incidents, but for the most part, everyone is very nice to me and I have not felt uncomfortable here. If it were bad, I would simply leave." I walked away from that very short interview feeling a lot better about this community I love so much. Funny, I thought blacks may be staying away because of bigotry. Ha....silly me.

It's funny that our mountain town has had such a strange black history. The presence of black people had been prevalent here ever since the Tuberculosis hospital opened years ago, eventually making Highlands a two-class community. Wealthy whites, willing to cough up the bucks, came to the clinic to rest and be cured of the dreaded disease. They brought their servants who were mostly black. Soon, more doctors and other wealthy people began to build homes and Highlands began to grow, along with its black population.

Also funny is that back in the 50s and 60s, it was not unusual to see black chauffeurs and maids on the streets of Highlands or shopping for their employers at Potts' market. Now there are none.

Oops, I mean one.

This is even more funny....or not. Highlands has "The Club" which has existed in Highlands from way back in the 50s and some say even before. The club was formed by a group of black servants who met in a dedicated empty home right here in our

town where they could go on weekends to socialize, play cards, have a drink and listen to their music. The club still exists today but because of the influx of Hispanics into the work force, many blacks have lost their jobs and "The Club" has dwindled to practically nothing. `Whodathunkit?

In my other life, (shoot-em-up lawman) I was exposed to a lot of blacks. Like all people, I found there are good and bad in every race and nationality. Unfortunately, I saw most of the bad. What I find funny, well maybe not so funny, is that the white people who profess the loudest to be the least prejudiced, always wind up living the farthest away from blacks.

Here is a little tidbit of information that you may not find so funny. I used to live and work in a city (I am not making this up.) where black people had to be "out of town by 9 PM" or be arrested. The year after I started work there, 1961, the law was changed to "off the streets by 9 PM" so the town fathers would not be thought of as prejudiced. Now that's funny.

That law was obviously created by whites who would never admit to being prejudiced. To the contrary, Miami Beach, predominately a Jewish population during that era, had one of the most liberal thinking populations in the country. Bigotry sometimes comes wrapped in strange packages. Funny, huh? Hmmm, maybe not.

I also find it very funny that the purchase of land where Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church now sits had to be made in the

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• MOVIE PIX •

Blazing Saddles

Mel Brooks' 1974 comedy-spoof stars Cleavon Little, Gene Wilder, Slim Pickens, Gilda Radner, Madeline Kahn and just about everyone else who has ever been in a comic movie.

The Storyline: Black Bart (of course it's Cleavon Little) is a convict with a parole and a new job. The down side here is the new job is as sheriff of a town that goes through lawmen like fresh grass through a cow.

It seems the evil bad guys want the town's land before the railway buys it up and Black Bart's job is to fail. And he just might. The town's people are less than thrilled with their new hero to be. Seems they are not used to the much local color, so to speak. But, with the help of his new sidekick (Wilder), and his



Stuart Armor

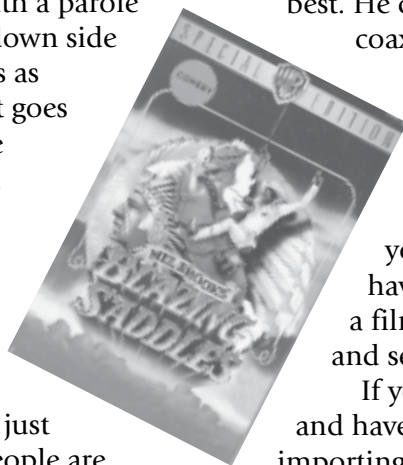
love interest (Kahn steals the show here) they all band together to outwit the bad guys. And since the bad guys in question are about as bright as a burned-out campfire, it's not that hard.

A fast silly spoof (or rip off, if you prefer) of all your old western

classics, it is among Mel Brooks' best. He does a great job of

coaxing over-the-top performances from his actors (from this cast, it wasn't too hard, I'll bet) and you can tell they are having fun with it. It's a film worth seeing, and seeing again.

If you like this one, and have nothing importing to do with your time, more by Brooks are Space Balls, Producers, and Young Frankenstein. From some other directors come Frisco Kid, Rustlers Rhapsody and The Villain.



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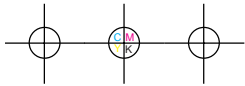
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PAC Celebrates Success of No-Go Tea Party

Community response to this innovative fund-raising concept has been a resounding success again this year. The opportunity to support the Performing Arts Center by *NOT* attending a function, appeals to many. In a summer season filled with an increasing number of charitable events, the No-Go offers a fun way to vote for the continued success of the PAC.

Nell Martin and Margaret Pennington, Co-Chairs, want to express their appreciation to the major Corporate Sponsors: The Old Edwards Inn and Spa, Signature Properties of Highlands, and Berkley's Furniture and Accessories. Their most generous underwriting of the No-Go Event meant that all of the monies raised went directly to the PAC for its programs.

Martin and Pennington also want to thank the six "Characters" who gave of their time to participate in the Tea party: Diane McPhail as Alice; Billie Ray as the March Hare; Samuel Craig as the Dormouse; J. Yancey Stribling as the Mad Hatter; Dixie Barton as the Cheshire Cat; and Bill Mann as the White Rabbit. And our most sincere Thanks to:

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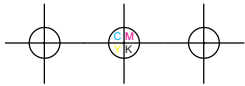
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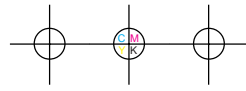
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A bucolic history of the Edwards Homestead

By Ran Shaffner
Historian

The nineteenth-century American actor and playwright John Howard Payne, who wrote, translated, and adapted more than sixty plays in his time, is known today solely by a single song. His opera *Clari, or, the Maid of Milan*, performed in 1823, immortalized the familiar lines:

'Mid pleasures and palaces
though we may roam,
Be it ever so humble, there's no
place like home;

A charm from the skies seems
to hallow us there,

Which sought through the
world is ne'er met with elsewhere.

Only one family in Highlands has lived this song on land their ancestor bought even before the official founding of the town. Indeed, no other family within the town limits can claim to have lived continuously on land they bought from the town's founder, Samuel Kelsey, himself, as did Charles B. Edwards 126 years ago. And the Edwards family still lives on almost 10 acres where 5th Street vanishes into the Kelsey Trail.

Charles Edwards came to Highlands with his friend Stanhope Hill, both from Horse Cove, in 1878. He became one of Highlands' first elected commissioners when Squire Hill was elected mayor. A carpenter, Charles built his own house and barn, constructed a small fish pond, and raised cows and chickens, while maintaining a garden for his wife Sarah and their eight children and a pasture for the cattle and horses.

Their first child, Mary, married Charlie Wright but died before that day in 1911 when Charlie gained legendary fame in his courageous rescue of Gus Baty on the brink of

Whiteside Mountain. Their daughter Gertrude married Highlands' first police chief, Joseph Richert, who built the house occupied today by Toby West. Their son Grover, while still a boy, had to quit school and provide for the family when Charles Edwards disappeared. Charles had been teaching woodworking at Clemson when he left for Savannah in search of work and was never heard from again.

Grover studied at home, reading whatever he could find to become self-educated. He married Helen Heacock, daughter of Jonathan Heacock, who first owned the Buttermilk Tract near Ahmihcahlahlagah Falls, which—fortunate for us—he renamed Glen Falls. Jonathan later moved his family to the last house on the right on 5th Street, directly across from the Edwards. For a while his home served as a boarding house that entertained guests with one of the first radios in Highlands.

Grover worked as a forester for Prioleau Ravenel, Jr., and the U.S. Forest Service and eventually became a painter and a small dairy farmer. Like his father he served as a town commissioner. He also joined the order of Masons and the Lions Club and was an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

The Edwards family today—Louise Edwards Meisel, an artist; Grover W. "Bill" Edwards, a radiological technician; and Virginia Edwards Fleming, a published author of children's books, poetry, and short fiction—still owns the old farmstead, where Virginia's daughter Rosemary also lives.

For more than 60 years, until Grover's death in 1942, the Edwards' farm produced vegetables



Photo courtesy of Hank Urbanek.

The Edwards home today, built in 1891.

from its large garden, grain from its pasture, apples from its orchard, and fish from its pond. Apart from a combination two-level root cellar and granary near the house, a frame privy is one of the few domestic outbuildings of its type to survive in any form anywhere in Highlands.

The Edwards family house is a weather boarded Queen Anne style cottage, standing on stone piers. Its three-bay front provides a center entrance protected by a shed-roof porch featuring lattice panels for flowering vines. The window above the door is set in a gable sheathed with fish-scale wood shingles that also sheathe the gabled ends of the house. The unpainted chestnut sheathing of the house's hall and parlor has mellowed to a rich brown shade.

