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The week of Sept. 9-16

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

Sept. 10

- Ceremony at noon at the flag pole near the emergency room at the hospital to remember those who died on 9/11.

- Highlands 2004 Model A Hill Climb at Monkey Hill. Race begins at 1 p.m.

Sept 9-11

- Nature as Inspiration Workshop at Bascom-Louise Gallery. Exercises in planning and execution of painting. Sept. 9, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Sept. 10 & 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$150

Sept. 10-12

- The Highlands Biological Station presents the Fifth Annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants at the PAC. Friday through Sunday. Registration required, \$100 fee. Call 526-2602.

Sept. 12

- 'The Offering' a Christian band concert starts at 2 p.m. at Camp Merriwood at Sapphire. Gates open at 1 p.m. Ticket price is \$10 Tickets available at the door, or by calling 526-4685.

Sept. 13

- The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Auxiliary annual luncheon and election of officers at the Chestnut Hill Club House at 12:30 p.m. Call Polly Touzalin at 526-3837.

Sept 14

- Continental breakfast and informational presentation on the "Rebirth of Chestnut Hill of Highlands" and recent trends in the senior living industry, 10:30 a.m. Reservations required. Call 828-787-2114.

- NC Audubon Mountain Biologist, Curtis Smalling, will speak on "Audubon in the Mountains," including Important Bird Areas (IBAs). At the Civic Center at 7, followed by the program at 7:30.

Town fighting mad about Edwards et al lawsuit

By Kim Lewicki

It came as an unpleasant surprise, but now the Town's ready to fight.

In response to a motion for relief from judgment filed in the Superior Court by attorney Richard Melvin the town's position is clear.

"The town will vigorously defend against the pending motion filed by the Edwards et al attorney Richard Melvin," said commissioners after a closed session Wednesday night. "And the town will pursue sanctions against Richard Melvin and the defendants

for filing a frivolous motion."

Melvin contends that even though the courts ruled that the town does own 4 1/2, Fifth, and Poplar streets the courts did not say to what extent the town owns them. "We feel

▪See **EDWARDS** page 12



Photo by Jim Lewicki

Homeowners on Fifth Street near Laurel and Chestnut tried to keep flood waters at bay with sand bags.

Highlands feels Frances' furry

By Kim Lewicki and Nancy Welch

For a mere tropical storm, Frances delivered hurricane-dimension damage across the southeast – even disrupting life in Highlands for two days.

Monday night, as Frances moved north from the panhandle of Florida, its outer bands swirled around Western North Carolina delivering wind and water damage.

The sound of trees cracking under the force of 30 mph winds could be heard Monday night as Frances howled into town.

Highlanders awoke Tuesday

morning to blinding rain and persistent gusts of wind that continued throughout the day and night.

Between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday, the Highlands Biological Station registered 11.04 inches of rain. But that didn't count what fell Monday night or what fell throughout Wednesday.

Water bodies in the area were overflowing their banks, running brown with silt unleashed by the persistent rain as rampaging rivers and creeks scoured their banks.

Harris Lake and Mill Creek left

▪See **Frances** page 13

County gives schools needed \$250,000

By Kim Lewicki

Thanks to one too many state mandates and several miscalculations on the state's part Macon County Schools is behind the fiscal eight-ball. Thanks to the Macon County Board of Commissioners relief is in sight.

For the second time in a year, county commissioners came to the school system's rescue to make up budget shortfalls.

At the Sept. 7 Macon County commissioners meeting, board members voted to allocate an additional \$250,000 above the \$100,000 previously allocated for the 2004-2005 school year.

"I lay these shortfalls square in the lap of the legislators in Raleigh," said Commissioner Charlie Leatherman. "They have forgotten about the western end of the state and in the comfort of distance allow more and more to fall on the local level."

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rodney Shotwell said the state and federal government send mixed messages.

"They promote schools on one side but then they put the burden on the local level to fund their mandates," he said. "Education is only 8-9 percent of the federal budget but they 100 percent dictate what we do."

Educators cite the federal "No Child Left Behind" mandate that they say doesn't have the money behind it

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Mayer named 'Teacher of the Year' for second time in 15 years

By Nancy Welch
 Contributor

Sara Mayer, Highlands School new Teacher of the Year, is thrilled with her new title.

"Yes, I was surprised," she said. "They do this differently every year. I was named teacher of the year about 15 years ago and this really did come as a surprise."

"Sara is an outstanding teacher and is well respected by her peers the students and the community," said Macon County School Superintendent Rodney Shotwell. "All my interactions with Sara have been professional and I knew she had the best interest of the children at heart. Sara is a great representative of the high quality teaching staff in Highlands."

Mayer said the best part of her job is the students.

"Highlands School is such a neat place and the students are so respectful, fun and eager to learn. It's just a pleasure," she said.

Mayer taught two years in Louisville, Ky., and then in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands prior to joining the faculty in Highlands.

She said both of her parents were career educators and she always wanted to teach.

"I always played school with my dolls," she said, laughing.

Like many teachers, Mayer said she has learned from her students.

"Students learn in different ways," she said. "Each has his or her own talents they bring to the classroom. Some are great in music. Some have a wonderful aptitude for math. Others have wonderful organizational skills; others have great people skills."

She said it is interesting to see what each student brings to the classroom.

"We all share and learn from each other," she said. "The rewards are great - far beyond the money."

She said she chose the elementary school level because her mother told her if she taught at the high school level,

she would have to settle on one subject.

"I just couldn't pick one," she said. "I loved it all - science, math, social studies, art, all of it."

For the last 15 years Mayer has been teaching language arts and social studies.

I love teaching language arts because I love words and I see the need for reading," she said. "I hope to instill

a love for reading in my students. I want them to know the importance of reading."

She said she enjoys teaching social studies because the students have the opportunity to learn about different cultures.

"I get to open their minds to other cultures and different people," Mayer said.

She said she would recommend teaching as a career, but, she added, "You do have to possess a missionary heart."

Although she has no immediate plans to retire, she said, "I suppose at some point my energy will run out, but I trust that will be a few years down the road."

She praised her fellow faculty and staff members and noted Highlands is a wonderful place to teach.

"There is so much community involvement here," she said. "It is just a special place. I love Highlands School."

"This is just such an important profession," she said. "And I get up every day looking forward to coming to work. Of course there are times I don't know if I can fit everything in 24 hours. It is a full time job. I can't always do everything I want to do, but I love it."

"The teacher of the year program recognizes outstanding teaching and contributions to the profession," Shotwell said. "It is a way for us as educators to spread the good news about education by recognizing great teachers."

Mayer has taught for 33 years and currently teaches sixth grade language arts and social studies.



Sara Mayer

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

America can do better than this!

Dear Editor:

The laws requiring truth in advertising have not been interpreted to apply to politics. Rather the right to free speech is deemed to override the need for truth. Therefore, if you believe all the political ads, you are probably very misinformed. If you have access to the Internet you can go to www.factcheck.org to get a non-partisan report of the truth or untruth of the ads from both sides.

The following are some true facts to be considered when deciding whom to vote for this November:

According to the Congressional Budget Office:

- The federal debt currently under Bush: \$7,298,671,067,464.27.

(Increases daily)

- The federal surplus when Bush came into office: \$5.6 trillion.

According to the Bureau of Labor statistics:

- The net number of jobs lost since Bush took office: 1.2 million.
- The unemployment rate today: 5.6%.
- Unemployment rate when 'recovery' began in Nov. 2001: 5.6%.

Underemployment - means involuntary part-time work, discouraged workers and other workers who have looked for work in the last year but are not counted as unemployed.

- Underemployment rate today: 9.6%.
- Underemployment rate when 'recovery' began: 9.4%.

According to the Internal Revenue Service:

- Overall income growth from 2000-2002 was a minus -5.7%, but when adjusted for inflation it shrank by -9.2%.

- Hourly wage growth for non-supervisory worker in 2003: 0.6%.
- CEO pay growth in 2003: 27%.

Ratio of CEO pay to worker pay in 2003: 300 to 1. Compare that to 1984 when the ratio of CEO to worker pay was: 42 to 1. N. Gregory Mankiw, chairman of Bush's Council of Economic Advisors said, "Outsourcing is just a new way of doing international trade. More things are tradable than were tradable in the past, and that's a good thing."

According to U.S. Dept. of Commerce:

- U. S. Trade deficit in 2003: \$549 billion.
- U. S. Trade deficit in 1999: \$271 billion.
- U. S. trade deficit in 2003 with China alone: \$124 billion.

According to Center on Budget & Policy Priorities:

- Number of jobs lost in software-producing industries from 2000 to 2004: 128,000.

- Number of jobs gained in India in these same industries from 1999 to 2003: 150,000.

According to Congressional Budget Office:

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• BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT •

Mr. and Mrs. James Phil Tate of Highlands, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Mary Eliza Tate, on Friday, August 20, 2004.

She was born at Memorial Mission Hospital in Asheville, N.C., weighed 6 pounds 1 ounce, and measured 19 and 1/4 inches.

Eliza's big brother is James Ethan Tate of Highlands, N.C. Her maternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Mary Long White of Cumming, Ga., and her paternal great-grandmother is Mrs. Roberta Tate Dendy of Highlands. The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Walter Morton of Cumming, Ga., The paternal grandparents are Mrs. Ann Thurmond Aultman of Homosassa, Fla., and Mr. and Mrs. James William Tate of Highlands.

For the birds & children, too



Lloyd Wagner of The Bird Barn donated birdhouse kits for this year's Children's Art Walk, Sept. 18 at the Nature Center. Children will paint the houses at one of the several craft projects set for the day. With him is Janet Wilson, chairperson of the Children's Art Walk.

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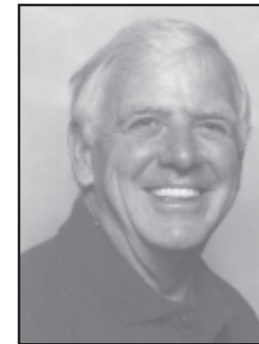
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Thank goodness Highlands is not horny

The only reason I went to Las Vegas in the first place was because it was the closest airport to where I wanted to go which was southern Utah. If you ever want to get away from it all, I mean really get away from it all, go to southern Utah, population, 16. While in St. George, I applied for a job with the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. The only position open was for "Honey Boy." (Don't get any funny ideas.) The honey boy runs around with jiggers of honey that singers toss down their throats to soothe their vocal cords. I turned down the job because I am still looking for a career in singing.



