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### Sept. 20

- MLIA regular meeting Monday, 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

### Sept 21

- JMCA will host a public forum on the hemlock woolly adelgid at 5:30 pm at the Highlands Rec. The program is free.

- ...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 call 526-2338.

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### Sept. 23-Nov. 11

- Watercolor Classes at Bascom Louise Gallery, "Beyond Splish and Splash." All levels. 10-3 p.m. Call the Gallery for supply list and to register at 526-4949.

### Sept. 23-26

- Civic Center closed for cleaning.

### Sept. 23

- Chestnut Hill of Highlands "Open House." Tours of Cottage residences, apartment-styled homes, and the newly redecorated Clubhouse, 1-4 p.m. Refreshments.

## Town officials brace for Hurricane Ivan

By Kim Lewicki

With Frances behind them and Ivan on it's way, Highlands officials are taking measures to prevent flood damage and prepare for power outages which could occur over the next few days.

As soon as the skies cleared last week, town crews began digging out the foundation around Town Hall to seal the structure against future seepage. Runoff from Frances seeped through the foundation at the back

and side of the building and flooded downstairs offices with two inches of water.

"We're trying to fix Town Hall in

time for Ivan. We're waiting for the coating to dry so we can backfill around the foundation," said Town

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## Edwards et al continues

By Kim Lewicki

Three families have pulled out of the Edwards et al case, but a judge will decide if that relieves them of financial responsibility.

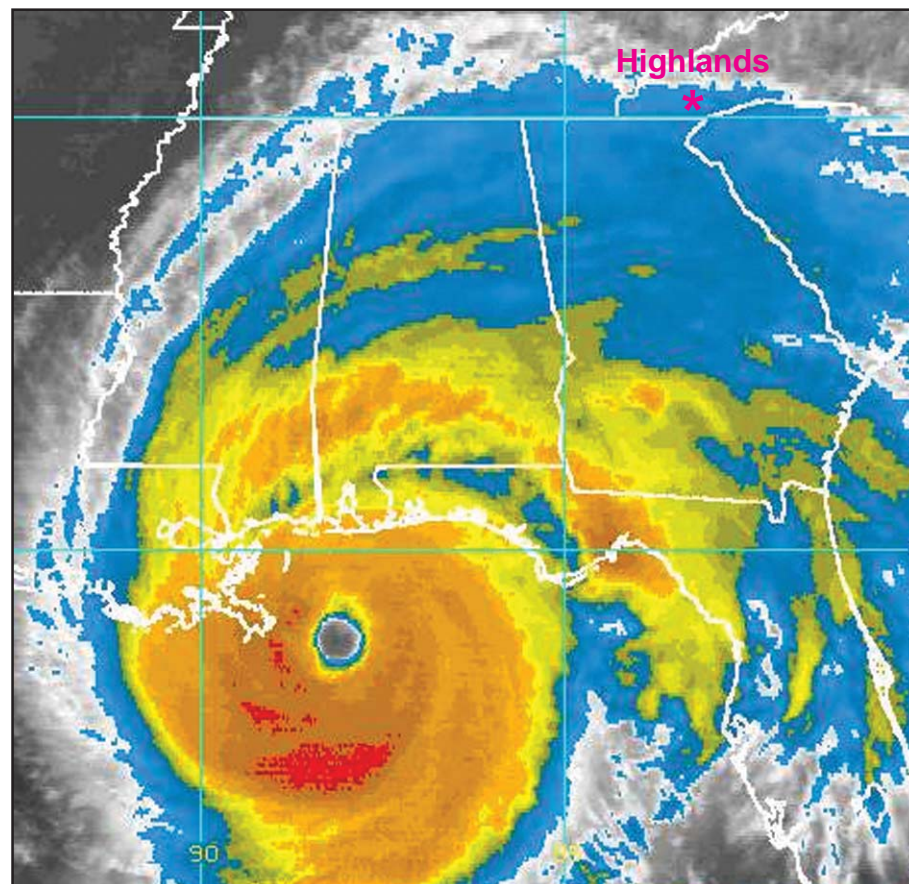
Richard Melvin has resurrected the Edwards et al case by filing a motion for relief from judgment, and the town is vigorously defending against the pending motion.

Since the town said Edwards et al has reneged on its consent agreement with the town — not to file an appeal following the court's ruling in the town's favor Sept. 15, 2003 that "the streets in question could be opened to their full extent" — it is requiring reimbursement of \$80,000 in surveying costs it originally agreed to waive.

Mayor Buck Trott has lodged a complaint against Melvin with the N.C. State Bar for filing a frivolous motion "which we believe amounts to harassment," wrote the Mayor.

He said by reneging on the consent agreement and for failing to notify all the defendants in the case of his intent prior to acting, "Mr. Melvin has exhibited highly unethical conduct," he wrote.

The Lewis, Shaffner and Ramey families have pulled out of the case, but since they were originally involved the Mayor said it will be up to the judge to excuse them.



NOAA Photo of Ivan – Wednesday Night, 9:30 p.m.

## Town doles out nonprofit funds

By Kim Lewicki

For some months the Town Board has been discussing how to deal with nonprofits – specifically how much of the town's annual budget should be allocated to nonprofits and which nonprofits to fund.

At the Sept. 5 Town Board meeting, the board finally decided how to spend the \$50,000 allocated for nonprofits for fiscal year 2004-2005.

The finance committee comprised of Commissioners Amy Patterson and Herb James and Town Administrator Richard Betz used five criteria to determine which organizations would be eligible for town funds.

- The organization should be considered a 501 C (3) by the IRS;

- The requested funding should benefit the general population rather than a select group or "pet" charity;

- Consideration would be given to nonprofit organizations that have a specific purpose or provide a service that the town would otherwise have to provide;

- Consideration would be given for specific capital projects, bricks and mortar expenses and start-up costs rather than for continuing operating expenses;

- A detailed budget and accounting on how funds would be used, have been used with books open for inspection

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## ‘A time for all seasons’

By Kim Lewicki

This was an emotional fall for about 33 families in Highlands. Whether it was their first or their last child, they watched as their children closed the door on childhood and opened another into adulthood. They headed for college!

It's amazing how fast it all happens. They were here and now they're gone.

Rachel's and Megan's rooms are still a mess – clothes are still on the floor, book bags are still full of last year's school work, closets are a jumble – as if they will return in just minutes to clean up or do homework.

I don't know what I'm waiting for. Time, I guess. To sit in each room and carefully comb through the mementos while I deal with the memories and prepare for the next stage in my life – life without children.

Technically, Megan isn't really gone. Just away for a year in France. She'll be back for her senior year at Highlands School. But for now, it's as if she is gone.

Rachel left first. She was due on campus at Pfeiffer University Aug. 12. She and I made the trip to Pfeiffer, car loaded down the whole bit, while Jim and Megan delivered the paper. Our first stop down the mountain was at the BP station on the Highlands Road. As I paid for our coffees and biscuits, the attendant asked, "Taking one to college?" I looked at her surprised. How did she know? I thought. Did this milestone show on my face? "Yes," I said, "but how did you know?" She looked at me like I was a nut. "Your car. It's packed solid."

I looked out the window and there it was. Rachel's room crammed into our Honda Civic.

Jim and Megan met us at Pfeiffer that night. We spent the night at a hotel and said good-bye to Rachel the next day. Definitely emotional, but it was time for Rachel to move on – we all knew that.

Back home for 11 days we had Megan to ourselves. But it was an anxious 11 days. We all knew each day was one less together.

On Aug. 23 we headed for Charlotte and the airport – the first step of Megan's journey. First we went to Pfeiffer so Megan could say good-bye to her sister and we could visit for one last time as a family. Arby's will never be the same for me. I was a little teary.

The girls kept saying, "Mom, it's not like we won't ever see each other again." And of course that's true. But what they don't realize is that our time as a family – everyday family time over meals, vacations, shopping excursions to the mall – stuff we took for granted and figured would continue forever, will never be again. At least not the same way.

But that's how it's supposed to be. People say if you think you're not ready for your kids to leave, wait for their senior year in high school. After dealing with "senioritis" while encouraging them to hit every mark on the way to graduation, scholarship and college applications, you'll be ready for them to leave. And it's true. I was ready for the drama to end.

Still, I could do with a few more family meals or trips or just quiet time by the fire while we all watch TV. But that's really in my mind's eye. The older they got, they busier they got and the harder it was to have family time anyway.

Our "good-bye" to Megan was hurried and over way too quickly. With security the way it is today, she got her boarding pass, went through the first check point and was gone. "Can't we go with her a little farther," I asked the attendant. He dropped his head as he shook it "no." And then it started. As Megan and I grabbed for each other for last time, the tears started – more for me than her, I have to admit. Luckily Jim was there, shoving Kleenex in my face as he quickly escorted me out of the terminal. I cried most of the way home and off and on all through the night.

That night Megan called us from Detroit where the first leg of her journey ended. She told us in Charlotte she was pulled for a random search. She had to take her Rotary jacket off, her shoes, belt and empty her two carry-on bags.

The attendant even asked her if she had any plutonium. She said she considered saying, 'Yeah, in my underwear,' but thought better of it when she remembered what her Dad told her before she left. "Don't ever mess with customs people. They can go places you don't even want to think of."

So, she politely said, "No, sir. I don't have any plutonium."

When she got on the plane she realized she'd left her journal on the metal tray at the customs counter. I bought her a journal with French stickers to illustrate the pages and gave it to her that morning during a private good-bye.

