

# Highlands' Newspaper

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## On-going

• On Mondays, from 4-6 p.m., The Food Pantry is open for anyone needing provisions – canned goods and nonperishables – at Highlands United Methodist Church building on Church Street Alley.

• Live music at ...on the Verandah from 7 p.m. nightly; Chad Reed at the piano Friday to Monday and Wednesdays; and from noon at Sun. Brunch; Michael Lococo jazz guitar on Tuesdays and Thursdays

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

• Cy Timmons at Fressers at Helen's Barn every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6 p.m. until close.

• Live Music at Buck's Coffee Cafe Thursday-Saturday, 8-11 p.m.

• Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Friday and Saturday from 4:30-6:30. Sat. complimentary samples 12:30-4.

## Nov. 11

• HS Basketball first game of the season, against Rabun-Gap Nacoochee, at home – Girls, 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8 p.m.

## Nov. 12

• A fundraising dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church for Ronnie and Terri Crowe Country Fried Chicken and all the trimmings prepared by Nancy Ostema and Margie Melvin. Dessert buffet and bake sale.

• On Saturday, volunteer training for a hemlock woolly adelgid monitoring project with JMCA and Clemson. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Nature Center. Call 526-9938 ext. 320.

## Nov. 15

• 2005 ECO Film Series at Instant Theatre on Main Street in Oak Square. "Blue Vinyl" Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Film begins 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 536-5999.

• HS Basketball home game against Hayesville. Girls, 6:30 p.m. (Boys cancelled.)

• HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic: "Integrity, Doubt, and Academic Freedom: An Interview with Gerd Ludemann."

## Nov. 16

• At The Christmas Tree on S. Fourth Street, the annual Gunther Ulbricht signing Ulbricht Nutcrackers from 2-4 p.m.

## Nov. 17

• Highlands First Baptist Church is hosting its 9th annual ladies holiday banquet for all the ladies in the community. The event will be held on Thursday at the Highland's Civic Center at 6 p.m. Call 526-4153.

• The next PTO meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served by the Junior Class as a fundraiser at 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per plate. Babysitting will be provided free of charge during the meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes an art presentation by two of Mrs. Taylor's students, recognition of Edward Jones' Athletes of the Month, and "Ask the Principal."

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59-35°F	60-39°F	59-40°F

## County commits to fund recreation

With semantics put to rest, the town and county have come to terms concerning the monies slotted for recreation on the plateau.

At a joint Town Board/Macon County Commission meeting Monday, Nov. 7 at the Civic Center, commissioners on

both boards hammered out the wording to be included in a "memorandum of understanding" dealing with the amount of money the county will send up the mountain each year to fund recreation.

Neither a contract nor an agreement,

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Don Mullen  
Mayor



Amy Patterson  
Incumbent  
Commissioner



Hank Ross  
Incumbent  
Commissioner

## New mayor and incumbents chosen

They answered questions, participated in forums, actively campaigned by putting up posters, handing out campaign buttons, making phone calls and pressing flesh.

But in the end not much changed on the Highlands Town Board.

Incumbent Commissioners Amy Patterson and Hank Ross are keeping their seats for another four years along with Commissioners Herb James, Allan Marsh and Dennis DeWolf who are seated for another two years.

But Mayor Buck Trott will be handing his gavel to Don Mullen.

"I want to thank everyone who supported me over the last eight years," said Trott. "I feel Highlands is very fortunate to have a person of Don Mullen's caliber as its mayor. I will assist him in the transition in any way I can and I wish him luck." Trott said maybe now he'll have time to fish.

Mullen said he's honored that the people of Highlands have elected him as their Mayor. "I will perform for their benefit to the best of my ability over the next four years. I want to thank all those who worked so hard during the campaign to make this a reality for me. I also want to congratulate Mayor Buck Trott on a fine eight years as Mayor of our wonderful little village. I will certainly look to him for advice and help and

my first proclamation will be to make Buck Trott the permanent Santa Claus of Highlands!

He also thanked Trott and Sossoman for making the campaign both enjoyable and educational for the entire community

Amy Patterson said she appreciates the confidence Highlands voters have shown her over the years.

Hank Ross said he's pleased to be re-elected and is ready to get to work on the issues ahead.

Unofficial returns reported by the Macon County Board of Elections are as follows:

For the Mayor of Highlands — Mullen, 224, Trott, 126, and Sossomon 72.

For the two Commissioner seats — Patterson, 290, Ross, 204, Rogers, 128, Pierson, 124 and Manley, 69.

The count included votes cast at the polling machines at the Civic Center, nine curb-side votes, and absentee and one-stop voters. Nine provisional ballots are not included in the tally. There are 889 registered voters in the town limits of Highlands.

The official canvass will be on Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. at the Macon County Courthouse.

The mayor and commissioners will be sworn in at the Dec. 7 board meeting.

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## Crowds expected at next week's public hearing & board meeting

The next Town Board meeting will be held at the Civic Center, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m., and it promises to be an interesting one.

The meeting, regularly held in the board room of Town Hall, has been moved to the Civic Center to accommodate the number of people expected to attend due to the Extra Territorial Jurisdiction (ETJ) issue on the agenda.

During the public hearing session in the beginning of the meeting, the adoption of four ordinances will be open to public comment — adoption of ETJ; adoption of an ordinance exercising ETJ; an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance by adopting a WS-II-BW Overlay District; and adoption of an ordinance imposing a moratorium on commercial development and commercial signs in the ETJ area for a period of 120 days.

The hot issue of ETJ was exasperated due to the failure of The Highlander newspaper to properly publish the legal notification of the meeting in successive issues. This caused the public hearing scheduled for October to be re-advertised and postponed until Nov. 16.

Now, many seasonal residents typically in Highlands during October who will be affected by ETJ said they can't be at the next week's meeting. Still commissioners are expecting a large crowd.

"I think they should put this off until the spring," said Macon County Commissioner Allan Bryson, who is himself against ETJ.

But the Town Board said their decision to address ETJ is behind schedule as it is.

With growth escalating outside the town limits, the Town Board wants to evoke ETJ to both protect the town's wa-

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## Rotary's Interact officers

Interact is the youth component of Rotary. The group of Highlands School students meets twice a month at the school to formulate community service projects. This year's officers are Allison Winn, treasurer, Megan Lewicki, president and secretary, Kelli Baer, Ramsey Asburn, vice president.



## • LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

### Understand the facts before deciding

Dear Editor,

There seems to be a lot of confusion about what a stormwater wetland is and is not. Currently, water doesn't seep into the grounds at Highlands School at the rate of rainfall. That creates runoff which goes into our water supply; it creates clogged drains; it creates soil erosion; and it contributes to mold problems. By adding plants and grasses in an engineered substrate (meaning there is a scientific and precise way to prepare the surface layers), the ground would become more efficient at allowing rainwater to seep into the ground.

