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2004 county election round-up

Sally Hanson

Contributor

The national election is getting all the press lately but the polls are heating up in Macon County, too.

There are two seats open for Macon County Commissioner and three seats for Macon County

Highlands feels flu shot dilemma

By Kim Lewicki

The next round of flu vaccine is expected in Macon County sometime in the next 4-6 weeks and county officials say dispersion will be handled differently this time.

"We will not be making appointments," said Ken Ring, director of Macon County Health Department. "Shots will be given on a first-come, first-service basis."

As soon as next shipment of vaccine comes in – an expected 400 doses – faxes will go out to all media, says Ring, who will be responsible for notifying the public.

Only 89 doses of flu vaccine were allotted Highlands during the last go around – about 10 percent of the 900 doses available.

Many Highlanders said the number of doses available; the fact that they couldn't get through on telephone lines; having to travel to Franklin to get it was unfair.

Ring said the Macon County

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School Board.

Mark West, 51, who is a customer manager for Duke Power, is the chairman of the Macon County Board of Commissioners and has served for one term. West encourages the growth of the local economy while keeping the physical growth of

the county in check. He also suggests that more attention needs to be given to special needs populations in our county, such as retirees in Highlands. Currently on the Board, West represents the Macon Program for Progress, the Planning Board (Region

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The future honors the past



Photo by Kim Lewicki

On Sunday, Oct. 24, Lilly, Harrison, Carolina, Alex and John Woodruff – grandchildren of Jane Woodruff and children of John, and Buck and Anne Woodruff, unveil a bronze bust of their grandmother which will be showcased in the lobby of the new Jane Woodruff Clinic. See story page 6.

Expanding sewer system big part of land use plan

By Nancy Welch

Contributor

Lamar Nix came armed with a map, a needs assessment and an engineering report on Highlands sewage system.

Nix, public works director, appeared before the town's land use committee Monday to update

members on the current and future sewer infrastructure in the area.

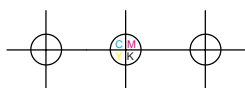
Over the past several months, planning board members have been meeting to assess Highlands' potential for growth and how it will affect the quality of life.

Nix said natural growth and possible annexation will add to the

town's sewer needs.

"Just to update everyone on what we do have, we've got a sewer waste treatment plant down on the end of Arnold Road that is currently permitted for 500,000 gallons a day sewer treatment," Nix told the committee. "We're in the process of

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• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Images bring past alive

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the Highlands Historical Society, I very much appreciate your article on Watson Barratt. The images "which have finally come alive" from the glass negatives are of high quality and I certainly hope that Highlands' residents will be able to identify those pictured.

You have some very valuable Highlands memorabilia and I look forward to subsequent articles.

Many thanks.

Luther Turner, President
Highlands Historical Society

Trespassers need to get a life

Dear Editor,

To the shift individuals who apparently derive some warped sense of satisfaction in removing bumper stickers and yard signs from the property of others – you are breaking the law (are you not aware of what can happen to trespassers?) But aside from that - you need to get a life!

Please know that the rest of us are fully aware that *your* covert and odious acts are equally indicative of those of your candidate.

Noel Atherton
Highlands

Disaster pulls county together

Dear Editor,

One month ago, Macon County was changed forever due to the remnants of Hurricane Ivan. During this past month, we have faced many challenges and have met them all. It is with great pride and sincere appreciation that I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the many coming to our aid in the county. There is no way to name every individual group that provided assistance.

On behalf of the Macon County Board of Commissioners, I would like to thank Emergency Response Team from across the southeast region, local volunteer fire departments, national victim assistance groups such as American Red Cross and Salvation Army, county volunteer organizations, church organizations, civic clubs, local businesses, private citizens, legislative officials, federal and state agencies, and Macon County employees. All of these groups have provided countless hours and resources to residents of Macon County.

Unfortunately, we still have challenges to face and I ask everyone's patience and understanding as we continue to work in recovering from this disaster.

Mark West, Chairman
Macon County Board of Commissioners

Letters promote 'wrong' party

Dear Editor,

Several of your letters have promoted the election of the Democrat candidate in our congressional district. This opposition to the incumbent, Charles Taylor, seems to crop up every two years. The Democrats will offer a challenger with an impeccable liberal resume only to be thwarted on Election Day. Remember the first Sam Neill campaign? Well financed, the race featured television outtakes of Mr. Taylor that gave him the look of a recently indicted child molester. No matter, the incumbent received his usual majority come Election Day. One may ask why?

Charles Taylor is what is known in political circles as a "Constituent Congressman". You will not find him trading political insincerities with the hosts of the Sunday Morning Network political talk shows. Nor, will you see him engaging in the verbal food fights that pass for political dialogue on Cable TV. His focus is on his district and his constituents and to use his office to better tend to their needs. Take the VA Medical Center in Asheville. Through his efforts the Veterans Administration has undertaken an expansion program that makes this facility one of the very best of their federal medical operations,

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Highlands School Recognized – Twice



At the Oct. 25 Macon County School Board meeting, Superintendent, Dr. Rodney Shotwell presented Highlands School Principal Monica Bomengen with two plaques. The "Red Apple" award was for 10,049 volunteer hours logged at the school last year. The other plaque was for 10 years of no ejections from sports events at the school. "I think no ejections is one of the highest awards we can give a school," said MC School Board chairman Kevin Corbin. Shotwell said the schools in Macon County are indebted to their volunteers.

• OBITUARIES •

Ottis Swayne McCall

Ottis Swayne McCall, age 56, of Country Road, Cashiers, NC died Thursday, October 21, 2004 in a Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was born in Rabun County, GA but had lived in Cashiers all his life. He was the son of Loretta Bradley McCall of Cashiers and the late Alvis B. McCall. He was a farmer and builder and was a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of the US Army. Mr. McCall served on the Community Council in Cashiers and was an avid golfer, devoted husband, father and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Stella Moss McCall; one daughter, Felecia Hinshaw and her husband, Jack of Knoxville, TN; three sons, Tony McCall, Jason McCall and his wife, Katie and Michael McCall all of Cashiers, NC; three sisters, Margaret Gibson of Seneca, SC, Sharon Pressley of Hendresonville, NC and Cindy Owen of Lake Toxaway, NC; four brothers, Griffin McCall and Jerry McCall of Cashiers, NC, Terry McCall of Charlotte, NC and Alan McCall of Cashiers, NC; grandchildren, Joey Hinshaw, Amber Hinshaw, Dylan McCall and awaiting the arrival of Paige McCall.

Funeral services were held Sunday, October 24 at 3 p.m. at Cashiers Baptist Church with Rev. Nathan Moss, Rev. Johnny Norris, Rev. Art Fowler and Rev. Delbert McCall officiating. Burial was in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery. The VFW Post #7339 and the American Legion Post #108 conducted complete military graveside rites.

The family received friends Sunday from 1:30-3 p.m. at the Cashiers Baptist Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, Relay for Life, PO Box 1648, Franklin, NC 28744.

Bryant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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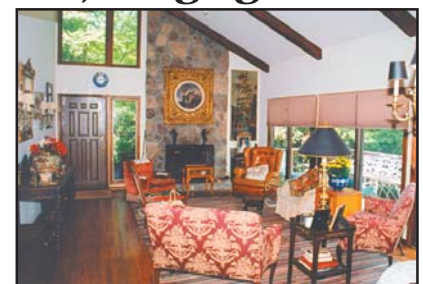
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

The dangling chad (Blame the turtles)

No, no, no, the 'Dangling Chad' is not a gay bar in Palm Beach, I'm talking about that little piece of cardboard (a chad) left hanging from a voting card in Palm Beach County that set this nation on its heels in 2000. Surely you remember those bug-eyed guys with magnifying glasses staring at voting cards? The whole nation was focused on Palm Beach.



Fred Wooldridge

trail as the answer. This was a good idea because turtles were born before TV and the most sophisticated piece of electronics they have ever operated is an electric mixer. With no paper trail, who knows what goes on.

Let's fantasize for a moment. The turtle enters the polling booth, closes the curtain and stares at a monitor covered with dirty finger marks. The curtain flies open and the turtle complains there is no remote control clicker in the booth. A very tired, not so polite, attendant explains to the turtle that you merely touch the picture of the person you want to be the next president of the United States. The monitor will record your selection and ask you if you are sure. If you are, touch the big "yes" on the screen. POW, you just voted.

The turtle re-enters the booth. Seconds later the curtain flies open again and the turtle complains "John Kerry's picture is not on this screen." The attendant enters the booth with the turtle and points to Kerry's picture, careful not to touch the screen. "That's not Kerry, that's Pat Buchanan," the turtle complains. "Kerry's face is longer." The attendant reaches over and adjusts the vertical knob, making Kerry's face even longer than it is. "That's still not Kerry. He is handsome and this man is ugly. I think this one is Kerry." The turtle reaches over and touches the picture of George Bush. The attendant announces, "You just voted for Bush. Is that who you want to be president?" "You guys tricked us four years ago with that Buchanan switch and you're not going to get away with it again," Smirking at

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• MOVIE PIX •

Rocky Horror Picture Show

The 1975, R rated camp comedy classic cheesy musical, starring the brilliant Tim Curry, the lovely and talented Susan Sarandon, the mercifully bland Barry Bostwick, Meatloaf, and flawlessly narrated by Charles Gray. Written and directed by Jim Sharman and Richard O'Brien.



Stuart Armor

plot, not really. What there is, is a non stop cheese-a-thon of music and dance, spoofs of nearly every mad scientist movie, and enough fish-net stockings to outfit a tuna fleet. Oh, and water ballet, dismemberment,

motorcycles, Liza Minnelli impersonations, and transsexual Transylvanians. Is that enough to peak anyone's interest?

Rarely have the combined themes of space aliens, song and dance, ax murder, teen death movies, cannibalism, lots of remarkably unattractive men and women in corsets and high heels, and vampirism been done in such a light hearted and charming manner. But this one manages to pull it off.

The movie is best known for its audience participation midnight movie theater viewing, but for those unfamiliar with the film, it is both homage and spoof of classic horror films, reaching and succeeding in its goal of being

▪ See MOVIE GUY page 8

The Storyline: It was a dark and stormy night. Our sweet, newly engaged couple, Brad and Janet (Sarandon and Bostwick) are driving down a small country road and, what are the odds, the tire goes flat. They naturally go to the first dilapidated castle they find, which is inhabited by one of those transvestite mad scientists from outer space (brilliantly and bizarrely played by Curry) that are so frequently found around these parts.

Now, I don't want to spend too much time discussing the plot, in part so that I don't reveal the surprises in the movie, and also because there actually isn't a

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Festivities, speeches open new medical building

By Skip Taylor
Contributor

Calling the day one of the most significant events in the 53-year history of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, honored guests snipped the ribbon leading to doors of the new Jane Woodruff Clinic Sunday afternoon, officially opening the 52,000 square foot facility to the public.