Much of the beauty of the homestead consists in its isolation from the hustle and bustle of the town. Wildflowers abound profusely, including may-apple, trout lily, trailing arbutus, blue flag, wild ginger, wood sorrel, Catesby's trillium, winterberry, joe-pye weed, and the rare *shortia galacifolia*. Birds adorn the oaks, maples, birches, poplars, serviceberries, fringetrees,

bigleaf magnolias, hemlocks, and Frasier pines, including red- and white-breasted nuthatches, juncos, goldfinches, red-breasted grosbeaks, indigo buntings, hooded and black-throated blue warblers, vireos, towhees, brown thrashers and creepers, downy and pileated woodpeckers, and a family of barred owls that the Biological Station features in its owl prowls throughout the summers. Black bears, red and gray foxes, raccoons, opossums, and bobcats frequent the environs for food.

The quiet solitude extends to the historic head of the Kelsey Trail, which the Edwards family conveyed to the Highlands Land Trust in 1998 to assure its preservation. This tract joins a larger part of the trail also held by the Trust. Today, entering the trail's head at the end of 5th Street is like stepping through an opening into another world. A sudden difference in sound, fragrance, temperature, and light give the overwhelming impression of an earlier period of history when locals, tourists, and summer residents alike walked or

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closing it, we're just restricting the use of it," said Commissioner Amy Patterson.

The board voted 4 to 1 to instruct Coward to draw up the ordinance legalizing restrictive use of the road.

But the board's decision to do so frustrated and confused some members of the audience.

"You just spent \$180,000 of taxpayers' money to get the right to open streets the town already owned and now you have no intention of opening the street," said John Cleaveland. "Why did you fight the fight if you had no intention of opening the only two streets in town not opened?" He said the board was acting like the neighborhood was sacred ground.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said the town had the right to go to court to clear up who owned the road and to open them. "But for the sake of the future, not necessarily at this time," he said "Maybe in the future housing density in that area will change and the road will be needed but right now the road would disintegrate a neighborhood."

But Cleaveland still asked how the town could restrict a road that belongs to all the citizens of Highlands especially when there are two families who live on the road. "Unless you're saying it's their private driveway," he said.

Commissioner Patterson in the road's current condition it can't stand up to heavy commercial traffic. It's estimated to cost \$26,000 to make the 4 1/2 Street Extension a standard paved road.

Residents in the area say commercial trucks from Wilson Gas Company and the Town of Highlands routinely use the road as a way into town rather than going out on U.S. 64 east from Poplar Street. "By opening the road you are doing nothing more than opening a residential area to commercial and service industry traffic," said Rick Siegel

Dennis Wilson of Wilson Gas asked the town to keep it open as a means of escape should a catastrophe occur at his plant.

Commissioners have restricted use to emergency traffic only.

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sion ordinance we should stick to it." Subdivision road-widths requirements are 18 feet.

During the summer, the Town Board began hearing subdivision cases similar to the way the Zoning Board hears cases – based on whether the case meets four criteria.

The board can grant the variance if one regulation can't be met. The regulation that usually negates variances is "...provisions of the ordinance deprive the applicant of making reasonable use of his land." Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein said in almost every case reasonable use can be made of property so variances aren't granted.

"The question is, 'What do you consider 'reasonable?'" he said. "Is it reasonable to cut down trees? As a Town Board deciding subdivision cases, it's OK for you to decide it isn't reasonable to cut down trees. But for a quasi-judicial board like a Zoning Board, standards are more absolute."

He said saving trees can be reasonable justification if considered a town's policy, which means it doesn't have to be supported by facts. He said

saving trees, if considered important by the Town Board can be a reason to grant a subdivision variance.

Commissioner Hank Ross said every mission statement of every organization in town talks about preserving the character of the town and preserving the environment. "We need to change the subdivision ordinance to give us flexibility in these types of cases," he said.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said the width of the road should have something to do with the number of homes it is serving – in this case five. Both wanted to grant the variance.

But Commissioners Amy Patterson, Alan Marsh and Herb James voted to deny the variance request.

"I love trees too, said Patterson, "but if we don't want to adhere to the road-width requirement, then we might as well throw out the ordinance." She said most road-width variance requests are about trees. She said if the town wants to save the trees then it needs to change the ordinance.



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and businesses did for this celebration. To the following people and businesses your donations were greatly appreciated: Highlands Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Highlands-Mountaintop, John Cleaveland, Stone Lantern, D&J Express Mart, Joiles, Hi Country Photo, Bed & Bath Designs, Old Edwards Hospitality Group, Wistar Gary, Dry Sink, Mountain Fresh, Geri Crowe, Mary Thompson, Doris Potts, Cindy Batson, Fireside Restaurant, Ingles, Marie Reese, Nick's Restaurant, Pete McCall, Ann Chastain, Barbara Barnes, Mary Barnes, Tom Harris, Diane Barnes, Linda Nickleson, and Danny Chastain. If there should be someone I have forgotten we certainly thank you.

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**Sue Potts
Volunteer**

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dead of night in order to prevent controversy with the local people. Because Catholics were considered scary people, locals would come out on Sundays, just to get a look at a 'cult' Catholic. Just ask any old-timer.

Even scarier than Catholics were Jewish people. Jewish folks just stayed away from Highlands because they were made to feel uncomfortable when they visited. Thank goodness that is no longer the case, Right....right?

Funny thing about Highlands, homosexuals may not be the only culture that has had to squirrel themselves away in closets to escape the wrath of others. There just might be a contingent of closet bigots who profess to be open to all races and denominations but who, in reality, only want white Anglo Saxon Protestants to come here. Funny thing though....that's not so funny.

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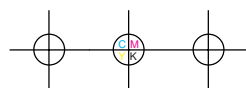


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• LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION •

Quiescence

It's getting close to hibernation time. While I'll be thinking a lot and writing some on "stuff" like authentic power, instincts, multisensory humans. this winter, I will not be writing weekly in this phenomenal newspaper. I believe the kind editor, Kim, might allow me to contribute once in a while.

Today I want to talk a little bit about creating your reality with your intentions. Reality has many dimensions and layers. No two people have the same reality even if they are in the exact same situation.

As Gary Zukav talks about in *The Seat of the Soul*, the first layer of reality is your personal reality. This is the reality that you know the best. This is where your decisions are most effective and are felt directly. This is where you choose to feel kind instead of cold. As your consciousness changes, so do your experiences. Your choices and your intentions shape your world.

I've noticed lately, now that the season is winding down, that my choices are not as clear or as solid as I would like them to be. Not having enough time to sit still and respond appropriately with spirit and energy makes a difference in my world.

The reality that I have been



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

creating lately does not seem to agree with my intentions. My soul is still learning the lesson that it must balance its energy so that my disposition, aptitudes and attitudes reflect my true intentions. I need to be more mindful of what I project.

My next sentence may be stretching it a bit but as Gary Zukav puts it, the karma of the soul determines the physical, emotional, psychological and spiritual circumstances that surround our personality. This helps us make clear choices between learning through wisdom or learning through fear.

If it is true that what you intend you become, then I will be spending this winter working on my intentions. What we choose, with each action and each thought, is an intention.

You might be asking yourself by now what was she dreaming last night? I might be asking myself the same question. I'll leave you with this thought from Gary's book.

When you choose the energy of your soul—when you choose to create with the intentions of love, forgiveness, humbleness and clarity—you gain power. When you choose to learn through wisdom, you gain power. When you choose to create through fear and doubt, you lose power. What choices are you making?

A portion of the proceeds for any book purchased in the month of September and October will go to help those who suffered losses from Hurricane Ivan. They will be at local Coffee shops and bookstores or you can email me @melspeaks@aol.com.

Sample ballots for the 2004 election are posted on www.highlandsinfo.com
The sample ballot will also be in the Oct. 29 issue of Highlands' Newspaper



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Vote Against Amendment One

Dear Editor,

We are being asked to vote For or Against three NC constitutional amendments this year. The first is for Tax Increment Financing (TIF), which NC voters rejected twice before. The proponents created a smokescreen so we would not recognize that this is the same issue we rejected. They call it Self-Financing Bonds or simply Amendment One. I launched www.noamendmentone.org to educated voters on the other side of the story, but the proponents launched seven bogus websites to fool you when trying to find my site. They are running a very expensive and misleading television campaign surrounded by Jobs and Progress.

The truth of this issue is not being told and if revenues to finance the bonds fall short of their projections, the spillover is absorbed from the general fund of the municipality. The scheme is to divert taxes collected to pay off the bond instead of funding schools, fire, police, and other government functions. The government will be able to condemn your private property and develop it for another private use. You will no longer be asked by local government via a bond referendum when they borrow money, nor for what reasons they borrow money.