A stormwater wetland is designed to facilitate drainage, not retain water. This would reduce soil erosion; it would help prevent sediment and debris from clogging drains and entering into our water supply; and it may reduce mold accumulation. A stormwater wetland would not only vastly improve the condition of the grounds at Highlands School, it would actually reduce the current mosquito population. The UCWA proposal includes specific types of herbaceous materials; carefully calibrates the amount of sunlight/shade cover; and populates the wetland with mosquito predators (i.e. mosquito fish and dragonflies). All of these factors work in harmony to reduce the mosquito population and create a thriving, healthy ecosystem.

In stark contrast, a swamp is dominated by trees and remains covered in water. That is clearly not the design of UCWA's Watershed Restoration proposal.

I encourage all members of our community (including newspaper reporters) to learn more about this Restoration proposal. There's so much more to it than 'good drainage' and 'mosquito reduction.' Don't rely on letters like mine for facts; ask the experts.

Anne deVillie  
Highlands

## • OBITUARY •

### Helen A. Elliott

Helen A. Elliott, 91, of Delray Beach, FL and Highlands, NC died peacefully in her sleep November 5, 2005. She was born in Indianapolis, IN, the daughter of the late Henry Horace and Ruth Frances Kittle Clark. She was married to the late Eugene V. Elliott. She was a manager for a plumbing business and was a member of Cason Methodist Church in Delray Beach, FL, and a member of the order of the Eastern Star.

She is survived by her son, Donald H. Elliott and his wife, Phyllis; grandsons, Dee Elliott and his wife Lisa, Philip Elliott, and Larry Elliott and his wife, Karen; six great-grandchildren also survive.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





Highlands School New Century Scholars: Amanda Barnes, Elizabeth Gordon, Cody Houser, Katie Nix, Courtney Rogers, Justin Watson. 8th Grade: Shelbi Chastain, Adilene Jimenez, Matthew Potts, Bobbi Jo Talley, Lacey Tucker, Sally Zachary. 9th Grade: Susan Barnes, Jamie Barnes, Caden Brown, Megan Ehrenkauf, Danielle Reese, Trey Welch. 10th Grade: Carly Alexander, Jessica Dryman, Thomas Forrester, Ashley Higgs, Matthew Holt. 11th Grade: Darin Keener, James Miller, Jeff Potts. 12th Grade: Jacob Chandler, April Hicks, Megan Lewicki, Stephanie McCall, Jackie Reed, Stacy Wright.

## Highlands New Century Scholars reach new heights through program

On a beautiful fall day, Highlands New Century Scholars traveled to Project SOAR in Balsam to participate in high ropes activities as part of their scholarship requirements. Initiative exercises such as these are provided in part by a gracious gift from the Leadership Highlands Class of 2004 through the Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The New Century Scholars Program, which began in 1995, is a collaborative educational effort among the public schools in Macon, Jackson and Swain counties and Southwestern

Community College which targets "high potential" students at the end of sixth grade and provides extra support to those students through their middle school and high school years.

Upon graduation from high school, a qualifying student is awarded a scholarship to Southwestern Community College.

For more information about the New Century Scholars program, please contact Jennifer Jones at 524-4414 or [jennifer.jones@mcsk-12.org](mailto:jennifer.jones@mcsk-12.org).



"Possibly the only hemlock tree the woolly adelgid won't get,"

– Mayor Buck Trott

A new camouflaged cell tower is up on Satulah Mountain. It will be home to up to five providers. So far Cingular and Ramcell are in residence. Cingular will be available by the end of the month. Ramcell will be available a few days after the tower is assembled.

The tower (in the background, left) will be embellished with fake hemlock limbs (shown here) too make it less obtrusive to the eye.

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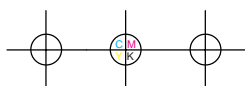
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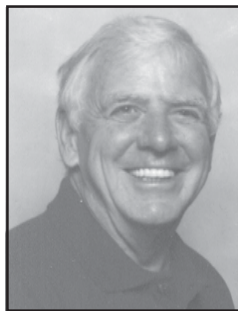


## • LAUGHING AT LIFE •

### My daddy can beat up your daddy

One of the dumbest things I ever learned to do as a kid growing up in Louisville, KY, was street fight.

Street fighting was the "in" thing back in my old neighborhood and it was how we men solved all our disputes. Telling your parents, or worse, telling a teacher, about a problem was out of the question. Only girls and girly men did that. You simply slugged it out on the street. In those days, really



**Fred Wooldridge**

deranged kids didn't go to shrinks, they went to reform school.

Actually, when I was only five years old, I was much wiser than later on. I told wannabe combatants that my daddy could beat up their daddy. That seemed to work for quite a while until little Ray Zernheld

took offense to the comment and punched me in the nose.

I loved to street fight but I was terrible at it. Go figure. It seemed no

matter how many brawls I got into, I never improved my skills. I cannot ever remember clearly winning a single fist fight, although there were several draws.

What made it all worse, I attended a Catholic school and the nuns took a dim view of fighting. Once, I picked a fight 10 feet off of school grounds, thinking they had no jurisdiction. Ha, these giant penguins, I found out the hard way, have world wide powers. First, I got punished by my opponent, then by the nuns and later, my parents. You would think I would have caught on. Nah!

Eddie Crawley, my 5th grade nemesis, bragged he could beat me up with one hand behind his back. To prove his point, he did just that about once a week. Then another kid, smaller than me, called me the "green

boy" because I had worn green pants to school on Saint Patty's day. I was offended by the remark and was in the process of beating the tar out of him and pretending he was Eddie Crawley when I felt the crack of a yard stick across my back. It would have been my first big win but a nine-foot-tall nun broke it up.

By the time I got into high school, the fighting thing was supposed to be considered childish. (Ha) I was still getting pounded several times a month, but instead of fighting over crayons, insults and important stuff like that, I now battered over girls.

Sometime during early high school, I learned that girls have functions other than being tattletales. They began to smell good and were fun to hang around. Best of all,

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# • ANOTHER VIEW •

## Our immigration dilemma

**L**ou Dobbs, one of the principal commentators on CNN, has argued long and loud for a change in our immigration policy. He points to our porous Mexican border, to the vast number of illegal immigrants, to American jobs taken from American citizens.

His alarms have found a receptive audience. Even if people weren't worried about the influx of undocumented workers, any fool can see that this is a ready entry for terrorists who wish to inflict harm on the American people.

Is there any way for our Border Patrol to stop this incursion? We have increased the number of patrolmen threefold in the last couple of years. A determined corps of vigilantes is active in the area. All sorts of advanced technology has been introduced. Nothing seems to work.

It's obvious that people are willing to risk their last peso and their very existence to seek a better life in the United States. And it isn't just a matter of more money. Many in Mexico are fleeing violence, police brutality, government corruption.

Most, of course, want to come north to help support their families back home. There is a limited number who can enter legally as temporary workers. Others, tenfold and more, brave the perilous journey across the Rio Grande or are smuggled into the United States, often by ruthless middlemen who treat them purely as human cargo.