A crowd of approximately 200 people gathered for the dedication ceremonies and the open house that followed. In the crowd were area physicians, local community leaders and other dignitaries, and the building's donor, Jane Woodruff, of Highlands and Atlanta.

"I would like to dedicate this building to the people for whom it was built: all people who come in need of medical help. Not just this generation, but those who will be coming in future years," she told those gathered for the event.

And to represent those future generations, she asked her two sons, Buck and John Woodruff, and all of her grandchildren, to help cut the ribbon to the applause of the audience.

In his introduction, hospital CEO and foundation president Jack Calloway praised Ms. Woodruff for years of support for the hospital.

"Her vision, dedication to the community, and most generous heart are evidenced by this new facility. She wanted a facility which would first be functional and meet the Hospital's needs, but of equal importance she wanted it to be a place where patients, physicians, and employees would enjoy coming to every day," Calloway told the group. "When you see this magnificent facility, you will agree her goal has been accomplished with each and every one of us being the beneficiaries of her kindness."

When the campus's original medical office building, later known as the Oxford Medical Building, became inadequate to house the growing number of both full-time physicians and visiting specialists in the mid 1990s, Calloway said Ms. Woodruff stepped forward to meet the looming crisis by donating the Jane Woodruff Medical Building, which is still in use today for

physicians offices and hospital programs such as outpatient rehabilitation and fitness programs.

Despite her charge then to "make sure you are building for the future," Calloway said the years that followed the completion of that facility were to prove the hospital's planning prognostications wrong. A major remodeling of the building only a few years later, again made possible by Ms. Woodruff, wasn't enough to keep pace with the growth of the medical community.

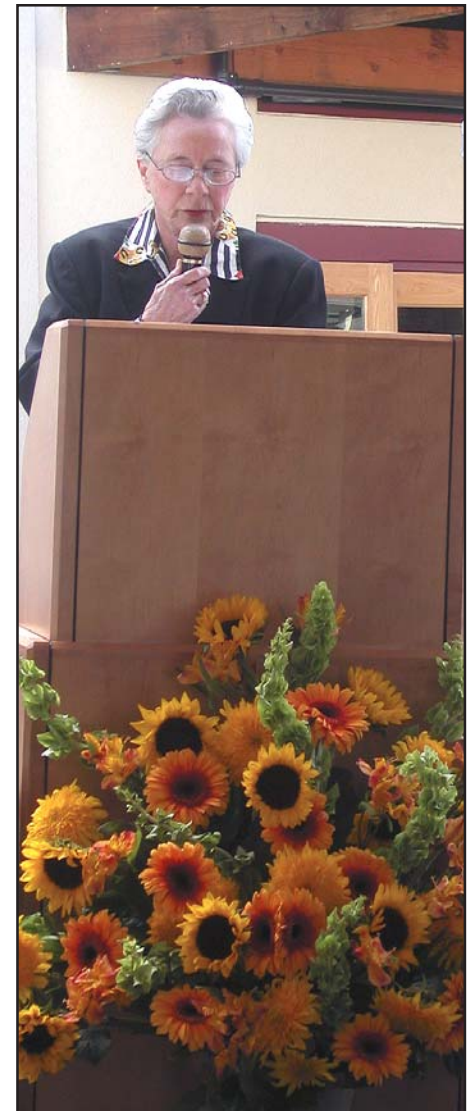
However, Calloway said the new facility, which is approximately 12 times larger than the campus's first medical office building, not only meets an immediate need for more physician office space, but also gives the hospital the flexibility it needs to consider new services and provide for future growth.

Speaking on behalf of the hospital, Calloway said the best way to express appreciation for the new building is to "do the best job we can to provide good medical care to each and every patient we serve."

Also on hand for the festivities were the representatives of the Atlanta architectural firm of Howell Rusk Dodson, including architect Dale Lee and Oren Rusk, and officials from the construction firm of Duffey Southeast, Inc., including the firm's president Dan Baker. Hospital Administrator Jim Graham welcomed everyone, outgoing Chief of Staff Leila Martin, MD, spoke on behalf of the Medical Staff, and hospital chaplain Alan Hetzel gave the invocation and prayer of dedication.

Following the formal ceremony, guests toured the new building, met physicians whose offices are now located there, and enjoyed food and refreshment.

Right, Jane Woodruff spoke to the 200 people at the opening. Below, from left, each member of the Woodruff family — John, Alex, John, Jane, Carolina, Buck, Ann, Lilly, and Harrison — cut the yellow ribbon signifying the official opening of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, Sun., Oct. 24.





• UPCOMING EVENTS •

On-Going

• Young Artists Program at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Supplement your child's education! Classes cost \$5 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:

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

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• The movie "Whistle Down the Wind," at PAC at 7:30 p.m. It's free but contrubutions accepted for the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

Oct. 31-Nov. 5

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• Chestnut Hill 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.

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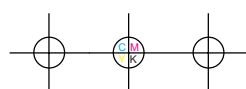
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Town honors Irene Sanchez



At a recent Town Board meeting, Mayor Buck Trott presented the family of Irene Sanchez a certificate memorializing Irene's consistent support of the Town of Highlands Scholarship committee's work to perpetuate scholarships for Highlands School graduates. Irene died August 12, 2004, following a long battle with cancer. Present to accept the award were her husband Dominic, her brother Nick Moschouris, her daughter Angela and her sister-in-law Patty Moschouris.

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one of the most bizarre films of all time. And the music really is great and creative (how many poets could incorporate rhymes for "satanic" and "mechanic" or "sensation" and "sedation"?). It is best watched with a crowd, preferably a very silly crowd that isn't in the mood to take anything seriously. It was Curry's first (and remarkably not his last) film, and one of Sarandon's earliest screen appearances.

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the attendant, the turtle indignantly smacks the yes block.

One could easily come to the conclusion there is no way to get the vote straight in Palm Beach. More tests are needed. One solution was to have two punching bags with pictures of Bush and Kerry on them with instructions to slug the candidate they dislike. A swing at Bush cast an automatic vote for Kerry and vice versa. But early tests showed that turtles are not fighters, they're bingo players. If they can't get the chad out of the card, how will they hit the bag?

Enter the bingo card voting system. Hundreds of turtles arrive at the voting palace and are given

If you like this film, and are willing to admit it, give a look to Little Shop of Horrors, Young Frankenstein, Scary Movie (1, 2, and 3), Four Rooms, Brazil, and Repo Man. Curry also gives great performances in Clue and Oscar, among others. Sarandon gives great performances in everything she does, but among her best are Blaze, Thelma and Louise, and Witches of Eastwick.

a single voter card. The card has an array of pictures of different people and Bush and Kerry are hidden on the card. The announcer begins to call out numbers, "under the B -7." If the voter wants the person whose picture appears under B-7 to be president, the turtle calls out "bingo."

Early test results are promising. Out of the 100 turtles in the test, 27 voted for Bush, 41 for Kerry, 17 for Rabbi Webberman, 9 for Tony, the butcher, 2 for Liberace and 5 for Ralph Nader.

I know, I know, that's 101 votes. Someone voted twice. 'Whadaya expect? It's Palm Beach.



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offering an extensive menu of services. And, as a veteran who uses these services, I can personally attest to their quality. The Center is currently one of the largest employers of skilled personnel in Western North Carolina.

Closer to the Highlands Plateau, when the construction of Town water service to the Highlands-Cashiers Medical Campus needed \$400,000 to complete the job, Mr. Taylor shepherded those funds to Highlands from federal sources. Remember, a congressional district is always in competition with other districts for federal attention. Experience in this area will always trump a newcomer's resume, no matter how glossy.

Those who, not only, wish to retire Congressman Taylor, but also to return majority control of the House of Representatives to the Democrats should be aware of the "Law of Unintended Consequences." Should this change take place we would have the spectacle of that political blowhard, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-NY, succeeding as Chair of the House Ways & Means Committee where all tax legislation has its genesis. As the old adage says, "Be careful of what you wish for. You may well receive it."

Bill Conway
Highlands, NC

Huge differences between candidates

Dear Editor,

I write in response to the Oct. 22 letter written by Mrs. Foster. I don't wish to attack her personally, but I'm astounded by the number of people that seem to be missing some huge distinctions between the presidential candidates.

I love nature. I enjoy our beautiful forests and the diversity of our natural wildlife. Every animal is special and unique — their Maker is very creative. However, if I have to choose between a president whose environmental platform is lacking or a candidate who shows no concern for the importance of life — there is no contest.

President Bush is a man, and as any man is not perfect. However, I have witnessed in him integrity, humility, and reverence for God's most precious creation -- people. In the face of his own mistakes he has taken responsibility and humbly admitted his errors. This is a quality America could use a lot more of. Even in his stance on the war he has endeavored only to stand for the weak and speak for the voiceless. This is what heroes are made of. Policies can change, amendments can be made, but a man of integrity is hard to find.

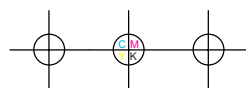
Kerry on the other hand is jumping over the fence so much that you'd think he was an Olympic track hurdler. He makes such uneducated statements regarding the Bible that it makes me cringe. He and Edwards have been nothing short of cowardice in their senatorial voting since they began their campaign. For example, regarding the Federal Marriage Amendment, they simply didn't vote. When I contacted Senator Edwards' office, his assistant assured me that North Carolina had nothing to fear regarding the sanctity of marriage because, "the people in NC will never vote in favor of homosexual marriage." This encounter brought two thoughts to mind: 1) The state of Massachusetts never got a chance to vote! 2) If Edwards' assistant was aware of the desires of the people, why isn't he standing for us?! To be perfectly blunt, it doesn't matter what his personal opinion is — he is *paid by us*, to represent us!

The shifting sand which Kerry and Edwards stand on is actually quicksand and if we elect them our nation will be sucked down into the muck. We might have clean air and more trees but will our future generation be here to enjoy it? Not if we don't protect the unborn from abortion. Not if we encourage embryonic stem-cell research (which is the most unsuccessful and unethical kind). Not if we don't protect the sanctity of marriage.

Vote for a candidate who has integrity. Vote for a president who will stop the judicial tyranny that is slapping the voting public in the face. Vote for a man who knows that the term "fetus" (which is Latin for "young one") is meant only to describe a stage of development — not to redefine a baby as non-human. On Nov. 2, I will vote for a future that includes morals. I will speak for the voiceless and choose life. I will vote for President George W. Bush.

Isaac and Darlene Melcher
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A), the Airport Authority, the WNC Caucus Board and the Community Funding Pool. He also believes in offering aid to working families who can't afford daytime child care, but who don't qualify for current assistance. West and his wife Dale are active members of First Baptist Church, and he also serves on the Board at Angel Medical Center. The current term he is serving is his first as commissioner.