The list of organizations and corporations that have endorsed this issue are not structured to be concerned about the taxpayer or property rights. I was elected to represent the people and my stance against this issue is simply because it is bad for the citizens. This is not a partisan issue and every voter should become educated on the serious consequences of their vote. Please join me in voting against the first NC Amendment listed on the ballot that falsely states "for economic and project development". Do not vote away your right to be asked when your and your grandchildren's money is put at risk.

Michael A. Joyce
Cary Town Council
Cary, N.C.

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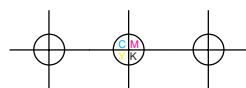
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Donna has been a professional interior designer over 20 years, half of which she has spent as owner and principal of Design Environments, Inc. DEI is an Atlanta-based interior design firm working with many of the nations' leading builders and developers. An award winning design firm, DEI specializes in the merchandising and marketing of model homes and clubhouses throughout the United States.

There are two subsidiaries of Design Environments, Designer's Extras and Designer Suites, both of which are managed by Greg. Designer's Extras is a warehouse showroom drawing its inventory directly from the overstocked furnishings of Design Environments. Designer Suites is Donna and Greg's newest endeavor, providing office space and resources to independent interior designers.

Berkley's is Donna and Greg's third high-end retail establishment. Sydney's was their first store, opened in 2001 on Amelia Island, Fla. While the original Sydney's is located in the historic Fernandina Beach district, it now enjoys a second location on the island. "Donna and I have been fortunate in introducing our flair in furnishings to the residents of Amelia Island. We look forward to the opportunity here at Berkley's."



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Dear Editor:

Highlands — What an amazing place to live. I am truly surrounded by generous, caring people. When I came up with the idea to work with Highlands restaurants to raise money for local disaster assistance following Tropical Storm Ivan. I could never have imagined that the response would be so great. So far, we have raised over \$11,000.

I would like to thank On the Verandah, Inc; Wolfgang's on Main; Lakeside Restaurant; Brick Oven Pizza; Fressers Eatery, Buck's Coffee Café, Fireside Restaurant, 4 ½ Street Inn, Lucas & Company, PS Construction and all the other private donors for what they have given directly to the families of the Peek's Creek community that were affected in September by the devastation.

I would also like to thank the Highlands' Newspaper, WHLC, RBC Centura and Cullasaja Fire and Rescue for assisting me in getting the word out and helping me to distribute the money to those most in need.

By the way, donations are still welcome and should be made out to Highlands' Peaks Creek Relief Fund, c/o On the Verandah, 1536 Franklin Road, Highlands, NC 28741 or they can be taken directly to the RBC Centura Bank branch in Highlands.

Marlene Alvarez
Fund Organizer
Highlands

Others still need help

Dear Editor

The response to our recent "weather anomalies" was, as expected, magnificent with donations of food, furniture, clothing, labor, and money pouring in from many sources. While we focus on the needs of the victims of this disaster, and this is as it should be, we tend to lose sight of the ongoing needs of many in the community whose situation is not storm related.

As an interviewer at CareNet I talk with numerous people in need, both storm victims and others. While we are always able to help our

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An eccentric bunny with lucky stones

By Nancy Welch
Contributor

Bonnie Earman's story starts with a bunny tale. It's not an unfamiliar story to many in Highlands and even throughout the southeast.

About five years ago the Cullasaja Road resident began to dress a small concrete bunny outside her home, just along the road. She would dress the diminutive rabbit for the season, or perhaps the weather. It wasn't long before the public joined in.

"People would come by while they were in Highlands just to see how the bunny was dressed," Earman said. "Then they began bringing presents and outfits, especially team hats, for the bunny to wear."

Earman, an artist, said she has always been attracted to shiny things and has a collection of mica. At one point, she began making what she calls her "lucky stones" and placing them along the road near her bunny.

The oblong glass pieces are about 1/2 inch in length and come in a rainbow of colors.

"I think they're actually used by florists," Earman said.

"I would put words like hope, love, faith and such on them," she said. "It was difficult to figure out how to place the words on the back to shine through the front in the correct order. It took me weeks of research and I pretty much had to learn to write backwards and then use tape to transfer the one-word messages. It can take me a couple of hours a week to decorate the stones. When they've got that message on them, they go fast."

The shiny pieces of glass, which come in a variety of colors, pick up the daylight and attract passers-by.

When Earman hooked up to city sewage, town workers invaded the road and the workers were immediately taken by the shiny lucky stones.

"One of the town employees said, 'Can I take a lucky stone?'" she said.

"He took the stone and the next day came back to say he had played Bingo and had won \$430! And the last time I saw him he had won over \$1,000 at Bingo and says it's because of the lucky stone," Earman said, laughing.

Later a small boy came by. He told Earman his family was moving to New Zealand.

"He asked if he could take a green stone to New Zealand so that he could remember Highlands," she said. "That was very touching. He was maybe 8 or 9 years old."

The stories keep coming, she said.

One day a group of women from nearby were walking in the neighborhood picking galax. They later told Earman that as they walked, they found the lucky stones and gathered a few. One woman then dropped her stone in the pile of galax.

"She just couldn't leave without trying to find it," Earman continued. "They looked and they looked and they just couldn't find it."

"So they decided to walk on home and in the middle of the walk this huge storm breaks out," Earman said. "They were drenched, just soaking wet. One lady looked at another and said, 'See, if we had found that lucky stone, we wouldn't have gotten wet.'"

She said from then on, every time the ladies took a walk, they looked for the misplaced stone.

"One day a young man stopped and asked, 'Ladies, may I help you?' and they were too embarrassed to tell him they were looking for a lucky stone."

She said often in the early morning she will hear a noise outside. When she looks, she sees someone "sneaking around, getting a lucky stone. It's usually the men that sneak."

Earman continues to add to

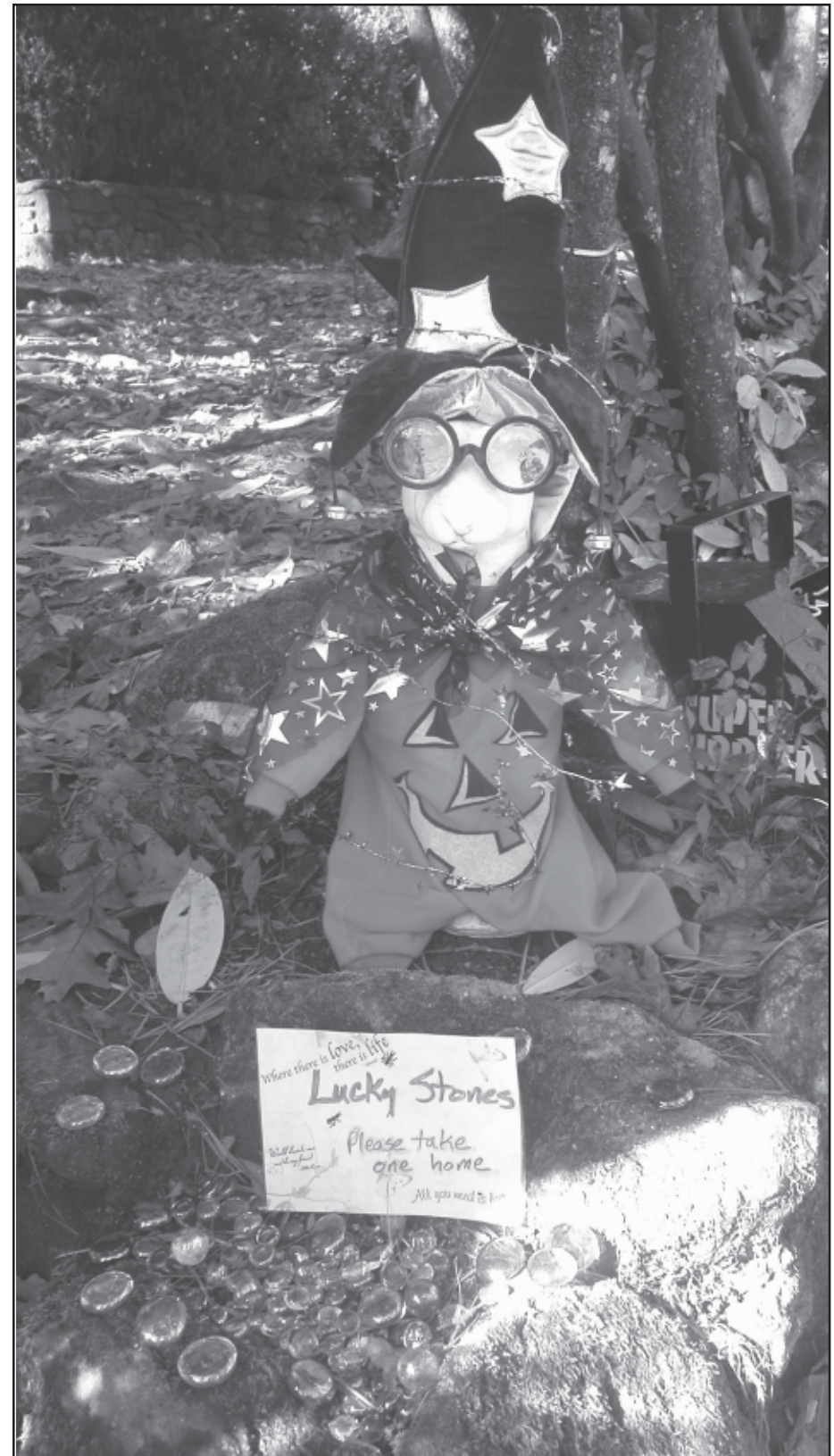
her tableaux. A bubble machine is next to the rabbit.