It is estimated that there are in excess of 10 million illegal immigrants in this country, nearly 300,000 in North Carolina alone. In 2004, North Carolina made it more difficult for undocumented workers to obtain driving licenses. The U.S. Congress is considering a law to deny all illegal immigrants *any* right to receive a driver's license.

These measures, and others, have been very controversial throughout the country. Here in Highlands they would undoubtedly affect many people.

What is to be done that would be fair and equitable for all?

The hard-liners propose arresting and deporting all illegals as soon as possible, denying those still at large any social services, including public education for their children, and erecting whatever barriers are necessary along our southern borders to prevent



Dr. Alex Redmountain

further incursions. They argue that any guest worker programs simply compound the problem, since many of these workers find a way to outstay their permits, and illegal workers tend to follow family members into the country. Needless to say, they also oppose the issuance of driver's licenses to all non-

citizens, partly as an anti-terrorist measure.

The "soft-liners" tend to be uncertain and confused. Some appear to be advocating doing nothing, which is probably not good policy. Others support some kind of guest worker program, with special temporary visas. Many want illegal aliens to be able to obtain driver's licenses so they can work and earn a living. The idea of denying education to the children seems barbaric to a great many others.

One of the arguments often made in defense of undocumented workers, and one often heard here in Highlands, is that they are willing to do work that our citizens are not. More bluntly stated, they may be willing to work longer hours for lower wages than locals. Critics argue that legal residents would embrace the work if it were fairly remunerated.

As a matter of full disclosure, I must acknowledge that I am an immigrant myself, albeit a legal one. I came to this country when I was 11 and tend to be somewhat sentimental about anyone who wants to flee violence or economic misery and make a home in America. On the other hand, I sympathize with native workers—their jobs and security threatened by illegals.

I would propose, first of all, that any volunteers for our armed services be offered citizenship upon honorable discharge of their obligation. I would do whatever needs to be done, including erecting a barrier, to secure our borders; the temptation for terrorists is much too great. Those remaining here need to be deported. They have committed a crime and should not be rewarded for it. Guest worker programs must be carefully monitored so that no one overstays his allotted time, and no one fades into the general population. Driver's licenses ought to be limited to legal residents. No amnesty should be proposed or granted; it simply encourages further illegal immigration. As for social services, they should be provided only

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## Chamber announces 'Dupree' recipient

President of the Mountain Garden Club Dixie Barton accepted the Robert Dupree Award for the club but everyone was there for the ceremony Monday, Nov. 7 at the Conference Center. The award is given annually to a person or organization who has made a "career" of giving to the Highlands community.



With his master out of town, Chase Bryant accepted the first annual Dell Roberts Award for Dwight Bryant. As a small business owner Dwight of Bryant Art Glass was elected the small business owner who has made outstanding contributions to the Highlands community. Bob Kietke of The Christmas Tree, which he and his wife, Trish, purchased from Dell Roberts, presented the award to Chase and dogsitter Anita Williams.

Duke Power also awarded Marianne Vines of the Adventure Depot with an annual award for the "Outstanding Volunteer Over the Past Year." She was unable to attend the ceremony.

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they didn't fight. My problem was all the girls I liked had boyfriends, like bad, bad "Bubba," whose arms were bigger than my waist, champion linebacker "Big Tony" and "Rambling Ray," the arm-wrestling king of my school. They took a dim view of me hanging around their chicks. You know the rest.

Then one night, my buddy and I

picked up a couple of real friendly girls at a church dance and offered to take them to a drive-in movie for some good old fashioned, 50s style, hanky-panky. Best of all they didn't mind riding in the trunk to save us some bucks. Things were really going good and I already had my arm around one of the girls when she announced her boyfriend was

Herman Kessler, the most dangerous, scariest kid on planet Earth. Herman had just been released from reform school for shooting at a kid for hanging around with his girlfriend. This guy actually shot at people.

I am so lucky I didn't get a traffic ticket driving her back to the dance. She promised she wouldn't tell Herman about the encounter and I foolishly believed her because I desperately wanted to.

But all girls are tattle-tales, even in high school. The very next night, Herman was looking for me. I would be toast and had to go "to the mats." I was able to avoid him until he did something stupid and was sent back to reform school.

Today, I have gone full-circle. Now, when readers collar me about something I wrote in this newspaper, I give them my best icy stare and say, "My editor can beat up your editor."

## Girls B-ball feeds Fire & Rescue Dept.



Brett Lamb and his Girls Varsity Basketball team fed the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. dinner at the Tuesday, Nov. 8 meeting. Brett said his father Bud was a fireman for 20 years and he and his team wanted to do something to honor Highlands' volunteer force. Photo by Jim Lewicki

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Faculty Advisor Janet Osteen, Matthew Neely, Franka Dadic, Tyler Shook, with chaperone, teacher Chris Green, Andrew Watson, Chase Jenkins and Kelli Baer in Boone at Appalachian State.

## Highlands School Model UN Team wins second place at conference

Highlands School Model UN team competed in a Model UN conference at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC., last week.

The Highlands team of six students picked two countries - Croatia and Vanuatu. Neely, Jenkins and Dadic were on the Croatian team; Watson, Shook and Baer were on the Vanuatu team.

The Croatian team won "Superior Delegation" which is above Excellent and Honorable Mention, but just below the top prize of "Best Delegation."

The group relied heavily on Franka Dadic's participation. As the Highlands MountainTop Rotary exchange student from Croatia, she was able to offer first-hand insight.

Model United Nations is an authentic simulation of the U.N. General Assembly and other multilateral bodies.

"They learned Parliamentary Procedure during the three meetings over two days and claimed they learned some manipulation tricks while participating," said teacher sponsor Janet Osteen.

Simulating international organizations began even before the birth of the United Nations, when students held a series of Model League of Nations in the 1920s. The Model U.N. Program is a successor to a student-directed simulation of what preceded the U.N. itself, but it is not documented exactly how the Model U.N. began.

The popularity of Model U.N. continues to grow, and today more than 200,000 high school and college/university students worldwide participate every year.

Some Model U.N. exercises take place in the classroom and others are school wide. Still others are regional, national, or even international. These are called conferences, and the events are much larger, with participants from all over the United States and the world. More than 1,000,000 people have participated in MUN conferences around the world since the conferences became popular over 50 years ago. Today there are more than 400 conferences that take place in 35 countries.

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# Storyteller Frannie Oates appears at ITC Nov. 18

Don't miss Frannie Oates, appearing for one night only, Nov. 18 at 8 p.m. at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main at 310 Oak Square.

Frannie is a storyteller, performance artist and spinner of songs. Her instruments are her alto-soprano range voice, Native American style flutes, and guitar. She is of the mountains of North Carolina. Her roots run deep into the mythos of the land, filling her work with her own unique sense of place – what it means to be truly human and at home in the natural world.

Frannie will be performing an eclectic blend of stories and songs from the rich multi-cultural heritage of the Southern Appalachian Mountains which will also include, her errant odyssey of a dropout debutante who shed the petticoat and pearls confines of early social obligations to the later freedom of befriending, and literally running with, a timber wolf, and her sojourns into Indian country with the nearby Cherokee and beyond. Frannie weaves a definite spell, transporting her listeners into that realm between myth and reason.