Dr. Jim Davis, 57, is running against incumbent Mark West in District 2. Davis is an orthodontist, and previously served one term as commissioner from 1996-2000 for Franklin's District 3. He moved to Franklin from Virginia in 1974, and has lived here ever since. "I have the dedication and determination to meet the challenges facing local government," he said. He agrees that a North Macon School would benefit the Iotla/Cowee area, and that it should be the next school to be built. Davis and his wife Judy have two grown sons, as well as two granddaughters. "I have the ability to ask tough questions and make tough choices, and I will work diligently to keep the tax burden at a minimum."

Charlie Leatherman is the only candidate for District 3 in the election for county commissioner. He currently represents many organizations, including Macon Citizens for the Handicapped, Criminal Justice Partnership, Economic Development and Welfare Reform. Leatherman supports emergency services in Macon County, as well as education. "Economic development is important for Macon County, especially since the county only controls 35 percent of its budget." State or federal governments handle the remaining 65 percent. In addition, Leatherman feels the new SCC campus in Macon County will help to draw business to the area. He also supports the suggestions that the next school to be constructed in our county be one to serve north Macon.

There are five candidates running for two seats on the Macon County School Board.

Joey Curtis, 39, is a candidate for the school board District 4. He is a computer programmer for Drake Software, and decided to run because he has two children who attend

schools in Macon County. One of his major goals is making the latest technology available to students both on the college track and with a vocational future. Primarily, Curtis' focus is on keeping the board as successful as it has been and continues to be. He also supports raises in teachers' salaries, and has a degree from WCU in accounting.

Susie McCoy, 48, is a candidate for the school board District 4. She is native of Macon County, attended the schools here and earned a degree from WCU. She has served two terms on the school board, adding up to a total of eight years. "I bring a great love for children, and I am very interested in the education that they receive along with the extra curricular activities that are offered to them through sports, clubs and other activities throughout our schools and community."

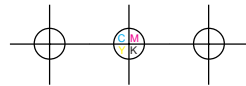
McCoy wants the board to continue to work with the county commissioners to get better school funding, bring more technology to the classrooms, and establish programs with area colleges and universities to prepare students for higher education.

McCoy also serves on the Region IV Smart Start Board, and the Teen Pregnancy Prevention Task Force. She and her husband Terry have two sons. McCoy is also the director of the Macon Program for Progress Head Start.

Debbie Robb, 33, is a candidate for the school board District 4. She has spent most of her life in Macon County. She attended Macon Middle School, Franklin High School, and has served on the Franklin Little League Baseball Board and the Macon County Youth Football Board. "I am a problem solver, a hard worker and a peacemaker. I have a lot of experience working on boards, communicating with families, and I have a legal background. I was the Treasurer of Franklin Little League for two years where I gained valuable experience with budgeting, managing finances and doing annual reports."

Robb wants high school students to be able to take a wider variety of AP classes to receive college credit. She also thinks drug awareness should be increased, and

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at-risk children need to be targeted. She is running because she loves children and has spent 10 years as a volunteer for cheerleading, baseball, football and church activities.

"After doing a bit of everything, the next natural step for me was to volunteer my time to advance education here in Macon County." She is vice president of the Macon County Republican Women's Club, as well as a paralegal at Coward, Hicks and Siler, P.A. Robb and her husband Myrick have a son and a daughter. "I am used to making critical decisions and in doing that I know that you cannot please everyone. Sometimes the decisions can be really tough but they have to be made."

Two candidates are running for school board District 2 - Brooks Bennett and Donnie Edwards.

Donnie Edwards, 55, is the current vice-chairman of the Macon County School Board. He is now serving his fourth term on the board, and is a construction contractor. In the past, he has overseen most construction projects going on at county schools, and will

continue to do so if reelected. He would like to see teachers get both state and local level raises to encourage retention of current teachers and also attract prospective ones. He also suggests the construction of a new school in the Cowee/Iotla area.

Brooks Bennett, 53, is a production manager for Johnson Controls Inc. in Highlands. He has several qualifications to serve on the board, with a certification in administration and degrees in physical education. Bennett believes that the Macon County School system can become the best one in the state, but only if certain actions are taken. Among these is a pay raise for teachers. While the supplement approved by the commissioners earlier this year is a good start, Bennett thinks that better pay would attract more educators to our area.

The only candidate for School Board District 3 is **Tommy Baldwin**. He has served previously on the board, and is unopposed in this year's election.

The polls open at 6:30 a.m. on Tues., Nov. 2 and close at 7:30 p.m.

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expanding that to one and a half million gallons per day, which will hopefully carry the town for another 20 to 25 years."

Nix said he expected the expansion to begin Spring of 2005.

"We're still waiting on the permit to come back and to bid the job out," he said.

He said the next part will be the collection system.

"That's probably what you're more interested in - what kind of collection system we have in place, plans for the future and what you would need to work with as a group of planners, to determine what areas of town you want to do what with," he said.

Nix presented a copy of a map showing the current sewer system. He explained the collection sewer lines were outlined in green.

"The first thing you'll notice here is there are not many green lines on it relative to the town," Nix said. "We are behind, way behind, in our sewer collection system in terms of economical growth and also in the health of the town. Right

now we're getting to the point we need to expand just to maintain those few green lines."

"Is this up to capacity, or partially?" asked committee member Ginger Slaughter.

"Partially," Nix answered. "It's not a number we can tie down because of the peaking factor. We have to design and build a plant around the peak load and that happens when we take on rain water and ground water.

"To give you an example of flow, the hospital and Chestnut Hill are on our sewer system. That occupies one-tenth of our capacity," Nix said. "And of course they're going to expand over time."

Nix explained the entire town could not be sewered with the existing plant. He said only 20 percent of the town is currently on the system. The 1.5 million gallons per day capacity would take in future additions to the system as well as annexation.

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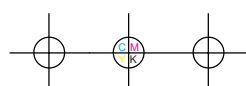
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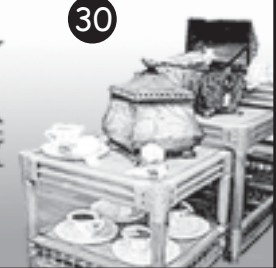


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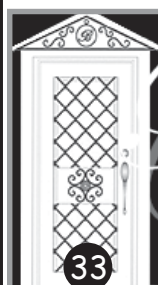
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A week-to-remember for fans

This could have been the most incredible week of my life. First of all, as a dedicated Yankee hater — the events of the past week were too much for even my Yankee despising heart to take. Something incredible has happened here folks, and I am not even talking about the fact that the Red Sox won. What's incredible is how they won.

They won with the Yankee mystique and aura — coming back to life like a killer zombie that just won't die. Down 4-3 in the ninth against the greatest closer in history? No problem. 14 innings with a pitching staff held together by chewing gum and bailing wire? Child's play. Winning two games in the Bronx with the ghosts of Yankee stadium staring you down? Checkmate. But this ALCS wasn't just about Boston's grit and guile (personified by Curt Schilling in one of the most memorable pitching performances ever) it was about the Yankees' inability to close the door. The Yankees that had pulled out so many miracles were reaching into an empty bag this year, and it showed. Not even Derek Jeter's fistpumps could get this Yankee team going, and you better believe that Steinbrenner is hacked. Here's hoping that the Sawks win the series this year and complete this memorable accomplishment.

In other news, my wish came true and Ron Zook was fired this week after Saturday's disaster at Mississippi State.

Zook is a good man, and you never wish the loss of employment upon



Ryan Potts

anyone — but his tenure at UF was a disaster from the start. UF had only lost five games at the Swamp under the Ball Coach, and under Zook they lost 6 in three years. Not a good way to keep your job, particularly since there were many people who were not impressed with your hire to

begin with.

Zook's teams also have a bad habit of blowing leads, which insinuates the lack of a killer-instinct. Florida's lack of killer-instinct is magnified by the fact that the Visored one had no problem closing out ballgames.

Which leads us to the search for a new coach in Gainesville. The candidates bandied about have been Utah's Urban Meyer, Louisville's Bobby Petrino, California's Jeff Tedford and yes, even the Ball Coach himself — Steve Spurrier. Personally, I think that the Gators should go after Meyer or Tedford — both look like future Spurriers who have many more years of coaching left in them. Spurrier returning would be intriguing, but he would likely only coach about 6-7 more years and then create another unstable situation when he left.

Shameless Homer Alert — And finally, I have avoided mentioning the Saints in my column because it physically hurts me to write about them, but they did actually win a game last week to put them at 3-4 with a bye. Now 3-4 is terrible, but in the NFC, it leaves them still in the hunt for a playoff spot if they can put it together defensively. Will they make the playoffs? Of course not, but at least I can hope, right?

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To my beloved Veterans

Dear Editor,

Your sacrifice and honor is not forgotten or stolen. There have been many movies politicizing your service, which causes divisiveness where you were united. I believe most Americans support our troops in the past and present. Anyone who has been in a war comes home with the horrors of having to kill or be killed and understands the finality and seriousness of it all. No one should forget the past sacrifice or the mistakes of a war wrongfully fought with no exit strategy.

I have not seen war personally, but one of my best friends did. He served in Vietnam and later died of lymphoma, a bone marrow disease that was caused by exposure to Agent Orange. He was a brave Navy Seal for the United States of America. I watched him and his wife struggle with the VA red tape and lack of full disability payments. I also watched him die even though it was not on the battlefield in a far away country. He had to fight another war with his own country to get what he was promised and deserved.

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Friday, October 29, 2004

Coming Up...

Thursday Oct 28- 5 p.m. Boys Varsity Soccer vs. Rabun Gap (home)

Friday Oct 29- "Boo Bags" will be given out by SGA; Drawing for Goody Bags by Beta members

Saturday Oct 30- Fall Festival @ Civic Center from 5-9 p.m.

Wednesday Nov 3- Boys Varsity Soccer State Playoffs- first round-time/location TBA

Thursday Nov 4- SCC Class: Intermediate Sign Language 6-9 p.m. every Thursday through December 2

Friday Nov 5- Interact members bring in 33 items and a shoe box for alumni care packages

Thursday Nov 11- Non-instructional Day

Monday Nov 15- Progress reports mailed home

Wednesday Nov 24- Thanksgiving Holiday begins

Monday Nov 29- Classes resume

Tuesday Nov 30- field trip to the High Museum in Atlanta on Nov. 30 tentatively rescheduled

Thursday Dec 2- SCC Class: Intermediate Sign Language 6-9 p.m.

Friday Dec 3- Interact Meeting



2004 Highlands School graduates Megan Galerah and Lauren Carnes volunteer time for Fall Festival 2003 at the Duck Pond game booth. PTO promises purchase of cap and gown for every participating senior.