"I try to use that Saturday and Sunday when everybody is walking and everyone enjoys the bubbles," she said.

The ceiling of Earman's front

porch is illuminated with tiny red lights and last week she added "The queen of wine" for Halloween.

"I just want to give people smiles," the petite red head says.



Earman's eccentric bunny is dressed and ready for Halloween.



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The Edwards garden, orchard, pond, pasture, and barn ca. 1900, looking west from the Kelsey Trail to the house beyond the pond and barely visible in the trees.

rode on horseback the 4½ miles to Whiteside Mountain. When Kelsey created the trail in 1883, it wound up and over Bear Pen Gap, through a primeval forest of ancient trees including enormous hemlocks, which the locals called "giant sequoias," past the beautiful cascade known as Highlands Falls on the Cullasaja River, and on to Wildcat Cliffs, Garnet Rock, and Wildcat Ridge before reaching the Cherokee campground and the summit of Whiteside Mountain.

Although once the scene of joyful excursions for Sunday picnics, the Kelsey Trail is now preserved by the Land Trust as far as Bear Pen Gap, giving access to both Little and Big Bear Pen beyond 5th Street through a woodland of sparkling green in spring, hushed white in winter, and the brilliant reds, oranges, and yellows of fall that still manage to take the breath away.

The Edwards homestead and the Kelsey Trail that adjoins it

comprise one of the last—if not the last—primitive and pristine preserves of nature within the town of Highlands. While one part constitutes the largest and oldest tract in town that has been continuously owned and occupied by a single family, the other part is held in trust for the townspeople. Together they represent a unique asset in an age when fewer and fewer such natural settings have managed to survive the encroachments of development for the benefit and restoration of the human soul.

On Saturday, October 23, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. the Edwards family is inviting the mayor, members of the town council, and the public at large to view the old home place as well as the Kelsey Trail. Visitors are encouraged to park at the end of 5th Street and walk up the Edwards' driveway and to take a stroll through the rhododendron-framed entrance to the Kelsey Trail.

\$3660 raised for Peek's Creek

Ristorante Paoletti held a raffetto raise funds for victims of Peek's Creek.

On Sunday, Oct. 17, five winners won a dinner for two at Paoletti's valued at \$150 and \$3,660 was raised for disaster relief.

The winners were Wally White

of Highlands; William Levisay of Atlanta; Rhonda Hicks of St. Simons Island; Larry & Anne Rollins of Highlands; and Darlene Lewis of Franklin.

"It has been our pleasure to be a part of this most worthy cause.



Early voting in full swing in Macon County

Diebold voting machines not being used this time

Early voting is now going on for registered residents of Macon County. Citizens can go to the Macon County Courthouse and cast their ballot for the November 2, 2004, election. All ballots will be counted regardless of the outcome of the election.

There are two ways to vote early – Go to the Macon County Board of Elections on first floor (basement) of the court house and vote. You do not need to bring anything with you, but you must be registered to vote. Although it is now too late to register, you can verify your status here: <http://www.sboe.state.nc.us/>

First-time voters or those who have registered since January 1, 2003 may be asked to show identification. The other way to vote early is to write the Board of Elections and request an absentee ballot. They will mail the ballot and envelope to your address. You do **not** need to provide a reason you need an absentee ballot, just request a ballot. Fill it out and mail it back.

In 2004, all early voting began October 14, and it will end October 30. Office hours are 8 to 5, Monday through Friday, also on Saturday October 16, 23 and 30 from 8 - 1. All early ballots will be paper ballots and will be kept in a locked box until the election has been certified. They will be counted using an Accuvote machine reader beginning 7:30 p.m. on Election Day in the courthouse. Those present for the counting will be the director, her staff, the three-member Board of Elections (appointed by the governor), and the public is invited to attend and observe. After the counting, the ballots will be kept in a locked box until the election has been certified. For the precinct voting, on Election Day, all votes will be cast in an electronic machine just like during

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Correction

In the Oct. 8 issue of "Highlands' Newspaper" we neglected to attribute the story "Couple's taken 17 overseas hikes...and counting," on page 14 to contributing writer Nancy Welch.

We regret our error and are happy to set the record straight.

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Now, the Old Creek Lodge is being completely renovated again - this time combining the perfect harmony of luxury and comfort. Replacing everything from the mattresses and pillows to the bathroom tiles and sinks, the rooms are now unrecognizable to former guests. All new fabrics in rich colors and patterns fill the rooms exuding adjectives such as sophisticated and posh.

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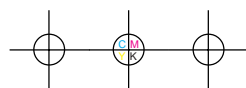
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Watson Barratt's negatives come to life – part 2

By Kim Lewicki

Without any heirs, Watson Barratt, husband of Louise Bascom Barratt, left many of his personal belongings to the Hempe family, friends in New York City – belongings which included boxes of glass and film negatives, original artwork and furnishings.

Fred Hempe and Watson Barratt met around 1946 at a theater in New York City where Barratt was a scene designer and producer – Hempe was a commercial interior decorator who decorated night clubs, restaurants and theater sets.

After Louise Bascom Barratt died, Watson Barratt was left in charge of the Bascom family's Highlands' holdings which included the Tricemont Terrace which Barratt renamed the Bascom Louise Inn after his wife.

Judy Hempe Johansson started summering at the Bascom Louise when she was about five years old when her father was hired by Barratt to manager the inn.

The photos on this page and the photos on page 16 of the Oct. 15 edition were reproduced from the negatives Judy found in a box –

some of them glass, others film negatives.

The photos document the Bascom Louise Inn as up-scale. "I know we had doctors and their wives from Atlanta staying there," said Judy. "Also, wealthy people from St. Louis and New York. One family from New York arrived with their chauffeur. He stayed on the third floor. After all the guests had eaten, he was allowed to come down to the dining room to have his meal. He was from Brooklyn and the southern waitresses loved to hear him talk."

Judy remembers the dining room being absolutely beautiful. "In the center of the room was a large weight-bearing column which my father and Mr. B turned into a rhododendron tree," she said. "My father attached water vessels to the trunk and they planted live rhododendrons in them. It was very unique. I don't think there was another one like it anywhere."

The room, including the curtains, was elegant. "Red panels with gorgeous silk-screened flower-printed inserts," she said.

Judy doesn't remember much about the bedrooms in the inn, but



The Bascom Louise Inn was built on a bluff. Looking from the porch patrons saw only plants and trees — not any of the town.

sometimes she helped the maids make up the beds. "I recall red bedspreads and the pictures on the walls being the old masters."

Judy's sister was eight years older and was allowed to go out at night. "She frequented Helen's Barn, the

movie theater and Bill's Soda Shop," said Judy. "And I remember our guests going to the auction house in town. One of them came back with lots of jewelry she'd purchased and showed me all the sparkly bracelets and pins."

Outdoor activities at the inn included badminton and horseshoes. A very special event in Highlands during Judy's summers was Hillbilly Day. "Our guests would dress in costume and have a ball. One year I was really embarrassed by my mother. She dressed in my father's old work pants and shirt, with a big old eaten-away straw hat," said Judy. "As a little girl of five, I didn't think it was funny. But I still have the pictures and now I see how much fun they all had."

The hotel was built on a bluff with lots of trees around it. Anyone looking from the porch saw only plants and trees — not any of the town, said Judy. "The real sights were seen on trips my father would take up Satulah Mountain in our Willys Jeep. The guests loved going up there."

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week's article.

The dining room in the Bascom Louise Inn was elegant. The curtains were made of red panels with silk-screened flowered printed inserts. In the center of the dining room was a large weight-bearing column which Fred Hempe and Watson Barratt turned into a rhododendron tree.





My heroes, or what some people will do for a change of pace

By **Glenda Bell**
Contributor

Out of the gloom of Thursday night appeared two tired bikers and I am not talking about the motor kind, either. It was exactly 8 o'clock p.m., when they appeared at our doorstep on Brushy Face Mountain. They were exhausted and sort of hot and cold at the same time. Here is what they did. I know you will find this a bit amazing and maybe a bit crazy – OK, real crazy.

