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Sept. 24

• Mirror Lake Improvement Association will have a litter pickup Saturday at 9 a.m. at Thorn Park.

• "Rocko" returns to Club Studio at the Instant Theater on Main Street at 8 p.m. Dance to live classic, acoustic rock and roll. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children. Reservations suggested. Call 828-342-9197.

• The Macon County 2005 WalkAmerica event will be held at the Franklin Memorial Park. Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m. and the 3-mile walk around Franklin will begin at 10 a.m.

• HIARPT Lecture — Professor Don Cupitt, to present "A New Method of Religious Enquiry," 7 p.m. with followup lecture Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. both at PAC.

Sept. 27 & 28

• SAT prep class for students preparing for either the SAT or pre-SAT, 6 p.m. at the Literacy Council in the Peggy Crosby Center. Call Breta Stroud at 536-9938.

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Confusion reigns over ordinance

By Kim Lewicki

Basically commissioners agreed to disagree, but they are getting a little bit closer to firming up amendments to the nonconforming building ordinance.

At the Sept. 21 Town Board meeting, the subject boiled down to three issues:

Whether destroyed nonconforming

buildings — historical or not — with right-of-way violations, can be rebuilt on the same footprint; whether nonconforming buildings with setback violations can be rebuilt on the same footings if destroyed by natural means — termites, fire, wind, fallen trees; and whether nonconforming

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Bears to aid in Katrina Relief



About a month ago, this heart-warming photo of a bear family was taken on the grounds of Community Bible Church. The church is selling an 8"x10" photo or a pack of four postcards of the scene for a suggested donation of \$4 each. All the money is going directly to World Relief to aid in Hurricane Katrina Relief. The photos are only available at the church. Call 526-4685. Photo by Bill McCutchen

Mandatory sewer connecting coming

At Wednesday's Town Board meeting, commissioners learned the state mandates that new construction, whether residential or commercial, connect to adjoining existing sewer lines.

Something the town just hasn't been enforcing.

So now commissioners are drafting an ordinance to address that issue.

Not included in the draft are stipulations regarding existing homeowners and businesses adjoining existing sewer lines.

"About 430 homes or businesses adjoin the sewer but aren't connected due to a lack of a mandatory connection policy," said Town Administrator Richard Betz.

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Watershed ordinance coming with ETJ

The October 12 public hearing agenda has been beefed up a little.

Now, along with the discussion on Extraterritorial Jurisdiction, commissioners will hear comments on the adoption of watershed ordinance in the ETJ'd area, and an amendment to the 12-month limitation on rezoning petitions.

If the one-mile ring around Highlands is ETJ'd, the town's subdivision ordinance is automatically in effect. But what trumps the subdivision ordinance is the watershed ordinance which mainly deals with built-upon stipulations in the various sub-basins.

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Local LaCrosse encephalitis case reported

By Kim Lewicki

During this time of year in Western North Carolina, flu-like symptoms can sometimes mean something more than just the flu.

Like so many other diseases and ailments, symptoms of LaCrosse encephalitis — a rare disease that is spread by infected mosquitoes — usually include a mild illness with fever, headache, nausea, vomiting, and fatigue.

That's what Mark and Lindsey Smith of Highlands thought was going on with their five-year-old son, Benjamin.

"Last Wednesday night, [Sept. 14] he complained of a severe headache, nausea, had a low fever and was throwing up every two hours," said his mother Lindsey. "After two days, his symptoms had not changed, but we and the doctor thought it was a virus that would just run its course. But he never got any better."

By Sunday, Sept. 18, he was walking around the house holding his head and screaming. Their doctor sent them to Mission Memorial in Asheville where he was immediately admitted.

Lindsey said not much can be done for patients suffering from the virus. Doctors re-hydrated Benjamin, managed his pain and basically watched his symptoms. They also took spinal fluid to determine what was wrong.

By this time Benjamin was having mild hallucinations and was "rhythmically fighting" said Lindsey. "Flailing his arms and legs about — he thought everyone was hurting him and he thought his hands were bleeding," she said. "It was very scary."