Fred Wooldridge

constantly as pedestrians run for their lives. You gotta see it to believe it.

Temperature is not the only thing that is hot in Las Vegas. There are hot babes, hot sauce, hot heads, hot dice and hot babes. In Vegas, you can experience some of the best people watching you will find anywhere.

Everyone is walking the streets with an open beer bottle in one hand and poker chips in the other.

At least one of every make and model of human known to exist on this planet is in Vegas, all getting horns blown at them. I got on an elevator (Could I make this up?) with an orange haired midget with braids, pierced ears, lips and nose which all had heavy jewelry hanging from them. I wasn't sure whether I was looking at a male or female until I spotted a grotesque amount of hair protruding from his nose, ears and chin. (It's a guy thing.) One wheel of his wheelchair was very wobbly. Apparently he had crossed against the light.

I don't have the figures on just how many pedestrians get squished each year in Vegas, but it has to be high. I am sure of one thing. Horn repair shops are thriving.

In order to better control gamblers from getting run over before they waste all their money, the city has built pedestrian overpasses across the main arteries. Here, folks can safely stand in the middle of the street and make obscene hand gestures at motorists as they pass underneath.

What a contrast from Highlands, where horn blowing is considered a sin. Motorists who arrive here for the first time quickly learn that horn blowing is taboo. People in Highlands actually use their horns for their original purpose, to warn others of impending danger, and then, only a light toot is acceptable. Of all the

Forget about Utah; nobody there anyway. If you want to experience dramatic culture and temperature shock, wait for one of those cool, drizzly mornings in Highlands when there is not a soul on the street and go directly to Las Vegas.

POW, 107 degrees in the shade with 1% humidity. By the time I got to the taxi, the once thriving 10-year-old mildew on my luggage had shriveled and died and my lips were already cracking open. Since I was there anyway, I decided to stick around a couple of days and see what's shaking, even though I don't gamble. Immediately, I noticed that Vegas is a very horny place.

The police are very smart in Las Vegas as they have trained the motorists to do their job for them in controlling pedestrian traffic. Ten deep on every sidewalk, pedestrians patiently wait for the "walk" light before stepping from the curb. Wanna know why? Motorists will attack you by laying on their horns and heading right for you. Even the bus drivers show no mercy by speeding up and blowing their horns at scofflaw's every chance they get. Since Vegas is constantly getting new people in town that need training, horns are blowing

Race could be the beginning of a Highlands tradition

By Ken Miller
Contributor

In staying with the concept that our hobby is to be fun, for personal satisfaction and camaraderie without financial gain, this hill climb is also designed to be a sporting event, in the tradition of hill climbs that were popular in the early days of the automobile. They are for our street driven, vintage Model A Ford 4-bangers for cars that were or could have been built prior to WWII. That means dragster style cars, rear-engine cars and multi-tube frames, and narrowed axles aren't permitted.

Monkey Hill – the east side of Hickory Street as it comes into Fifth Street — is 1/10 mile long with a 12-15 percent grade. Safety inspections and trial practice runs begin at 9 a.m. Drivers can take as many trial runs as they wish until noon. The official run begins at 1 p.m. All cars will make two runs and the best time wins.

This is only the second Hill Climb ever to be held in recent history on the East Coast. These events are very popular on the west coast. Last year's event (the first) was held in Helen, Ga., but the only "Hill" that could be closed was flat.

We hope to have this event annually at this same time every year; perhaps again in Highlands if this event is successful for the participants and for the Town. The purpose of the race is strictly for fun. The cost of entry is very low (\$15) and is used to help defray the expense of organizing the event. All participants and the organizers pay their own expenses and are not reimbursed.

We expect that between 25 to 30 cars will run Monkey Hill but

many more will just watch. Entries have been received or are expected from Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Ohio, Virginia, Florida, and Michigan.

On Saturday morning, Seminars are scheduled on various topics pertaining to the Model A Ford hobby.

The Hill Climb is held in conjunction with a Model A Gathering hosted by the Alabama Rambling A's. Seminars and other activities are planned for Saturday, Sept. 11. The events conclude with an Awards Dinner on Saturday evening.

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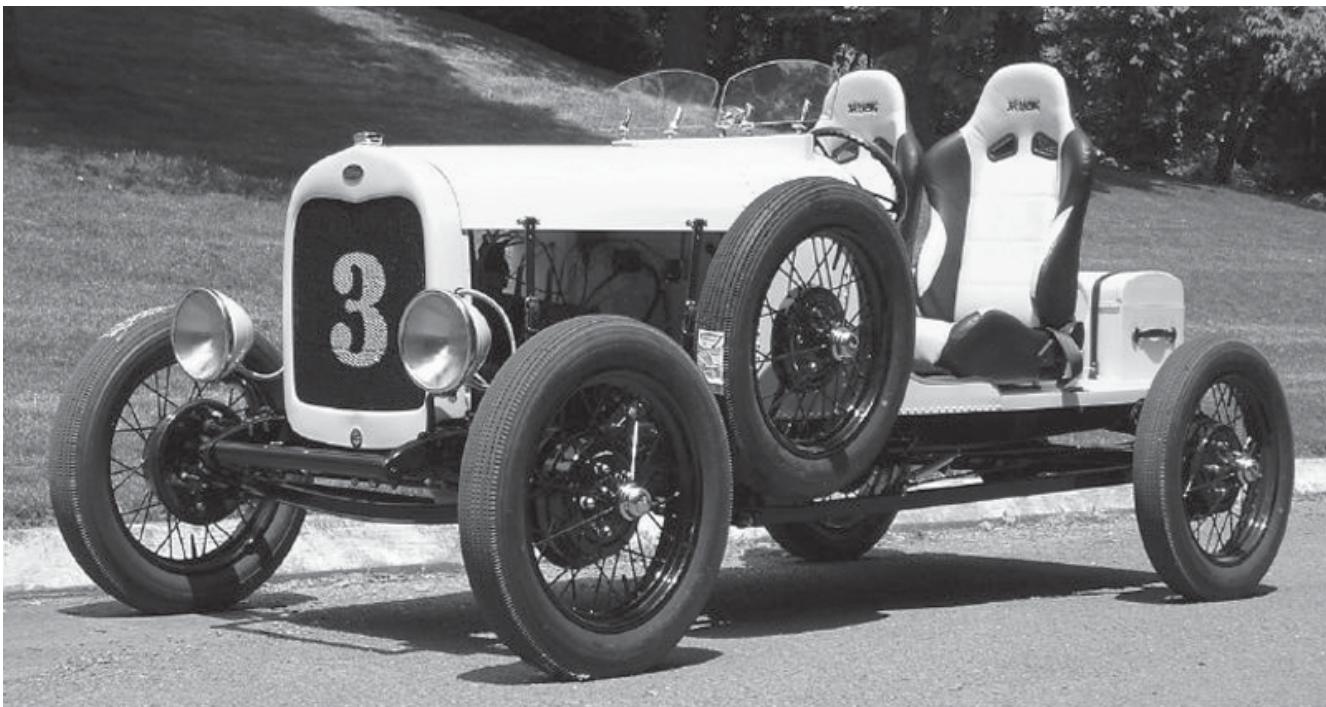
Speedster Classes

All flatbed speedsters

All overhead valve powered speedsters

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Highlands 2004 Monkey Hill Climb



This speedster, built by Ken Miller, is an example of the vehicles which will race Monkey Hill on Sept. 10. The race is for Model A Fords, bone stock, modified and speedsters. Monkey Hill is 1/10 mile long with a 12-15 percent grade. Trial practice begins at 9 a.m. but ends at noon. Official run begins at 1 p.m. All cars will make two runs and the best time will count.

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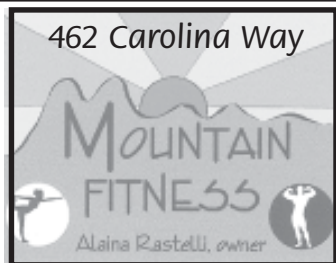
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• 2005 defense budget: \$447 billion.

• 2001 defense budget: \$291 billion.

According to the Department of Defense:

• Number of U.S. military killed in Iraq and Afghanistan: 1,041.

• Number of U.S. military killed in action in Iraq since Bush announced that 'major combat operations have ended': 797.

• Estimated number of civilians killed and wounded in Iraq & Afghanistan: 14,673. (These number increase daily.)

According to the U.S. Census Bureau:

• Number of people who have lost health insurance since Bush took office: 3.8 million.

• Total number of uninsured: 45 million.

• Average cost of family plan coverage: \$9,000.

According to Center for Economic & Policy Research:

• Number of retirees who will lose employer-paid drug coverage due to new Medicare bill: 2.7 million.

• Number of retirees whose employer-paid drug coverage will be cut by the new Medicare bill: 9 million.

• Average cost increase in the 10 most used prescription drugs in 2003 alone: 8.7%.

• Additional profits pharmaceutical industry will realize from the Bush Medicare initiative: \$139 billion.

According to Center on Budget & Policy Priorities:

• Year through which Social Security & Medicare are fully funded without any changes to the system: 2042.

• Percent of Social Security & Medicare benefits that will be funded after that, without changes: 73%.

According to Citizens for Tax Justice:

• Average tax break for top 1% of earners under Bush tax plan: \$96,634.

• Average tax break for bottom 60% of earners under Bush's plan: \$350.

According to U. S. Dept. of Education:

• Amount No Child Left Behind Act was underfunded in 2004: \$9.4

billion.

• Amount No Child Left Behind Act was underfunded since it passed in 2001: \$26.4 billion.

According to Bill of Rights Defense Committee:

• Number of states that have passed resolutions to protect residents from the U.S. Patriot Act's erosion of civil liberties: 4.

• Number of cities and counties that have passed similar resolutions: 338.

According to all reputable news sources:

• Number of weapons of mass destruction found in Iraq: 0

• Number of connections between Iraq and 9/11: 0

• Amount of progress made combating global warming: 0

These figures show the toll in human lives being adversely effected. When you look at these figures, realize these are your family, your aging parents, your children, your grandchildren, your friends, and your neighbors who are losing their lives, their jobs, their education and their future.

Whichever side of this dangerously divided nation the election falls upon we must realize that we stand either to regain some of our democracy or to cede the future to a tiny group of oil tycoons, polluters and modern day robber barons.

During the past four years we have, with our hearts in our mouths, watched as much that we treasure has been dismantled: Our educational system, the dignity of decent and affordable healthcare, our clean air and water, our wilderness, our national parks, the financial security of our children's generation and our respect among the nations.