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## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### More on stem cell research

Dear Editor,

In the August 27 issue there was a letter stating the positive sides to stem cell research. Your readers need to know there are also numerous negative sides.

The major drawback to fetal stem cells is their tendency to grow uncontrollably causing tumors or even cancers. This is not the case with adult stem cells. There have been 45 or more cases of successful adult stem cell therapy and zero successful cases using fetal (embryonic) stem cells. Stem cells from fetal cord blood and adult bone marrow show much more promise for cures than those from fetal stem cells. The best part is that they do not require the destruction of human life.

For more information on this ethical and moral issue please go to [www.nrlc.org](http://www.nrlc.org) and enter "adult stem cell success" in the FreeFind field.

Also, for the record, President Bush has not stopped fetal stem cell research. There is no limit on the amount of private money that can be spent on fetal stem cell research. Federal money can be used only for research on existing lines but cannot be used to create new fetal stem cell lines.

Gladys Calloway  
Highlands

### 'Fill the Bus' successful for Macon County Students

Dear Editor,

The Volunteer Council of Franklin, along with the Macon County Schools and Macon Program for Progress, thanks the community for their support for the third annual Fill the Bus! fundraiser for Macon County students.

On August 7th, over 30 volunteers collected items in two school buses parked at the Franklin Walmart and Kmart stores. Once again, we were overwhelmed by the gifts of school supplies and cash for the MPP Back to School Angels Program and students who require a little help during the school year in the form of school materials. We actually received over 4,700 pencils— one for every student and teacher in the Macon County School system!

We are proud of our community that contributed 71 large boxes completely full of items for school children. We were also able to purchase 68 backpacks for distribution in the Back to School Angels program. PTO presidents and school guidance counselors from all ten Macon County schools will distribute items to those who need them throughout the school year.

The Volunteer Council also extends a special "thank you" once again this year to Walmart and Kmart, who continue to allow us to collect supplies at their stores and lower their prices so that the public can maximize their gifts to this cause. We do sincerely appreciate the community effort involved in this fun and successful fundraiser.


Lenora Clifton  
Volunteer Council of Franklin

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"I broke down and cried on the plane," she said. "That was the last thing you gave me and I left it behind. Do you get the metaphor, Mom?"

In the wee hours of the next morning, I had a metaphorical dream involving two ferries separating at a pier. Megan was standing on the stern casually talking to a friend as I stood on the stationary ferry pounding on the glass in a door screaming "Good-bye, Megan! Meggie, say good-bye!" She didn't hear me and just sailed away. Jim awoke to me hysterically crying. I'm OK now. I figured I'm entitled two emotional episodes. And a new season is upon us.

Like they say, "There's a time for every season."




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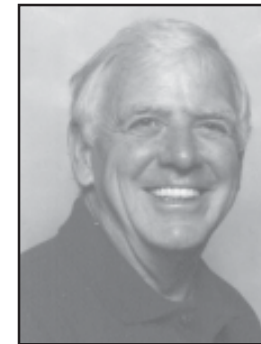
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## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### Frances was a big blowhard

I knew the little missus and I were on the "Road Less Traveled" when we only spotted six southbound cars headed for South Florida while northbound I-95 was jammed with cars heading for the Georgia border. "Hello," I asked, "What is wrong with this picture?" We were heading to Palm Beach County to take on Hurricane Frances while a couple of million of our species were heading the other way. Hmmm.



Fred Wooldridge

Once we got there, the fun began. While North Carolina may have line dancing, Palm Beach has line waiting. We stood in very long lines for hurricane supplies, gasoline and food. Fortunately we did not have to stand in line for candles and batteries as there weren't any.

We boarded up and snuggled in to watch the action on TV. Then I heard a noise in the garage. There, wedged between my lantern and a stack of old newspapers, was the biggest mutant blue crab I have ever seen. He was the "Edward Scissorhands" of crabdom and waved his pinchers at me in defiance. "This guy could take off my arm," I thought as I reached for a broom. I opened the garage door and the fight began. The crab won because, after shredding the end of my broom, he ran under the car and disappeared. "He must have left," I assured the little missus and closed the garage door. Later that evening, we heard Kramer (that's what we decided to name him) rearranging my tools in the garage. It's not a bad thing having a giant blue crab sit out a hurricane in your garage.

The best part of waiting to see if a hurricane can blow your house over while you're inside is watching the action on TV. All the major networks place young, naive news reporters, all wanting to be the next Chris Matthews, along the Florida coast. Each reporter must wear a geeky looking rain suit, hold a waterproof mike in one hand and a portable wind meter in the other.

The problem was that hurricane

Frances stalled and these people had nothing to report. Here is how it sounded. "It's hard to believe that in one hour a 12-foot high wall of water will pass right here." The guy was right. In my half a century of living in Florida, I have never seen a wall of water pass anywhere. Wait a minute.... I take that back. In 1976 I accidentally shattered my oversized fish tank and a wall of water pinned me to the refrigerator.

Here is another great line. "As you can see behind me the waves are building and the wind is increasing rapidly. I don't know if you can see this at home but my wind meter is registering 16 knots." The ceiling fan in my bedroom blows harder than 16 knots.

Not having anything to report, the news guys all raced to a nearby pier where a guy named Pete had the audacity to jump off the end of the pier with a surfboard strapped to his ankle. Even MSNBC dashed over for this one. While Pete was having a grand old time in the 12-foot seas, two oversized police officers who looked as if they had eaten one too many Krispy Kremes, waved for Pete to come ashore. Pete had other ideas and waved for them to come in for a dip. The police were outraged. Eventually everyone lost sight of Pete in the heavy seas and he hasn't been heard from since. Oh well.

Eventually Frances did arrive and while she pounded our bedroom with 105 mph winds, we watched on a small, battery powered TV. None of the newscasters were standing on the beach at this point and most of the police and rescue units were hunkered in for the evening.

After several wonderfully romantic evenings of peanut butter and jelly sandwich dinners by candlelight with sweat dripping from the ends of our noses, we decided we had enough and started to hunt for gas and head for Highlands. Here are a few thoughts

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# • MOVIE PIX •

## 'Serial Mom'

The 1994, R rated, dark (VERY dark) comedy, written and directed by the positively demented John Waters, starring Kathleen Turner, Sam Waterston, Ricki Lake and more, including Suzanne Somers and Patty Hearst (yes, that Patty Hearst).

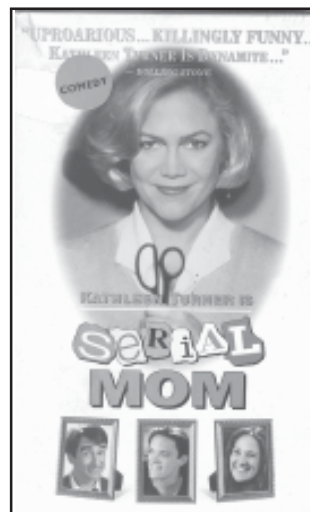
The Storyline: Beverly Suthpin is a typical suburban Baltimore housewife with a typical family. She believes in flossing, good nutrition, the PTA, and in being polite. She thinks you ought to as well, and if you don't, she might kill you.

I'm not really giving away anything here, it's obvious even before the story starts. The surprise is in how the story unfolds, and just how creatively bizarre John Waters tells the story of a June Cleaver-like mom gone awry. Refuse to sort your recyclables? Where white shoes after Labor Day? FORGET TO REWIND YOUR VIDEO TAPES? Look out, Mrs. Suthpin is watching, and she's not happy about it.

She gains celebrity status after her arrest, and few people come out looking good in this savage satire.



Stuart Armor



Do be warned, while it is a comic film, the violence is pretty graphic, and there is plenty of language and gore, so it's not everyone's kind of film, but for those who like their comedy dark, it's worth a look.

Turner's performance as the Perfect Mom/Crazed Killer is perfect, wonderful facial expressions with lightning speed changes. The supporting cast is great, but there is no doubt that this is Turner's show. John Waters' script is one of his demented best, and he gets perfect (albeit weird) performances from his cast. A cheesy

sound track adds to the hilarity of the movie. All in all, a must see for fans of Waters, and of heavy handed satire.

If you like this one, it means you like your movies weird, so some more of John Waters films are Hairspray (my favorite), Cry Baby, Pecker, and Cecil B. Demented. Kathleen Turner does a great job in War of the Roses, Jewel of the Nile, and Prizzi's Honor.

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from my drive back.

I love the way Americans pull together in a crisis. With all power off, traffic flowed better at major intersections then when the signals were working. My son and daughter-in-law are into camping and fed a whole neighborhood of people who

brought food from their thawing freezers to be cooked on camp stoves. People went out of their way to help people. We are a wonderful country with wonderful people. In Palm Beach County, love is in the air. Only one problem. Where's Kramer?

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Engineer Lamar Nix. "Then all we can do is wait and see what comes of this and if it worked."

Hydraulic cement was applied to the foundation walls and then 1/8-inch of rubber was sprayed onto that. A drainage system and culverts were also installed at the back and side of the building to divert water away from the building and into the sewer.

Nix also contacted utility contractors the town uses during emergencies to make sure they are ready and available should the town need them.

"We called all our contact numbers to make sure they were still correct and let them know we may be calling them at all hours of the day and night over the next few days," said Nix.

Duke Power, which supplies the town with electricity, said lakes in the area have been lowered so they can receive more water. "Lake Glenville is down 7-8 feet," said Mayor Buck Trott. He said the fact that Duke's new lines are 90 feet up in the air and the town maintains a vigorous tree-trimming program should help deter power outages. "But, we were spared last time. I suspect we will get it this time," he said. "It looks like we're going to be on the eastern side of this thing and that's the worst side to be on."