Though it will take a month to get results back from the spinal sample doctors took from Benjamin, doctors treated him for LaCrosse encephalitis. They said they've seen 50 suspected cases

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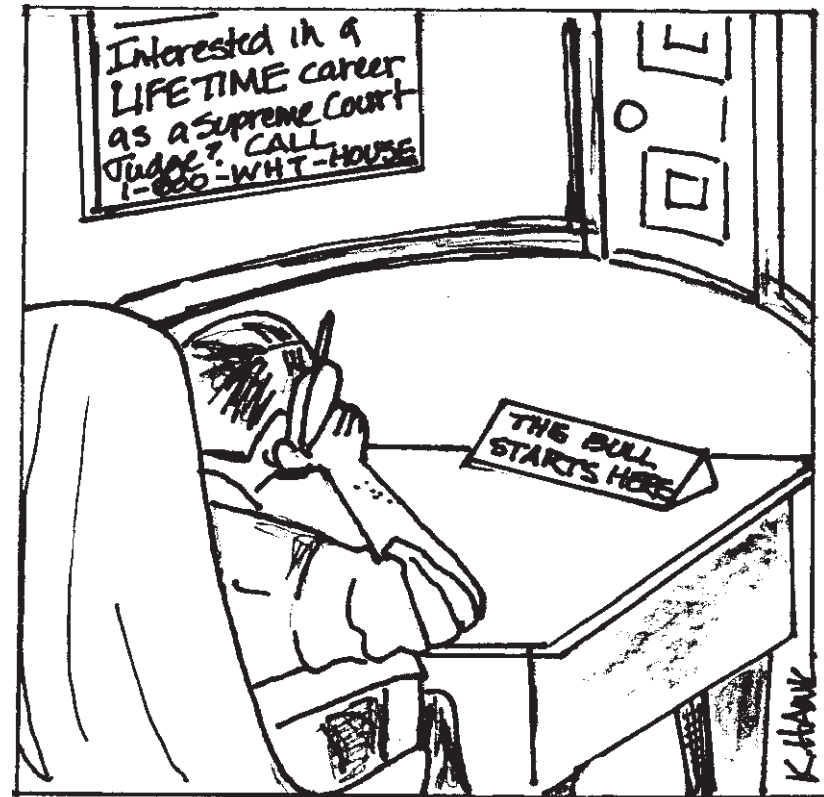
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• A HAWK-EYE View •



"Quit horsin' around, Brownie....
When I said I needed someone
with court experience, I wasn't
referrin' to tennis!"

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Personality blooms through writing

Dear Editor,

I have known Fred Wooldridge for many years. Fred, as you know, was a well respected police officer, in Miami, Florida. He was the one you wanted watching your back.

Now that he has retired, his incredible personality has been allowed to bloom through his writing. He writes articles for FUN, and he would never intentionally harm anyone. Many, like me look forward to his articles. In fact, there are several people I know, who pick up your paper, just to read his articles. Then, of course, they read the rest of the paper.

He is not only an asset to your paper, but to the community of Highlands. We must be able to laugh at ourselves, think good thoughts, and forgive those who by chance, offend us. Let's all ban together to make this world a better place, like our beloved Highlands.

Ruth Neijna
Highlands

A great stress-reliever

Dear Editor,

Thank you, Fred Wooldridge, for sharing your gift of satire especially during these stressful times. We are lucky to have you here in Highlands.

Margaret Payne
Highlands

Please, keep Fred

Dear Editor,

I look forward to your paper and would be so disappointed if Fred's column was not there.

Please continue to have him write for you. Thank you in advance.

Dorothy Arbuthnot
Highlands

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The Chamber's new digs



The Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center is now located on Main Street, next to the Main Street Inn and across the street from Reeves Hardware. The chamber is leasing the building from owner Anne Tate, shown here with Chamber president Jim Mullen, board members Al Bolt, Sarah Sloan and Chamber Director Bill Bassham.
Photo by Kim Lewicki

• OBITUARIES •

James Norman Reese

James Norman Reese, 74, of Highlands, N.C., died Sunday, September 11, 2005 at his residence. He was a native of Macon County, the son of the late Norman and Ellen Savannah Norton Reese. He worked for the Eastern Airlines as an aircraft maintenance airworthiness and also worked at Lockheed Aircraft and Servair and was a building contractor. He was a veteran of the Air Force serving during the Korean War where he received the Korean Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the National Defense Service Medal.