Her solo performances have been applauded at the National Storytelling Festival, Corn Island Storytelling, Washington Storytellers' Theatre as well as at storytelling festivals in Asheville, Charlotte and Hickory.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for 17 and under. Seating is limited and early reservations are suggested. Call the Instant Theatre Box Office at 828-342-9197.

Proceeds from performances go to help support The ITC'S free Performing Arts Program for children and adults. Complimentary wine and soft drinks will be served with the performance.

The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main is located at 310 Main

## Volunteers needed for adelgid assessment project

JMCA and Clemson University want to know if the money and time spent on eradicating the woolly adelgid worked.

They are looking for volunteers to adopt release sites to assess them over the next eight months.

On Saturday, Nov. 12, a training for volunteers will be held at the Highlands Nature Center at 5 p.m. Clemson staff will be on hand to train volunteers to assess release sites using the equipment provided and special report forms. They will be expected to visit each site monthly from November to June, when HWA goes back into "hibernation."

To volunteer or for information on treating your hemlocks, please contact JMCA at 526-9938 ext. 320.

Street, across the street from The Methodist Church and above Sports Page Restaurant and Shiraz Rugs.

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on an emergency basis. I can't figure out what to do about the kids, except try to educate those who are here as long as they are here.

I know this sounds tough and uncaring, but the present situation is

untenable. All other approaches that I can think of encourage further law-breaking, not to mention an open invitation to terrorist infiltrators. A nation without secure borders will soon cease to be a nation at all.

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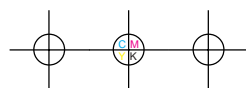
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## • 'Crime Stoppers' program is working

Thanks to the Crime Stoppers program initiated by the Sheriff's Department last year, calls are coming in, crimes are being solved and arrests are being made, said Sheriff Robbie Holland.

"During the month of October, 12 calls lead to solving a crime," said Holland.

The Sheriff's Department along with the Franklin and Highlands police departments acts on anonymous leads that come in via phone calls.



The caller is given a code name and is told to check back with the department periodically. Once the crime is solved and arrests made, the anonymous caller receives a cash payment which is delivered to one of several drop-off locations in the county.

"This is a program that works," said Sheriff Holland. "We encourage citizens to help us by becoming anonymously involved."

If you have a tip call 349-2600.

## Club's Zip Code Caps are all the rage

Have you seen them? Zip Code Caps are the latest fashion and the Mountain Garden Club has brought them to Highlands!

They come in black, red, and khaki with 28741 stitched on the side in white, red, blue or white. They make the perfect gift for friends and family and have arrived just in time for the holidays. The cost is \$20 and can be purchased at the

Visitors Center or from any Mountain Garden Club member.

Proceeds help fund club projects like the Butterfly Garden at Highlands School, part of the landscaping at the Highlands Historical Village, equipment for the Nature Center, scholarships for local students and land stewards of the Highlands Plateau obligations.

## • BUSINESS NEWS •

## Century 21 Mountain Lifestyles names top producers for October



Monica Calloway



Sherman Pope

These CENTURY 21 Mountain Lifestyles agents were top producers for their office during the month of October:

Monica Calloway, Fine Homes & Estate Specialist of the Cashiers office, was named Top Sales Agent and Top Listing Agent

Monica Calloway was the Rookie of the Year for her office in 2004, as well as the Top Listing Agent by Units for her office in 2004.

Sherman Pope, broker associate in the Highlands office, was named Top Listing Agent

Prior to working in real estate, Sherman owned two gas stations and convenience stores. He has a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and Criminology from Florida State University. In his spare time, Sherman enjoys traveling and stock trading.

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Highlands School Physics 110 class traveled to Duke Power World of Energy near Salem, S.C. This class is one of several college courses being taught at Highlands School as part of NC Community College Outreach Program which allows high school students to gain college credit while enrolled in high school. Here, Buddy Boy Parrish points out the location of the Salem Nuclear Plant on a three-dimensional map to the other students on the trip.

## Students learn about 'real life' physics

Highlands School students from the Physics 110 class traveled to the Duke Power "World of Energy" recently on a class field trip. The students took a tour through an exhibit illustrating electrical power generation by water, coal/oil and nuclear fission.

More than 50 percent of North Carolina power is generated by nuclear energy.

Environmental issues concerning water and land conservation and recycling processes were also displayed. Throughout the tour, students completed study sheets on the material they were learning.

The World of Energy is located on Lake Hartwell, near Salem, S.C. The dual enrollment physics class, for which

students receive both high school and college credit, stemmed from the NC Community Outreach Program offered by Southwestern Community College. The course is taught by Dr. Pete Sarjeant.

After the tour, students watched two 30-minute video clips on atomic fission principles and uses for the vast energy provided.

Following the educational experience, the students enjoyed the beautiful fall foliage and a picnic beside Lake Hartwell.

"The trip was a great success because the students got a better feel for what we have been studying in our course and it was a lot of fun, too," said Sarjeant.



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## - News from Arica, Chile - part 7

# Halloween and birthdays

By Rachel Power

Rotary Exchange Student

**O**h what a fun weekend for Halloween! I didn't truly celebrate the Halloween part by going out to trick-or-treat in a costume. Instead I celebrated the birthday of my friend and neighbor, Panchita on Friday night.

Panchita (her real name is Francesca, Panchita is her nickname) had a party at her house for her friends from school and from the city. I went a little bit earlier to help her set up. For food, there were chips, coke, and healthy foods. Since a lot of girls in my class are all on diets, including Panchita, she went for a healthier alternative and I helped her make fruit-kabobs with apples, pears, oranges, pineapple and strawberries. There were also sandwiches of avocado, chicken, mayonnaise, (this place uses mayonnaise like Americans use

ketchup!) lettuce mix and vegetables; veggie-chicken burritos — all very healthy.

For drinks, there was Diet Coke and bottles of water. But of course, like for every birthday, there was the cake.

The cake was mil-hoja, which is layers of thin cake (as thin as a crepes) and manjar (caramel) and strawberries. Instead of frosting, there was whipped cream with strawberries on top. It was so good! The entire party was fun. There were friends from the school and Universidad de Tarapaca, and there were a lot of presents for Panchita — mostly clothes and jewelry. Sonja and I got her flowers, a candle, incense, chocolate and earrings — a relaxation kit, because in November there are a lot of end-of-the-year tests. School ends on December 15.

As a gift from her parents, she went to Santiago, the capital of Chile



Friends and neighbors gathered for Panchita's 17th birthday party.

for a shopping trip! It's a six-hour trip by plane. Now that Panchita is 17, she can get her driver's permit. The driving age here is 18 with the same principles and rules as in the States.