These two guys – one a lawyer and the other a business owner – left Atlanta at 5:45 a.m. on Thursday morning. They rendezvoused at Peachtree Dekalb airport in Chamblee and from there departed for Highlands.

Of course, they had the traffic congestion to handle and one flat tire, but they somehow got away.

One of the observations made was that before 7:30 a.m., people going to work in the northern Atlanta suburbs pull out of their driveways and immediately have to wait in long lines for a traffic light.

The normal distance for this trip using the interstates and four lanes is less than 130 miles, but having to use back roads and less-traveled routes, another 12 miles were added to their trip. Much of the route was unfamiliar, but they somehow stayed the course.

One of these travelers happens to be my son. I know from experience that he cannot go long without food. They snacked along the way, but not really enough to bike 145 miles.

He called from Clayton, Ga., Dairy Queen at 4:45 p.m. saying that he and David were about done for and were not sure they could continue. Their knees were especially sore, along with backs, arms, hands, feet and hips.

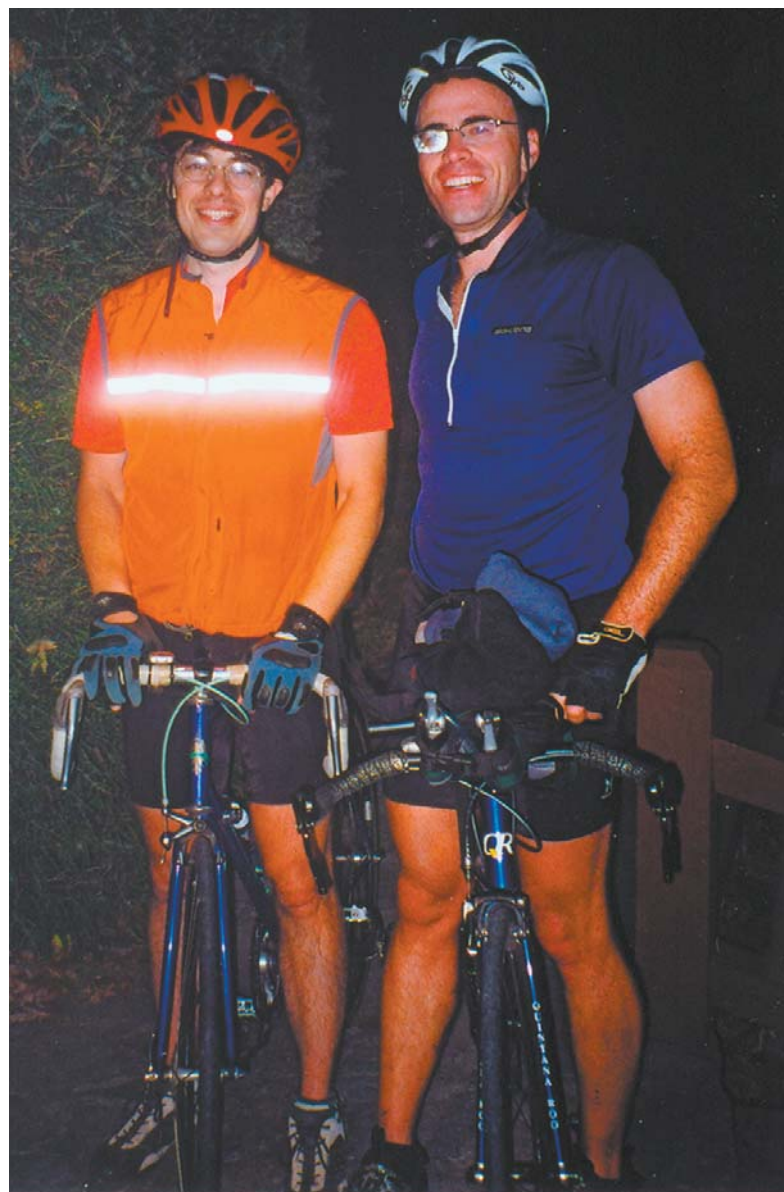
The DQ revived them somewhat, so they cut over to Warwoman Road and took what turned out to be a "piece of

cake" 17 miles. They then turned left on to Hwy. 28 (Walhalla Road) which they reached around 6 p.m.

The next 12 miles were nearly straight uphill. It is a fortunate thing that they are in their mid-30s since a few extra years would have made this segment undoable.

Well, to make a long story short...they made it saying that the worst part of the entire trip was the seven-tenths mile trek up our mountain road.

And there they were as if in a dream riding right up to our back door. I am so proud of them for being strong and for persevering through this extreme test of physical and mental discipline. I just thought an accomplishment like this ought to be noticed and marked. Wow.



Bell and his friend road to Highlands from Atlanta.

Highlands School Pep Rally – Oct. 15



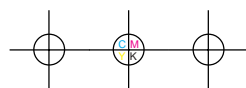
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

A new face at the Church of the Incarnation



The Rev. Brian C. Sullivan
Rector of the Episcopal
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Starting over is tough. I could go on and on about real-estate sticker-shock, trying to sell a house, or looking through boxes for lost items; but most of us have been there at one time or another. We know what it means to begin again physically, but how much thought do we give to beginning again spiritually. Typically one does not happen without the other. In one way or another, the physical is linked with the spiritual.

Everyone can identify with our journey that began at birth. With the gift of life came a familiar "spark," which continually calls us back to our Creator. Some of us familiarize ourselves with that spark when we hike our favorite trail with the dog, catch a native trout on a fly line, hit a perfect drive down a beautiful fairway, or even open our eyes to a sunrise. These moments carry us along the journey. They allow us to look at life with fresh eyes, or even compel us start over.

As Christians, we begin our journey by starting over in the waters of baptism. From the moment we rise from the font, we begin fresh in a new community. The physical presence of people coming together to worship, sing praises, share meals, gather for fellowship, do good works is where we encounter Christ, the physical presence of God. It is probably no coincidence that the Church of the Incarnation, where I have been called to lead, is named after this very link between the physical and the spiritual. The incarnation of God in the person of Christ,

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Tues: Women's Org. – 6:30 p.m.; Library – 6-8 p.m.
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Prayer – 6:30 p.m.
Evening Service – 7 p.m.

Community Bible Church

(Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685
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Sundays: School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship – 10:45;
Youth "The Rock" meeting.

Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45
Wed: Supper – 6 p.m.; Bible Study – 6:45 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Interim Priest: Stephen Hines, 526-2968
Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Bible Study & Book Study
classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;
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Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4
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Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

The Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel 14

First Baptist Church

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153
Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 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
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

Highlands 7th-Day Adventist Church

Wednesday evening prayer & Bible Study
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Highlands United Methodist Church

Pastors Eddie & Kim Ingram, 526-3376
Sundays: School – 9:30 & 9:45 a.m.; Worship – 8:30
& 11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Supper – 5:30 p.m.; Bible Study &
activities – 6 p.m.

Lutheran Church of the Holy Family – ELCA

Rev. Pam Mitcham, Pastor,
2152 Dillard Road – 526-9741
Sundays: Worship/Communion – 10:30

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

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Scaly Mountain Baptist Church

Rev. Clifford Willis
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg. – 7 p.m.

Scaly Mountain Church of God

290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 10:45 a.m.;
Evening Worship – 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.
For more information call 526-3212.

Shortoff Baptist Church

Pastor Rev. Wayne Price
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

Rev. Maureen Killoran (part-time)
526-9769

Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

Westside Baptist Church

Interim Pastor, Terry Dixon
Services in the basement of the Peggy Crosby
Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

Whiteside Presbyterian Church

Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122
Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11



Old-fashioned hymn-sing set for Sunday, Oct. 24

The First Presbyterian Church of Highlands is having an old-fashioned hymn-sing, Sunday, Oct. 24 at 4 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Stell Huie will be the song leader with Angie Jenkins at the piano.

Those attending can choose hymns from the 1938 Cokesbury Hymnal.

Selections will also be performed by special guests – The McKim Family Singers and First Presbyterian Church's own male quartet.

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makes it very clear that as Christians we encounter God in the human form. Therefore, it is in community that we are sustained along the journey. It is in community that we encounter God.

My wife Mindy, our two-year-old Magdalene (Maggie) and four-month-old Lexington (Lexi), our two cats, our dog, and myself, look forward to beginning our journey with you in this community of Highlands.

... VOTING from pg 15

the 2000 election.

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Any questions, call 828-349-2034.

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clients with food due to the generosity of many in the community, especially members of several churches, what is really needed are more cash contributions.