He is survived by two sisters, Melinda Wilson and her husband, Woodrow of Highlands, N.C., and Lyla Baty and her husband Michael of Miami, Fla. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold and Gordon Reese.

Graveside memorial services will be held Sunday, September 25, 2005 at 3 p.m. at Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery with Rev. Baker Crane officiating. Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Grain of truth in column

Dear Editor,

While I always enjoy reading your newspaper and the column by Fred Wooldridge, I especially enjoyed the one he did spoofing Realtors in the Sept. 2 issue. I have been in the Real Estate business for more than 25 years and I had a good laugh. While most of it was obviously a tongue-in-cheek article there was a grain of truth in it.

With more than 400 Realtors in the Highlands-Cashiers MLS maybe we need to wear badges to keep from selling to each other.

I got a letter from a Realtor a few days ago with a picture of a bear on it. For a minute I thought that the bear was licensed.

We are taking ourselves way too seriously, folks! I hope that we can all be big enough to continue to support Highlands' Newspaper. It is an asset to our community. Keep entertaining us, Fred!

John Cleaveland
Highlands

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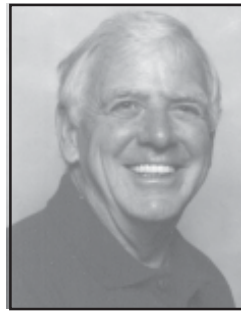
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

I am off to the sweat shops

This all started last year when I walked into JC Penney to buy a pair of Levi blue jeans, on sale for \$26.95. Years ago when I bought Levi jeans, I always got the pair with no crouch room in them. They were as tight as I could possibly stand them without completely cutting off all circulation to my lower



Fred Wooldridge

stuff. In those olden days, I thought I had lots to show off. The material was so rough and heavy it would scrape off one layer of skin just getting them on. Once on, it would take a half dozen deep knee bends to stretch them out to where I could even walk.

Now I get the geezer

Levi's. I think they are called 550's. 550 is a code name which means, "You are too old to be wearing Levi blue jeans." I like them because they are baggy and don't reveal my rapidly shrinking fanny (Ladies, eat your hearts out) and boney knees.

Anyway, the jeans I bought less than a year ago are falling apart. This can't be, Levi jeans are supposed to last forever. Once you have finished growing, you are supposed to be able to be buried in the pair you bought 60 years ago. Not anymore.

When I complained to JC Penney about the poor quality of workmanship, they referred me to Levi Strauss and Company. My

problem is they now live in China, a land where there is not even one single cowboy. Cowboys don't wear Chinese pants, do they? Would John Wayne wear a pair of sweat shop jeans? Are sweat pants made in sweat shops?

Anyway, I am off to China, so Highlands' Realtors can relax, unless, of course, you're a Chinese Realtor with no sense of humor. I will exchange my blue jeans for a better pair and while I am there. I will also complain to the "Guess" folks about the watch I bought in WalMart that quit running after only two years. Since 80 percent of all the products

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• MOVIE PIX •

Million Dollar Baby

The 2005 Drama, starring Clint Eastwood, Hillary Swank, and Morgan Freeman. Screenplay by Pail Haggis, Produced by Clint Eastwood, directed by Eastwood, music composed by Eastwood, boxing costumes hand-sewn by Eastwood, and made the little mini-quiches served at the cast party as well. Based on the short story collection "Rope Burns" by E.X. Toole



Stuart Armor
Movie Stop Video

The Storyline: Eastwood, playing the role of irritable, stoic old guy Frankie Dunn, is living a somewhat loner existence in an old L.A. boxing gym, with the help of his long time (and long suffering) side kick, strong, quiet, sensitive guy, Eddie (Scrap Iron) Dupris, ably played by Morgan Freeman.

A few promising boxers come and go, but one stands out a bit. Maggie Fitzgerald (brilliantly played by Hilary Swank) stops in to plead for a chance to get a trainer, despite Dunn's insistence that "I don't train girls!" But she is a persistent one, and to no one's surprise, Dunn decides to take her on.