Larry Gantenbein, Town Planner and Zoning Administrator, has been working with contractors at all the major building sites around town - specifically Old Edwards Inn and the Highlands Community Child Development Center - to make sure extended erosion control measures are in place before Ivan hits.

"They are double- and triple-upping their silt fences and backing silt fences likely to carry heavy loads of silt with straw bales so we might have a shot at standing up to the forecasted 16 inches of rain and 50 mph winds," he said.

He said straw bales are also being put across driveways to divert runoff.

Inside Town Hall, Gantenbein, the only employee to suffer document damage during Frances, has made sure everything is up off the floor this time.

Richard Betz, Town Administrator said they will wait to replace the carpet in Town Hall until after Ivan passes but as a matter of procedure, everything important - computers, hardware and documents - are out of harm's way.

The Peggy Crosby Center is the town's official Red Cross Center and is ready to house Ivan evacuees.



# ... NONPROFITS from 1

anytime.

Of the six nonprofits that requested funding this year, three were selected by the committee for funding but commissioners added one more – the Highlands Community Child Development Center (HCCDC).

Hudson Library — \$10,000. "Purchase of books is not an operating expense and the benefit is to a wide segment of the general population," wrote the committee. The library had requested \$21,500.

The Peggy Crosby Center — \$15,000. "The expenses identified were for capital projects and the center benefits a wide segment of the general population," wrote the committee. "And they are working toward self-sufficiency and that's a good thing," said Commissioner Amy Patterson. The center had requested \$32,500.

The Historical Society — \$15,000. "The expenses were for capital projects of a 'start-up' nature and preservation of history benefits a wide segment of the general population," wrote the committee. The society had requested \$20,000.

Added as a recipient was the HCCDC for \$10,000. "I originally wanted to include this in our distribution," said Commissioner Patterson, "but the committee couldn't come to an agreement." She said she has employees who use child care and she knows how difficult it is for people to find a place for their kids. "And I know how difficult it is for me when they can't."

Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross said it was important for Highlands to support working families and HCCDC.

Denied funding was the Literacy Council for \$6,473. "Their request was entirely for operating expenses," wrote the committee.

Kitty Byers, ex-director of the Literacy Council, said she understood the criteria for funding was not for operating expenses, "but if an organization doesn't have a building and only has operating expenses, how can it ever meet that narrow criteria for funding?" she asked. "I don't see how you can concentrate on bricks and mortar at the expense of children."

Commissioner Patterson, a 10-year tutor with the Literacy Council, said it is a great cause. "We have a limited amount of funding," she said. "We would love to fund everything, but we just can't do it."

The Jackson-Macon Conservation Alliance was denied \$4,118. "The request was for funding a fundraising event," wrote the committee.

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## • LIFE UNDER CONSTRUCTION •

### E-V-A-C-U-A-T-E

I am wondering if all this evacuation from home due to the hurricanes isn't leading people to think a little more deeply about their life. Maybe even reflect about what is really most important to them. What they hold dear?



Dr. Maryellen Lipinski

I had to evacuate once during the Xenia tornado. It was a devastating tornado with no time to choose what I wanted to take with me. "Like a swarm of swirling buzz saws swooping down from the sky, the tornadoes of April 1974 were so nasty they got their own name: the Superoutbreak, with 147 twisters hitting the United States." USA Weekend

The notorious Xenia Tornado decimated the town and killed more than 30 people. 1,000 homes would never be the same. I was teaching at an Orphanage when the weather turned. I looked out the window and saw the funnel approaching. I instructed all the children to crouch down and put their hands over their head while we listened to the roar of what sounded like a train approaching closer and closer.

We were okay. Just a little bit shaken but others were not so lucky. The gym across the street from our cottage was turned into a morgue and I watched as lifeless bodies arrived. I could not go back to my home that evening which compared to what others faced seemed miniscule. That night I tried to sleep on the floor in a safe house wondering if I had a home to return to and praying that my

precious dog was going to be there to greet me upon my return.

What would I take now if I were in the path of one of these hurricanes? What really holds meaning to me in my home? I think I'll make a list of right now so I'll be prepared if the need ever knocks on my

door. At first thought, I'd probably take a handful of photos of family & friends, and *Bella Italy*. My journals would have to accompany me along with necessary and important papers. That's about all. Really?

"Stuff" might just give us a sense of false security as they surround our lives with creature comforts.

On a deeper level, my home is really inside. That's where my story begins! The experiences that have shaped me, the thoughts that reside and assist me in finding my own path, and my sense of well being.

On the lighter side, maybe this will help me with my struggle to keep clearing out my clutter, which brings me to the same old questions. Do I love it? Do I need it? Does it reflect who I am now? If I moved tomorrow, would I take it?

My memories, both good and unpleasant, hold my history that guides me toward the direction that I continue to seek. That is what's most important to keep securely with you at all times. Home is where each of our stories begins. I think I'll linger a little longer there right now.

**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.**



# Highlands School Book Fair kicks off Sept. 30

The book fair opens on Sept. 23 and is held in the Highlands School Media Center.

Parents may come from 5:30 – 7 p.m. that evening and then attend the general PTO meeting at 7 p.m. The Fair will close on Thursday, Sept. 30.

Teachers sign their classes up to come or individual students may come in with their teacher's permission during the day. Often parents will accompany the younger children to shop.

We receive Premium Book Fair materials that are appropriate for K-Adults. We usually have a section of Teacher Resources, adult selections like cookbooks, etc., and bargain books in addition to the K-12 materials. There also are usually fancy pens, computer software, and a few miscellaneous toy-type items. Books will be primarily paperbacks, but there are always some hardbacks, too.

Proceeds from the book fairs augment the state and local funding. Some years, this is the primary source of money for purchasing books for the library.

The funds are used for purchasing books, Accelerated Reader quizzes, library supplies for processing books, educational videos and software, and other items that help to make the Media Center more attractive and inviting. We have also used the funds to renew support agreements for schoolwide software programs such as Accelerated Reader. If we get a request for specific books, videos, or equipment from a teacher, these funds allow us to try to fill that request quickly.

Because we have so many volunteers who work at the book fair, the Media Center staff is able to continue with our regular media program while the book fair is here.

"I love the Scholastic Book Fair," said Carol Bowen, media coordinator. "It is exciting to see the children so enthusiastic about finding just the right books to purchase and read. I am happy to be able to provide students with such a wonderful selection from which to choose."

She said the school is fortunate to have the extra money that the Book Fair provides to the Media Center to enhance our program.



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## DRS. Wheeler and Olson to move into new medical building

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Highlands Medical Associates, the group practice of family physicians Patti B. Wheeler, MD, and P. Richard Olson, MD, will be the first to move into the new building. That move is scheduled to take place this weekend.

The offices of Highlands Medical Associates will be closed Friday of this week, but will reopen Monday morning in Suite 301 on the third floor of the new building. While that floor will have an outside entrance to its own parking lot, hospital officials are asking patients to temporarily use the Level 1 parking area (immediately adjacent to Hospital Drive, off US 64) and take the elevator up to the third floor.

That's due to continuing construction elsewhere on the hospital campus. Crews are slated to begin demolishing the existing Oxford Medical Building over the course of the next several weeks in order to improve traffic flow and parking throughout the campus. The hospital investigated moving the building, but found it wasn't feasible, said Jim Graham, hospital administrator.

The new building is roughly 12 times the size of the Oxford Building, which opened its doors back in 1993.

In addition to Drs. Wheeler and Olson, a number of other area physicians will be relocating to the new clinic building over the course of the next several weeks.

General surgeon Daniel D. Richardson and gynecologist C. Willis Sherrer (who currently share office space in the Woodruff Medical Building on the east side of the campus) will be moving to Suite 104 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic.

Local gastroenterologist R. Carter Davis, Jr, MD, will be moving to the new building sometime this fall. His offices will be located in Suite 303.

Joining Davis, Wheeler and Olson on the third level will be dermatologist Paul S. Cabiran, MD,

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## Coming up...

**Friday Sept 17-** Non-instructional day/required workday for teachers.

**Monday Sept 20-** 5 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball @ West Oaks (away); 6 p.m. Boys' varsity soccer @ Andrews (away).

**Tuesday Sept 21-** 5 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball vs. Nantahala (home).

**Wednesday Sept 22-** 6 p.m. Boys' varsity soccer vs. Murphy (home).

**Thursday Sept 23-** 5 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball @ Cherokee (away); 6-8 p.m. SCC Sign Language for Beginners; 7 p.m. PTO general meeting.

**Monday Sept 27-** 6 p.m. Boys' varsity soccer @ Cherokee (away).

**Wednesday Sept 29-** 4 p.m. Boys' varsity soccer @ Blue Ridge (away); 5 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball vs. West Oak (home).

**Thursday Sept 30-** 5:00 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball vs. Rosman (home); 6-8 p.m. SCC Sign Language for Beginners.

**Friday Oct. 1-2<sup>nd</sup>** Hepatitis B shot (for faculty who want it).

**Monday Oct. 4** -6 p.m. Boys' varsity soccer vs. Swain (home).

**Tuesday Oct. 5-** 5 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball at Swain (away).

**Wednesday Oct. 6-** 6 p.m. Boys' varsity soccer vs. Hiawassee Dam (home).

**Thursday Oct. 7-** 5 p.m. Varsity & JV volleyball vs. Hiawassee Dam (home); 6-8 p.m. SCC Sign Language for Beginners; Make up pictures K-11.