CareNet also tries to assist needy people with overdue rent, power bills, heating assistance, and medical assistance not provided by the Medical Assistance program and our lack of funds makes this very difficult. It is a wrenching experience to sit across the desk from a single mother with little or no income and

tell her we just cannot help her, except for food, due to lack of money. We are also on the verge of cold weather and the higher cost (probably at least 50 percent more than last year) of home heating. This is an overwhelming burden to low income people since the Duke Power "Share the Warmth" program does not start until winter is well under way.

Unlike the local Humane Society which annually receives many thousands of dollars from the

county and some towns (and usually begs for more) to care for animals, CareNet receives no taxpayer funds to help people. They have to rely on the profits of their thrift shop, limited help from various churches, an infrequent private grant, and individual cash contributions. There are now several funds set up to aid the storm victims, whose need is great, but this diverts needed contributions to

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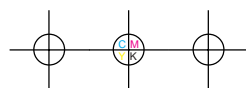
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Highlands School Interact Club



Highlands School Interact Club is an extension of the two Rotary Clubs in Highlands. The co-ed group of high-schoolers do various community service projects throughout the year. For their first project of the 2004-2005 school year the group is sending care packages to last year's graduates who are away at college. Members this year are, Jason Aspinwall, Sara Bates, Kelli Baer, Ryan Bears, Kathryn Coppage (historian), Elizabeth Coram, Michelle Dendy, Rebecca Dotson, Brook Fowler, Lara Gibson, Hannah Hendricks, Lucy Herz, April Hicks, Catlin Huitt, Chase Jenkins, Andrew Kerhoulas, Nick Kerhoulas, Laura Kremser, Chris Mouchet, Erin Munger, Alex Osteen, David Parrish, Allie Roman, Iyali Ruiz (president), Alex Schmitt, Angela Sanchez, McKenzie Thompson, Allison Waller, Stacy Wright, Jessica Ziebarth

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Sky Valley Property Assn supporting flood victims

Sky Valley Property Owners' Association, announced that its organization will be making donations to help the community.

During the course of the summer, the Association holds pancake breakfasts, plus a silent auction at their Spring Fling Party. The profits from these events are being donated to the community.

This year, the Property Owners' Association is making the following donations:

- \$1,500 to the flood victims of Rabun County.
- \$1,500 to the flood victims of Macon County, NC.
- \$1,000 to CASA of Rabun County.
- \$1,000 to sponsor the Don Moore Golf Tournament where all proceeds go to Habitat for Humanity of Rabun County.

Additionally, the proceeds of the Sept. 25 and Oct. 16 pancake breakfasts will go to the Sky Valley - Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire and Rescue.

Highlands School

First Quarter

Honor Roll

4th – D. West

"A" Rebecca Johnson
 "A" Anne Richardson
 "A-B" Will Araujo
 "A-B" Corey Faircloth
 "A-B" Summer Lawson
 "A-B" Dax Lloyd

5th – C. Cox

"A" Kim Machuca

"A" Cai Roman
 "A-B" Stephanie Smart
 "A-B" Delaina Webb

5th – J. Archer

"A" Danielle Shomper
 "A" Matthew Stallings
 "A-B" Tyler Ternes
 "A-B" Logan Schmitt
 "A-B" Timothy Fogle

First Quarter

Perfect Attendance

Great Beginnings – J. Chalker

Wesley Hedden
 Jimmy McMann
 Benjamin Miller

Kindergarten – J. McClellan

Emily Crowe
 Sandra Garcia
 Barbara Palacios
 Amber Reese
 Natalie Thompson
 Megan Vinson

1st – M. Jones

Michael Beck
 Rachel Billingsley
 Whitney Billingsley
 Sarah Henry
 Carrie McClure
 Katie Potts
 Tasha Thurmond

2nd – T. Hedden

Alli Bolt
 Preston Chastain
 Adriann McCall
 Desiray Schmitt
 Amber Welch

2nd – M. Miller

Ann Marie Crowe
 Craig Dalton
 Taylor Garrabrant
 Jessica Tilson
 Kassie Vinson

Josh Wolfrey

3rd – C. Harris

Corey Baldwin
 Olivia Dendy
 Kayla McMann
 Matthew Rodriguez
 Morgan Talley
 Allye Winton

4th – D. West

Will Araujo
 Autumn Chastain
 Summer Lawson
 Tyler Owens
 Cristell Ruiz
 Parker Sims
 Clay Tucci-Caselli

5th – C. Cox

Kristen Hedden
 Will Hedden
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A scene from last year's production "Voices from High School"

Instant Theatre's Free Acting Classes Return for year two

The Instant Theatre Company is pleased to announce the return of its free acting classes for children, starting Nov 1.

Instant Theatre offers free theatre education for any child in grades 1 through 12. The classes available include: Beginning Acting & Theatre Games for grades 1 - 4 meeting Mondays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m., Acting & Improvisation for grades 5 - 8 meeting Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Scene Study & Improvisation for grades 9 - 12, meeting on Mondays from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Adam Heffernan, artistic director of Instant Theatre, instructs the weekly sessions which will meet at The Instant Theatre's new "Studio on Main," a 2,500 sq. foot rehearsal and performance space, located at Oak Square on Main Street, Highlands, across the street from The Methodist Church and above Shiraz Rugs and Sports Page Sandwich Shop.

Heffernan has appeared on tele-

vision in the ABC daytime drama *All My Children* and the WB Network's *One Tree Hill*. He has performed on stage with Actor's Theatre Of Louisville, The Papermill Theatre, NYC's Nosedive Productions, Hampstead Players and locally with Highlands Playhouse.

To sign your child up for the classes, call (828) 526-1687 or e-mail info@InstantTheatre.org. Class size is limited to 12 students in each session.

The Instant Theatre is a year-round non-profit performing arts company and students from the acting classes are often selected to perform in productions.

The high school class will present a full-scale production during the winter directed by Heffernan.

Last year's class produced Peter Dee's *Voices from the High School*, an engaging and hilarious look at the modern teenager. Three Instant students appeared in the recent production of *Cotton Patch Gospel* at PAC.



Instant Theater's Christmas production features children from the group's acting class.



● UPCOMING EVENTS ●

On-Going

• Young Artists Program at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Supplement your child's education! All young artists are invited to participate in the art classes at our art center. Classes cost \$5.00 per class including all materials. Scholarships are given to students in need of financial assistance. Bus transportation is provided from the Highlands School to the Gallery. The schedule runs as follows:

Pre-school with Parent Art Class – Wednesdays from 11 p.m. to 12 p.m.

Artventure – Art after school for K and 1st grade students on Tuesdays from 3:15 – 4:15p.m.

Art Attack – Art class for students in grades 4th through 8th grades on Wednesdays, from 3:15 – 4:15p.m.

Art for Home Schooled Students – meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 1 – 3 p.m.

Film Series Tuesday, November 2, "Whistle Down the Wind" (1961)

For questions concerning these programs and class reservations please call the art center at 526-4949.

• 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 of the 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 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday: 4:30 until 6:30. Saturday: Silver Oak & Twomey 1-6 p.m. Wines by the Glass and Cheese Plates available Wednesday through Sunday: 1:30 until 4:30. Complimentary Tastings Saturday and Sunday: 1 until 4:30.

• At Wolfgang's on Main – Get Uncorked Thurs-Sun. 4-6:30 p.m.: Wine and Appetizer Pairings, Flights of Wine, Wine by the glass or bottle/Appetizers; Sundays: Dinner and Jazz 6:30-9:30 p.m. Call 526-3807 for reservations.

• Saturdays Zorki playing acoustic guitar at Paoletti's Late Night at 10:30 p.m.

Through Nov. 4

• Juried Art Exhibit at Bascom-Louise Gallery featuring artists from throughout the southeastern United States.

Through Nov. 11

• Watercolor Classes at Bascom Louise Gallery, "Beyond Splish and Splash." All levels. Participants work with instructor Kathie Blozan on various surfaces in several types of watermedia, resulting in an uplifting and creative experience. No need to attend every class. 10-3 p.m. Call Bascom Louise Gallery for supply list and to register at 526-4949.

Oct. 22 & 23

• Oil Painting Techniques from Impressionism Onwards at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Cost is \$125. Call Call 526-4949.

Oct. 23

• The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will be serving its final in a series of complete seated breakfasts which include homemade pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice at the Scaly Mountain Ski Lodge from 7-10 a.m. Cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children. Proceeds will go to area human service agencies and local scholarships.

• Silver Oak Wine Dinner at Wolfgang's on Main. Call 526-3807.

• Tour the Edwards homeplace on the Kelsey Trail from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

• Come explore the unique trees and plants along the Greenway Trail through town. Starts at 10 a.m. at

the Highlands Civic Center. Refreshments and music after at the Nature Center.

• Mirror Lake Improvement Assn. will have a litter pick-up Saturday at 9 a.m. Meet at Thorn Park.