A long and grueling

process ensues, Maggie and Frankie become in a way, each other's substitute family, and Maggie begins her long, improbable road to the first success she has ever known.

OK, part one is rather predictable, good and well done, but rather stock Hollywood. Its parts two and three that get, not just good but great. Very realistic, grim and life-like drama, real tears and real tough choices.

Eastwood is as stoic as he can be, and surprisingly sweet. Swank (who did equally good jobs in *Insomnia*, *Gift*, and *Boy's Don't Cry*) is inspiring, believable, and fragile. Freeman, in the role as narrator as well as character, does his usually brilliant job, as always.

This was the 25th film Eastwood has directed, and he really has learned a few things over the decades. It is decidedly NOT an action film, only indirectly a sports film, much more a drama, a friendship film, and a responsibility story.

A few that are similar, but more light hearted are *Karate Kid*, *Rocky*, *Shawshank Redemption*, and *Tuesdays With Murray*.

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sold in WalMart are made in China, if you have something that needs to be returned, let me know.

As long as I am there, I plan on putting an end to the rumor that American Cheese is made there. That just can't be true. But then again, Swiss cheese is not necessarily made in Switzerland. Was Limburger cheese originally made by Charles Lindbergh?Nah!

As long as I have to go to China to exchange my jeans, I might as well check the place out. I will take the little missus, who is the czar of finding out of the way scary places to explore and get lost. She is excited because all the Ralph Lauren products are made there. If I do not return, it is her fault that I have been sold into slavery, probably working in a sweat shop making Levi jeans.....or worse, fortune cookies.

I also had planned on taking a tour of the Chinese Checker factory but found they have never heard of the game. Chinese checkers was invented by the Brits, but then they decided to blame the game on the Chinese when it didn't sell well.

Once the Brits realized Americans

would buy this dumb game, they sold us the rights and I have been wandering this planet for well over a half century wrongfully blaming the Chinese for this stupid game. Please forgive me. This is what we deserve for flushing the Brits tea in the bay. Chinese checkers is one of the few items sold in the US that was not made in China, who grossed a staggering 81 billion dollars from us just last year.

So there you have it. My bags are packed with quilt outfits and funky shoes. I am getting in the spirit of things and bow to everyone I greet. The checkout girls at Bryson's think I'm nuts. (Hmm).

I will give you a complete report, if and when I return. In the meantime, I suggest you hold off on buying any more jeans until then. I was going to recommend Wrangler jeans until I found out they are not made here either. Is anything made in America anymore? At least they have cowboys in Mexico.

P.S. - Oh, I almost forgot. I will also attend several fire drills while in China and give you a report on that also.

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The race for Town Board

Every week prior to the Nov. 5 election, candidates have agreed to answer questions.

Question #4

Litter along Highlands' corridors as well as along town streets has become an unsightly problem. The town has relied on student and adult volunteers, adopt-a-highway, and semi-annual litter pick-ups to handle this job. Do you think this tactic is adequate and if not, what do you suggest?



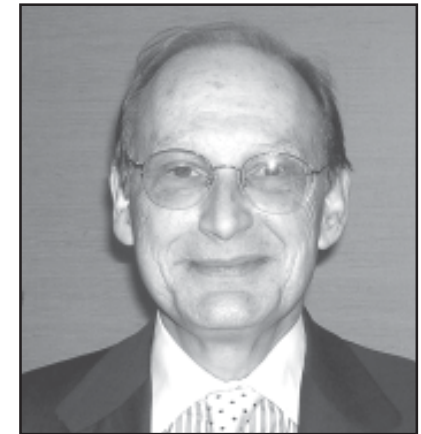
**Mayoral Candidate
Mayor Buck Trott**

I agree that litter on our streets is a problem. It is a shame that our citizens are not more concerned about the appearance of our community.

Some parties have adopted streets and roads under the Adopt-a-Highway program. I know Mirror Lake Improvement has picked up roads in their area every month for the past 10 years.

There is a local endowment that is paying nonprofits to pick up selected areas. I really advocate that our many walkers carry a bag and pickup litter as they are on their daily strolls. I know of a medical doctor who picks up litter every Saturday she is here.