### Hurricane Frances brings flooding

Bust Your Butt Falls was transformed from a favorite summer-time swimming hole to a raging rapid by torrential rains from Hurricane Frances. The storm hit the Macon County area on Sept. 7 and 8, closing Macon County schools for one day.

**Photo by Matt Chenoweth**  
11th Grade

## School welcomes students from abroad

**McKenzie Thompson**  
12th Grade

Highlands School welcomes two exchange students visiting from France and Brazil for the 2004-2005 school year. Antoine Coupé comes from the town of Saint Jorioz located in southern France. Also joining our student body is Lucio Trazzi from São José do Rio Preto, Brazil.

In France, 16-year old Antoine regularly attends the Lycée Saint Michel Ecole, a high school in the city of Annecy, located about nine miles outside Saint Jorioz.

For Antoine, the American school day is a change from his school day in France. School at Saint Michel begins at 8 a.m. and lasts until 5 in the evening, including a two-hour lunch break in the afternoon. Although students in both countries spend the same amount of time in classes on a regular school day, Coupé says, after school study time tends to be considerably greater in France than in America. However, schools in France do not include extracurricular athletic practices and games. Instead, young people play in Club sports, which are non-school related, and compete year round. These clubs meet weekly for a 2 ½ hour session focusing on technique and teamwork.

Antoine has studied both English and



**Antione Coupé**, french exchange student, practices his artistic ability

*Photo by McKenzie Thompson*

Italian for the past three years and expects his year in the United States to greatly improve his knowledge of the English language. After returning to France, he will complete two more years of secondary schooling before attending a university and pursuing a job in public advertising.

Antoine plans on participating in

basketball while attending school in Highlands. During his free time in France, he enjoys playing tennis, snowboarding, going to discos, and attending the cinema.

The Coupé family is comprised of Antoine's parents, his 19-year old brother and his 15-year old sister. Both of his parents are active in the pharmaceutical

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## New faculty, staff usher in changes

**Allie Roman and Michelle Dendy**  
12th grade

New faculty and staff at Highlands School mean new things are coming. Newly appointed school principal Monica Bomengen and assistant principal Mark Thomas are not the only new staff members at Highlands this year. Civics/World History/English teacher Chris Green and EC teacher Dawn Cummings are also new additions to the staff. Another change to the school this year is Carla Harris who has transferred from teaching EC classes to teaching third grade.


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## —A Review— *I, Robot*

*I, Robot* starring Will Smith was the summer's best action blockbuster release. The movie, incorporating elements of Isaac Asimov's first collection of short stories, combines dynamic action scenes with an intriguing murder mystery and sharp dialogue delivered in Smith's signature style.

Though I was on the edge of my seat in a complete emersion of enjoyment, the three things I most enjoyed about *I, Robot* were the exciting battles between robots and humans, the ideas and questions proposed that left me thinking days after the movie, and the suspense and mystery that drove the plot to its heart-stopping climax.

The story's futuristic society spoke to me personally, making me wonder where our world is going. What would a life be like where for every five humans there was one artificially intelligent robot? What if I owned a robot? Would I befriend it or distrust it? How would humanity deal with a "race" more intelligent and stronger than its own? The movie suggests that we will treat robots with disdain, when we bother to see them at all. The robots' second class status means that they could use a messiah to lead them to a better life.

These are issues that we will have to deal with, possibly in my own life time. I think people are curious about the future and the changes it will bring. I know some people are afraid of the future. Movies like *I, Robot* force us to think about these things at the same time that they are entertaining us. This is a good way to introduce serious subjects to the public. It helps that Will Smith is such a popular star.

I rate *I, Robot* an 8 on a scale of 1-10. It never stopped moving; it kept the audience enthralled and dropped questions about the future into our minds. I would recommend this movie to anyone who is willing to be challenged about the future and who is looking for a suspense-thriller.

**Alex Osteen**  
**12<sup>th</sup> Grade**



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*By Remington Veteo — 12th grade*

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# Basketball camp leaves lasting impressions on hearing impaired student

**By Claire Frederick – 11th Grade  
and April Hicks – 11th Grade**

As another short summer comes to a close for Highlands School faculty and students, many take time to reflect on their summer endeavors. For seventh grade student Beverly Nix and her interpreter Karen Lynn Hasbrouck, the summer was quite eventful.

The two attended a week-long basketball camp at North Carolina State University. Hasbrouck, Nix's interpreter since 2001, provided companionship and translation during the experience.

The camp consisted of optional 16-hour days. The participants began their days at 7 a.m. and could continue their strenuous training until as late as 11 p.m. Hasbrouck says that she and Nix usually finished their days around 8 p.m. During this time they would practice all aspects of basketball from the importance of becoming a skillful player to learning to communicate with the members of one's team.

Nix met lots of new young people as well as coaches and, with a smile, says that she made many new friends. When asked what she liked best about the experience, Nix said, "I liked the cafeteria, staying in the dorms, and talking to friends and coaches." Nix says she may try out for the Highlands School basketball team this year, however she intends to focus more on her academics.

Aside from summer basketball camp, Hasbrouck helps Nix with many activities that take place during the school year. They have taken field trips together for the past two years. Hasbrouck jokingly reminisces about "a 21-hour field trip to Atlanta" that the two took with Nix's sixth grade class.

Nix and Hasbrouck agree that their working relationship has been very prosperous and helpful for both parties. Nix views Hasbrouck as "funny, helpful," and "nice," and Hasbrouck

describes Nix as an outgoing young girl with a bright future. She says that two years have touched her in ways she never thought possible. her experiences with Nix over the past



Beverly Nix and her interpreter Karen Hasbrouck enjoy an afternoon of tutoring.

**Photo by Claire Frederick**

## Gaming Club shows promise

**By David Hodges  
11th Grade**

Highlands School Gaming Club is a new extracurricular activity. The club, sponsored by social studies teacher Simeon Hickman, offers members a chance to play a variety of games such as chess, Risk and cards. Gamers gather in Hickman's classroom every day during lunch for friendly competition.

Although still in its fledgling stage, the club shows promise and may eventually evolve into a league, complete with stats and standings, said Hickman.

**Photo by David Hodges**



Animals were the main attraction in Julie McClellan's kindergarten class the week of August 30-September 3. As McClellan and her students incorporated animals into their curriculum, parents brought family pets to class. Above Dale McCall introduces Snowball, a baby pigmy goat to Dillon Medlin. McCall also brought the family dog Dakota, a Husky and Jack Russell mix, to class. Parent Marjorie Crowe shared two tiny terrapins with the students.

**Photo by Allie Roman**



# New teachers join Highlands School faculty for 2004 - 2005 school year



Chris Green

## By Remington Veteo 12th Grade

Chris Green teaches Civics, World History and English I. Over the past four years, he has taught US History at all high school levels. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and is certified to teach secondary (9-12) social studies.

Highlands School is smaller than Green's former school, Columbia High School, which is a 400 student high school. He enjoys working with students at all high school grade levels and teaching students who do their best. He likes both small and large schools.

"I believe that if the class is small everyone gets a lot of attention; and if the class is big, there is a lot of room for discussion. The only problem is that some students might feel intimidated and not participate in class at all if the class is too large," Green commented.

Green said he has had only positive experiences at Highlands School so far. He says, "The students are respectful and hard-working, and the faculty and administration are very supportive. People enjoy being here, and that is important for a school to be successful." Green says the Highlands townspeople have been very friendly and welcoming, and they are genuinely concerned with the well-being of others.

He believes that teachers should always be open to new ideas to use in the classroom. He stated that he is going to try to "stay up with the times" create an interesting and educational environment for the kids.

Outside the classroom, Green coaches middle school soccer. He is also interested in politics and loves to

participate in political campaigns. He replaces former varsity soccer coach Roger Mueller as a high school history teacher.



Dawn Cummings

## By Allie Roman and Michelle Dendy 12th Grade

Dawn Cummings taught at Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy in Rutherfordton before coming to Highlands. She has worked at juvenile treatment centers and taught at risk youth in Tennessee. She served as director of exceptional children's services at two charter schools and has taught all grade levels while working in TN, SC and NC. Cummings, who earned a bachelor's degree in special education from Western Carolina University, has been working with exceptional children in public schools, charter schools and treatment facilities for 20 years.

While attending WCU, Cummings hiked in the surrounding area and knew she wanted to return to the mountains. Highlands seemed like the perfect place. She loves working in a small school environment, believing that a "small school is best for students and teachers." Cummings reached this decision after experiencing the atmosphere of a larger school and finding out she "hated it."

Cummings says she is delighted with the support and communication she has received from parents since arriving at Highlands School this year. Still unfamiliar with the town of Highlands, she is eager to find some free time to explore the area.

Hiking, short backpacking trips and quilting are some of the activities Cummings enjoys in her free time. She has made 27 quilts in all, some of

which she donated to special events and cancer patients or gave as wedding gifts. She intends to enter two of her quilts in a quilt guild show in October. Most of her quilting is folk art, but Cummings has also restored antique quilt tops. Two of her folk art quilts are displayed in her classroom for the students to admire each day.



Brett Lamb

## By Kathryn Coppage 12th Grade

Brett Lamb has been coaching in different areas for 11 years. For the past seven years, Lamb has worked as a K-5 Physical Education teacher at Cullasaja School. He decided to move back to his home school to continue teaching and coaching and to fill the position opened by Richard Smith's retirement last year. Lamb started his college experience at Lees McRae and played two years of college basketball.