Staff Photo

Second graders attend Hendersonville Apple Festival

By April Hicks
Grade 11

From the crisp mountain air to the changing and falling leaves of autumn and even to the smell of ripe apples on orchard trees, signs of fall are strongly present in the Highlands area. Many look forward to an exploration of these seasonal symbols, including Highlands School's second grade classes.

Teachers Tracy Hedden and Melanie Miller examined a variety of topics with their second graders when they attended North Carolina's Apple Festival in Hendersonville, October 1. The trip came about when Hedden received a pamphlet from the Apple Wedge Packers. .continued to page 3



Second graders and chaperones enjoy a lovely wagon ride through the apple orchards of Hendersonville's Apple Wedge Packers.
Photo by Melanie Miller

Fall Festival fun for entire family

McKenzie Thompson
12th Grade

As the leaves begin to change and the temperature begins to drop, townsfolk all over Highlands are preparing for this year's annual Fall Festival. The 2004 family event will be held at the Highlands Recreation Center on Saturday, October 30. Game booths, a haunted house, bingo, and barbeque will make a fun evening for people of all ages.

Children and adults alike will find entertainment at game booths including football toss, put-put golf, fantasy fishpond, and many more. From candy to glowsticks to bouncy balls, small, medium and large prizes may be won at any of the booths.

The students and parents of the senior class of 2005 are partnering

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--Reviews-- *Shark Tale*

DreamWorks' new movie *Shark Tale* is a colorful conglomeration of actors' voices and today's music hits. The kids might get a laugh out of it now, but don't expect to stock the shelf thinking it will be a timeless classic.

Will Smith voices a fish striving for attention and the "big time" who befriends a shy vegetarian shark named Lenny (Jack Black). Lenny is son to Don Lino (Robert De Niro), the leader of the sharks. After an anchor falls on Frankie, Don's other son, Oscar takes credit for it and the mishaps begin.

This story is colorful and fun, yet more cute than clever.

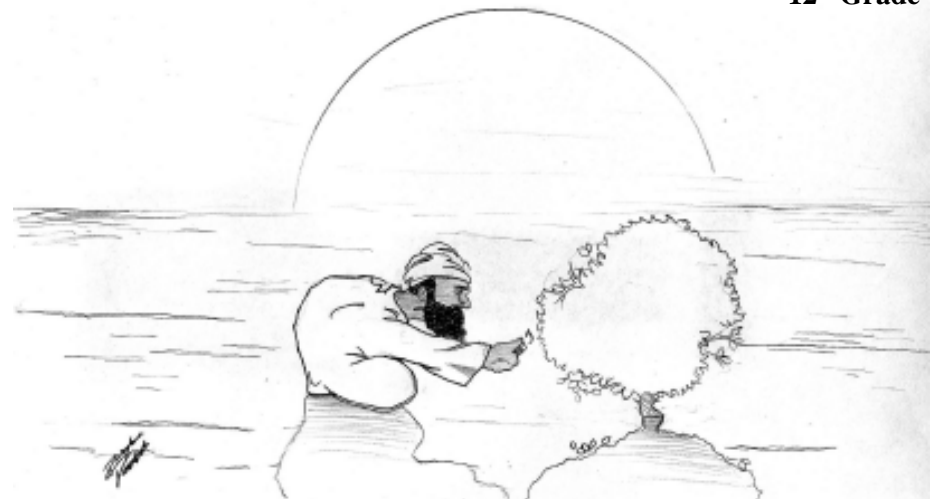
Remington Veteto
12th Grade

For the past several years, movie goers have come to expect Pixar and Dreamworks to produce creative films for children. A favorite of many kids is Pixar's *Finding Nemo*. When the companies started advertising for their newest creation, *Shark Tale*, people seemed to expect something similar to *Nemo*. However, in my opinion, the audience was sadly disappointed.

Several different events during the movie proved it to be too mature for the audience it targeted. *Lola*, played by Angelina Jolie, is a not exactly the carefree fish one would expect to find in a kid's flick. She was seductive, deceitful, and betraying towards *Oscar* (Will Smith), the main fish character. Although her actions are not incredibly outrageous, they set a tone inappropriate for such young spectators.

This film proves, yet again, that in Hollywood, gone are the good old days of innocence during childhood. *Shark Tale* presented a sad reality to children.

McKenzie Thompson
12th Grade



Bush \ bush \ n, 1. a low, densely branched shrub not suitable for desert climates.

By Remington Veteto
12th Grade

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Senator Robert Carpenter visited Highlands School to discuss the passing of bills with high school Civics classes.

Photo by Alie Roman



Kerry can take his money and flush it!

By Remington Veteto

12th Grade

What is SGA?

Marlee McCall
6th Grade

When you hear SGA, do you wonder what it's all about? SGA is a student government association.

The students involved in SGA plan dances, organize fund-raisers, and try their best to fix any problem within the middle school.

The middle school student body chooses the officers and representatives by voting on paper ballots.

In the sixth and seventh grades there are two representatives chosen from each homeroom. In the eighth grade there are four officers chosen.

Any student that feels capable may run for office.

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"We had talked about going to a local apple orchard, but when this pamphlet came up, we decided the students would get more out of it," said Miller.

Second grader Adrianne McCall described the trip as "fun" and says, "we [students and chaperones] got to ride on a [tractor-drawn] wagon." A guide sat at the front pointing out different types of apple trees to the students.

Attendees also enjoyed a tour of Apple Wedge Packers production facility, where they learned about the production of apple products for sale. Students Josh Wolfrey and Taylor Garrabrant of Miller's second grade learned procedures used to categorize the apples. "They take four pictures of each apple that comes through the factory," said Wolfrey and Garrabrant adds "...to sort out colors, shapes and sizes." Students were able to taste finished products such as cold cider and fresh apples.

Eager parents and school staff

volunteered to chaperone the students on this educational field trip. Chaperones included Coach Brett Lamb, teacher assistants Kim Chenoweth and Judy Mouchet and several parents. These volunteers and students rose early in order to depart from the school at 7:45 a.m. and return by the end of the school day.

"This is a culminating activity for our unit of study on apples," said Hedden. During their study of apples, the students learned how important apples are to the economy of their home state and the economy of the United States.

The students also discovered that natural disasters have a negative effect on the production of apples. The destruction from recent hurricanes was evident in the orchard at Apple Wedge Packers, not because of fallen trees but because of fallen apples. The students learned that growers are unable to sell apples that have fallen on the ground, but to their delight the students were able to pick up any apples they wanted from the ground.



Photo By Marlee McCall

The eighth grade officers are: president: Luke McClellan, vice president: Andrew Billingsly, secretary: Matt McClellan, and treasurer: William Edwards.

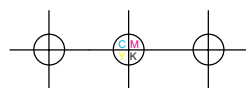
Seventh grade representatives are Amanda Bruce, Brie Schmitt, Haley Rice and Devon Deholl.

Sixth grade representatives are Katie Nix, Marlee McCall, Michael Shearl and Robbie Vanderbilt.

Seventh and eighth grade social studies teacher Steve Massey is the SGA sponsor.

The SGA is planning a recycling project. They are going to put out barrels to be filled with aluminum cans and plastic bottles. Then they're taking the cans and bottles to be made into something new.

Watch to see what other projects the SGA has in store for Highlands School.



Geo Trackers follow the course of the Johnson Family

Allie Roman
12th Grade

Tracking Newell and Melcena Johnson around the continent is an every day thing for Tracy Hedden and Melanie Miller's second grade classes. The students have tracked the couple for a Geography project since their departure from Pine Mountain, GA on September 8 and will return on September 28.

The couple has visited many places in the United States on their 20 day round trip to Calgary, Canada. To get to Calgary, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson drove through Iowa, South Dakota and Montana. Returning from Calgary, they drove through Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, and concluding at their Georgia home.

The Johnson's wrote to the students every other day, and kept a diary of each day of the trip. In the letters to the class the Johnson's described the city or town that they were in and sent a picture of different sites that they saw. Hedden's students expressed positive thoughts about their learning experience. "I liked learning about the different places they went t,"

April Moss said. Amber Welch added, "it was a very fun learning about the different places."

Hedden and Miller read the Johnson's e-mails to their students and shared pictures from the travelers with their classes.

Any questions the students have for and about the travelers are given to Kim Chenoweth, Hedden's teacher assistant and the Johnson's daughter.

Chenoweth e-mails her parents regularly to stay updated on their location. The couple agreed readily to their daughter's request for them to undertake this task, hoping the students would learn more about the different landmarks across the states.

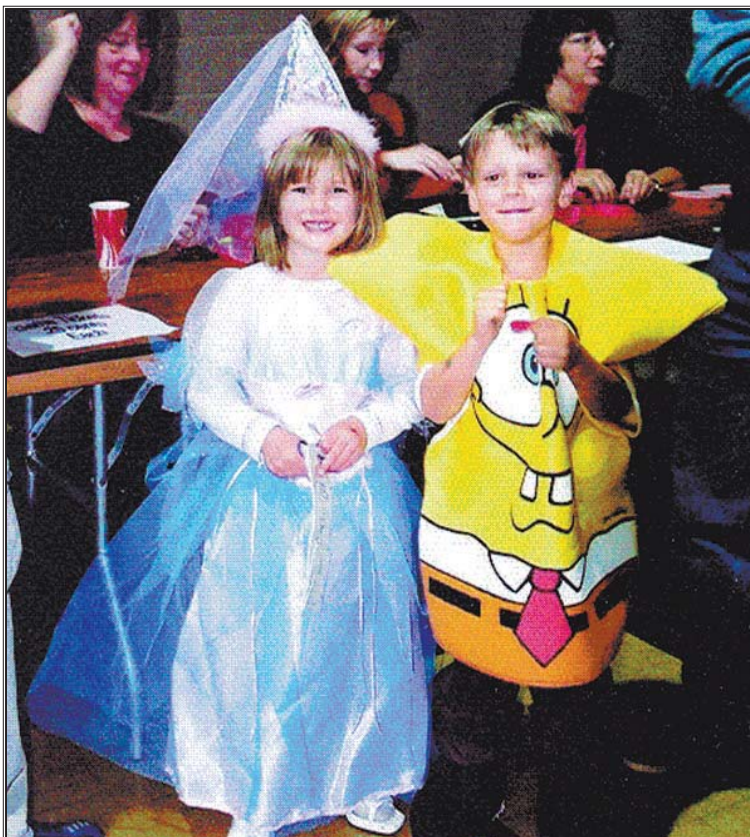
Chenoweth took all the information her parents sent her about their trip and posted it on the second grade website for the students to access at their leisure.

The Johnson's photos are posted on the Web site along with links to informational sites about the locations the couple has visited. For further information on the Johnson's trip visit the second grade website <http://www.geocities.com/mcstracyhedden2/>.



From left to right: Desire Schmitt, Elizabeth Houston and Soren Christiansen, point to map of their favorite United States places according to where the Johnsons visited.