The capacity of the American heart and the courage to demand something better requires we judge rightly. Are we not able to rekindle our love of our country, our homes, our children, our family, our neighbor, and the world enough to leap into the struggle to retake our country. The struggle is for our true values, our civil rights, our dignity, our financial future and so much more. We must take back our country from those who attack the ordinary citizen and allow corporate interests to draft legislation for their benefit alone. They give advantage

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things I love about living in Highlands, it is the lack of horn blowing that I cherish most.

So I left Vegas faster than an Artistic Director leaving Highlands, longing for P & Q. While I am accustomed to life in a fast city (Miami) I have always had an intolerance for horn blowers. Years ago, I read about a man who got out of his car at a red light, ripped out the horn wires of the car behind him because the driver was laying on the horn. I wanted to give him an award, even as they carried him off to jail.

Finally, I am sure of one thing. When our Creator decides it is time to end life on this planet, Las Vegas will be the first to go, with Miami shortly thereafter.

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Sun: (2), (4), 7

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Sun: (2:20), (4:20), 7:20

Mon - Thur: (4:20), 7:20

WITHOUT A PADDLE

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Sat: (2:15), (4:15), 7:15, 9:15

Sun: (2:15), (4:15), 7:15

Mon - Thur: (4:15), 7:15

ANCHORMAN

rated PG-13

Fri: 7:10, 9:10

Sat: 7:10, 9:10

Sun - Thur: 7:10

THE NOTEBOOK

rated PG-13

Fri: (4:10)

Sat & Sun: (2) (4:10)

Mon - Thur: (4:10)

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• LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION •

Computing your life

I just purchased a new computer. I had a decent one at work but the one I was using at home was ancient, primitive, and almost medieval. You get the idea. But the point is, I knew how to work it and I was familiar with the setting, size, hardware, etc.

"He who never

made a mistake never made a discovery." Samuel Smiles

Gad. Now I am attempting to learn stuff all over again. I purchased a laptop from a colleague who knows about computers so I knew it would work rather well. But, it did not come with an owner's manual. Kind of like life. I spent the first few days doing what I thought I knew and pretending that all was well.

Sometimes that even seems to work better. Luckily a neighbor had the same computer and bless their heart, they loaned me their manual. Interesting that it is called an owner's manual and not an instruction manual. At any rate, I am writing my first column with "my" new laptop and I spent about 30 minutes trying to change the font from Times New Roman (10) which is just not me *darling*, to Tacoma (12) or Arial. I am sure I'll figure it out, but I better write this article first.

And don't write me and tell me, it's so easy. Maybe for you, but you are not me. Same with life. People have a tendency to say it's so easy. Well, maybe for them but not you. I'll never forget the first sentence of the book *The Road Less Traveled* by Scott Peck. Life is difficult. I think he knew what he was talking about.

Ops, I better save this because I have not found out how to set it to automatic 10 minute save yet. And so, I am trying to bond with my



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

computer this week.

And I am sure it is trying to adjust to me as well. There is a certain excitement in working with new equipment and then there is a wild frustration.

I am finding that it is better for me to just spend a few hours here and there working on

this computer bonding rather than becoming obsessed with it, which I have been known to do at times. I think this time; I'll just let it take on a life of its own. I'll figure it all out in due time. Really, what's the rush? I can always go back to my old faithful computer because I haven't yet removed it from the desk it has grown accustomed to or I could just go to work and hunker down with that computer. Really, what's the rush?

I rush too much. Do you? I am taking a bit more control, starting with my computer. As I finish working on this column, my cell phone just rang and rang and rang. I didn't answer it. That's a start. Well, I did get curious and checked my message. Someone wanting to come into town and look at property and I'll be out of town this weekend. One can only do so much. That's what friends are for.

Speaking of going out of town, I am taking action and while still working a bit and speaking, I'll be in a luxurious environment and will even enjoy a little pampering. That's a start. Yep, I am taking some action and finding more time. Sounds like a threat doesn't it?

I just lost this column to my computer but alas I found it again. What an adventure; computers and life. It's pretty much the same. Learning and fumbling my way through the system. That's life...it's always a work in progress.

MEL (formerly known as Maryellen Lipinski) is still writing away and hawking her books. Where you might ask? Coffee shops and book stores. Want to buy/sell? Well, she does that too! Village Realty of Sapphire Valley. 888-577-5122.

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to the rich at the expense of the middle class and have pushed 4.3 million from the middle class into the ranks of the poor. The middle class is trying to climb up an escalator that is going down.

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Shirley Ridge
Franklin, NC

Local group denied use of PAC

Dear Editor,

Three days before a scheduled documentary film festival sponsored by Untie/Unite, a local advocacy group, the board of directors of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center denied use of the community-owned facility for the festival.

The board stated two reasons for the last minute denial. It said that the advertisement for the film festival gave the appearance that PAC was sponsoring the event – although the ads clearly cited Untie/Unite as the presenters.

It also stated that MoveOn.org is a 501(c)(4) organization, (which, per IRS rules, is allowed to support political activism) as opposed to a 501(c)(3) (which cannot).

Untie/Unite stated in their advertisement for the film festival that they are members of MoveOn.org. MoveOn.org is a non-partisan "501(c)(4) organization that primarily focuses on education and advocacy on important national issues."

A question arises as to the double standard being applied to the denial: how can the board of directors state that the ad implied PAC sponsorship and also question the regulatory status of the members of the group sponsoring the event? A further question as to the legitimacy of this denial is that Untie/Unite paid the obligatory fee for the facility approximately two weeks before the event, and at that time indicated the names of the documentaries to be shown – Fahrenheit 9/11, Uncovered and Outfoxed..

How ironic that the board of directors of PAC has denied the use of these community-owned and supported facilities for the showing of documentaries created to educate the very community PAC serves.

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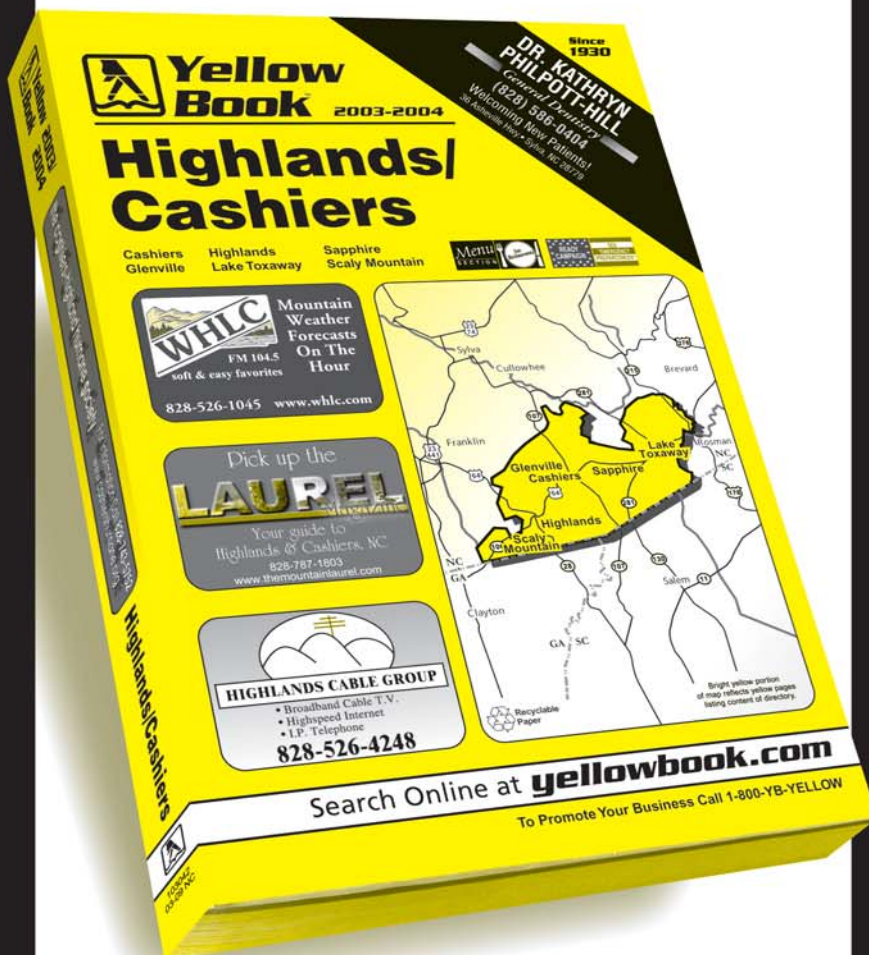
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Tay Bronaugh, Treasurer of Hudson Library Board of Trustees with Mary Lou Worley, library director, Doug Campbell, president of the board of trustees, and Mountain Findings volunteers Tom and Claudine Bowes at Mountain Findings on Spruce Street. From this year's proceeds, Mountain Findings presented Hudson Library with \$5,000.

Mountain Findings – the thrift store started by Highlanders for Highlanders

By Trisha Roellke
Contributor

For over 35 years people have enjoyed finding hidden treasures at this unique thrift store. Last week a Hammond Organ and a Wurlitzer Organ were “discovered” by avid shoppers. A couple of years ago a car was received as a donation. Mountain Findings accepts almost any item in good condition for donation other than clothing, computers, mattresses, large appliances, and building materials.

Mountain Findings was started in 1969 with two goals: to provide reasonably priced items for purchase; and to donate the net sales proceeds to non-profit organizations to benefit the people of the Highlands area.

In 1972, the shop earned enough over its rent and insurance payments to donate \$3,000; in 1988, the donation grew to \$20,000; and, in 2004, the amount given back to the community is

\$60,000. The need to relocate in 2002 resulted in the shop purchasing a house on Spruce Street with a mortgage. The mortgage should be paid in full in two years which means even more of the sale proceeds will be available for donations.

The new location on Spruce Street has provided more space for items to be displayed as well as easy access and ample parking.

On entering the house you are in the “living room” where you find art work, lamps, furniture, floral arrangements, figurines and other special items. Continuing straight ahead is the “dining room” with a special area for Christmas decorations, in addition to televisions, radios and china. Behind the dining room is the “linen room” filled with overflowing with sheets, dust ruffles, drapes, table linens, towels and luggage. The next room is the “library” where

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Final HIARPT lecture set for Sept. 13

National Humanities Medal Winner Dr. Martin E. Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity in the Divinity School, the University of Chicago, will present the final lecture of the fifteenth season of the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on Monday, Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

The topic of his lecture is "When Faiths Collide: The Challenge of the Stranger's Religion." Marty is one of the most prominent interpreters of religion and culture in America today.