Our citizens are going to have to become better stewards of our beautiful area.



**Mayoral Candidate
Zeke Sossomon**

The present system may not be adequate, but it's about all we've got, at least outside town limits. As with many things, the problem is cost. Inside Town, the street crews are pretty heavily worked as it is.

Outside Town, the State is responsible, and that's how we got the current volunteer program. So, do we want more taxes for cleaner streets? That's a voter question. It would be nice, but at what cost? We should thank the various volunteers, because they do a good job. Can you remember what the roads looked like before them?

SAT prep classes Sept. 27 & 28 to prepare for either the SAT or pre-SAT, 6 p.m. at the Literacy Council in the Peggy Crosby Center.

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The lack of a policy revolves around the cost involved for installing a grinder pump or relying on gravity. "The grinder pump is much more expensive," said Betz.

In an earlier meeting, commissioners said it didn't seem fair to demand connection by all if the prospect was more expensive for some due to terrain.

So, commissioners are still working on that part of the mandatory sewer connection policy.

nection policy.

For now, the draft ordinance will stipulate that all existing properties along new sewer lines - lines the town opts to install - must connect within 24 months regardless of the condition or age of their septic system.

If owners volunteer to connect, the fee would be one-half for the first 12 months.

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Currently, the town's watershed ordinance only discusses three sub-basins of the watershed - Watershed III critical area (WS III CA), Watershed III Balance of the Watershed (WS III BW); and Watershed II critical area (WS II CA).

Since the proposed ETJ'd area is in the balance of the watershed (WSII BW) the town's watershed ordinance must be amended to include it so it is in effect if and when ETJ takes affect.

Once the watershed issues are cleared up, and the proposed areas ETJ'd, then the planning committee will decide on zoning districts for the ETJ'd area - residential 1, 2, 3; business 1, 2, 3, 4, or governmental/institutional.

Each zone will have particular allowances assigned to it. But just because a town ETJs an area doesn't mean it has to enforce zoning ordinances, other than the watershed and subdivision ordinances.



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**Commissioner Candidate
Amy Patterson**

I do not believe that government can, or should, do everything for everybody. Citizens should take some responsibility for some of the non-essential needs of their community. Luckily, Highlands has many citizens who contribute time and resources to many causes that benefit the community whether they be in the arts, the environment, litter or literacy.

Governments should support citizens' efforts in these areas but not necessarily take the lead. When governments get involved, things can become more complicated than necessary.

Regarding the specific problem of litter, I guess I'm one of those folks who just don't notice litter along the highways, maybe because there is not a lot of it. We will never be litter-free but since current methods seem adequate to combat this never-ending problem, I do not think the town should spend valuable resources on litter control.

... LA CROSSE from pg 1

at Mission Memorial this season – July through October – five in the past week.

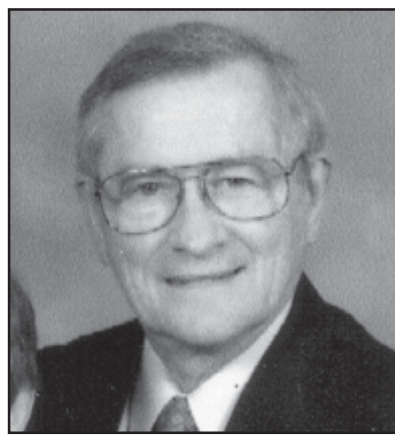
"There's definitely a spike in the number of cases typically reported," said Dr. Rebecca Carchman, ICU physician in pediatrics at Mission. "It's been a wet year with more mosquitoes."

Statistics are hard to finalize, because it takes a month or more to get test results back from the state to verify the virus, but pediatricians at Mission are treating the children who come in with the symptoms for the virus.

"There is certainly something going around," said Merle Gregory, Mission human resource officer. "We just aren't in the position to say exactly what." Gregory said this time of year the number of cases usually spike. "We're not too surprised due to the incredible moisture lately."

To that end, research is now underway at Mission to develop a blood test to help doctors diagnose the virus when people come in instead of having to wait a month – usually after patients have recovered – to say "they had La Crosse encephalitis."