From left to right:
Cecelia Schmitt,
Taylor Schmitt at
Fall Festival 2003
dressing up for annual costume contest.
Staff Photo



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with PTO to offer volunteer services, making this event possible. This event not only allows students a chance to support what will soon be their alma mater, but also creates lasting memories. In return for the help of the senior class, PTO promises to buy both cap and gown for every participating senior, which totals up to be \$60 per student. Teachers who volunteer for the festival receive \$150 for classroom supplies.

The Highlands United Methodist Church is sponsoring a small moon walk and balloon stand. Other sponsors for this year's festival who have donated \$500 include Laurel Magazine, Highlands Pharmacy, Macon Bank, Village Kids, Preferred Properties, Wilson Gas & Electric, Country Club Properties, John Schiffli and Regions Bank.

Some businesses have chosen to sponsor the event by donating services for the Fall Festival Raffle. Mountain Fresh,

Bryson's Food Store, D&J Express Mart, Reeves Hardware, and Wachovia Bank have offered assorted prizes for raffle winners.

PTO president Pat Hedden remarked that, "The planning process, although complicated and demanding, is running smoothly." As a parent of Highlands School students, Hedden has been involved with PTO for several years prior to this. Last year she served as vice president for the organization.

Hedden is thankful for the involvement of the senior class students and parents in respect to this event, but encourages all seniors and parents to attend upcoming Fall Festival meetings.

For the past 35 years, the Highlands School PTO has held this event. Over time, Fall Festival has become PTO's largest yearly fund-raiser. 2003's festival earned \$13, 131. More profit is expected from this year's event.

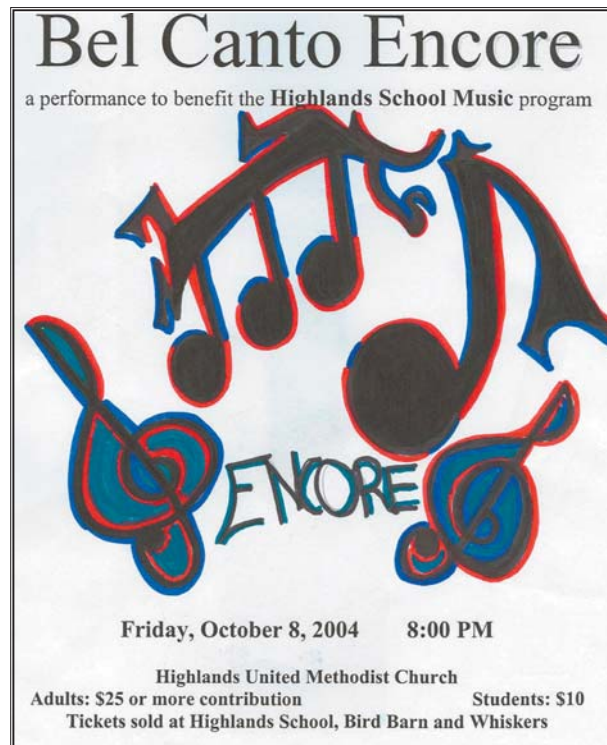
Bel Canto Poster Contest Winners Receive Cash Prizes

David Hodges
11th Grade

"Beautiful singing" is their name and what they do, and on October 8 they did it for the benefit of the Highlands School Music program. Local opera group Bel Canto Encore has once again provided Highlands School with an excellent learning experience.

The Bel Canto Encore sponsored a contest at school that allowed students to unleash their creative juices in the form of posters advertising the big event. Cash prizes were offered as an extra enticement for the students to make sure they did their best. According to high school art teacher Sallie Taylor, "There were no requirements except relevant information had to be included [date, time, event title, etc...]. I think that it is a great way for the students to learn to make something useful."

The posters were placed strategically around Highlands to guarantee that the maximum number of people could appreciate the art and be informed about the upcoming event.



Far Right: Third Place winning poster
By Nick Kerhoulas

Since three posters were, of course, not enough to properly advertise the special event. The posters made by all of the participants in Taylor's Special Projects art class were used.

Antoine Coupé, foreign exchange student from

France, won first place and a prize of \$25. "I am very happy to have won this contest," said Coupé. I took a picture from the Internet and drew a mural of it."

Amy Crook took second and \$15 with her design. She said, "I am extremely happy; very pleased. I tried to think of a different idea that combined old-fashioned posters that I found online. I plan to save the prize for spending money later."

Nick Kerhoulas won third place and \$10 with a poster designed with a contemporary music note followed by original graphic text. "I can't believe I won," he said, "I'm going to buy dinner!"

The Bel Canto event, A Recital by Young American Opera Singers, starred Laurie Domingue Lester (soprano) and Jason Lester (bass-baritone) in what was called an

Evening that Glorifies the Human Voice. The benefit was held at the Highlands United Methodist Church.

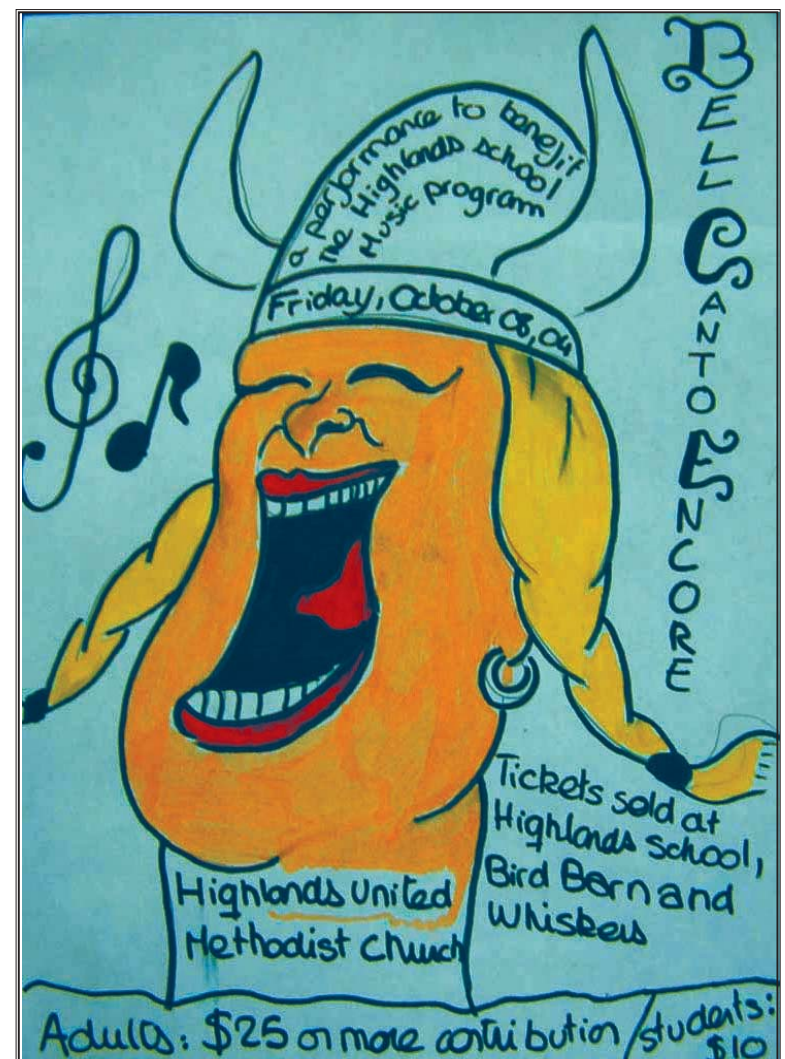
A special presentation titled "Celebrate Opera" was held at the school to help raise student-opera awareness. Kindergarten through fifth graders learned about the operatic style of music through discussion, responding with creative movement, drawing, and working in cooperative learning groups. For students in upper grades, teachers Dr. Terry Harris and Katharine Brown discussed the hardships of opera preparation as well as the many attributes of good opera singers.

"Muscle training is important," said Harris and added, "Opera singers have to be able to act as well as sing, to make the experience more involving for the audience." The pair sang a piece from Andrew Lloyd Weber's classic *The Phantom of the Opera*. They also told how Weber was inspired by the popular music from his time, like rock and roll. Finally, they told the students how they could get free tickets to the Bel Canto recital.

Reflecting on the various musical endeavors, students said that they were very thankful to Mr. Joel for his generosity and support of our school. Students bragged on the performers clever costuming, vibrant voices, and appropriate acting in all songs and scenes. Fifth grader Emily Munger remarked, "the woman could sing like a bird!" Students would also like to thank principal Monica Bomengen for being responsible for refreshments provided after Bel Canto.



Right: Second place winning poster
By Amy Crook



Above: First place winner of the Bel Canto Poster Contest.
By Antoine Coupé

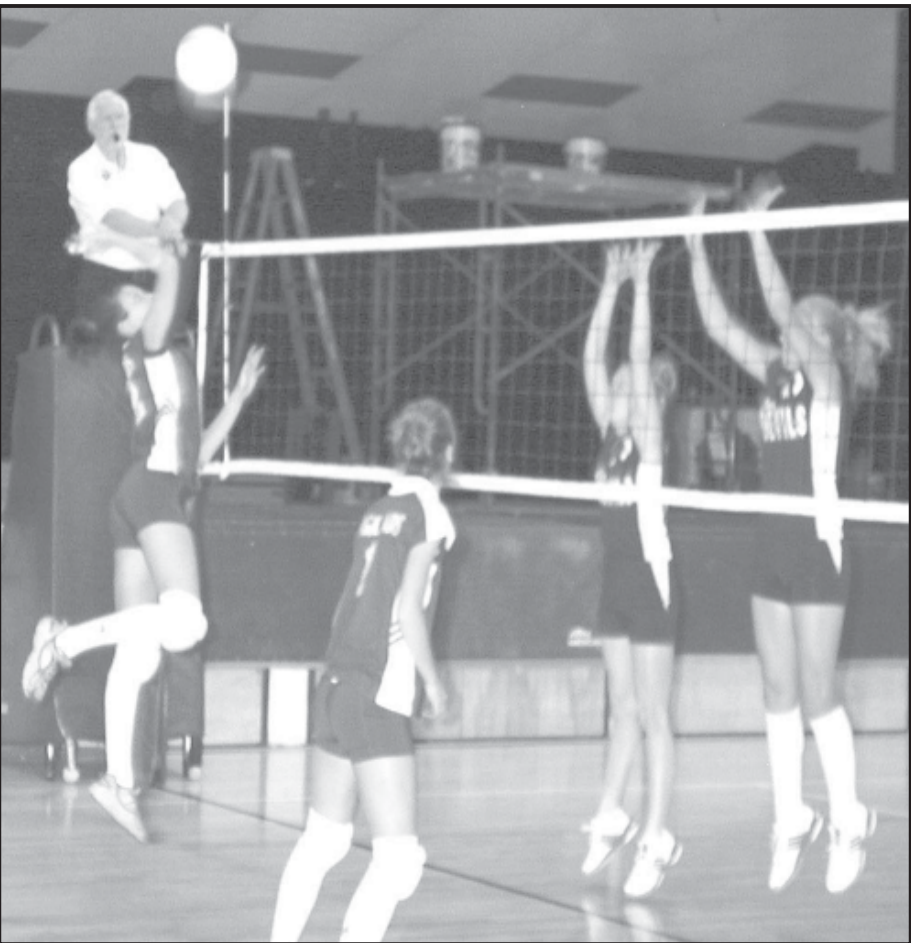
JV's lead in Smoky Mountain Conference wins

Lady Highlanders remain undefeated in conference play 5-0

By Claire Frederick
Grade 11

Lady Highlanders are undefeated 5-0 in the Smoky Moutain Conference. The JV team holds undefeated

conference title as well. Highlands School volleyball was challenged greatly by Swain on Oct. 4 and 5. The Oct. 4 match was to make-up for the previously cancelled match.