Marty has had a distinguished career at the University of Chicago Divinity School, where he taught for 35 years and where the Martin Marty Center has been founded to promote "public religion" endeavors. He writes the "M.E.M.O." column for the biweekly Christian Century, on whose staff he has served since 1956. He is also the editor of the fortnightly Context, since 1969, and authors the Marty Center's weekly e-mail column, Sightings, a biweekly electronic editorial.

Marty's honors include the National Humanities Medal, the National Book Award, the Medal of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the University of Chicago Alumni Medal, the Distinguished Service Medal of the Association of Theological Schools, and the Order of Lincoln Medallion (Illinois' top honor). He is an elected member of the American Antiquarian Society and of the Society of American Historians, an elected fellow of the American Philosophical Society and the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences, and—a native of that state—is an admiral in the Nebraska Navy. Marty has received 72 honorary doctorates.

The author of over 50 books, Marty has written the three-volume "Modern American Religion" (University of Chicago Press). Other books are "The One and the Many: America's Search for the Common Good; Education," "Religion and the Common Good," "Politics, Religion and the Common Good," and with photographer Micah Marty, "Places Along the Way; Our Hope for Years

to Come;" "The Promise of Winter"; and "When True Simplicity Is Gained." His Righteous Empire won the National Book Award. Marty has authored over 5,000 articles.

Professor Marty is past president of the American Academy of Religion, the American Society of Church History, and the American Catholic Historical Association. He has served on two U.S. Presidential Commissions and was director of both the Fundamentalism Project of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and the Public Religion Project at the University of Chicago. He has served St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., since 1988 as regent, board chair, interim president in late 2000, and is now senior regent. He was the founding president of the Park Ridge Center for the Study of Health, Faith, and Ethics and is now the George B. Caldwell senior scholar in Residence there.

A discussion/seminar with Dr. Marty will be held on Tuesday, September 14, at 10 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center.

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sewer easement on those roads is an overburden," he said.

The town recently budgeted money to lay sewer lines along Poplar where several septic systems are failing. Property owners farther down the road - where Poplar and Fifth would converge if the road were extended - say they don't need town sewer and don't want the line put through their property even though that portion is owned by the town.

"Why can't you take the line to U.S. 64 or through the ball field or down

the 4 1/2 Street extension," they asked.

Commissioners said that would involve pumping whereas the other direction wouldn't.

But the board says every other street on the original Kelsey map owned by the town includes easement for any infrastructure deemed necessary.

The board says Melvin thinks the town should only be allowed to use the streets in the Edwards et al case for ingress and egress. "Nothing else," said Town Attorney Bill Coward.

"Why shouldn't these streets be like every other street in town?" asked the Mayor.

"Back on September 15, 2003, when we entered into a consent agreement with you following the court's ruling, you agreed not to appeal the case and we agreed to waive the \$80,000 we spent on legal and surveying fees," said Mayor Buck Trott.

But Melvin says this isn't an appeal, just a clarification he should have asked from the courts when the original case was being heard. "To what extent does the town own the roads," he asked.

When Trott first heard of the filing, he called the parties in the Edwards et al case and asked them why they were doing this. "I was surprised to learn that nine of them had not been contacted by Melvin," he said.

Because of this action, Trott is filing a complaint with the N.C. Bar Association against Richard Melvin for pursuing legal action prior to discussing it with the Town Board or his clients.

Furthermore, commissioners said if Melvin's relief from judgment is overturned, the town wants to be reimbursed the \$80,000 jointly and separately by the defendants.

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This year the N.C. General Assembly mandated \$77 million in cuts and increases for the 2004-2005 school year. Macon County's share of that cut is \$218,807.

In addition, the state mandated a 2.5 percent or \$1,000 pay increase (whichever is greater) for all classified employers (teachers and principals excluded). Therefore the cost of all locally funded positions increased.

Health insurance costs increased for the fifth consecutive year by \$125 per employee. Additional teacher assistants were needed for K-3 totaling \$89,296. And liability insurance to protect against possible litigation under the Fair Labor Standards Act was purchased for \$14,480.

Costs for the 2004-2005 school year equal \$451,367.

Even though the board agreed with Commissioner Allan Bryson that the county shouldn't have to pick up the pieces dropped by the state, members unanimously voted to fund the request. "If we can't support education then we're the wrong people sitting here," said Chairman Mark West.

"I say we bite the bullet and press on," said Leatherman. "They're not doing it in Raleigh."

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their banks to flood adjacent properties and roadways.

The dam at Lake Sequoyah sent torrents of water down the Cullasaja River. As water blasted down the Cullasaja River, the rocks along Bust Your Butt Falls and Cullasaja Falls disappeared – hidden under several feet of water.

There was nothing delicate or lacy about Bridal Veil Falls on Tuesday or Wednesday. It took on Cullasaja Falls dimensions cascading over U.S. 64 west.

By 8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, Governor Easley had declared a "state of emergency" in North Carolina.

By 8:30 p.m., Macon County Commissioners followed suit passing a hurried "proclamation of a county state of emergency."

Macon County Fire & Rescue teams, specifically the swift water crews were put on alert.

"The wind and flooding is particularly bad in Nantahala and Highlands," said Warren Cabe, director of Macon County emergency services. "The higher you get, the worse it is."

Commissioners declared a "state of emergency" countywide at Cabe's suggestion. "If we have damage tonight, this will keep us legal with the state," he said. "This way we can also be reimbursed."

Suddenly it was illegal to play in flooded water bodies or drive through flooded streets.

Town crews tended to 30-40 homes whose power went out during the storm, but the worst damage was caused by flooding.

"That's what caused the most problems," said Public Service Director, Lamar Nix.

Basements flooded for some residents in town and Highlands Town Hall employees arrived to work Wednesday morning to find about four inches of water on the first floor.

"Water coming off the hill behind Town Hall entered the bottom floor through the foundation," said Nix. "With nothing but rock underneath, it just seeped in."

Larry Gantenbein, town planner and zoning administrator looked over a cabinet in his office. "The water was up to here," he said pointing to the second drawer from the bottom. "We've lost a lot of documents and many of them were very important. For instance, we have lost some of our oldest

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• HOME DECOR & FIXTURES •

Berkley's is new to the Highlands/Cashiers area, having opened in October of 2003.

Welcomed by the changing of the leaves and the beginning of the holiday season, Berkley's is now looking forward to the warmer weather and the exciting times that lie ahead. Owners, Donna DeLuca and Greg Prey, have furnished their warm and inviting boutique with fine furniture, beautiful accessories and unique gifts. "We are excited to have opened Berkley's in this magnificent area. We have furnished it with what we feel tastefully blends in with the uniqueness of Highlands and Cashiers" says Donna.

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 nation's 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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Volunteering is serious business for Baumrucker

By Nancy Welch

Contributor

Joanna Baumrucker is a woman with her feet planted firmly on the ground, whether here or in countries around the world.

The Perth, Scotland, native is a full time volunteer and she takes each endeavor as seriously as a high-powered executive on Wall Street.

Once a year, she joins her husband, Dr. John Baumrucker, on a mission trip to Bolivia. Currently, she is planning the annual auction which will raise funds for the next trip.

This year's auction, scheduled for Saturday Sept. 18, at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, will feature a variety of Bolivian clothing and artwork.

"I brought back an amazing amount of stuff from Bolivia" the tall, auburn-haired woman says. "I spent three months doing a lot of buying there. I brought back art alpaca, ruanas (capas) and jewelry."

This is the fourth year for the auction and it has become more successful every year, she explains.

"It started small, at first, and was held at the Methodist Church," she says. "Last year we moved it to Wildcat Cliffs. The nice people there provide a wonderful dinner and then we have both silent and live auctions."

She says she decided to bring back items from Bolivia for the auction because it helps the country twice.

"We spend the money there for items for the auction, then we bring it here and make more money to take back there for the mission. I felt this was the best way to handle it," she says.

Two days prior to the auction, on Sept. 17 and 18, all the items will be available for viewing at the Highlands Conference Center.

The money from the auction goes to several projects for the Bolivian mission.

"We distribute it equally," Baumrucker says. "We buy dental equipment, medical supplies and we help a foster home for young boys there. The home was built using funds from a Rotary grant."

She says the mission also funds building projects for the Guarm

Indians.

"We build them houses, but you must understand, their homes have been mud huts with thatched roofs. The roofs harbor bugs and a hard rain will simply dissolve the mud walls."

Her involvement with the mission in Bolivia began when her husband attended a mission fair at Western Carolina University where he met representatives from Andean Rural



Joanna Baumrucker

Health.

"They used to be based in Waynesville," she explains.

"John told them he would like to go help," she says. "The next day they called and asked if he could speak Spanish."

His answer was no.

"That's alright, we can find you a translator later," the coordinator said.

The next trip will mark the eighth year local volunteers will travel to Bolivia to lend a hand.

"We have so many people with so many skills to pass on there," Baumrucker says. "Dr. Rodenbeck, a local dentist; Dr. Carter Davis, a local gastroenterologist, and Frank Leslie, the head of the lab at the hospital are just a few who go each year. We take about 30 people each year and we are well taken care of while we are there. Last year 17 kids from the Methodist Church, led by their pastor, Eddie Ingram, went with us."

Locally, Baumrucker is the manager of the gift shop at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital where, for the last 10 years, she has been doing the buying and the administrative work.

"The gift shop funds a lot of things in the hospital," she says. "And it is completely manned by volunteers."

She said the shop could use more volunteers willing to work morning or afternoon shifts.

Baumrucker also sits on the board for the Highlands Playhouse, where, as a member she is part of a team of fund raisers and administrators who keep the theater solvent and running smoothly.

Each year she plans a trip to a special location overseas for a group of people from the area. This November, her group will visit Vienna and Prague.

Never one to lose the chance to help a cause, Baumrucker arranged a yearly raffle for a free trip for two on the tour. The money goes to the Highlands Playhouse.

She takes her role as tour leader very seriously. "I always go check everything out ahead of time," Baumrucker says. "I don't want any unpleasant surprises for the group."

Bonjour! From Chambéry, France...

Megan Lewicki, a junior at Highlands School, is the Highlands Rotary outgoing exchange student for 2004-2005. She is living in Chambéry, France which is in the southeast quadrant of France. This is the first in a series of articles about her experiences overseas.

By Megan Lewicki
Contributor

As you probably know, I am Highlands Rotary outgoing exchange student for 2004-2005. I arrived in France Aug. 24 and have had all kinds of mini-adventures.