For the rest of the weekend, I didn't do much except go the Centrol Español on Sunday. But for the week, there was a "sandwich" holiday. I went to school on Monday, but on Tuesday there wasn't any school. On Monday night, I decided to make little peanut butter cracker spider treats for my family. In Chile, peanut butter is really hard to find because it's rarely used. But I went to the supermarket and found some peanut butter, crackers, and raisins but no pretzels, so I used Ramitas, which are sticks of flour. They are pretty good and found in the junk food and snack aisle along with chips.

I made little spider treats with peanut butter as the filling, crackers

as the body, raisins for the eyes, and Ramitas for the legs. My dad loved them, and my sister wants me to make them for her birthday party which is on Nov. 12,

Later that night, I went to my grandparent's house to check out the little kids in their costumes and help hand out candy. They were so cute! The group of kids that I took a picture of said "thank you" in English. The trick-or-treating lasted until 11:30 p.m. After that I went with Sonja and other friends to the Soho (a discothèque on one of the beaches) for a Halloween party. That was a fun night, but the place was so crowded it was a little hard to move!

The next day, I spent my free time eating at the beach with my family, then going to the beach with my friends. Then it was school again for the next three days. More later. ¡Chao!



Everyone in the family liked Rachel's Halloween treats — even the dog!



Rachel handed out candy to these trick-or-treaters who said "Thank You" in English.





# HS Team comes together to win two State Playoff games

## GAME ONE Highlands vs. Hendersonville

The first round of the Boys Varsity Soccer State Playoffs was Wednesday, Nov. 2 at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road against Hendersonville.

Highlands won 8-1.

Hendersonville brought a quality team to Highlands posting victories against some good teams this year, which included Smoky Mountain, Madison and Highlands Tech.

The Fighting Highlanders came out at the open whistle on fire. Within the first four minutes of the game, Taylor Parrish scored the first goal on a long throw-in by Jake Heffington. And the flood gates opened. By the time Hendersonville knew what had hit them, it was 5-0 at half time.

Highlands continued their excellent play, controlling the second half and adding three more goals. Ryan Perkins was near perfect as goalie saving nine shots and only allowing one goal.

"This was far and away the best this team has ever played and it appeared that Highlands was ready to make a deep run in the playoffs," said Coach David Parrish.

Ryan Bears scored 3 goals; Alec Schmitt scored 2 goals and had 2 assists; Taylor Parrish made one goal and one assist; Matt Chenoweth scored

one goal and made one assist and David "Buddy Boy" Parrish scored one goal and had one assist

"This is the first time all season that the team has come together and showed everyone what they are capable of," said Coach Parrish. "With that level of intensity, ball work and mental sharpness, we could win State."

Conference 9-0-1 this year  
Overall 12-7-2

## GAME TWO Highlands vs. Polk

On Nov. 5, The Fighting Highlanders won the Second Round of State Playoffs again at Zachary Field on Buck Creek Road, this time against Polk County

The final score was Highlands 4, Polk County 2

Polk County rolled into Highlands having never lost to them and beating them soundly, three weeks previously, in non-conference play (8-1). Highlands came out aggressively, kept pressure on the ball and showed Polk County it wasn't going to be as easy as the last time they played. Before the half time whistle blew, Highlands had taken a 3-0 lead and Polk County was becoming very frustrated by Highlands aggressive marking and defense.

Alec Schmitt scored an unassisted goal in the first 10 minutes of the 2nd half to give Highlands a 4-0 lead. Polk



Gray Alexander running down field with his eye on the Polk ball.

"It was one of the most thrilling games ever!" said Noel Atherton. "Highlands has been playing Polk, (State Champs many times) for years and had never beaten them -- until now! And they did it with great style. Gentlemen to the very bitter end."

Bottom left, Jason Aspinwall spins out of a fray.

Right, the final score against Polk. "A most beautiful sight," said Atherton.



County game alive with 25 minutes left in the match and started putting pressure on the Highlands defense and getting much better opportunities at the Highlands net. Ryan Perkins, Highlands goalie, made some incredible saves down the stretch (as he had done all game) to preserve the 4-2 victory for Highlands, catapulting Highlands into the third round of the State Playoffs.

Coach Parrish was in awe of the team's performance over the last four days. "These last two victories are the biggest moments in Highlands soccer history," he said. "We have never beaten Hendersonville nor Polk County and to do it in the State Playoffs in just unreal."

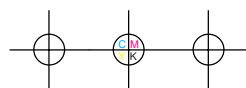
Alec Schmitt scored 2 goals; David

"Buddy Boy" Parrish scored 2 goals; Matt Chenoweth and Jake Heffington each made one assist.

"Polk County has won the 1-A State Playoffs twice in the last four years and was considered one of the top favorites to win it all again," said Coach Parrish "I cannot say enough about the team's play and I could not be any prouder of them."

Conference 9-0-1 — (45-0-1 last four years - Champs four years running) Overall 13-7-2

In 2002 the team lost in the third round of the state playoffs. This year is the second time the senior boys have made it to the third round.





## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



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By The Right Rev. Dr. John S. Erbelding  
Senior Pastor, Chapel of Sky Valley

The greatest sermon I ever heard preached was while I sat on a cold concrete bench on a bright fall day. No words were spoken. In the silence broken only by the breeze rustling the stiffened leaves of autumn, I listened to a message given through the click of heels and the sound of a rifle being shifted from right arm to left arm by a guard walking his post at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA.

That sermon echoed throughout the hills in Virginia and around the world that Abraham Lincoln was correct when he said, "We highly resolve these dead shall not have died in vain." It was on yet another battlefield in Virginia, Gettysburg 1863. But he was wrong in saying, "the world will little note, nor long remember, what we say here," but oh, so right, "it can never forget what they did here."

Jesus speaks often about forgiveness and joy and responsibility, about caring and commitment; but rarely does he speak about love. When he does speak about love, he speaks to us in utter simplicity - not about warm feelings, not about candlelight dinners, or moonlight walks on the beach, but about the nitty-gritty of our lives.

Such are the words of the gospel: "Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends."

I think, were Jesus in the pulpit this Sunday morning, he would hold up a military uniform and say, simply, "Greater love has no one than this. . ."

This week we honor the men and women of this country who, by their service in the armed forces, have, in one way or another, whether knowingly or unknowingly, followed the words of Jesus. . . they have loved us. . . they have kept us safe. . . and they have done what was required to keep the vision and the dreams we so cherish alive.

I have spent time over the past few months talking with some about their time in the armed service, and over the past couple of years, like you, I have watched movies like Saving Private Ryan, Gettysburg, the Band of Brothers, and thought about all those men in combat and all those men and women who served in support positions, doing the paperwork, repairing the equipment, supplying food and ammunition, tending the sick and dying.

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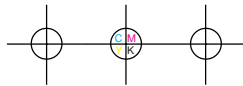
Sundays: Fellowship & Worship – 11

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Cashiers, Rev. Sam Forrester, 743-2122

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





## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### On-going

• On Mondays, from 4-6 p.m., The Food Pantry is open for anyone needing provisions – canned goods and non-perishables – at Highlands United Methodist Church building on Church Street Alley.