Senior Angela Aspinwall spikes the ball to score a point against Swain. **Photo by Claire Frederick**

The varsity team struggled in both matches. Despite second match improvement, the Highlanders were unable to gain a victory over the Swain Maroon Devils.

The JVs followed the same win/loss pattern in both of their matches, losing the first game, making a strength comeback in the second, and losing the third.

The Swain game was a good preparation for play-offs; now the teams know what type of challenges to expect if state Highlands makes it to the playoffs.

After losing to Swain, the win over Hiawasse Dam on Oct. 7 was a nice reassurance of the teams' talent. The varsity team was victorious for Highlands and although Hiawasse put forth some effort they were unable to achieve the skill to compete against Highlands' teamwork and ability.

The JV team played a close first game of the match as the crowd watched at the edge of their seats. They had to go higher than the usual winning score of 25 since they hadn't beaten the other team by two points. Highlands had to go higher than the usual winning score of 25; when they reached 26 they were determined the winners. The second game was less

intense when Hiawasse Dam seemed to give up hope, and Highlands' JV won without much difficulty.

Highlands crushed Rabun Gap on Oct. 12. Both the JV and varsity teams won with the minimum two games for JVs and three games for varsity.

Prior to the matches seniors Kayla McCall, Angela Aspinwall, and Iyali Ruiz were recognized in a special event.

All three have played volleyball throughout all high school. This year they have the right to serve as varsity co-captains.

McCall served on the varsity team throughout high school and received honorable mention in the Smoky Mountain Conference last year. She was escorted by her parents Yogi and Lynn McCall.

Aspinwall played two years on the JV team and two years on varsity. She has been a captain since her freshmen year to the JV and varsity team. She was escorted onto the volleyball court by her parents Art and Barbie Aspinwall.

Ruiz served on the JV team for two years and on varsity for two years. She was escorted by her mother Alicia Bustos.



Seniors Angela Aspinwall, Kayla McCall and Iyali Ruiz stand with their parents for senior recognition at their last home game against the Rabun Gap Eagles. **Photo by Claire Frederick**

Upcoming Basketball Games				
<u>Team</u>	<u>Opponent</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Date</u>	
VG	Rabun Gap	6:30	Nov. 12	
JVG	Hayesville	5:00	Nov. 16	
VG	Blue Ridge	6:30	Nov. 19	
VG	Rabun County	7:00	Nov. 20	
Middle School Games				
HMS VS. Hiawassee Dam		Nov. 8		
HMS VS. Cherokee		Nov. 15		
HMS VS. Robinsville		Nov. 18		

Devils burned by Highlands' wrath

Highlanders torched Swain's Maroon Devils October 4 in a 2-0 match. Swain holds second rank in the Smoky Mountain Conference, so in return, the Devils pose the largest challenge to the Highlanders in conference play.

Even with the challenge, the Highlanders did not collapse to the threat that the Devils presented. The opposing teams and fans had high energy throughout the game.

It wasn't until the middle of the first half that Buddy Boy Parrish slightly released some tension for the Highlanders with a great shot from

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inside the center of the box that Swain's goalie couldn't put a glove on. Matthew Keener had the assist on this first goal.

Parrish's goal pumped up the Highlanders and gave them a lead to pick up the pace and press harder against their rival.

Swain was not easy to beat. Highlanders had to communicate and keep their passes in control to make the offensive and defensive statement that left the Devils wondering what hit them. Pressure from both sides was persistent. Swain

giving the Highlanders an even greater trial to overcome.

Even with Swain's strength, the Highlanders still walked off the field with another conference win.

Highlanders sent the Hiawassee Dam Eagles flying home Oct. 6 in a shutout game that ended 9-0.

Knowing the great Highlander advantage over the Eagles, coach

David Parrish moved players around to give them a feel for playing different positions. Defenders played forward positions and vice versa for a fun game that was more like a scrimmage than a conference match.

Four Highlander players scored



Highlander Buddy Boy Parrish makes a run down the field to score a goal against the Swain Maroon Devils. *Photo by McKenzie Thompson*

had several opportunities to score, but Highlander goalie, Ryan Perkins had something else in mind. He wasn't going to let anything get past him. In the second half, Parrish scored yet another goal, giving his team both goals for the night.

The major difficulty for the Highlanders was finishing shots on goal. Swain's goalie was quite the competitor. He had numerous saves

during the game. Three of the four scorers were defensive players. Captain Andrew Kerhoulas, Jason Aspinwall, Ryan Bears, and Allen Shearl each scored two goals.

Highlanders beat the Hayesville Yellow Jackets 9-0 on Oct. 11. This game against the Yellow Jackets put the Highlanders season record at 11-3-1. The Highlanders still remain number one in the Smoky Mountain Conference.

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High School Art Workshops

Tuesdays 4:30-5:30

This is a class designed for high school students who are interested in discovering, exploring, experimenting and stretching their creative abilities. The emphasis of this class will be personal growth. Whether you "can't draw a straight line" or are working on portfolio submissions for college, this class is designed to stimulate your personal creativity and ability to communicate artistically through the visual arts. Students will be introduced to a medium, given a subject matter, and then be encouraged to work through the process of self-expression.

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Artventure

Art for Children in Kindergarten and First Grade

Tuesdays 3:15 - 4:15

This class is for kindergarten and first graders, and is designed to inspire joy, confidence and pride in the art that is produced. The child will have the fun of learning about paint, paper, scissors, glue, crayons, pastels, papier-mâché, fabric, and clay. They will be taught that these products can be manipulated to produce a desired two- or three-dimensional effect. Not only will their work be inspired by their personal experiences, observation, or imagination, this class will also include an awareness of environment and the influence of other cultures that are around them. Bus transportation from Highlands School to the Bascom-Louise Gallery will be provided for this class.

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Each new day in the heavenly city, the new Jerusalem there by the crystal sea, where the rose never fades, there are songs to be sung, bread to be broken and shared, memories to recall, and new ones to make, forever and ever. And that will be heavenly. This "will be" for them is as certain as all that "has been" for them.

Such "will be ness" for all those that have preceded us in death is the heart of God's promised peace to those left behind. It gives us reason to hold on to the good of all that "has been." One glad morning in God's grand tomorrow, when we, are finally home with God and those dear ones who have gone before, we too, will be new creations by God's grace and mercy. We too, will be free from whatever troubles and pains us in this life. Pain and tears and sorrow will be past. We too, will see face to face. We too, will know and understand as we have been understood all the days of our lives. We will sit at Jesus' feet. We will savor good memories with those who helped make them. We will make new ones. This will be heavenly.

For those of us left behind, each bliss isn't postponed, not entirely. We who claim Jesus as Savior and Lord are those in whose heart he now reigns. We are part of the Kingdom of Heaven come to earth. We are his people of today not just tomorrow. We are a colony of heaven here on earth, an outpost of the celestial city where God's promised future is being lived out as present reality.

A friend who served in the Air Force during WWII was once at a reunion of veterans where he found himself pulled into a conversation between a German and an American. They were exchanging war stories. The American told of the horror he felt as a young pilot during the savage bombing of a German city. He had been ordered to bomb a hospital. The second man, after regaining his composure, revealed that his

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Pastor Everett Wilson, (828) 743-3379
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Evening Service – 7 p.m.

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Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

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School – 9:30 a.m.; Youth – 6:30 p.m.; Choir –
7:15

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

First Presbyterian Church

Rev. J. Hunter Coleman, Pastor, 526-3175
Sun.: Worship – 11 a.m.; School – 9:30 & 9:45.
Wednesdays: Children's Devotions – 9:30 a.m.;

Supper – 6 p.m.; Choir – 7 p.m.

Thursdays: Bible Study – 10 a.m.

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

Highlands Assembly of God

Rev. Scott Holland, 524-6026, Sixth Street

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Parish office, 526-2418

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Sundays: Mass – 11 a.m.

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

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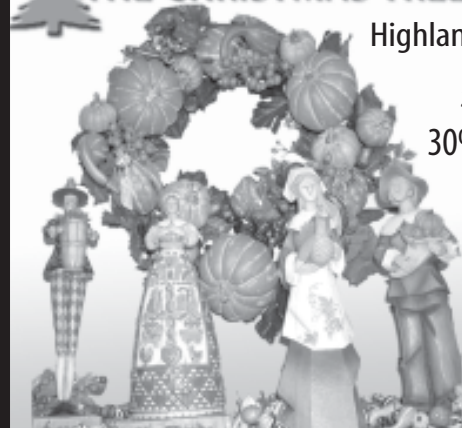
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- A vote for the names of a Political Party's candidate for President and Vice President is a vote for the electors of that party, the names of whom are on file with the Secretary of State.
- If you wish to write in the name of a qualified write-in candidate, you must write the name in the space provided and fill in the oval (●) to the left of the name in order for your vote to count.
- If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and get another.