I live in the historic center of Chambéry, France. I'm staying in a flat that's in the middle of everything with a single mother, whose daughter is also in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and is currently in Australia.

Last year I was one of the top students in French class, so naturally I was under the impression that I was good in French. I don't think I've ever been so wrong in my life. The minute they started talking to me I realized how little of French I knew. I think my in-comprehension is obvious, because they will say a few words and then switch to English, as if I'm wearing a giant sign that reads, "I AM AN AMERICAN." So I haven't made much progress with speaking their language. Instead, I now speak broken English with a French accent.

I started school last Friday on September 3rd and I had a rocky start. On the teachers' transcripts my name was not Megan, but Morgan. I had the same thought running through my head, "Oh God, how do I tell them that's not my name...maybe I should just let them call me Morgan, it'll save time..." But I eventually made it clear that I was not Morgan, but Megan.

My host mother, Myriam, asked me what activities I would

like to be involved in apart from school. I told her that I loved soccer and would like to keep up with it here in France.

"Oh, that will be difficult," she told me. "Girls here in France do not play football."

"Well, can I play with the boys?" I asked.

"I will ask someone, we'll find out," she said.

Later I overheard her telling a host father of another exchange student that I wanted to play soccer; it was followed by him pointing at me and laughing. The American Feminist came out in me.

"Grrrrrrrr," I growled under my breath.

Chambéry is at the very beginning of the French Alps, so the mountains look a lot like what you would find in Highlands. Even though Chambéry is much bigger, with a population of over 60,000, I feel as if is a French Highlands.

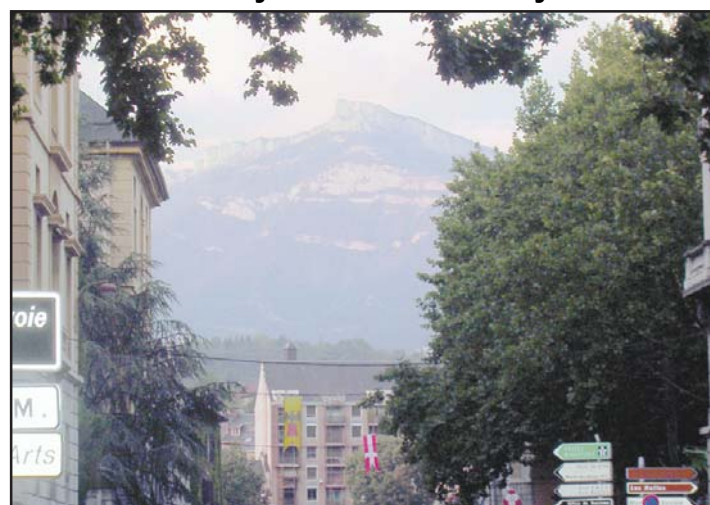
I am beginning to miss everyone back home. I am not homesick, but every now and then I'll start wondering what my family or friends are doing at that very moment. Thank God for email!

I will keep you posted.

Fun Fact #1: All the clocks in France are in Military Time.



The elephants, or les elephants, is a meeting place for a lot of youth. It is the center of Chambéry and is the town's most prized possession. The man on top of the statue is a Msr. Boigne, a rich nobleman who gave the elephant statue to the town. The statue commemorates when elephants crossed the Alps near Chambéry. If you look closely, he's pointing somewhere. Where you ask? To his castle, the only castle in Chambéry.



These are typical streets in Chambéry – the mountains in the background. After W/WII the only part left intact was the central historic district. The new city has been built around the historical core. Megan lives on the cobbled street in the picture on the right - Rue Juiverie.



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• MOVIE PIX •

The 'Quiet Man'

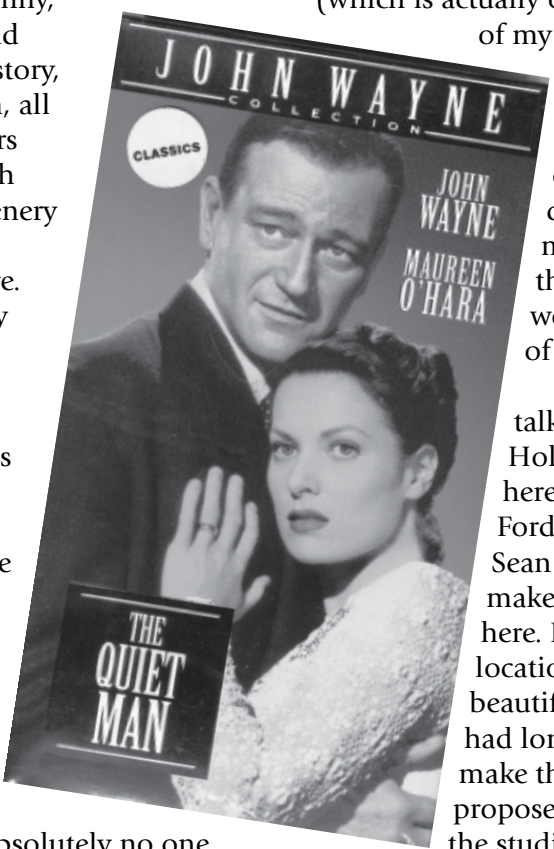
Director, John Ford – 1952
Starring John Wayne & Maureen O'Hara

L ighthearted fare, stock characters and formula story line make up this one, but it really is a great movie. Made when movies did not aspire to realism or messages, it's a romantic, funny, feel-good and predictable story, fun to watch, all the characters likeable, with stunning scenery and a cute musical score. The story line: Sean Thornton (Wayne) returns to his childhood home in the sleepy village of Innesfree, Ireland, after a successful but tragic boxing career. Surprising absolutely no one watching this movie, he falls immediately in love with Mary Kate Danaher (O'Hara - who after all is at her most gorgeous). Her brother interferes, Sean resists all attempts to drag him into a fight, so, natch, a really cool 10-minute fight scene ensues. Somehow or another, all ends up happily ever after. It might be overly cute, but strong performances by Wayne and O'Hara, who obviously like the materiel assisted by a supported cast that includes Barry Fitzgerald as Michaleen and Ken



Stuart Armor

Curtis from the Sons of the Pioneers (one of my favorite 50s cowboy groups) make it a fun romp. No effort was made to make any part of this movie politically correct. Wayne is as overly Macho as Wayne can be, O'Hara, being a helpless female, cannot resist. Irish Catholics are portrayed as universally cute, mildly retarded, drunken brawlers (which is actually only true at one of my family reunions), and smoking cigarettes is done so casually you might almost think they weren't ashamed of themselves. But we're talking about Hollywood, 1952 here. Director John Ford (real name Sean O'Feeny) makes a good story here. It's filmed on location in Ireland, beautiful scenery. Ford had long wanted to make the movie, first proposed in 1935, but the studios thought that an Irish romance with only John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara to carry it wouldn't have enough going for it to make it financially viable. O'Hara and Wayne also appear together in "McLintock," and "Wings of Eagles." Other John Wayne films include "Cowboys," "Stagecoach," "True Grit," and "Sons of Katie Elder," to name a few. Some newer Irish-themed movies worth seeing are "Widows Peak," "Waking Ned Devine," and "Matchmaker."



• SPORTS PICKS •

ESPN's 25th anniversary

Whew, am I glad to be done with August. Between moving, a new job and 75 high school students I may have lost what little sanity I had to begin with.

Anyway, speaking of insanity (what a transition!) I have been without cable television for about a month, which is just long enough to miss the good part of ESPN's 25th year anniversary.

While some may think that a 25-year anniversary celebration is nothing more than a publicity gimmick — well, it is a publicity gimmick. Publicity notwithstanding, ESPN has been a crucial part of my life since a young age, and it truly has revolutionized the way that we view sports in America. Before ESPN, all sports news came from the networks or newspapers, thus providing for a basic knowledge of the major sports and their stars. However, now that we are in the ESPN era, it is possible to know just about everything that coaches, players and sportswriters know just by tuning in to one of the many ESPN networks. And if you are too lazy to wait around on ESPN, just turn on your computer, click your mouse a few times and you can find any stat worth knowing (and many that are not) as well as LeBron James' favorite donut or Bob Knight's most utilized curse word. Despite its contributions to the sports world, the area where ESPN has created the biggest influence is in the all-time sports debate.

The entire concept for ESPN's 25th anniversary was to create a bunch of lists that people could talk about and fight over, and so without further ado, here are my entries into their categories.

Best Team: 1996 Bulls — Hey, to win 72 out of 84 is just incredible. And, despite my open dislike of Michael Jordan, you have to respect this team, as they could beat you in so many different ways, starting with having one of the best ever in his prime surrounded by



Ryan Potts

some great shooters and the versatile Scottie Pippen.

Honorable Mention: 1998 Yankees, 1987 Celtics, 2004 US Women's softball team, 2000 US Women's Soccer team, 1992 Olympic Dream Team

Best Player: Barry Bonds — Sorry Jordan fans, but Bonds has been so unbelievable that you cannot deny his place in history. Imagine opposing teams telling Phil Jackson, "sorry, but somebody besides Jordan has to take the game winning shot" and you can see what Bonds goes through night in and night out. The guy sees 1 maybe 2 quality pitches per game and he still hits 40 home runs. Oh yeah, he also played defense, stole bases and hit for average too.

Honorable Mention: Michael Jordan, Larry Bird, Joe Montana, Wayne Gretzky, Pete Sampras, Cal Ripken,

Best Game: USA-USSR hockey 1980 — "Do you believe in miracles" gives me goose bumps just thinking about it. A ragtag bunch of kids taking out the iron curtain—simply magical.

Honorable Mention: UK-Duke 1992 regional final, Pittsburgh vs. Atlanta Game 7 1991 NLCS, Ole Miss-Arkansas 7 OT game, NE-STL Super Bowl

Best Play: Hill to Laettner to beat Kentucky in the 1992 Regional

Finals of the NCAA tournament. With 2.1 seconds left on the clock Grant Hill fires an 80 foot pass to Laettner who buries a 15 foot fadeaway at the buzzer.

Unbelievable shot-and what most people forget about the game is that Laettner was perfect. 10-10 from the field, 10-10 from the line-30 points. Folks, it doesn't get any better or any more clutch than that.

Honorable Mention: Brandi Chastain's penalty kick, Kirk Gibson's homer off Eckersley, Montana to Clark.