Oct 24

• An old-fashioned hymn-sing at First Presbyterian Church at 4 p.m. Attendees get to pick songs and special guest singers will perform.

Oct 27

* Chestnut Hill, a premier residential senior living community located off Buck Creek Road, will hold an Open House on Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Select cottages and apartments, plus the new model home, will be available for inspection. Along with the residences, the newly decorated Clubhouse will also be available for touring. Refreshments will be served.

Oct. 28-31

• "Steel Magnolias" performed by Highlands Community Players at PAC. Call 526-8084 for showtimes.

Oct. 29

• Halloween "Enchanted Forest" Nature Trail at the Highlands Nature Center. Learn about nature from friendly forest creatures as you trick-or-treat along the Botanical Garden trails. Small groups will leave the Nature Center every 15 minutes from 7 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$1 per person. Call 526-2623 for more information.

Oct. 30

• Annual Highlands School Festival 5 p.m. at the Highlands Civic Center and 5K Fun Run from First Citizens Bank earlier in the day.

Oct. 30 & 31

• Painting the Landscape En Plein Air at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Participants will be working on-site outside in a three-hour timeframe. Cost is \$130. Call 526-4949.

Oct. 31-Nov. 5

• The Mountain Retreat & Learning Centers, Inc. is offering local residents the opportunity to participate in an exceptional Elderhostel program on the history and culture of the south. A special commuter rate of \$150 is being offered and includes lunch and dinner Monday-Thursday. To

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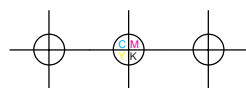
• Witches, Haint's and Superstitions with Marilyn McMinn McCredie. Bring your lucky rabbit's foot and lots of questions to this lively discussion of well known and little known superstitions, stories and traditions. Can modern science provide the truth? Skeptics welcome, believers expected

Nov 4

• Chestnut Hill, a premier residential senior living community located off Buck Creek Road, will hold an Open House on Thursday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Select cottages and apartments, plus the new model home, will be available for inspection. Along with the residences, the newly decorated Clubhouse will also be available for touring. Refreshments will be served.

Nov 10

• Chestnut Hill, a premier residential senior living community located off Buck Creek Road, will hold an Open House on Wednesday, November 10, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Select cottages and apartments, plus the new model home, will be available for inspection. Along with the residences, the newly decorated Clubhouse will also be available for touring. Refreshments will be served.



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•POLICE & FIRE REPORT•

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Sept. Oct. 13-20. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Oct. 13

- At 1:45 a.m., officers on patrol found an open door at Highlands Printing. All was secure.
- At 39 p.m., a resident on Smallwood Drive reported receiving harassing phone calls.

Oct. 14

- At 1 p.m., officers responded to a minor accident between two vehicles in the Mountain Fresh parking lot. There were no injuries.

Oct. 15

- At 2:35 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Bank of America. All was secure.
- A little past midnight, officers received a call about an overdue motorist. All was OK.

Oct. 18

- At 2:35 a.m., officers responded to a noise complaint at a residence on Wingina Road. The people were told to quiet down.
- At 8:50 a.m., officers responded to a report of vandalism to a Highlands' Newspaper distribution box in front of Highlands Pharmacy.
- At 6 p.m., a motorist was cited for driving without insurance or a current license plate.

Oct. 19

- At 6:20 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Sagee Woods Dr. All was secure.
- At 8:10 p.m., a motorist at Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 48 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 8:20 p.m., a motorist at Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 49 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 9 p.m., a motorist at Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 9:20 p.m., a motorist at Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Oct. 13-20.

Oct. 13

- The dept. responded to an alarm at a residence on Cottage Lane. It was false.

Oct 14

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

Oct. 15

- The dept. responded to a possible chimney fire at a residence at Shelby Place. There was a problem with the fireplace door.

Oct. 17

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Owl Gap Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to a possible structure fire at a residence on Magnolia Drive. Paint rags left by workmen had caught on fire.
- The dept. responded to an alarm at First Presbyterian Church. There was a problem with the furnace.
- The dept. responded to a vehicle roll-over on Hicks Road. There were no injuries.

Oct. 19

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Highlands Conference Center. The victim was transported to the hospital.



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years, Helen Chamberlain Reed; a son, Jerry Reed of the home; three sisters, Teresa Davis of Glenville, NC, Diane Watts and Karen Hooper of Franklin, NC; two brothers, Marvin Reed and Stanley Reed of Highlands, NC.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, October 23, at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands with Rev. Alton Dendy and Rev. Bill Wooten officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery. Garry McCall, Wayne McCall, Chris McCall, Leroy McCall, Charles Reed, Gary McClure, Leon Potts and Tony Agliano will serve as pallbearers.

The family will receive friends Friday from 6-8 p.m. at Bryant Funeral Home in Highlands. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the family. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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other worthy causes. Unfortunately, these other causes now find that they have run aground on the banks of the money stream.

**B.G. Abercrombie,
Otto, N.C.**

Wrong Decisions

Dear Editor,

Can "Swift Boat" lies and "Marygate" so sway an electorate that a president who speaks in simplistic sound bites like "You can run but you cannot hide" can again be elected to the highest office in the land?

Should a president who has sold out to the drug industry on the Medicare Drug Bill (forbidding the import of Canadian drugs) be shaping our policies?

Do you want to re-elect a president who proposed an energy bill nicknamed "Hooters and Polluters" bill? It exempts producers of the toxic MTBE additive from a \$29 billion cleanup tab (They grossly polluted water supplies and the U.S. taxpayer will have to pick up the tab.) The bill would also exempt the oil and gas industry from existing clean water laws. It would make it easier for nuclear material to fall into the wrong hands. It would make oil and gas drilling the highest priority use for all of our western public lands. It would do little to encourage alternate sources of energy.

In the name of forest fire protection, the logging industry has been given carte blanche in our national forests – even to the cutting of 10 million square feet of timber in the Sequoyah National Monument.

The Bush administration's sweeping changes in the Clean Water Act have exempted 45 percent of rivers, lakes and streams that remain polluted.

The Bush "Clear Skies" initiative would allow polluting facilities to increase their emissions spewing out mercury into our skies and causing brain, lung and kidney damage. The mercury also ends up on our rivers and streams poisoning fish to the extent that 44 states have had to issue warnings against locally caught fish.

A law called the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act was enacted 30 years ago. It stated that coal companies could not disturb land within 100 feet of a stream. Because of lack of enforcement, mountaintop removal has buried more than 1,200 miles of streams in Kentucky and West Virginia. Imagine the devastation the folks downstream from these coal operations are experiencing! President Bush wants to repeal even this weakened law.

The laundry list of decisions NOT in the public interest goes on and on! But the biggest mistake of all was to start a preemptive war in Iraq, causing the deaths of more than 1,000 of our young men and women – crippling and maiming a host of others. It has also helped to create a new generation of American-hating terrorists.

Can the American people put their stamp of approval on such a war or policies that devastate our environment? Do you really want four more years of fallacious policies? Vote against George W. Bush and all that he stands for and FOR a Democratic congress that can right the wrongs of the past four years.

**Edna Foster
Highlands**



Officials take part in afterschool program



In support of after-school programs across the nation, Mayor Buck Trott visited with the VIP program at Highlands School last Thursday, Oct. 14, to read to the children. Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen and Vice Principal Mark Thomas also read stories to the children. To show everyone how much they love attending the VIP afterschool program at Highlands School, the children drew pictures showing what they liked about the program.

Photos by Kim Lewicki



Pick the best jack-o-lantern at RBC Centura Bank

RBC Centura Bank is sponsoring a Pumpkin Decorating Contest. Go by their lobby on U.S. 64 west and Oak Street to cast a vote for the "best decorated pumpkin."

Pumpkins will be displayed the week of Oct. 25-29 in the lobby. Pumpkins are being decorated by both second grade classes at Highlands School.

The winning student will receive a bag of Halloween goodies from RBC Centura.

The pumpkins were donated by the bank.

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Halloween Nature Trail at Nature Center

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will encounter a variety of friendly forest creatures! Each plant or animal they see will share entertaining and interesting nature facts about themselves.

Groups will leave the Nature Center approximately every 15 minutes from 7:00 to 9 p.m. The cost for this event

is \$1 per person. For more information, call the Nature Center at 526-2623.

Remote control dozer



Workers at the new gym on Pierson Dr. are using a remote-controlled soil compactor to pack down the dirt on a parking area near the building.

Hospital to dedicate new Jane Woodruff Clinic, Sun. Oct. 24

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will dedicate its new 52,000 square-foot medical office building Sunday afternoon, Oct. 24, and the public is being encouraged to attend the festivities.

The dedication and ribbon cutting for the new Jane Woodruff Clinic, located on the hospital campus, is set for 2 p.m. An open house and refreshments will follow.