**TO VOTE, COMPLETELY FILL
IN THE OVAL LIKE THIS: (●)**

PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT

You may vote for ONE (1) Party

- ☐ JOHN F. KERRY DEM
JOHN EDWARDS
- ☐ GEORGE W. BUSH REP
DICK CHENEY
- ☐ MICHAEL BADNARIK LIB
RICHARD CAMPAGNA
- ☐ Write-in

2004 OFFICIAL GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT FOR FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY OFFICES

NOVEMBER 2, 2004

MACON COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- To vote for all candidates of one party (a straight ticket), fill in the oval of the party for whose candidates you wish to vote. **NON-PARTISAN OFFICES MUST BE VOTED INDIVIDUALLY.**
- You may vote a split ticket by not filling in the party oval, but by filling in the oval opposite of each candidate for whom you wish to vote.
- You may also vote a split ticket by filling in the party oval and then filling in the oval opposite the name of each candidate you choose of a different party. In any multi-seat race where a party oval is marked and you vote for the candidates of another party, you must also fill in the oval opposite the name of any candidate you choose of the party of which you marked the party oval to assure your vote will count.
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- If you tear, deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the election official and get another.
- VOTE LIKE THIS: (●)**

STRAIGHT PARTY YOU MAY VOTE FOR ONE (1)

- ☐ Democrat DEM
- ☐ Republican REP
- ☐ Libertarian LIB

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ BEVERLY EAVES PERDUE DEM
- ☐ JIM SNYDER REP
- ☐ CHRISTOPHER COLE LIB

FOR COMMISSIONER OF LABOR You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ WAYNE GOODWIN DEM
- ☐ CHERIE BERRY REP

FOR U.S. SENATE You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ ERSKINE BOWLES DEM
- ☐ RICHARD BURR REP
- ☐ TOM BAILEY LIB
- ☐ Write-in

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ ROY COOPER DEM
- ☐ JOE KNOTT REP

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ ELAINE F. MARSHALL DEM
- ☐ JAY RAO REP

FOR AUDITOR You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ RALPH CAMPBELL DEM
- ☐ LESLIE MERRITT REP

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ JUNE S. ATKINSON DEM
- ☐ BILL FLETCHER REP

FOR U.S. CONGRESS DISTRICT 11 You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ PATSY KEEVER DEM
- ☐ CHARLES H. TAYLOR REP

FOR COMMISSIONER OF AGRICULTURE You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ BRITT COBB DEM
- ☐ STEVE TROXLER REP

FOR TREASURER You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ RICHARD H. MOORE DEM
- ☐ EDWARD A. MEYER REP

FOR GOVERNOR You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ MIKE EASLEY DEM
- ☐ PATRICK J. BALLANTINE REP
- ☐ BARBARA HOWE LIB

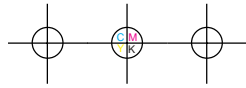
FOR COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE You may vote for ONE (1)

- ☐ JIM LONG DEM
- ☐ C. ROBERT BRAWLEY REP

**TURN OVER TO CONTINUE
VOTING**

FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY 30TH DISTRICT Unexpired term ending 2006 You may vote for ONE (1)		NON-PARTISAN ELECTION AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS		FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 30TH DISTRICT You may vote for ONE (1)		CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS	
<input type="radio"/> MIKE BONFOEY DEM		FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT You may vote for ONE (1)		FOR DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 30TH DISTRICT You may vote for ONE (1)		I. Constitutional amendment to promote local economic and community development projects by (i) permitting the General Assembly to enact general laws giving counties, cities, and towns the power to finance public improvements associated with qualified private economic and community improvements within development districts, as long as the financing is secured by the additional tax revenues resulting from the enhanced property value within the development district and is not secured by a pledge of the local government's faith and credit or general taxing authority, which financing is not subject to a referendum; and (ii) permitting the owners of property in the development district to agree to a minimum tax value for their property, which is binding on future owners as long as the development is in existence. <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
FOR NORTH CAROLINA STATE SENATE 50TH DISTRICT You may vote for ONE (1)		<input type="radio"/> SARAH PARKER <input type="radio"/> JOHN M. TYSON		<input type="radio"/> MONICA LESLIE <input type="radio"/> SYBIL MANN			
<input type="radio"/> JOHN J. SNOW, JR. DEM		FOR ASSOCIATE JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT You may vote for ONE (1)		FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 1 You may vote for ONE (1)			
<input type="radio"/> ROBERT C. (BOB) CARPENTER REP		<input type="radio"/> RONNIE ANSLEY		<input type="radio"/> BROOKS BENNETT		II. Constitutional amendment to provide that the General Assembly may place the clear proceeds of civil penalties, civil forfeitures, and civil fines collected by a State agency in a State fund to be used exclusively for maintaining free public schools. <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
<input type="radio"/> BEN LAMM LIB		<input type="radio"/> RACHEL LEA HUNTER		<input type="radio"/> DONNIE EDWARDS			
FOR NORTH CAROLINA STATE HOUSE 120TH DISTRICT You may vote for ONE (1)		<input type="radio"/> HOWARD E. MANNING, JR.		<input type="radio"/> Write-in			
<input type="radio"/> ROGER WEST REP		<input type="radio"/> BETSY MCCRODDEN		FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 3 You may vote for ONE (1)		III. Constitutional amendment to provide for the first term of office for magistrates of the General Court of Justice to be two years and for subsequent terms to be four years. <input type="radio"/> FOR <input type="radio"/> AGAINST	
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 2 You may vote for ONE (1)		<input type="radio"/> FRED MORRISON, JR.		<input type="radio"/> TOMMY BALDWIN			
<input type="radio"/> MARK WEST DEM		<input type="radio"/> PAUL MARTIN NEWBY		<input type="radio"/> Write-in			
<input type="radio"/> JIM DAVIS REP		<input type="radio"/> MARVIN SCHILLER		FOR MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD DISTRICT 4 You may vote for ONE (1)			
FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICT 3 You may vote for ONE (1)		FOR JUDGE COURT OF APPEALS You may vote for ONE (1)		<input type="radio"/> JOEY CURTIS			
<input type="radio"/> CHARLIE LEATHERMAN REP		<input type="radio"/> WANDA G. BRYANT		<input type="radio"/> SUSIE MCCOY			
		<input type="radio"/> ALICE C. STUBBS		<input type="radio"/> DEBBIE ROBB			
		FOR JUDGE COURT OF APPEALS You may vote for ONE (1)		<input type="radio"/> Write-in			
		<input type="radio"/> BARBARA JACKSON		FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT SUPERVISOR You may vote for ONE (1)			
		<input type="radio"/> ALAN THORNBURG		<input type="radio"/> CALVIN CONLEY			
				<input type="radio"/> Write-in			

Sue Waldroop, Chairman
Macon County Board of Elections



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wife had been giving birth to their baby in that very hospital when it was being bombed. Suddenly, the two men fell into each other's arms weeping. "Imagine," said my friend, "being in heaven at the end of the world, where we might fall weeping upon one another, imagine waves of reconciliation breaking upon us as we adjust ourselves to this dimension of pure love."

We aren't left just to imagine what that will be like. We are being made new creations now "for anyone who is in Christ is in a new creation, behold the old is gone, the new has begun." We are not new fully and completely as when we reach our heavenly home, but new none the less. We are those who have

the power of the resurrected Christ in us. We can forgive, move on, reach out, share and care today. We can fall weeping upon one another today. We can be waves of reconciliation breaking upon each other today as we adjust to the heavenly dimension of pure love now being visited upon us.

Those that have gone before us, those for whom we grieve — let the world know, we grieve for them but not without hope. We gather each Sunday morning in the marvelous light that shines from the empty tomb. We come together to celebrate a God who makes us a people not just of yesterday and tomorrow, as important as they are, but a people of today.

So let the word go out that we are those who can hope not only for "what once was" yesterday, not only for "what will be" tomorrow, but for "what can be" today.

Precious memories, how they linger. How they ever flood my soul in the stillness of the midnight. Precious, sacred scenes unfold."

Last Hudson Library cooking class Nov. 16

The last Hudson Library Cooking Class for 2004 will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 10 a.m.

The class will be held at the McCall's Farm, 3814 Horse Cove Road, in Highlands. The class will be led by Janet-Lemon Dee, a whole foods expert from Atlanta, who will provide a cooking demonstration that will address the question, "What are the 'Super Foods' and 'Whole Foods' that will help us get healthier and feel younger?"

Janet's cooking and nutritional experience comes from over 30 years of professionally and personally using and marketing whole foods with Tree of Life, Inc., her own company, Unity Natural Foods, Inc., and then Whole Foods, Inc. She is presently a marketing director for NSA, Inc./Juice Plus, a "Kitchen Coach" and a mom. "For over 30 years I have been practicing and teaching others the WHY and HOW of adding whole food back into their lives. Now there is new science, research and tools for you to discover and to share with your family and friends! I am looking forward to introducing you to the benefits of a "whole food lifestyle!"

Cooking Class openings are limited and reservations are required. This bonus class is priced at only \$25 and only a few openings remain. Contact the library at 526-3031 for more information.

... LETTERS from page 12

As it stands now, many families have to pay for equipment for their sons and daughters and their airfare home. This is an OUTRAGE! For a current example, a soldier had worn body gear that he had to pay for and was saved by in an attack in Fallujah. He cannot secure another one. There is none available even though the United States Congress approved 87 billion dollars for this war. Where is the money? Where is the respect for our valiant troops?

This is why I am opposed to this war in Iraq and the current administration's mishandling of funds for the soldiers and benefits they deserve.

Veterans, you are far from forgotten except by the Commander in Chief who has never served as you have.

You have a voice to stop the atrocities under this administration. Let's work towards peace and real honor and the safety of our children; truth and clarity not rhetoric. You experienced the horrors and effects of war and if you believe this is a just war and that the current veterans are treated with honor then "stay the course."

As a mother of a possible future veteran and a friend of a past veteran who had to fight for his benefits to his death, I will vote with grave conscience against the current administration.

Lee Hodges, Untie/ Unite, Highlands

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Many thanks to the coaches for all their hard work and dedication! The team and coaches worked very hard to accomplish this victory. Many thanks, too, for the businesses the coaches work for in allowing them a flexible schedule to coach our boys. They are SweetTreats, The Pizza Place, Reeves Hardware and Carolina Custom Homes by Design. Thanks, too, to all the parents, grandparents, siblings and other fans that attended our games each Sunday in Franklin. Pictured left to right front row: Cameron St. John, Logan Schmitt, Forrest Baker, Clay Tucci-Caselli, Will Araujo, Samuel Craig, Cody St. Germain, Clay Dunn (with visiting mascot from Ian Tremblay's second grade class at St. Andrews School in Savannah, Ga, "Flat Stanley"), Cai Roman & Dylan Tucker; back row coaches: Amy McCall, Jesse Hogan, Tim Dearth and Eric Schmitt. Great teamwork, Yellow Jackets!

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Health Department opened its clinic doors at the Buck Creek field one day and serviced some residents – specifically Chestnut Hill residents – and the doses made available to Highlanders represented Highlands' population percentage – 10 percent of the county. He said the health department phone system couldn't handle the number of phone calls and so that mode of communication failed.

"When we get such small doses, it's hard to reserve a certain number for a particular part of the county," he said. But next time the clinic in Highlands will likely be open longer with better notification to the public. "And the vaccine won't be dispersed based on population percentage, he said.

Still, the flu vaccine shortage is real and many folks who typically opt for a flu shot won't be getting one this year. Shots are reserved for those considered "at risk" – infants six months to 23 months; those over the age of 65; people in chronic health condition; pregnant women or women who intend to become

pregnant; and health care workers exposed to the critically ill and those in emergency rooms.

Why the shortage? The British government suspended the license of the pharmaceutical company that had the contract for production of the vaccine for the United States.