Most Clutch Player: Larry Joe Bird: Bird was so good, that he flat out told his defender where the game winning shot was coming from and still drained it. Also, look no further than his steal against the Pistons in the 1987 Eastern Conference finals to see that Bird was the ultimate in clutch play.

Honorable Mention: Christian Laettner, Michael Jordan, John Elway, Mario Lemieux

Now, for some fun awards

Best Sports Movie: Hoosiers- Without question the defining sports flick, Hoosiers brings to us a fantastic underdog story, great characters in the form of Jimmy Chitwood, Ollie and the Shooter, and a fantastic performance by Gene Hackman as Coach Norman Dale. Just a total goose bump fest all the way through.

Funniest Sports Movie: Major League — Some will argue that Caddyshack was more clever, but I think that Major League brings the laughs nonstop. With a great cast including Charlie Sheen, Tom Berenger and Wesley Snipes* this movie contains so many quotables that me and my buddies will laugh for hours at the mention of the "California Penal League."

Best Character: Harry Doyle — The irreverent Cleveland announcer in Major League is played to perfection by Bob Uecker. Equal parts announcer and drunken fan, he is the funniest announcer on the planet. (aside from Skip Carey, who is unintentionally hilarious) Best

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Quote from Uecker (Speaking about newly acquired Jack Parkman) "You know Monty I used to hate Parkman when he was with the A's, it's funny how a Cleveland uniform can change your opinion of a player*aside to Monty*he's still a @#%!"

Best Sportscenter Anchor: Craig Kilborn- The "Sultan of Smarm" has always been my favorite anchor. His catchphrases were great, his delivery flawless and he played perfectly off the smart alecky styles of Keith Olbermann and Dan Patrick. GHEORGE! JUMANJI!!!

Best Hair: Gene Keady - Was there any doubt???

Best Commerical: Jordan vs. Bird over McDonald's: Great concept, great delivery from both Jordan and Bird, and the best part was that they were both so good- you actually thought in the back of your mind that they were capable of making some of those shots.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

The 'Offering'



Community Bible Church youth praise band David's Cry will be the opening band for The Offering, at 2 pm at Camp Merrie Woode in Sapphire on Sept. 12.

By Kathryn Coppage
Contributor

"The Offering" is an opportunity for people to come together in the mountains of Western North Carolina and thank our Creator for being our Creator.

This is an opportunity for you to come and worship God, and in doing so, be refreshed and empowered to go and serve those around you.

The event will be held at beautiful Camp Merrie Woode in Sapphire, NC on September 12 from 2-9 p.m. this Sunday afternoon. Bring yourself to God and leave prepared to give yourself to others.

There will be six bands playing throughout the day. Three of these bands are well-known contemporary Christian artists. These artists include Charlie Hall, Shane & Shane, and Todd Agnew. We also have two visiting artists from Tallahassee, Fla. They are the Scott Simmons Band and Matt Long. The sixth band is one of Highlands' very own youth praise bands, David's Cry.

Another great attribute to the event will be speaker, Tony Eubanks, a native of Nashville, Tenn.

He is currently working with FCA as chaplain/spiritual mentor for the University of Georgia Bulldogs. His goal is to invest as much time into the lives of athletes and students and find the most helpful and sincere way to spiritually challenge their lives.

For more information about this event you can go online at www.theoffering.net, or you can call Ryan Sprague (828)526-4685. Tickets are ten dollars. You can register for tickets online, buy them at the entrance of the event, or pick them up at Community Bible Church.

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Mountain Findings for over 10 years.

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The Offering a Christian band concert starts at 2 p.m. on Sept. 12 at Camp Merriwood in Sapphire. Gates open at 1 p.m. Ticket price is \$10 Tickets available at the door, or Sept. 12


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• POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

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Sept 1

- At 1:45 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Big Bear Pen Road. All was secure.
- At 3:30 p.m., a visitor to Dry Falls reported losing her cell phone.
- At 6 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Cobb Road was cited for exceeding a safe speed.
- At 10 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and Hickory Hills Road was cited for driving with a restricted license.

Sept 2

- At 7 p.m., a motorist at Chestnut and Fifth was cited for exceeding a safe speed.
- At 9:12 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 east and Chestnut Street was cited for speeding 43 mph in a 25 zone.
- At 10 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 east and Chestnut Street was cited for speeding 46 mph in a 25 zone.

Sept 4

- At 11:45 a.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 south and Cherokee Drive was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.
- At 12:51 p.m., juveniles skateboarding in a lot on Pine Street were told to stop.
- At 1:50 p.m., a resident reported losing a debit card.
- At 1:56 p.m., a resident on Wyanoak Drive complained about noise from a weed eater being used next door.
- At 6:30 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 South and Many Road was cited for ex-

ceeding a safe speed and driving without a license.

Sept 5

- A little past midnight, officers responded to a noise complaint coming from the Wild Cat Cliffs employee housing on U.S. 64 west.
- At 2:48 a.m., a suspicious person was reported on Oak Street behind Paoletti's Restaurant.
- At 6:20 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Talley Road was cited for exceeding a safe speed.
- At 9:10 p.m., residents on South Fourth Street called police about someone igniting fireworks.
- At 10:22 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Main Street was cited for driving without a license.

Sept 6

- At 10:50 a.m., window screens were reported missing from Highlands School.
- At 4 p.m., a motorist was cited for running a stop sign at Maple and Oak streets.
- At 7:40 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 28 and Cherokee Drive was cited for exceeding a safe speed and driving without a license.
- At 9:20 p.m., a motorist at Main and Fourth streets was cited for exceeding a safe speed and driving without a license.
- At 5 p.m., a motorist at Oak and Third streets was cited for running a stop sign and driving without a license.

Sept 7

- At 3:26 p.m., a fallen tree was reported on U.S. 64 west.

• See POLICE & FIRE page 24

• SHOPS AT VILLAGE SQUARE •

Fifth & Oak Streets Mill Creek Gallery

Every now and then your dreams do come true. The Mill Creek Gallery has been a dream of Cynthia Strain's, and it has now come true for her. A photographer for many years, she now has a gallery in which to display and sell her many photographs of the Highlands area. In addition, Cynthia will be providing framing services at her gallery at Highlands Village Square.

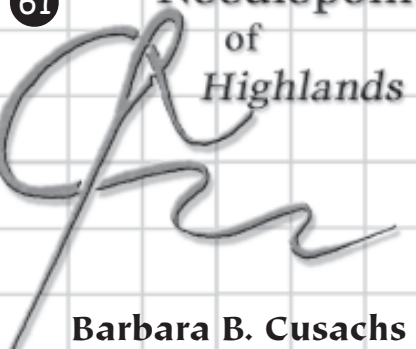
The gallery features art and fine crafts by other local artisans including weavings by Dave and Marge Rorher, jewelry by Madeleine Watt and Donna Tew, prints by Duncan Greenlee, and photographs by Bill Lea. Monthly exhibits will

showcase prominent and lesser-known artists, starting with Bill Lea on July 30th.

In addition to her landscape photography & picture framing, Cynthia provides photography services for special events such as family reunions, weddings, parties, and golf tournaments. She will even memorialize your home or a special view.

When you visit the gallery in the charming courtyard of Village Square, be sure to grab a bite to eat at Fresser's Eatery and browse through Shakespeare & Company used book store, get your hair styled at All Season's Salon, and find that perfect needlepoint design at Needlepoint of Highlands.

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On-Going

- 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.

- Highlands School students are now selling Sally Foster giftwrap and related accessories, candles, cards, stationery, picture frames, ornaments, kid's gifts, and premium Harry London chocolates. Sale runs through September 7th. Highlands School gets 50% of the proceeds of every purchase made. Online purchases may be made at www.SallyFoster.com (enter Highlands School account number 605265).

- Heart Healthy Exercise Group Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8-9 a.m. at the Civic Center. Each session is divided into two parts – a brief warmup for 30 minutes of walking and cooldown exercises and mat exercise for 25 minutes. Cost is \$15 per month. Call Nancy Freese at 743-0135 or sign up at the Civic Center.

- The Mountain View group of Alcoholics Anonymous now meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, in Highlands. Meeting times are Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon. Call 524-7395.

- At Highlands Wine and Cheese – Wine Flights Friday, and Saturday: 4:30 until 6:30. Radical Reds and Wacky Whites. Friday: Tryon Clothing Trunk Show. Men's Fall Clothing at great prices, 4:40 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. **MONDAYS**: Fine Art, Fine Wine and Fine Dining, 6 pm – Passed Appetizers. 6:30 pm – Dinner. Reservations needed. Call 526-3807.

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

Through Sept. 25

- Interact / React Featuring artwork by artist Diane McPhail and reaction art by local artists, writers, poets & dancers..

Sept. 10

- Community is invited to a brief, informal ceremony at noon at the flag pole near the emergency room at the hospital to remember those who died in the 9/11 terrorist attack.

- Highlands 2004 Model A Hill Climb at Monkey Hill. Classes for all Model A Fords – bone stock, modified and speedsters. Race begins at 1 p.m.

Sept 10-11

- Nature as Inspiration Workshop at Bascom-Louise Gallery A stylistic analysis

of several visual artists whose paintings range from very realistic to abstract renderings of nature Field Study for gathering information, sketches, material, etc. Exercises in planning and execution of painting. Sept. 9, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.; Sept. 10 & 11, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Cost: \$150

Sept. 10-12

- Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants – The Highlands Biological Station presents the Fifth Annual Conference on Landscaping and Gardening with Native Plants at the PAC, 607 Chestnut Street. Enjoy field trips, garden tours, and speaker presentations Friday through Sunday. Registration required, \$100 fee. For more information call 828/526-2602.

Sept. 12

- The Offering a Christian band concert starts at 2 p.m. gates open at 1 p.m. Ticket price is \$10 Tickets available at the door, or by calling 526-4685. Bands will be (in order of appearance) David's Cry; Todd Agnew; Matt Long ; The Scott Simmons Band; Charlie Hall; Shane & Shane. Tony Eubanks, who is the Chaplain for Clemson football will be on hand to speak.

Sept. 13

- The Highlands-Cashiers Auxiliary will meet for its annual luncheon and election of officers at the Chestnut Hill Club House at 12:30 p.m. To make reservations, call Polly Touzalin at 526-3837.

- Dr. Martin E. Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity in the Divinity School, the University of Chicago, will present the final lecture of the 15th season of the Highlands Institute's Public Lecture/Seminar Series on Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the PAC. The topic of his lecture is "When Faiths Collide: The Challenge of the Stranger's Religion." Marty is one of the most prominent interpreters of religion and culture in America today.