After one year as a student assistant coach, Lamb went to Western Carolina and committed himself as a student coach for the basketball team, the baseball team, and the football team. After four years of assisting the three teams, he knocked it down to the game of basketball. He served as the WCU Catamounts assistant coach for two years.

This is Lamb's fifth season working as a coach with the Highlanders. During that time, he has served three years as coach for the JV boys' basketball team. He has also spent five year's assisting Coach Butch Smart as the varsity boys' basketball assistant coach.

Last spring, Lamb started up the Highlanders' baseball team again after a one year lapse, and played the part of head baseball coach.

Lamb is the PE teacher for grades

K-9, excluding the fifth and seventh grade classes. "One of my goals this year is to build a solid and organized PE program that kids enjoy coming to and [from which they] are in fact, learning a healthier lifestyle," Lamb stated. "So far, I am enjoying this fresh new year, with new students and a new administration."

Lamb will again be filling the position as varsity boy's basketball assistant coach and head coach for the varsity boys' baseball team.

"It's great to be teaching at the school I went to. It gives me great pride to give back to the school and community that gave me so much as a student."



Carla Harris

## By David Hodges 12th Grade

Carla Harris was a new Exceptional Children's teacher last year. This year she chose to transfer to third grade. She said, "While teaching Exceptional Children last year in Highlands, [I realized] the actual teaching of content and student contact was my favorite part."

Academically, switching is not a problem as Harris holds certification in exceptional children education for pre-K-12 and in elementary education for K-8.

"I switched positions for increased student contact," Harris said. "I am especially looking forward to the kind of projects that help make learning authentic for the students – the kinds of things they remember years later."

This year, Harris will highlight the solar system, rainforests, and world cultures. "I am excited and honored to be in a position to watch them and their world learn and grow."





Photo by Allie Roman

Jane Chalker's Great Beginnings class prepare for blast off to outer space in their home-made astronaut gear. The class took this imaginary trip as they completed a unit of study on outer space.

## Kid's Next Store opens for business

By April Hicks  
11th Grade

Kid's Next Store, Denise West's fourth grade students' store featuring school supplies, opened on Monday, August 23. Prices for the school supplies are posted in the lobby near the media center entrance where the store is set up Monday through Friday from 7:30-7:55 a.m.

Students and volunteers take turns managing the store.

The students opened their store after applying for a loan from principal

Monica Bomengen.

Half of the profits will go to the school and the other half will go to the class to purchase more supplies and for end of year projects of the students' choice.

A notary of Wachovia Bank in Highlands gave the students an incentive to sell more of their supplies when she told them that she will match half of their class profits. The money that the class receives from the store is spent however the children want to, extra funds will follow them next year.



Clay Tuccicaselli and Autumn Chastain of Denise West's fourth grade sell school supplies to eager buyers during the first week of "Kid's Next Store."

Photo by Claire Frederick

## Seniors rally for Relay for Life

by Kathryn Coppage  
12th Grade

Relay for Life participants from the Highlands School senior class raised over \$5,500 for Relay for Life. They raised the funds from sponsors, donations and baked goods.

Seniors and parents made cookies, brownies, pies and other tasty sweets

to sell at the all night event. Volunteers from the class manned the senior booth from 6 p.m. August 27 until 7 a.m. the next morning.

Several members of the senior class camped out in classmate Matthew Keener's camper. There were up to twelve people napping in the camper at one point.



Photo by Jonathan Kerhoulas

## SGA officers offer new ideas for Highlands School student body

By Allie Roman and Michelle Dendy  
12th Grade

Recycling and revising their Constitution are a few of the new Student Government Association (SGA) projects this year. Newly elected SGA President Alex Osteen is fully prepared to execute measures needed to fulfill these tasks.

Osteen said, "This year I hope to get the ball rolling on new projects."

The numbers of elected class officers attending the monthly meeting have also been changed.

Rather than having the usual 16 officers attend meetings, the new management is trying a different tactic. Only six representatives meet monthly, two officers from the junior and senior classes and one from the sophomore and freshman classes. Upperclass presidents and vice-presidents attend SGA meetings while the presidents of underclasses attended the meetings.

Osteen said, "with four class

officers, it's hard to get things done."

Osteen and his fellow SGA officers, vice-president Matthew Keener, secretary Brooke Fowler, and treasurer Kathryn Coppage, have already met several times about the new and traditional SGA projects.

Also new this year is the faculty advisor for the meetings, newly appointed assistant principal Mark Thomas.

Junior class officers include president Rebecca Dotson, vice-president Callie Rawlins, secretary April Hicks, treasurer Matthew Chenoweth.

Sophomore class officers are president Angela Sanchez, vice-president Lara Gibson, secretary Lucy Herz, and treasurer Sara Bates.

Freshmen officers include president Bailey Buck, vice-president Greg Porter, secretary Ashley Higgs and treasurer Spencer Schultz.



# Highlander varsity soccer dominates Franklin 6-1

By Kathryn Coppage, 12th

The Highlanders boys' soccer team is carrying a 2-1-2 record so far for the season.

The Highlanders destroyed the Franklin Panthers in a 6-1 game in their August 23 first home game for the season. Most recently they trounced Hiawasse Dam 11-0.

At halftime, the Highlanders were in the lead 3-0, and by the second half they were not about to let their guard down. They came into the second half with force, scoring two more goals before coach David Parrish brought in fresh legs to fight the Panthers.

Panther Edgar Olvera scored in the last 10 minutes of the game, but the Highlanders were not too fond of leaving the game on that note.

With five minutes left, fullback Matthew Keener received a volley off a header, and shot from outside the box, sending a beautiful shot smack between the Franklin goalie's legs. This gave the Highlanders their sixth goal and a triumphant victory.

The Highlander team, as well as their fans, was going wild. They walked off the field with pride after that game and sent the Panthers crawling. Highlanders who scored against Franklin were Lucio Trazzi, Matthew Chenoweth and Matthew Keener. Two of Trazzi's goals were assisted by Andrew Kerhoulas and Tyler Wavra. Nick Kerhoulas assisted Chenoweth's goals.

The Highlanders were challenged and overtaken by the Rabun Gap Eagles August 25 in a 5-8 game. Both



Captains Andrew Kerhoulas and Matthew Keener call the Highlander soccer team together for a kneel and pray after a 6-1 win against the Franklin Panthers August 23.

Photo by Kathryn Coppage

teams played aggressively throughout the game creating a high adrenaline rush for the fans.

The Highlanders kept their strength by finishing their shots on goal, but the Eagles surpassed this strength with their own great shots.

Rabun Gap made an outstanding offensive attack by using their skilled forwards to manipulate the plays and earn the team's lead.

Highlanders Greg Porter, Lucio Trazzi and Matthew Keener each scored goals to keep the Eagles at a competitive level. Nick Kerhoulas also kicked up the night with two outstanding goals for the team.

Both teams were matched in technical abilities, which created a great game for fans on both sides. The Highlanders and the Eagles persistently gave every ounce of effort and perseverance they had with the Eagles ending up on top.

## Middle School

### New coach kicks off soccer season

Marlee McCall – 8th Grade

There are changes everywhere around Highlands School, new principal and assistant-principal, new teachers and even coaches. Chris Green is the new high school history teacher, and also the new middle school soccer coach.

Green has never coached school soccer before, but he seems to be doing a good job of it. Team members, many of whom have gone to school and played soccer with each other for eight plus years, have said that they like him as a coach. The middle school Highlanders have played two games so far. Their first game was home on August 31 against

Summit Charter. The Highlanders lost 6 to 3 but played well. Will Mathiowdis, Luke McClellan and Michael Lica each scored one goal. On September 2 the team tied Scott's Creek Middle School 3-3 and again played well. Will Mathiowdis, Luke McClellan and Ezra Herz each scored a goal for Highlands.

Home games are at the Buck Creek field. Come see them play, you'll be impressed. Schedules are available at the Highlands School office and at [www.highlands-school.org](http://www.highlands-school.org). See you at the next game!

## Highlands's JV and Varsity Volleyball Scores

By Claire Frederick  
11th Grade

Highlands faced Rosman in volleyball on Sept 2. Varsity's first match was a win for Highlands; the first time Highlands has ever beaten Swain in volleyball. The last three matches were won by Swain. The JV went home with a loss as well.

Highlands beat Hiawasse Dam on Sept. 9 with great team work from JV and Varsity.