"That reduced the number of does available to 50 percent of what we ordered back in February 2004," said Ring.

Ring said the U.S. is dealing with the only company who opted to grow the vaccine. "Most pharmaceutical companies don't want to fool with it," said Ring. "It's not profitable enough."

Meanwhile, North Carolina is negotiating with the Center of Disease Control in Atlanta for the next batch of vaccine. "They have control over the remaining doses of vaccine for the country," said Ring.

About 100 doses of "Flu Mist" a nasal mist is also expected sometime within the next 4-6 weeks. "But that is reserved for healthy people ages 5-49," said Ring.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Sept. Oct. 20-27. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

Oct. 20

- At 7:25 a.m., officers responded to a possible breaking and entering in progress at a residence on Worley Road, but it was a bear on a porch.
- At 8:30 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone at Cobb and N.C. 106.
- At 8:50 p.m., a motorist was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone at Cobb and U.S. 64 west.

Oct. 21

- At 5:15 p.m., a motorist at Webbmont and U.S. 64 west was cited for driving without a license.
- At 4:30 p.m., a business in Village Square complained for noise from skateboarders.
- At 5 p.m., a motorist at Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 36 zone.
- At 8 p.m., a motorist at Cobb and U.S. 64 west was cited for exceeding a safe speed.

Oct. 22

- At 11:30 a.m., a motorist was cited for moving a mobile home through town without a permit.
- At 12:40 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Sagee Woods Drive. All was secure.
- At 2:05 p.m., a resident on Lower Lake Road reported an attempted breaking and entering. A window frame and window was broken with damages estimated at \$2,000.
- At 5:20 p.m., motorist parked at Third and Main streets reported a hit and run.

Oct. 25

- At 7:30 a.m., a motorist at Webbmont and U.S. 64 west was cited for speeding 51 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 8:35 a.m., officers responded to an accident on Main Street. There were no injuries.
- At 2 p.m., officers responded to a complaint of employees parking on Main Street in front of Highlands Inn.
- At 2:20 p.m., officers provided a funeral escort from the Methodist Church to the cemetery.
- At 2:35 p.m., an excavating company reported \$500 worth of equipment stolen from a job site on N.C. 106.

Oct. 26

- At 1:50 p.m., officers responded to a store on Main Street about a suspected larceny of several hundred dollars, but it was unfounded.
- At 4:40 p.m., officers responded to a call from the Hudson Library where children were allegedly throwing rocks. They were gone when police arrived.
- At 6:50 a.m., a motorist at Poplar and U.S. 64 east was cited for speeding 42 mph in a 25 zone.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Oct. 20-27.

Oct. 20

- The dept. responded to a one-vehicle accident on N.C. 106 but it was unfounded.

Oct. 21

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Log Cabin Road. There was no transport.

Oct. 23

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

Oct. 24

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at the Methodist Church. There was no transport.

Oct. 26

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Webbmont Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Fallen Leaf Lane. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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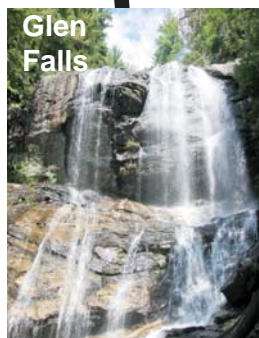
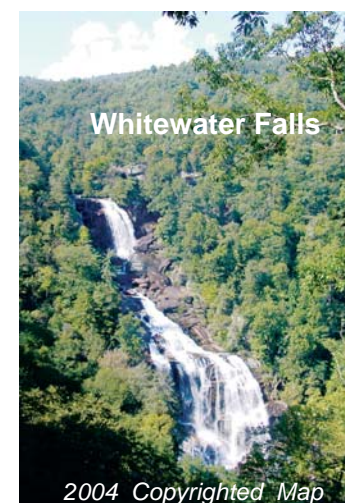
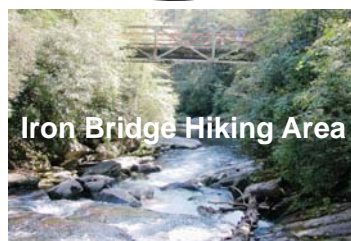
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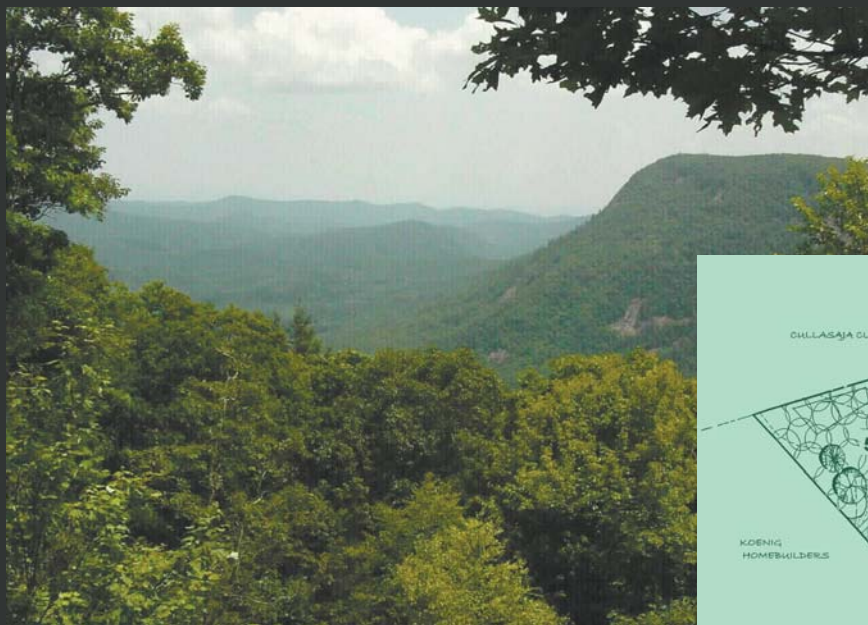


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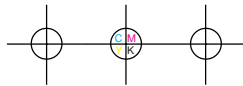
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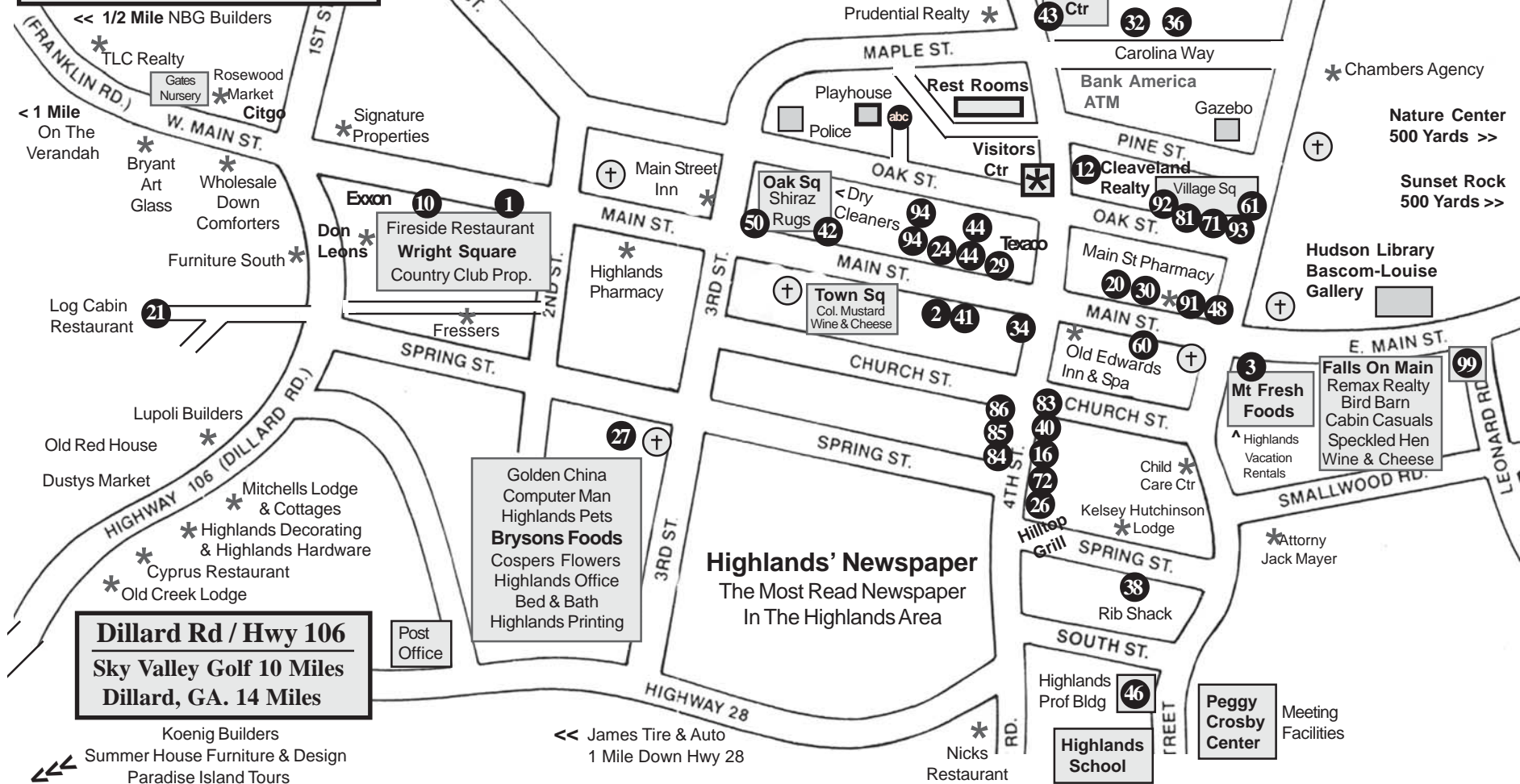
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September 20, 2004

Dear Ruthie:

Just a note to let you know how thankful I am to be here at Chestnut Hill. You've probably been reading about "Ivan the terrible," and, yes, the hurricane did move through our area. But, as destructive as that horrible storm was, we are all safe and sound.

Our power went out and so did the phones, but only briefly. We're next door to the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, so we're on the same power grid. And you know what that means...if power goes out, we get priority! Our clubhouse has a generator, too, so getting something to eat was never a problem.

Ruthie, I just can't say enough about the staff here. When Ivan came through that Friday morning, everyone on the kitchen staff came in so all of us could have a hot breakfast. Charlie, who's on the transportation staff, personally checked on every resident and took those of us who needed a ride down to the clubhouse.

By 9:30 that morning, we were all having our own "hurricane party"! I played bridge with some of the girls and the hot coffee just kept coming! It wasn't long before the whole community had power again. And now, even though it's only been a few days, the groundskeepers and landscapers are hard at work clearing away all the debris! This place is incredible and so are all the people.

Hope you and Frank are doing well, too. Take care of yourselves and come visit me, soon!

Sylvia



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