• Anyone interested in officiating basketball this upcoming season should contact the Southwestern Officials Association. Officials are needed for all levels of play in WNC, including middle school and high school. For more information contact Lori Jones, Booking Agent, at 828-507-4404.

• Live music at ...on the Verandah from 7 p.m. nightly; Chad Reed at the piano Friday to Monday and Wednesdays; and from noon at Sun. Brunch; Michael Lococo jazz guitar on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

• At Bascom-Louise Gallery: Tuesdays, Art for pre-schoolers, 9:30-10 a.m.; Tuesdays, Kindergarten-first grade, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Wednesdays, Home-schooled students, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.; Grades 6-9, Wednesdays, 3:15-4:15 p.m.; Grades 2-5, Wednesday, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

• At Paoletti's Raffle Tickets for sale to support the New Orleans Humane Society, Habitat for Humanity and for Thanksgiving dinners for the parishes affected. Raffle tickets are \$50 with seven winners. The drawing will be November 21.

• GULF COAST SUPPORT GROUP — Anyone displaced by Hurricane Katrina who would like to get together come to a group meeting at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Thursdays at 10:30.

• Cashiers Quilters Guild meets at the United Methodist Church in Cashiers, every Wednesday at 12:30.

• Live music at Cyprus Restaurant every Friday at 9:30 p.m.

• Cy Timmons at Fressers at Helen's Barn every Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 6p.m. until close.

• Live Music at Buck's Coffee Cafe Thursday-Saturday, 8-11 p.m.

• Highlands Wine and Cheese Shop: Wine Flights Friday and Saturday from 4:30-6:30. Saturday, complimentary samples 12:30-4.

• HealthTracks, at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, offers special fitness classes Monday through Thursday. HealthTracks at 526-1348 for details.

• Each Thursday – Open House at Chestnut Hill of Highlands, Highlands-Cashiers only senior residential community. Refreshments and tours of the model home and Clubhouse.

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

• Mountainview Alcoholics Anonymous meets in the remodeled basement room of the Presbyterian Church sanctuary, Mondays at 8 p.m.; Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m. (women only); Wednesdays and Fridays at noon.

### Nov. 11

• HS Basketball first game of the season at home. Middle School girls at 4 p.m. High school Girls against Rabun-Gap Nacoochee – 6:30 p.m., Boys cancelled.

### Nov. 12

• The HIGH MOUNTAIN SQUARES will square-dance Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. at the MACON County facilities bldg. located

on 441S. Franklin. DELMA ALLISON, caller from Gainesville, GA. will call Mainstream & Plus. Info:828-349-3908/706-782-9846

• A fundraising dinner from 5:30-8 p.m. at the Highlands United Methodist Church for Ronnie and Terri Crowe who due to illnesses have not been able to work for some time. Country Fried Chicken and all the trimmings prepared by Nancy Ostema and Margie Melvin. Dessert buffet and bake sale.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate, but very steep, 2.5-mile hike up Yellow Mountain (the short way) for 360 degree views. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 35 miles round trip. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations.

• On Saturday, volunteer training for a hemlock woolly adelgid monitoring project with JMCA and Clemson. Meet at 5 p.m. at the Highlands Nature Center. Call 526-9938 ext. 320 for more info.

### Nov. 12 & 13

• The all-children's play, "THE ADVENTURES of TOM SAWYER" will be presented on two consecutive weekends, in the "Dillard Playhouse Theater." Show times are Saturday, November 12 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, November 13 at 3 p.m. The Theater is located in Dillard, Ga. at 892 Franklin Street, off #441 N. (turn on Henry Dillard Dr. at "The Dillard House" restaurant sign.) Tickets for this show are priced at \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age, and can be purchased at most banks in Clayton and the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce. Call (706) 212-2500 for tickets/information.

### Nov. 15

• 2005 ECO Film Series at Instant Theatre on Main Street in Oak Square. "Blue Vinyl" Filmmakers Judith Helfand and Daniel gold use humor in their search for the environmental truth about vinyl. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Film begins 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 536-5999 for info.

• HS Basketball home game against Hayesville. Girls, 6:30 p.m., Boys 8 p.m.

• HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic: "Integrity, Doubt, and Academic Freedom: An Interview with Gerd Ludemann." *Free Inquiry*, June/July 2005, pp. 36-39. Ed Barrett-coordinator.

### Nov. 16

• At The Christmas Tree on S. Fourth Street, the annual Gunther Ulbricht signing Ulbricht Nutcrackers from 2-4 p.m.

• Move With Me! Using Music & Movement With Young Children Wednesday, 10-11 a.m. Macon County Public Library Meeting Room, Franklin, NC Adults With Young Children Welcome Presented by Wendy Smith, Licensed Kindermusik Educator and Carol Grise, Outreach Services Librarian, Fontana Regional Library See how music can develop every area of your child's brain. Make a rhythm shaker with your child. Explore music-based library materials. Registration or more information 524-3600 ext. 17 or cgrise@fontanalib.or

### Nov. 17

• The next PTO meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. Dinner will be served by the Junior Class as a fundraiser at 5:15 p.m. The cost is \$6 per plate. Babysitting will be provided free

of charge during the meeting. The agenda for the meeting includes an art presentation by two of Mrs. Taylor's students, recognition of Edward Jones' Athletes of the Month, and "Ask the Principal."

• Highlands First Baptist Church is hosting its 9th annual ladies holiday banquet for all the ladies in the community. The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 17 at the Highland's Civic Center at 6 p.m. Best-selling Christian author Elizabeth George will speak. Call 526-4153.

### Nov. 18

• Don't miss Frannie Oates, appearing for one night only, Friday at 8 p.m. at The Instant Theatre Company's Studio on Main at 310 Oak Square. Frannie is a Storyteller, Performance Artist and Spinner of songs. Her instruments are her alto-soprano range voice, Native American style flutes, and guitar. She is of the mountains of North Carolina. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$7 for 17 and under. Seating is limited and early reservations are suggested. Call the Instant Theatre Box Office at 828-342-9197.

• HS Basketball at home against Blue Ridge. Girls, 5:30 p.m., Boys, 7 p.m.

### Nov. 18-20

• The all-children's play, "THE ADVENTURES of TOM SAWYER" will be presented on two consecutive weekends, in the "Dillard Playhouse Theater." Show times are Friday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 19 at 7 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 20 at 3 p.m. The Theater is located in Dillard, Ga. at 892 Franklin Street, off #441 N. (turn on Henry Dillard Dr. at "The Dillard House" restaurant sign.) Tickets for this show are priced at \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age, and can be purchased at most banks in Clayton and the Rabun County Chamber of Commerce. Call (706) 212-2500 for tickets/information.

### Nov. 19

• HS Basketball home game against Rabun County. Girls 5 p.m., Boys, 6:30 p.m.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate six-mile hike in the Standing Indian area, from Yellow Patch to Bear Pen on the Appalachian Trail and down to Betty Creek. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 10 a.m. Drive 40 miles round trip. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Call leader Gail Ledman, 524-5298, for reservations.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a strenuous 8.5 mile hike on the Bartram Trail from Jones Gap to Buckeye Creek trailhead with beautiful views along the way. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. or the Jones Gap trailhead at 10 Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY THURSDAY, NOV. 17 in order to arrange the car shuttle. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134.