Sept 14

- Continental breakfast and informational presentation on the "Rebirth of Chestnut Hill of Highlands" and recent trends in the senior living industry, 10:30 a.m. Reservations required. Call 828-787-2114 or toll-free 888-473-5093.

- The September meeting of The Western North Carolina Woodturners club will meet on Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Cashiers Community Center gymnasium. Visitors and new members are always welcomed. The club meets every second Tuesday at the above location and time.

- North Carolina Audubon Mountain Biologist, Curtis Smalling, will speak on "Audubon in the Mountains," including Important Bird Areas (IBAs). Highlands Plateau Audubon Society will serve refreshments at 7, followed by the program at 7:30, at the Highlands Civic Center.

- A discussion/seminar with Dr. Mar-

tin E. Marty, Fairfax M. Cone Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of the History of Modern Christianity in the Divinity School, the University of Chicago will be held at 10 a.m. in the Lower Auditorium of the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center. The public is invited to attend his lecture and the discussion/seminar.

- A series of presentations addressing elder care issues: Financial & Legal issues – wills, legal, estate planning; DSS, medicare, medicaid, SNFs; Burial planning from 3-5 p.m. at Tartan Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin.

Sept 15

- American Red Cross Adult CPR with AED and Infant/Child CPR course, 8:30 to 4:30 at the Macon County Public Health Center on Lakeside Drive in Franklin. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay before Sept. 13. Call Jennifer at 349-2439.

- The Center for Life Enrichment Presents: Jelly Roll Morton: Originator of Jazz at 8 p.m. at the Recreation Center (Highlands Civic Center). Professors Pavel Wlosok and Mark Couture will lead discussion and performance concerning the importance and musical accomplishments of Jelly Roll Morton. This presentation is free, open to all interested persons who live in, or are visiting this area.

Sept. 16

- Learn to help at the Literacy Council. 6:30-7:30 at the Peggy Crosby Center. It's free.

- Eugene Shuler, professional guide and owner of Smoky Mountain Fly Fishing will be the guest speaker at the Plateau Fly Fishing Club on Thursday. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Albert-Carlton-Cashiers Library. A raffle featuring an Orvis 4 wt. rod and reel will follow the speaker. Everyone is welcome. Call 828-743-2078 for info.

Sept. 15-19

- Macon County Fair with the theme "Rural America – Important for your economy," at the Macon County fairgrounds in Franklin.

Sept 18

- BBQ, hamburger & hotdog dinner, bake sale, auction and entertainment at the Conference Center at 5 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the Yogi McCall Family who is having medical problems.

- This year, the PTO 5K Run will be held in conjunction with the annual Highlands Art Walk Saturday. The race, starts at 8:30 a.m. near the gazebo on Pine Street. The entry fee is \$15 if received by Sept. 14; the fee increases to \$20 after the Sept. 14. For more info, contact Rick Rawlins at 526-0454.

- Children's ArtWalk at the Nature Center 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Activities include arts & crafts, face painting, birdhouse painting, and magnet painting and there will be baked goods, lemonade, popcorn, & hot dogs.

Sept 21

- ...on the Verandah will feature the wines of the Domaine Serene Winery and piano entertainment by Chad Reed at 6:30 p.m. For reservations and information please call 828 526 2338 or email otv1@ontheverandah.com

- Movie "Songcatcher" at PAC at 7:30 p.m. All contributions benefit the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

- A series of presentations addressing elder care issues: Protection & Support Issues – Elder abuse; Scams; ID theft; Caregiver; POA; Hospice; Bereavement.

Sept. 23-26

- Highlands Civic Center closed for cleaning.

Sept. 23

- Chestnut Hill of Highlands "Open House" with tours of Cottage residences in The Village, apartment-styled homes in The Lodge, and the newly redecorated Clubhouse, 1-4 p.m. Refreshments.

Sept. 25

- The Scaly Mountain Women's Club will be serving a complete seated breakfast of homemade pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice. The public is invited to come to the Scaly Mountain Ski Lodge, NC State Highway 106, 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. For additional information contact Faye Bellwood at 526-9079.

- The Satulah Club and the Emergency Council will have a White Elephant Yard Sale from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Gazebo in front of Macon Bank at the gazebo on Pine Street.

- Semi-annual Cullasaja Gorge Road Clean-Up on Saturday. All individuals and groups are asked to meet at the Cliffside Lake front parking area at 9:30 a.m. Most groups finish in about 1 1/2 to 2 hours. For more information, please call the Highlands Visitor Center at 526-2112.

- Highlands School Scholarship Fund Golf Tournament at Highlands Falls Country Club. To sign up to play call Allen Chandler at 526-2189.

Sept 28

- Chestnut Hill of Highlands hosts "Business After Hours" for Chamber of Commerce members and their guests 5:30 p.m..

- A series of presentations addressing elder care issues: Health & Dementia Issues – Aging; Memory Loss & Dementia; Mental Health Issues; Social Isolation from 3-5 p.m. at Tartan Hall at First Presbyterian Church in Franklin.

Oct 30

- Annual Highlands School Festival at the Highlands Civic Center and 5K Fun Run from First Citizen's Bank. For more information call 526-2147.

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'Jelly Roll Monton' topic of CLE Sept. 15

Known as the Originator of Jazz, Jelly Roll Morton will be the subject of the presentation by Professors Pavel Wlosok and Mark Couture on Wednesday, Sept. 15.

Associated with Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, N. C., Professors Wlosok and Couture will provide a discussion and performance sponsored by the Center For Life Enrichment at the Rec Center (Highlands Civic Center) at 8 p.m.. The title of the presentation is: Jelly Roll Morton: Originator of Jazz..

Professor Pavel Wlosok started to play the piano when he was five years old and attended the Conservatory of Music in Ostrava, Czech Republic, and then received his bachelor and master degrees in jazz

studies at the University of North Texas in 2000. He is now assistant professor of jazz, commercial and electronic music at Western Carolina University.

Professor Mark Couture attended Michigan State University and then received his M. A. degree in Spanish from Michigan State in 1988. He received his Ph. D. in Spanish from Duke University in 1995. He is now the associate professor of spanish and head of the department of modern foreign languages at Western Carolina University. His many other interests include playing the saxophone.

The Center for Life Enrichment is a non-profit organization, created in Highlands 11 years ago. Its mission is to bring speakers and programs to the local area in order to enrich the lives of participants both intellectually and culturally.

The presentation will start promptly at 8 p.m. lasting one hour, followed by questions and discussion, with the entire program ending by 9:30 p.m. It is free and open to the public.



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'Cotton Patch Gospel' by Instant Theater coming Sept. 30

The Instant Theatre Company presents a musical celebration of the greatest story ever REtold, "Cotton Patch Gospel," Sept 30-Oct 10 at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center in Highlands.

First conceived by Tom Key as a one-man play, based on Dr. Clarence Jordan's book "Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John," it was developed into a musical production co-authored with Russell Treyz. Its score of 22 songs with lyrics by Harry Chapin — his final and perhaps best work — is presented in a setting of rural Georgia. In 1981 the show premiered at the Lamb's Theatre in New York City and consequently was awarded two Dramalogue Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Theater.

In his book Dr. Clarence Jordan relates stories of Jesus in the language and culture of the mid-twentieth-century South. These now-classic translations bring the far-away places of Scripture closer to home: Gainesville, Valdosta, Birmingham and Atlanta. As Dr. Jordan once wrote, "While there have been many excellent translations of the Scriptures into modern English, they have still left us stranded in some faraway land in the long-distant past. We need to have the good news come to us not only in our own tongue but in our own time. We want to be participants in the faith, not merely spectators." More than a translation, "Cotton Patch Gospel" continues to make clear the startling relevance of Scripture for us today.

Dr. Jordan founded Koinonia Farm in Americus, Georgia. He received his B.S. in agriculture from The University of Georgia, and his Th. M and Ph. D in New Testament Greek from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. As well as The "Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John" he wrote "The Cotton Patch Version of Paul's Epistles" and "The Cotton Patch Version of Luke and Acts." He was also the author of "Sermon on the Mount" and made recordings of his original translations of the Scriptures entitled "The Rich Man and Lazarus." Dr. Jordan died in 1969. The Cotton Patch Version of Matthew and John

was his last completed work. "Cotton Patch Gospel" has received high praise from many sources. "An exuberant hoedown" says the "New York Times." "Drop everything and go see 'Cotton Patch Gospel.' Your

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Cotton Patch Gospel
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This is the Gospel" (The American Baptist Magazine).

The Instant Theatre Company first produced Cotton Patch Gospel in 1985. The show played five nights a week for eleven weeks to packed houses. Many audience members returned to see the show several times. The successful eleven week run firmly established both a summer and year-round audience base for the company. It is the Instant Theatre's great pleasure to present this revival to a new generation.

Call (828) 342-9197 for reservations. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door, and \$5 for children 18 and under (or with a valid college ID). There is a group rate of \$18 per ticket for groups of 15 or more.. Evening Performances at 8 p.m. Matinees 3 p.m.

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... POLICE & FIRE from page 20

- At 7:10 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at Highlands School. All was secure.

- At 8:03 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row. All was secure.

- At 12:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident at Little Bear Pen and U.S. 64 east. There were no injuries.

- At 3 p.m., officers responded to an accident. There were no injuries.

- At 8:30 p.m., a motorist at N.C. 106 and Cobb Road was cited for driving without a license and driving under the influence.

Sept 8

- At 3:10 p.m., officers responded to a 9-11 hang-up from a residence at Shelby Place. It was unfounded.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue log entries for the week of Sept. 4-8:

Sept 4

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. It was a false alarm.

Sept 5

- The dept. responded to a motorcycle accident on N.C. 28. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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

Sept 7

- The dept. responded to a possible fire at Highlands School but it was a false alarm.

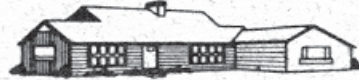
- The dept. responded to a call of a tree fallen across a power line on Short Off Road.

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

- The dept. responded to a report of flooding on Chestnut and Fifth streets.

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Old-fashioned 'White Elephant Yard Sale' for Satulah Club and Highlands Emergency Council set for Sept. 25

The Satulah Club and the Emergency Council will have a White Elephant Yard Sale at the Gazebo in front of Macon Bank on Sept. 25.

The sale will begin at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Satulah Club began as the Highlands Improvement Society in 1925 and joined with the Highlands Improvement Society under the Satulah Club name.

From the beginning the Club has supported different non-profit organizations from their projects.