"We invite everyone in our communities to attend the dedication ceremony and take a look at this wonderful addition to our medical campus," said Jim Graham, hospital administrator.

The building is already home to a number of area physicians, including family physicians Drs. Patti B. Wheeler and P. Richard Olson; general surgeon Drs. Daniel D. Richardson and gynecologist C. Willis Sherrer; gastroenterologist Dr. R. Carter Davis, Jr; dermatologist Drs. Paul S. Cabiran, MD; and plastic surgeon Robert T. Buchanan.

Workers are still putting the final touches on other parts of the building, and paving of several new parking areas is expected to be completed this week.

While the new facility has three entrances (each floor has ground-level access), The dedication will take place under a tent in front of the north entrance, which serves Level 2. Hospital personnel will be on hand to direct visitors to appropriate parking areas.

Following the brief dedication ceremonies, visitors will be able to tour the building, and have the opportunity to meet the physicians who have offices there. The open house will last until 4 p.m.

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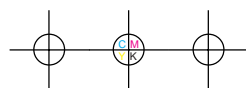
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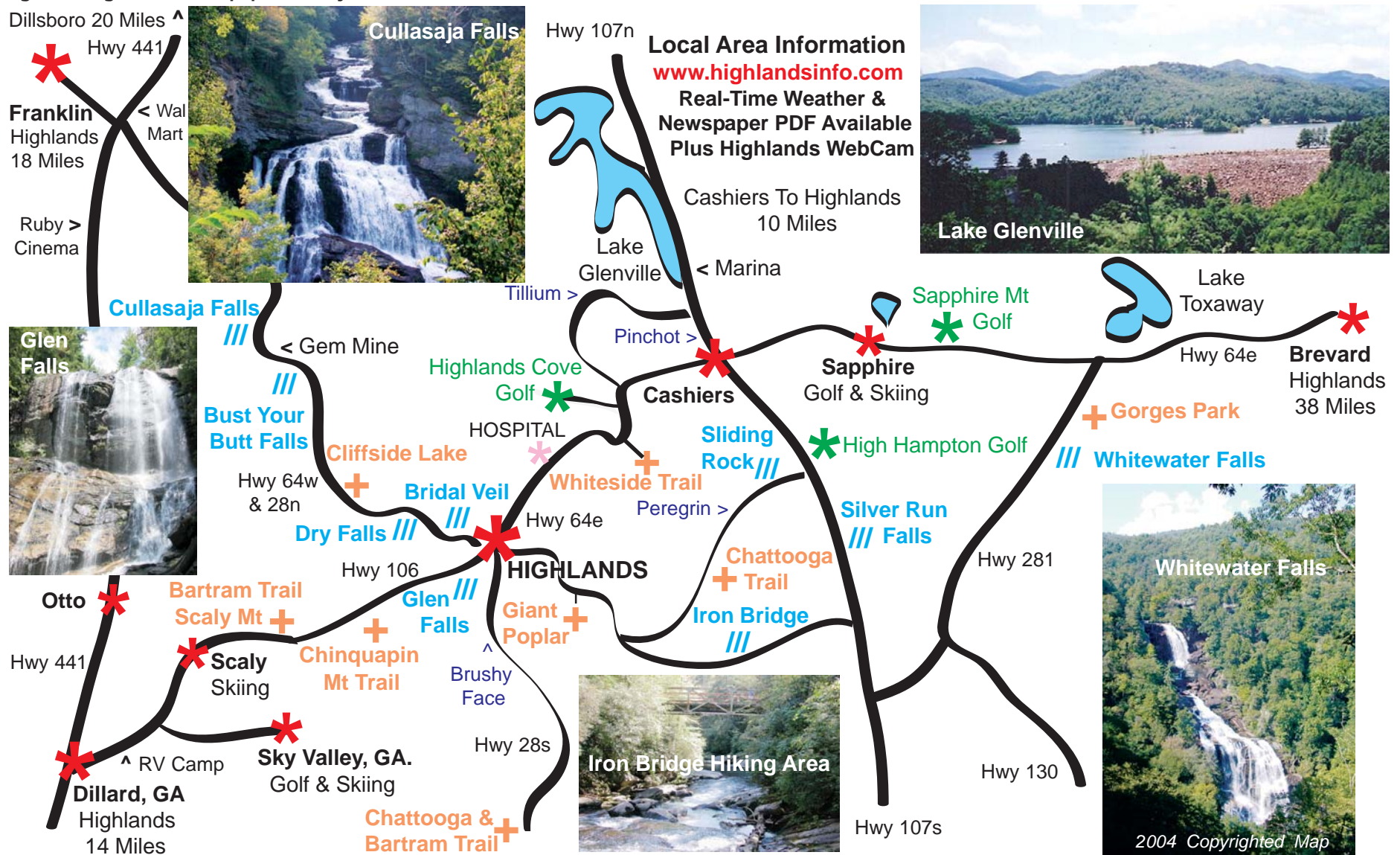


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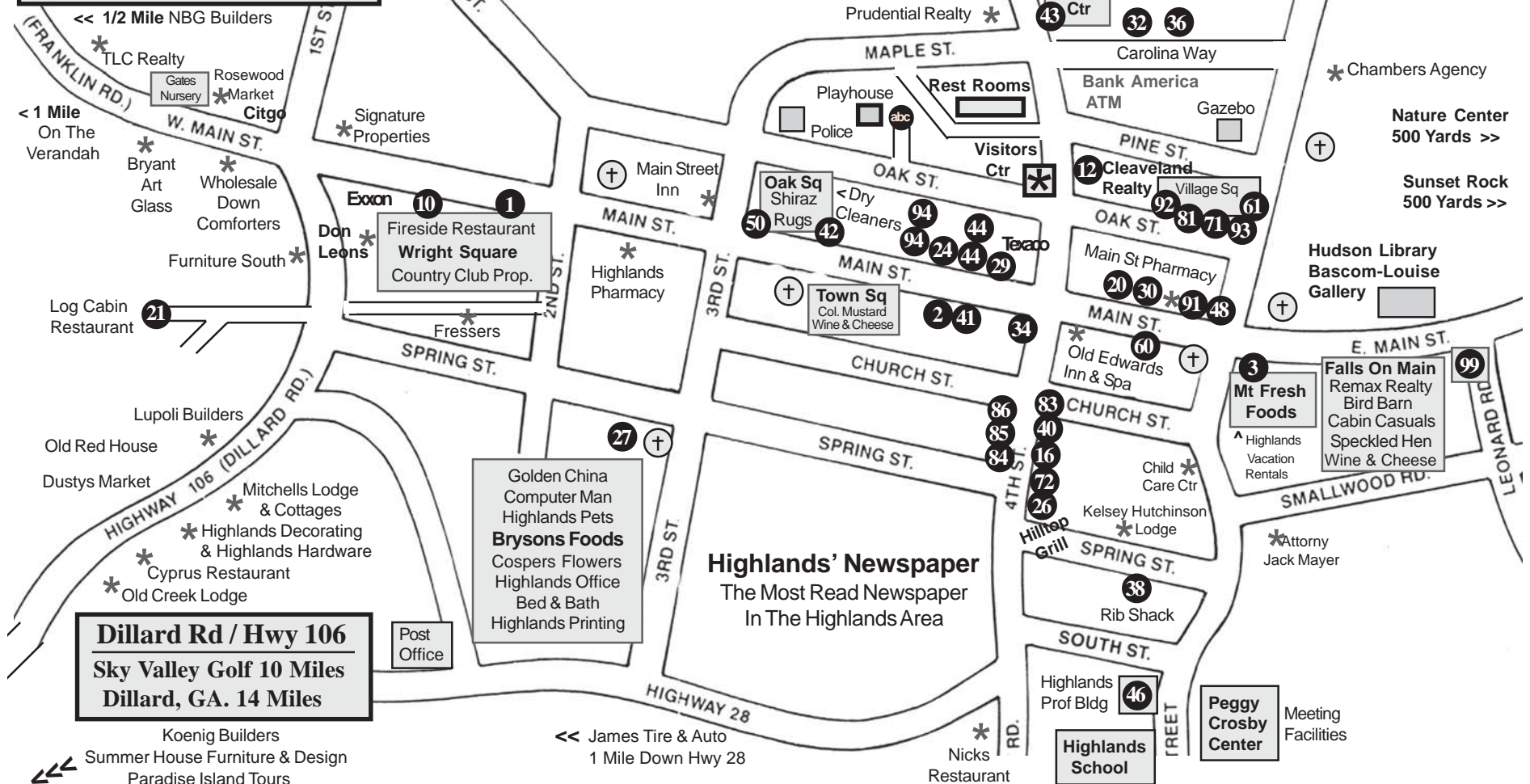
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