### Nov. 20

• The Nantahala Hiking will take an easy four-mile hike on the Greenway in Franklin from the Nonah Bridge to the end of the Greenway. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2: p.m. Drive 6 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell,

369-6820.

### Nov. 22

• 2005 ECO Film Series at Instant Theatre on Main Street in Oak Square. "The Future of Food." An in-depth investigation into the disturbing truth behind the unlabeled, patented, genetically engineered foods that have quietly filled the U.S. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Film begins 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 536-5999 for info.

• Highlands Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Rec Park at 6 p.m. It's Free.

### Nov. 25

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival presents its Fall Concert, Friday, 5 p.m., at PAC. Franz Schubert's Winterreise performed by Daniel Cole, accompanied by William Ransom. Call 526-9060.

### Nov. 26

• Annual Highlands Town Lighting, 6 p.m.

• Photographer George Humphries, will autograph his new "Images of the Blue Ridge Parkway," Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m. at Cyrano's Book Shop on Main Street.

### Nov. 29

• 2005 ECO Film Series at Instant Theatre on Main Street in Oak Square. "The Green Zone." A stream and its riparian zone are really a single entity. Film shows how protecting a stream or restoring a river requires preservation of this vital green zone. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., Film begins 7 p.m. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Call 536-5999 for info.

• HS Basketball at home against Robbinsville. Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8 p.m.

### Dec. 2

• HS Basketball at home against Walhalla. Girls 6:30 p.m., Boys, 8 p.m.

• Highlands PTO and Pescado's will host a fundraising dinner the evening of the home basketball games against Walhalla. Dinner will be from 5:30 until 7:30 in the cafeteria (games begin at 6:30 p.m. and 8 p.m.). Please join us for a tasty dinner and stay to cheer on the teams!

### Dec. 3

• Annual Highlands Christmas Parade on Main Street, 11 a.m.

• A Holiday Gift Show & Sale by the Highlands Plateau Craftsmen and Bascom-Louise Gallery, after the parade, Saturday, from noon-6 p.m. at the Highlands Conference Center. Featuring artists who have exhibited at the Bascom-Louise Gallery.

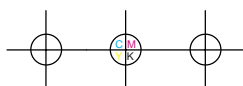
• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take two easy short hikes for a total of 2.5 miles in Blue Valley to the amethyst mines supposedly operated by Tiffany's years ago and to Picklesimer's Rock House, where a waterfall drops over a huge overhanging rock shelf under which prehistoric people once sheltered. Meet at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:30 a.m. Bring a drink, a lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Drive 25 miles round trip. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations.

### Dec. 4

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 1.5 mile hike on the Tessentee Farm loop. Meet at the Riverside Road picnic area off Hwy. 441 S. in Otto at 2 p.m. Drive 3 miles round trip. Reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

### Dec. 6

• See EVENTS page 14





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## Girls do trash detail on Friday

One of The Girls' Clubhouse community service projects is picking up litter along two specific routes in town. The girls earn money through the program which is sponsored by The Peggy Crosby Center and underwritten by concerned citizens. Eight girls and three chaperones picked up 10 bags of litter along Maple, Oak, Main, Spring, and Hwy 28.



## ... EVENTS continued from page 13

• HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic: Tom Friedman's *The World is Flat*. Bill Martin—coordinator.

### Dec. 10

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate five-mile hike to Siler Bald with an elevation gain of 900 feet. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 20 miles round trip. Reservations are required. Call leader David Sapin, 369-2628 for reservations.

### Dec. 13

• HIARPT's Dialogue at Civic Center, 10-11:30 a.m. Topic "Dark Side of American History," with a selection from Howard Zinn's "Peoples' History of the United States." Alex Redmountain—coordinator.

### Dec. 14

• Highlands Plateau Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count.

### Dec. 17

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate five-mile hike to Whiteside Mountain and the Devil's Courthouse. Meet at the EXXON gas station on the Highlands Road (Hwy.64 E) at 9 a.m. or at the Highlands Bank of America at 9:45 or at the Whiteside parking area at 10 a.m. Bring a drink, lunch, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader David Sapin, 828-369-2628, for reservations.

### Dec. 18

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3.5 mile hike on the Bartram Trail from Wallace Branch up to the ridge. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin (opposite Burger King) at 2 p.m. Drive 6 miles round trip. Bring a drink, a snack if you wish, and wear sturdy, comfortable shoes. Hikes are limited to 20; reservations are required. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820.

## ... SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING from page 13

Many lost their lives, others lost arms or legs or mental stability. Some live with warm and proud memories, others live with night sweats and haunting dreams. All, at some point, left the comfort of their homes — their wives, husbands, companions, young or unborn children, and budding careers, to protect their country, our country. All did, in one way or another, lay down their lives for their country. We used to welcome our military returning from war with honors and great enthusiasm. But that has not happened much in recent years. As a result, we have lost part of our soul.

So let us be grateful for the men and women among us who have served in the armed forces of our country. Let us honor them, respect them and thank God for their bravery, their courage and

their self-sacrifice.

We in this country are desperate for heroes and heroines, men and women who can remind us of the deep truths of what it means to be human. But what we have been handed are Donald Trump, Barry Bonds and Brittany Spears.

How sad. How very, very sad, especially when we are surrounded by names and faces and people sitting next to us who have made great sacrifices, who have exhibited such courage and bravery not for their own gain or fame or fortune or adulation, but for their neighbors, their children and their children's children.

Greater love we have not been given. Remembering this, let us pray that we can regain that lost part of our soul.





## POLICE & FIRE

**The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Nov. 2-9.**

### Nov. 2

- At 5:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident on Main Street. There were no injuries.

### Nov. 3

- At 10 a.m., injury to real property in the Great Things parking lot was reported at a value of \$500.
- At 5:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-car accident on N.C. 106 south. There were no injuries.

### Nov. 4

- At 8 a.m., a motorist was cited for failing to stop at a stop sign and causing an accident.
- At 8 a.m., officers responded to a two-car accident at S. Sixth and Main streets.

### Nov. 5

- At 3 p.m., Reeves Hardware reported a customer left the store without paying for \$327 of power tools.

### Nov. 6

- At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a call of a handrail being hit in the Mountain Fresh parking lot.

**The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Nov 2-9.**

### Nov. 2

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call on Main Street. There was no transport.

### Nov. 3

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at Chestnut Hill Retirement Village. The victim was transported to the hospital.

### Nov. 4

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS at a residence on Rocky Ridge Road. The victim was transported to the hospital.
- The dept. responded to a re-

ported accident on U.S. 64 east, but it was unfounded.

- The dept. responded to an accident on N.C. 28 south. There were no injuries.

### Nov. 5

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Mt. Lori where someone had fallen. They were transported to the hospital.