**Rosman- (Away) Sept. 2**

**JV - Loss (0-2)**

Scores: 17-25; 23-25

**Varsity - Loss (1-3)**

Scores: 25-21; 15-25; 17-25;  
22-25

**Hiawasse Dam- (Away) Sept. 9**

**JV - Win (2-0)**

Scores: 25-16; 25-16

**Varsity - Win (3-0)**

Scores: 25-19; 25-19; 25-17

**Swain-Rescheduled for Monday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup>**

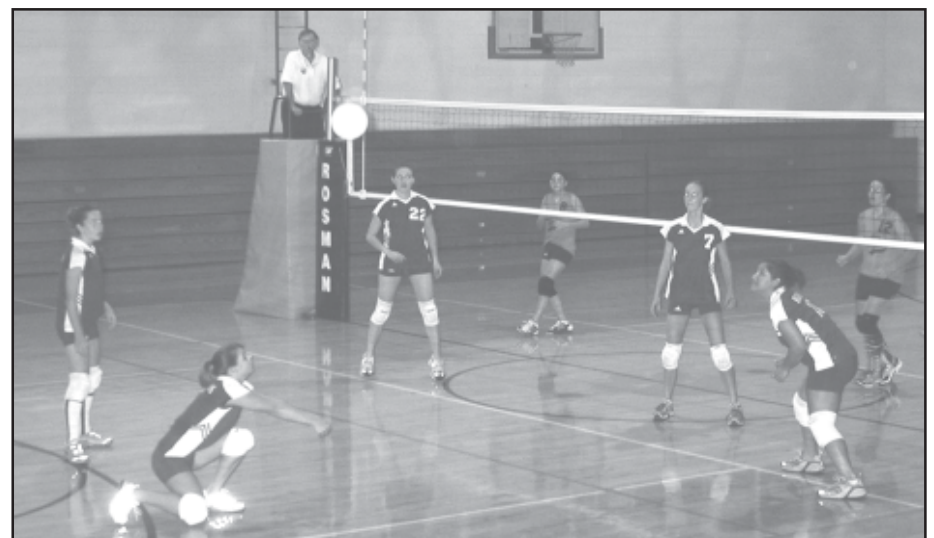


Photo by Claire Frederick

Highlander Rebecca Ashburn makes a great save and bumps the volleyball to Angela Sanchez to set up for a spike against the Rosman Tigers on September 2.



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field, while his brother studies at a nearby university and his sister attends high school in Annecy.

Antoine selected the United States as his country of choice for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program for several reasons. He said that he was seeking a good experience in a new culture. "I am really enjoying meeting Americans because they are cool," he said. He is currently staying with the family of Frank and Kristen Edwards, where he is enjoying himself during his first visit to the United States.

Lucio Caceres Trazzi has come to Highlands at the age of 17 from what he called the small city of São José do Rio Preto, population 400,000. His home city is located in the southeastern region of Brazil. Here he regularly attends high school, but in a very different manner than what Americans would expect.

Lucio explained that in Brazil, students have optional class times on location at their schools which could be during the morning from seven to noon, in the afternoon from 1:30 to 7 pm, or at night. In Brazil the students stay in one room for the entire school day while their teachers change classrooms. In addition, all classes that students take in Brazil are required, allowing for no elective courses. For the past eight years Lucio has studied

the English language twice per week and now hopes that his experience in the States will increase his knowledge of the language.

Lucio enjoys soccer and is currently participating in the Highlands School men's varsity soccer program. He also finds enjoyment in going to clubs and discos and in using computers. Upon his return to Brazil, he will seek further education at a university. Included in the Trazzi household are Lucio's parents and his 22 year-old sister. Lucio's father works as a cattle farmer, his mother practices alternative medicine as a doctor and distributor of herbs and remedies, and his sister attends a local university where she is earning her veterinary license.

The desire to learn a different language and experience a new culture enticed Lucio to select the United States as his country of choice for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Currently he is housing with the family of Joel and Monica Crook; after the Christmas holidays he will stay with Linda Parrish and her family.

Of his first visit to the United States, Lucio said, "I am enjoying the experience of being here and learning about the American culture."



Lucio Trazzi, Highlands Brazilian exchange student, gears up for soccer practice. Trazzi has eight goals so far this soccer season, along with two assists. According to Coach David Parrish, Lucio has made a great addition to the team.

*Photo by McKenzie Thompson*



## A New Era Begins...

### Announcing the opening of the new Jane Woodruff Clinic

On the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital



Patti B. Wheeler, MD

Effective Monday, Sept. 20

#### Highlands Medical Associates



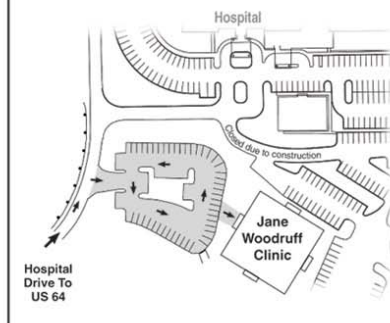
P. Richard Olson, MD

The medical practice of Drs. Patti Wheeler and Richard Olson will now be located in Suite 301, on Level 3 of the new Jane Woodruff Clinic. Due to continuing construction, please access this suite by using the Level 1 entrance and taking the elevator to the third floor (see map below).

Join us at 2 p.m. on  
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a special dedication  
and open house  
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H O S P I T A L



## Artattack

After school art class for students in grades 4 - 8

Wednesday 3:15-4:15

This is a class designed for students in grades 4 through 8 who want to "do art." The students will work in mixed media including: painting, printmaking, graphics, cartooning, clay, 3-D design, fabric and textile. There will be an emphasis on the purpose of art in society, a focus on some of the different forms art takes, and how the visual art affect us. Each student's individual creativity and style will be encouraged. **Bus transportation from Highlands School to the Bascom-Louise Gallery will be provided for this class.**

## 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.

## It's Masterful!

Art classes for home-schooled students.

1st & 3rd Wednesdays from 1 - 3

This class will be held during the school day. Its purpose is to enhance the academic educational process through art, working closely with the foundational principles of home school education. The use of the Bascom-Louise Gallery's art educational facility and library will help to enhance the student's artistic experience. The heart of the curriculum will be centered on the influence of "The Masters." This class is open to students from first grade through high school. Class size and age grouping will be determined by need. Each class will have a short lesson on a specific artist followed by a creative project. Instruction and experimentation with different mediums will be the core of this class. Each student will be encouraged to work independently at his or her age and experience level. There will also be a take-home portfolio that the students will work on, independent of the actual class time.

## 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.**

## Little Stars

Art for Preschool children - Starting Sept. 28

Tuesdays 10:30-11:30

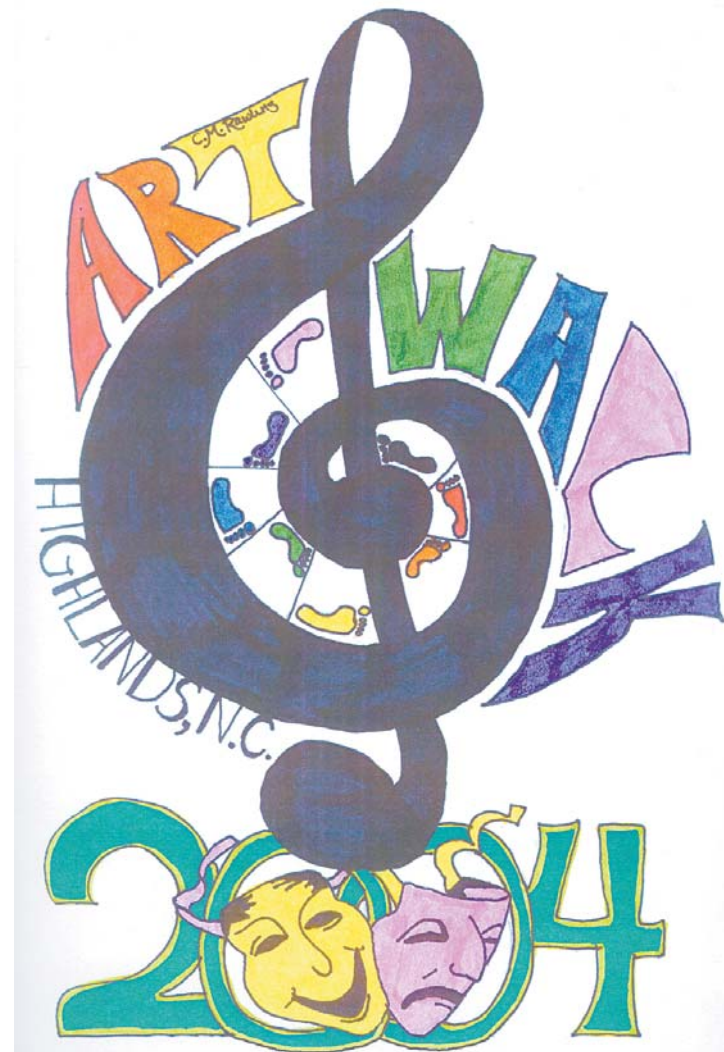
The Bascom-Louise Gallery is excited to be offering a new art program for preschool children. This is a wonderful opportunity to broaden the children's experience by a hands-on, age appropriate introduction to the visual arts. The children will be acquainted with the Gallery's permanent and temporary exhibits. This will be a chance to experience personal observation and expression and to learn how artists communicate thoughts and feelings through art. They will then make their own inspired special art. The children will have the chance to work with mixed media, learning the artistic process of using paints, pastels, fabrics, and clay.

## Parent and child

Wednesdays 11-12

This is a delightful time for pre-school children, age 2 to kindergarten, and parents to "play" together. Parent and child will enjoy the creation process of a start-to-finish project, which will delight the eyes and heart. The child will also begin to learn how to use the "tools of art," safely and with respect. This is a fun mixed media class that will bring out the child in everyone.

Each class is \$5 • Call the Gallery at  
526-4949 to register  
Scholarships available



## IVAN's on it's way. ArtWalk & Children's ArtWalk Has Moved To the Rec Park!!!

### Friday, September 17

6 pm – Artists and Sponsors Reception at Kelsey & Hutchinson Lodge

### Saturday, September 18

8:30 am – 5K Art Run to benefit Highland School

### Art Walk 9:30 am to 5 pm

9:30 am – Opening Ceremony at Rec Park featuring the Highlands Pipe and Drum Corp and the McKim Sisters

10am to 5 pm – Over 40 regional and local artists will exhibit

1 to 2 pm – Kevin Danzig

1 to 3 pm – Zorki

12-1pm – Brian Starr

3-5 pm – Hurricane Creek

### Children's' Art Walk 10 am to 3 pm (AT THE REC PARK)

10 to 3 – Paint your own Art Walk t-shirt; Have your face painted; Paint a birdhouse or bird feeder from the Bird Barn; Create art with paper, paint, and chalk from The Toy Store; Make a refrigerator magnet from Reeves Hardware; Enjoy hot dogs from Fressers and popcorn from Kilwins; Go to an old fashioned lemonade stand operated by the Girls' Clubhouse.