The two most recent projects were the Highlands Historical Society and the Highlands Fire Department.

The Club's fundraiser this year is the White Elephant Yard Sale. The Club asked other

organizations that support Highlands to join in this yard sale.

The Highlands Emergency Council will join us in the Sale. The Emergency Council organized by Ann Chastain has helped many people in need from this area. Whether it was a home was lost by fire, loss of job, elderly, family sickness or death, fuel oil and many other needs, the Highlands Emergency Council was there to help. The Council's operating funds are dangerously low.

Each organization will have its own sale at the gazebo.

White elephant sales are sales that people have donated articles for the purpose of the sale. Items donated are new items, gently used

bedding, kitchen utensils, clothing, dishes, crafts and baked goods.

If you have items you would like to donate to either of the organizations, you may call Sue Potts 526-3163 or Mary Lou Dendy 526-2237 for the Satulah Club and Emergency Council 526-3924 before 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. A rain date has been set for October 2 at the gazebo.

**Satulah Club and Highlands
Emergency Council White Elephant
Yard Sale, September 25 at the
Gazebo in front of Macon Bank.
Rain Date: October 2.**

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Photos by Jim Lewicki

Bridal Veil Falls on U.S. 64 west poured down from the bedrock above.

subdivision plans."

Gantenbein worked with a team of town employees trying to lower the water level and move documents in danger of being drenched by the flood waters.

"I'm afraid so much of this can't be saved," he said. He picked up a roll of papers that fell apart in his hands.

This is not the first time the building has flooded. At least this time it was clean water, said one official. Over the last few years sewage has backed up into the bottom floor of Town Hall.

Employees at the front desk had long faces. "Everything is a mess," said one. "Everything is down. There's nothing we can do."

Vacuums roared and one employee sat on a chair holding a broom. His look said it all. It was a pretty hopeless situation.

Nix is already working on keeping this sort of thing from happening again. Crews are digging out around the foundation so it can be treated.

Happily the rain lessened by Wednesday afternoon and the sun peaked out briefly. By 7 p.m. Wednesday it was raining again, but a mere mist compared to the previous days. Now everyone is wondering what Hurricane Ivan will sling Highlands' way in the week to come.



Harris Lake jumped its banks.

'Relay for Life' is over, but the war against cancer continues for many

Editor's note: The following article is part of a series written by a man whose wife is fighting cancer.

There's a long hallway in Dr. Richard Lauer's office in Atlanta. On one side are several rooms where patients get counseling or treatments.

Cynthia and I were walking down that hallway when a young man emerged from one of the rooms. He was well over six feet tall, and it was obvious that he was an athlete. He wore a tank top, and his muscles bulged everywhere. I'd hate to meet him in a dark alley when he was in a bad mood.

But this young man was not angry on that particular day. In fact, he was depending on a young woman who walked at his side.

The woman, a nurse, was pushing the rack that held a clear plastic bag. Inside the bag was a transparent fluid. From the bottom of the bag a section of plastic tubing led to the young man's wrist, where a needle allowed the fluid to slowly enter his bloodstream.

It was sad to see such a big, otherwise healthy man who had been humbled by an enemy that he couldn't even see.

He was one of several people who had come to Dr. Lauer's office in Piedmont Hospital that day. Like Cynthia, they were getting their chemotherapy treatments. One small room held a woman in her early 30s, dressed in pink and green and wearing pink sandals.

You don't have to be old or weak to be a cancer victim. It's everywhere.

I had heard statistics before Cynthia was diagnosed with bladder cancer, but they didn't mean that much to me. Now that I'm having to deal with it on a more personal level, the figures really hit hard.

In 2002, there were 42,815 people killed in automobile accidents. It takes cancer 11 days to kill that many. This year, more than 1.3 million people will wake up to find that cancer has disrupted their lives.

The most significant thing about cancer is that it will someday touch your life. If it hasn't already, it will. It will either strike you or someone you love. Count on it.

The American Cancer Society (ACS) says that many cancer victims believe they are being punished for something they have done or failed to do in the past. That's not true, but it's not totally false either. In Cynthia's case, smoking was the cause, according to her urologist, Dr. William Scaljon. Although she stopped smoking 18 years ago, it has come back to haunt her. Tobacco doesn't just kill through lung cancer; it can cause other life-threatening diseases.

The ACS predicts that 170,000 people will die in 2004 because of tobacco use. Now that I have become aware of the dangers of smoking, I often shake my head in wonder when I see someone holding a cigarette out the window of a car. It's almost like walking around with a stick of dynamite

in your pocket.

We have been overwhelmed by the many people who have shown their love and concern for Cynthia. Hundreds of friends are praying for her. She gets cards and phone calls almost daily. Last week, we had an unexpected surprise.

An old friend, Travis Goodloe, came to visit. Travis and his wife Carol were living in Alabama a few years ago when he was hit with throat cancer. He had surgery, and they rented a house in Highlands while he recuperated.

A few weeks after they returned to Alabama, the throat cancer came again. Three doctors told him that he would die in six months if he didn't have another round of surgery.

Travis decided he didn't want to go through it again. He told Carol that he wanted to move to Highlands and live out his final days in the mountains.

A few days before they left Alabama, a friend came to Travis. She pulled a small crucifix from her purse. A Catholic, she had been carrying the cross for 35 years. "I think you need it more than I do now," she said.

The Goodloes moved to Highlands, and Travis nailed the crucifix to the wall in his new living room. The cross, bearing the body of Christ, is a relic from the shrine of Father Francis Xavier Seelos, a 19th Century priest in whose name many miracles have occurred.

A few weeks later, the cancer was gone. That was in 1998. He is still cancer-free. Although he is not a Catholic, Travis believes that the crucifix played an important part in his cure. It's not the symbol of the crucifix, but the love and care that it represents.

Travis loaned the crucifix to Cynthia. It is now hanging on the wall in our home, in a spot where Cynthia can see it often.

It seems that we have been getting nothing but bad news since Cynthia's cancer was diagnosed. But last week, for the first time, we got some good news.

Dr. Lauer told us early in her treatment that he was almost certain that the cancer had penetrated through the bladder wall and had spread to other parts of her body.

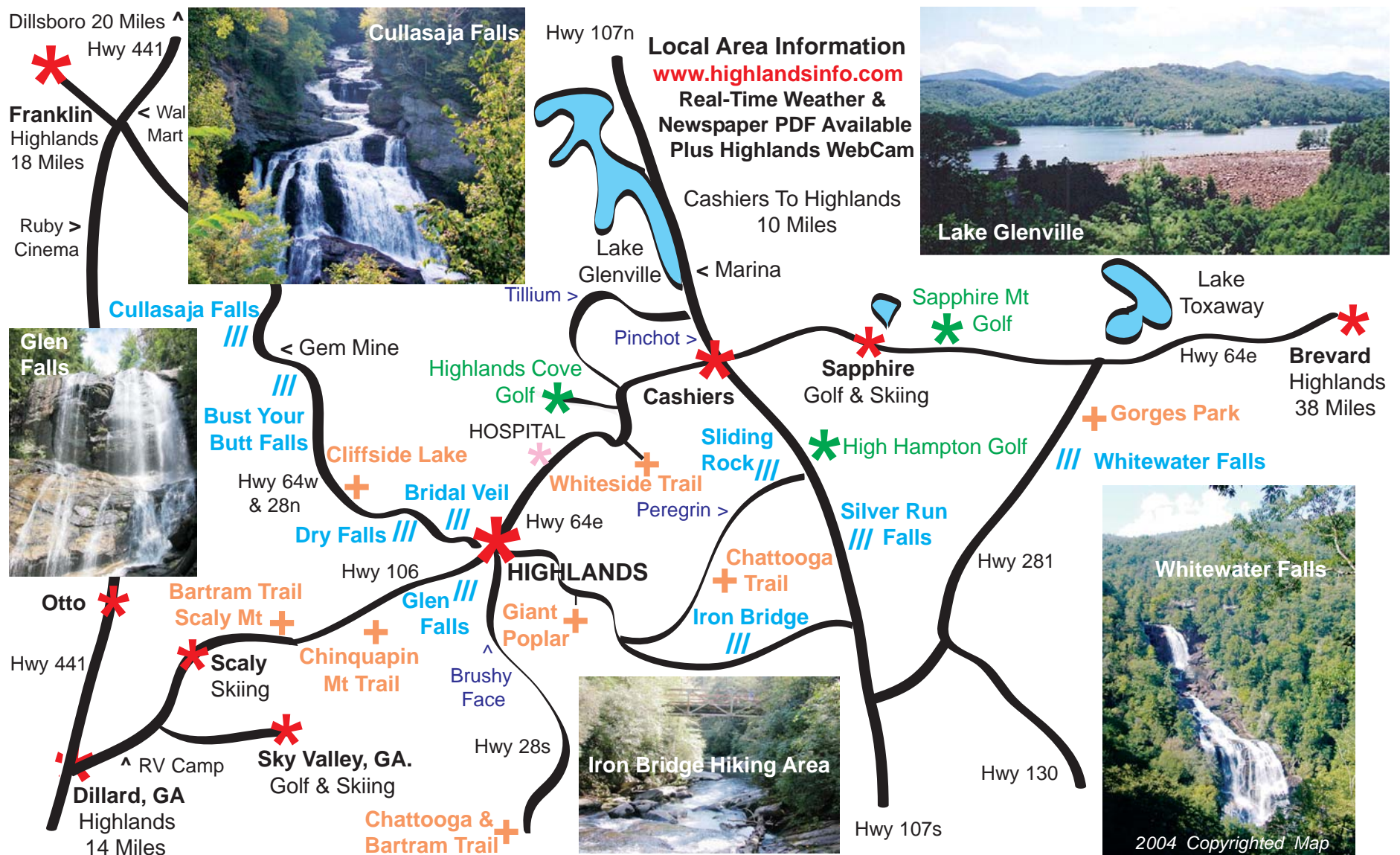
On our latest trip, however, he was the bearer of good tidings.

Dr. Lauer checked Cynthia's blood work and told her that there would be no chemo treatment. Instead, he instructed her to go back to urologist William Scaljon for a cystoscopic exam.

"I think you're going to get a good report. I think he will find that it (the tumor) is much smaller than it was when we started," he said.

Both of us stared at him, speechless. Until that moment, he had not given us any reason to hope for a good report. I can understand his reluctance. It would be cruel to make such a comment when the patient was dying.

He added, cautiously, "We can't be sure. We have to wait and see."



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