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

### Nov. 7

- The dept. responded to the smell of gas at a residence on Flat Mtn. Road. The pilot light was out in the furnace.

### Nov. 8

- The dept. responded to a mutual aid call from Cashiers. It was cancelled en route.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on Laurelwood Drive. There was on transport.

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## ... MODEL UN continued from page 6

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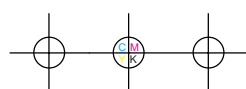


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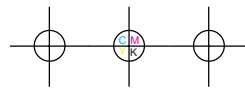
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## Elizabeth George to speak at Holiday Ladies Banquet

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The speaker, best selling author Elizabeth George, has written more than 50 books and Bible studies which have sold more than 3 million copies. She is a speaker and teacher whose ministry is dedicated to teaching women in a way that changes their lives.


Each table is decorated with a unique theme decided by each table hostess. The men from the church will serve the women. Holly Roberts of Let Holly Do the Cooking is catering the



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ter supply through watershed ordinances and to have some say in potential development by imposing its subdivision ordinance.

The only ordinances a town can legally evoke in an ETJ area are those pertaining to subdivisions and the watershed. The watershed deals with built-upon stipulations in various watershed sub-basins. Currently, the town's watershed ordinance only addresses three sub-basins – Watershed III Critical Area; Watershed III Balance of the Watershed and Watershed II Critical area.

Since the proposed ETJ'd area is in the balance of the watershed the town's watershed ordinance must be amended to include Watershed II Balance of the Watershed so it is in effect when ETJ takes effect.

Once the watershed ordinance is in effect, the Planning Board will decide on zoning classifications for the ETJ'd area – residential 1, 2, or 3; business 1, 2, 3, 4, or governmental/institutional.

At a joint Macon County Commissioner and Highlands Town Board meeting Monday, Nov. 7, Bryson distributed a sheet listing three state statute scenarios which would enable the county to address and be responsible for many of the issues the town wants to control outside its limits on the Highlands Plateau.

"These represent things the county can do working in conjunction with what the town wants to see outside it's boundaries," said Bryson. "The difference is the area wouldn't be under the rule of the Town Board as with ETJ."

Under ETJ, citizens outside the town limits in the ETJ area do have representation on the town's Planning Board, but they can't vote anyone on or off the Town Board which has jurisdiction over the ETJ area.

"Under the county's rule, through

one of these three scenarios, citizens would have a say as to what is happening to them through their ability to vote people on and off the county commissioner board," said Bryson. "With ETJ, which is under the town's rule, citizens outside the town limits don't have a vote on the table."

The following are three separate scenarios which Bryson says could be used as an alternative to ETJ, each with specific stipulations.

Under state statute 153A, Article 16 – County Service District: various services can be provided for most county functions as part of county government without a separate unit of government; the board of commissioners may assess an additional property tax; boundaries must be defined; and the creation of a County Service District only requires a public hearing.

Under state statute 162A, Article 1 – Water and Sewer Authority: the county can only provide water, sewer and storm-water drainage services through a autonomous unit of government with a governing board appointed by the county board of commissioners; but can't assess property tax – instead revenue can only be generated by revenue bonds and enterprise; boundaries are not established and the creation of the Water and Sewer Authority requires a public hearing and filing with the Secretary of State.

Under state statute 162A, Article 6 – County Water and Sewer District: the county only provides water and sewer services through the establishment of an autonomous unit of government governed by the board of county commissioners; the county commissioners may assess property tax; boundaries must be defined and the creation of the County Water and Sewer District would only require a public hearing.

## County backing likely for Pine St. Park

During the public comment period of the Monday night's Macon County Commissioner meeting held at the Civic Center, Realtor Mark Meadows asked the county to contribute to the Pine Street Park. Later, Chairman Allan Bryson said since the county has contributed to the Greenway in Franklin he suspects the board will be very receptive to helping Highlands with the Pine St. project.

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the memo will stipulate that the county reimburses the Town of Highlands somewhere in the range of \$500,000 each year. Either side can terminate the memo which can be voided at the end of that fiscal year.

But the wording in the original memo limiting the county's payment saying, "not to exceed \$500,000" as well as a timeframe of four years, worried Highlands' commissioners.

"We've just have had a problem with the wording 'not to exceed,' said Commissioner Amy Patterson. "Plus, over the next four years it could be \$640,000 a year. Fuel oil, salaries, insurance costs go up every year. If the basis is that the county is fulfilling its obligations for recreation in this end of the county by contracting with the Town of Highlands to provide recreation, then the county should pay for what it costs to provide recreation in this end of the county."

County Commissioner Bob Simpson agreed with Patterson. "With the wording 'not to exceed \$500,000' they'd be signing something saying 'a maximum of \$500,000'."

County Attorney Rick Moorefield suggested changing the phrase "not to exceed \$500,000" to "suspected to be in the range of \$500,000 to be considered

by the board each year by recreation budget request."

This puts to rest the nagging problem of a maximum amount of \$500,000 which has kept the town from signing the agreement.

Macon County Commissioner Chairman Allan Bryson said the county is committed to supplementing recreation in this end of the county. "But you own facilities and we're not going to pick up the entire tab for Highlands."

But Patterson said it costs more than \$500,000 to provide recreation in Highlands. "You've added responsibilities not in our budget," she said. "Now there's scheduling and mowing out at Zachary Fields. We already have a budget of more than \$500,000 and have had nothing to do with Zachary Fields."

Bryson said maybe the town should cut back if \$500,000 isn't enough. "This is more money than any county board has offered Highlands, I don't know why we're in this mess with all this distrust," he said.

The current Highlands recreation budget is \$539,000.

Patterson said scheduling for soccer and softball games and changing the field's configuration all takes time.

"Two volunteers have been doing it

## Highlands wins third playoff game, Nov. 9!

Highlands 4, Blue Ridge, 3. Tied until the last two minutes then Buddy Parrish scored the winning goal. Fourth playoff game - Sat. Nov. 12



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for you up until now and the county cleans the bathrooms because we've contracted for someone to do the downstairs," said Bryson.

Moorefield said the county's funding is for all the county residents. "We can't just do it for Highlands. The county is looking to fund recreation in District I through the Town of Highlands."

Commission Charlie Leatherman likened the town to a clearing house. "The Town of Highlands is a conduit for the funding, not the entity receiving the funding. This is money for recreation in District I," he said.

"So at the end of the year, you want the budget from the previous year to justify the \$500,000," said Mayor Buck Trott.

Bryson said the county will pay the town quarterly. "But it's driven by the budget. You give us the numbers to work with," he said.

Commissioner Hank Ross said the haggling isn't just about this year. "It's about what's down the road," he said.

The county attorney will re-write the memorandum of understanding to include the new phrase. The county will likely accept it at the December meeting. And once the Town Board accepts and signs on the dotted line - probably at the January meeting - it will get a portion of the money slotted for 2005.

"Hopefully we can get about \$250,000 sometime in January," said Trott.

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