10 am – Drama Class for ages 5-7

11- Kevin Danzig presents a musical guitar performance with a special appearance by Puff the magic Dragon

12 pm- Drama class for ages 8-10

1 pm – Brian Starr will present a kids rock and roll show with Tinkerbell

2 pm – Suan Moss will perform his magic show

### Sunday, September 19

1 to 4 pm – Self guided tours through Highlands' wonderful art galleries



## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

# The meaning of 'finished'

By Hunter Coleman

First Presbyterian Church

"It is finished." The last of the seven last words. A text usually associated w. Lent. "Finished," How did Jesus mean that?

Did he mean finished as in all over. His work of love begun three short years earlier, done in. Destroyed as he was about to be. He had lost everything. Even the one thing he owned. A robe taken from him and given to the winner of the game of chance. He had lost most everyone. All his so-called devoted followers gone, except one and his mother who lingered nearby. Not much of an inventory for success.

"Finished." A cry from the lips of one dying the scandalous death of a traitor, to the bankrupt litany of the crowds. "...so you are a king of the Jews. Well, save yourself. Come down from the cross and we will believe." "Finished"...as in done in. Down the tubes. An absolute failure. An embarrassment to everyone associated with him.

Jesus could have meant something entirely different. He could have meant "finished" as in completed. He had done what he set out to do. The will of the One who sent him. What he had read from the prophet Isaiah in the synagogue at the beginning of his ministry, he had accomplished. He had preached good news to the poor. He had proclaimed release to the captives. He had recovered the sight of the blind. He had set at liberty those who were oppressed.

His way of death was a consequence of how he lived his life. He was being "finished off" crucified because he spent most of his ministry doing what the establishment considered heresy, treason, blasphemy. If he had chosen instead to play it safe, avoid controversy, he could have been around for a very long time. Teaching in the cool of the synagogue until he was very old, dying finally of old age. But then, where would the kingdom of peace and justice be? Down the tubes. Over and done with. Kaput. Finished.

"It is finished." Over? Accomplished? Which was it? At one level, we say we know. It is finished as in down the tubes. Over and done with. Bankrupt. We'd better play it safe with our lives. It's the only one we get. Say and do the acceptable things. If you make trouble, make the kind of trouble that's expected. Handle work, leisure, church, citizenry so that you can live a long, long time.

At a much deeper level, we are afraid he meant something entirely different. Something akin to "accomplished." Completed. Living the safe way is a dangerous way to live. It starves the soul. It kills. Scripture says love is stronger than death. Love lasts. We have nothing to lose and everything to gain. We can let go and still hold on. There are things worth working yourself to death for, things that matter, things that transform, things that make your life fuller, richer, more satisfying than if by a more cautious way, you manage to live twice as long.

The very last of the last words. "It is finished." It was finished for most of his followers, or should one say they were finished with it else they would never have abandoned ship so quickly, returning to a work they had left unfinished three years earlier. Carefully, fishing for fish. Trying not to rock the boat, hoping to keep body and soul together.

## • PLACES OF WORSHIP ON THE PLATEAU •

### Blue Valley Baptist Church

Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965

Sundays: School – 10 a.m., Worship – 11

Sunday night services every second and fourth Sunday at 7 p.m.

Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting – 7 p.m.

### Buck Creek Baptist Church

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

First Saturday: Singing at 7:30 p.m.

### Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

NC 28 N. and Pine Ridge Rd., (828) 369-8329

Rai Cammack, Branch President, (828) 369-1627

Sundays: Worship – 10 a.m.; school & primary

classes – 11 a.m.; Women's & Men's Org. – noon

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

Wednesdays: Boy Scouts of America mtg. – 6:30

p.m.; Young women's activities – 6:30 p.m.

### Christ Anglican Church

743-3319

"A Bible-based liturgical church"

Services: Sundays at 4 p.m. at the

Community Bible Church in Highlands

Holy Communion at most services.

### Christian Scientist Church

526-2830

Corner of Spring and Third Streets

Come hear the healing message of the Christ

Sunday morning at 11 a.m.

Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Study Room Open Tues. and Fri.: 2-4 p.m.

### Clear Creek Baptist Church

Pastor Everett Wilson, (828) 743-3379

Sundays: School – 10 a.m.; Worship – 11

Prayer – 6:30 p.m.

Evening Service – 7 p.m.

### Community Bible Church

(Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Steven E. Kerhoulas, Pastor, 526-4685

3645 U.S. 64 east

Sundays: School – 9:30 a.m.; Worship – 10:45;

Youth "The Rock" meeting.

Tuesdays: Women's Bible Study – 9:45

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

### Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

Interim Priest: Stephen Hines, 526-2968

Sundays: Choir – 9 a.m.; Bible Study & Book Study

classes – 9:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist – 10:30 a.m.;

Children's Chapel – 10:30 a.m.

Women's Cursillo Group (Library) – 4

Tuesdays: Men's Cursillo in Jones Hall – 8

Thursdays: Holy Eucharist – 10 a.m.

The Sunday Service is telecast on cable channel 14

### First Baptist Church

Dr. Daniel D. Robinson, 526-4153

Sun.: Worship – 8:15 a.m., 10:45 a.m., 6:30 p.m.;

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Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth – 7 p.m.

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Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study – 7

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Sundays: Worship – 11 a.m.

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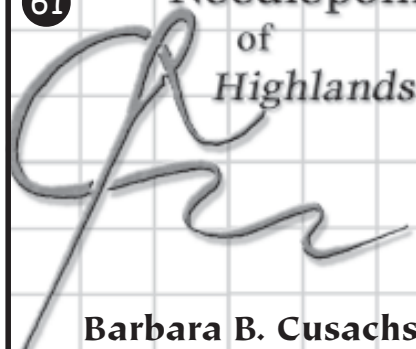
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## • POLICE & FIRE REPORT •

The following are the Highlands Police Department log entries for the week of Sept. 8-14. The only names are of public officials and/or people who were arrested.

### Sept 8

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

- At 2:30 p.m., a motorist reported seeing two men leading a woman whose hands were tied behind her back down U.S. 64 west in the vicinity of Dry Falls. The Sheriff's Dept. responded but it was unable to find the people.

### Sept 9

- At 3:30 p.m., skateboarders on N. Fourth Street were told to stop.
- At 6:30 p.m., officers responded to an accident between two vehicles at U.S. 64 east and Hickory Street.

### Sept 10

- At 9:05 a.m., a motorist reported damage to her vehicle while parked at Highlands Plaza.

- At 5:40 p.m., a motorist was cited for exceeding a safe speed at Hickory Street and U.S. 64 east.

### Sept 11

- At 1:25 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. All was secure.

- At 10:30 a.m., a breaking & entering was reported at a home on Satulah Ridge Road where \$1,550 worth of appliances and clothing – TV, leaf blower, chain saw, two coats (one fur) were allegedly missing.

- At 6:10 p.m., a motorist at U.S. 64 west and N.C. 106 was cited for exceeding a safe speed.

- At 6:45 p.m., a motorist at Main and Third streets was cited for following another car too closely.

- At 10 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a business on Main Street. All was secure.

### Sept 12

- At 1:45 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at Old Edwards Inn. All was secure.

- At 5:50 a.m., a breaking and entering was reported at the water treatment plant. Nothing was taken.

- At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to an alarm at a residence on Satulah Road. All was secure.

- At 9 p.m., Ortega Santos, 28, of Cashiers, was arrested for DWI and driving with an open container and without a license at Third and Main streets.

**The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department log entries for the week of Sept. 8-13.**

### Sept 8

- The dept. responded to a tree down on a power line.

### Sept 10

- The dept. responded to the smell of smoke at a residence on Wilson Road. It was a malfunctioning lamp.

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

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Hickory Street during the Model A race. There was no transport.

### Sept 11

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

### Sept 12

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers. It was cancelled en route



# • UPCOMING EVENTS •

## 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.

• 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 & Cheese – Wine Flights Fri, and Sat: 4:30 until 6:30. California and Beyond. Sat. Meet Cam Marshall of Millennium Beverage. Wines by the glass and cheese plates Wed-Sun: 1:30 until 4:30. Complimentary tastings Sat and Sun: 1-4:30.

• 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 9:30 p.m. Sundays at 8 p.m.

## Through Sept. 25

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

## 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 Cashiers Library. A raffle featuring an Orvis 4 wt. rod and reel will follow the speaker.

## Sept. 15-19

• Macon County Fair with the theme "Rural America – Important for your

economy," at the Macon County fairgrounds in Franklin.

## Sept 18

• **BENEFIT** – 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 Highlands Art Walk Saturday. The race, starts at 8:30 a.m. near the gazebo on Pine Street. For more info, contact Rick Rawlins at 526-0454.

• ArtWalk & Children's ArtWalk at the Rec Park, 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.

• The newly formed Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center Men's Chorus presents a diverse program of vocal music from the sacred to Broadway at the PAC at 507 Chestnut Street at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale one hour before the concert at the door. Adults \$5; children under 12 are free.

## Sept. 20

• Mirror Lake Improvement Assoc. regular meeting Monday at 7:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

## Sept 21

• Dine Out For Literacy at The Brick Oven, Bucks, Cyprus, Don Leon's, Fireside, Fressers, Lakeside, The Log Cabin, Pescado's, The Pizza Place, Sports Page, Madison's and on Sept. 22 ...on the Verandah. Ten percent of proceeds go to the Literacy Council.

• JMCA will host a public forum on the hemlock woolly adelgid at 5:30 pm at the Highlands Rec. Center. The program is free.

• ...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](mailto: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-Nov. 11

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

## 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. in front of Macon Bank at the gazebo on Pine Street.

• Semi-annual Cullasaja Gorge Road Clean-Up on Saturday. Meet at the Cliffside Lake front parking area at 9:30 a.m. Most groups finish in about 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

## Sept 27

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

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who will move to Suite 302. And area plastic surgeon Robert T. Buchanan, MD, whose offices are now located at Fifth and South Streets in Highlands, will move his offices to the hospital campus, occupying Suite 202 on Level 2.

Each of the building's three main floors has its own ground-level entrance and corresponding parking area. Hospital officials say they hope

to have access to those parking areas open by Oct. 24, when a special dedication and ribbon cutting is scheduled. The public is invite to attend those festivities and tour the building.

"The new Jane Woodruff Clinic is a wonderful addition to our campus. It will provide some much needed office space for a number of our existing physicians, as well as for other physicians who may come here in the future," said Graham. "Good physicians are the core of any successful medical community, and this new building gives us the additional space and flexibility to meet their needs."

Additional space in the new clinic will also allow the hospital to consider some new medical services like a new outpatient diagnostic center that would allow patients who require various radiology procedures or lab tests easy access to those services without having to actually go in side the main hospital.

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# HS graduate Willhide to exhibit at ArtWalk

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Highlands own Laura Willhide will be exhibiting during the Highlands Art Walk at the Rec Park on Sat., Sept. 18.

Currently living in Asheville this will be Laura's first show in her hometown of Highlands.

Her first gallery show in Asheville was a huge success. Laura uses mixed media and her style is sometimes called Urban and she sometimes

defines it as "Ghetto Art" using whatever is available. She turns trash into riches and is known to pick up and use objects which have been strewn on the side of the road.

She also combines her poetry with her paintings, will be exhibiting black and white photography, functional sculpture, and is multitasking playing guitar, squeezebox, and saw with a bow.

Laura's art evokes a wide range of emotion from the hilarious to deeply thought provoking.



JMCA continues its fight against Hemlock Woolly Adelgid

## New insight to be discussed at meeting

On Sept. 21 at 5:30 pm at the Highlands Civic Center (Rec. Park) JMCA will host a public forum on the hemlock woolly adelgid for those who missed the previous programs held in Highlands, Cashiers, and just recently in Franklin.

People interested in learning about the HWA infestation, how to save their hemlocks, and the biological control program underway should plan to attend.

## Children ArtWalk moved to Rec Park



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# Cancer takes a break – couple gets a breather

**Editor's note:** This article is a continuation of a series based on the experiences of a man whose wife has cancer.

In July, Drs. William Scaljon and Richard Lauer agreed on two things:  
First, Cynthia had a very dangerous tumor on the wall of her bladder. Most likely, it was so deep in the wall that it had gone completely through the bladder wall, which made it a "very serious" problem.

Second, Since the cancerous tumor had grown through the bladder wall, the cancer cells had spread to other parts of her body. No one could say where.

That was a little more than two months ago.

Last Wednesday, we went back to Dr. Scaljon, the urologist who had first located and evaluated the tumor. He conducted a second cystoscopic exam.

The tumor was gone.

"That doesn't mean that we're out of the woods yet," he cautioned. "It just means that we can't find the cancer, even though we know it's there somewhere."

What an amazing report that was! For two months, Cynthia's life was in great danger. Now, out of the blue, the doctors have given us hope!

The doctor was quick to add that Cynthia will have to undergo another six chemotherapy treatments, in a final effort to make sure that all of the cancer cells in her body are gone. Such a small price to pay for the relief we already feel!

How many factors played a part in this near-miraculous report? Thousands.

- There was the chemotherapy, provided by oncologist Dr. Richard Lauer. Dr. Scaljon told us that his colleague was capable of making miracles. That's what he seems to have done. Although Dr. Lauer never promised us anything, he has given us hope that we will defeat cancer.

- There were countless prayers all over the world. There were prayers in Cashiers and Highlands; there were prayers in Georgia, Florida, New York, California, Wisconsin, Oklahoma, and Luxembourg. Union Hill United Methodist Church in Hiawasse, GA, where we are members, offered up hundreds of prayers. On Sunday, we shared our good news with our church family, and together we wept with joy.

- There was the support we received from so many friends. Phil Harrison, an ally for 30 years, brought a dozen tape recordings of Rev. Eric Butterworth, of Unity Church, who has put together a series of lectures on the power of spiritual healing.

- There was the crucifix that came from a living miracle, Travis Goodloe. Travis, suffering from throat cancer, was condemned by his doctors to die within six months. A friend gave him a five-inch-tall cross, a relic from the shrine

of Father Francis Xavier Seelos, who lived in New Orleans a century and a half ago and who has been beatified for the miracles done in his name. He has been cancer-free since 1998. Travis loaned the crucifix to Cynthia in the hope that her recovery will be complete. It seems to be working.

No one knows what the future holds. I can't even predict that I will be alive tomorrow. But at least we can think about something other than cancer for awhile. We'll get another round of chemotherapy next week.

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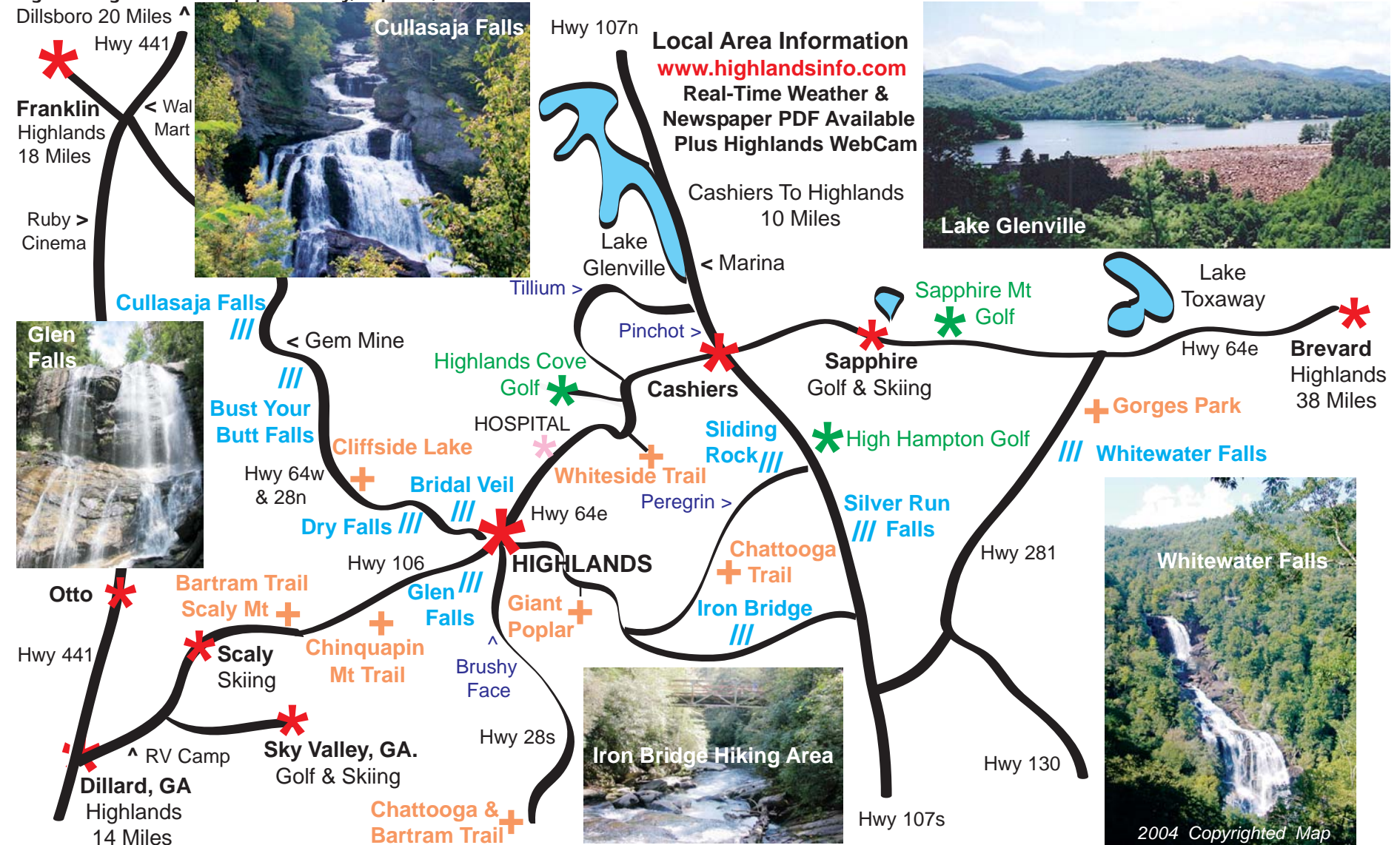
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