The Smiths allowed some of Benjamin's blood to be taken for that purpose.



**Mayoral Candidate
Don Mullen**

Litter along the streets of Highlands creates a problem with image in our beautiful community and must be kept to a minimum.

The methods used now work but have not been frequent enough to handle this growing problem. The fine work of our volunteer workers needs to be expanded and more publicity must be given to the problem. When people are stimulated properly with good leadership and are encouraged to recognize the problem, they usually respond and turn out in force to remedy the situation. I would continue to emphasize volunteerism in this area and have volunteer cleanups more frequently which could be stimulated by a well organized publicity campaign.

Dr. Carchman said the best way to steer clear of the virus is to use mosquito repellent when outside.

"You can get the virus from a bite from mosquitoes infected by furry animals like squirrels, chipmunks and foxes," she said. "They bite the animals and then infect humans."

There is no vaccine for LaCrosse encephalitis. The best prevention is to avoid mosquito bites and to eliminate outside vessels that hold water.

Health officials say the risk of exposure has increased as people move into previously undeveloped areas where the virus lives. Benjamin was playing in the woods around his home in Highlands and also in Cashiers and he went blueberry picking in Franklin. All very normal children activities in very normal places.

Dr. Carchman said many of the children they've treated were from the Brevard-Cherokee area or had visited there recently. Those most prone to the virus are children six months to 15 years old. "We don't know why adults aren't usually affected," said Carchman.

Benjamin was released from the hospital Tuesday morning and is feeling much better, but his parents are still reeling from the experience and urge other parents to take precautions when sending their children outside to play.

It takes from five to 15 days after the bite of an infected mosquito to develop symptoms of LaCrosse encephalitis.

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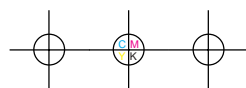
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**Commissioner Candidate
 Hank Ross**



**Commissioner Candidate
 Eric Pierson**

Littering is a one of those senseless things that I will never understand. As a seasoned participant of the Gorge Road Cleanup, I know how well volunteer litter pickup can work. A well-organized litter pickup campaign can be very successful and is also a good community building experience. These efforts have been used in the past to encompass the entire plateau; however, they have not been as consistent as the Gorge Road Cleanup.

Other sources of litter removal include the Highlands Street Department and a new program using prison labor by the County Sheriff's Department. I believe that more consistent organized community efforts can have a major impact and improve the quality of our beautiful community.

Litter is an unsightly problem everywhere, not just in Highlands.

Volunteers and litter control programs are a good response to the problem, however they are not the answer.

To combat this, the town can request the local police to enforce stricter penalties if someone is caught throwing out trash, encourage the public to become more aware of this issue and in turn start reporting incidents of littering.

We should also ask citizens to take time and walk around their neighborhood streets and pick up what trash they can.

If bags of trash are found on the roadsides, the police should be allowed to go through it to find out the source and appropriately take action.

Town employees are constantly working on one roadside project or another. If there is litter around where they are working, have them take a little time and clean it up.

Also, people need to constantly be aware of the bear issue around town and not put out their trash until the morning of their usual pickup.

But ultimately, people need to have respect and common decency to not throw trash out on the roadsides.

Candidate Forum – Oct. 20

At the Highlands Conference Center, 6:30-9 p.m. There will be separate forums for the mayor and commissioner candidates. Mayor candidates scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the commissioner candidates scheduled for 7:45 to 9 p.m.

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buildings with setback violations can be voluntarily taken down to the footprint and rebuilt to the owner's liking.

Commissioners Alan Marsh and Herb James say nonconforming buildings – historical or otherwise – should be rebuilt to conform to all setback and right-of-way stipulations regardless of circumstance.

"If a historical building is destroyed and built back, it's not historical anymore," said James.

But Commissioners Dennis DeWolf and Hank Ross said historical buildings with setback violations should be allowed to be rebuilt, but exactly as they had been.

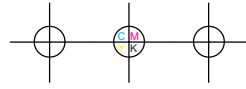
"To the owners it may not be the same thing, but to future generations and to the general public the sense of the building would be historical," said DeWolf.

Ross said the removal of nonconforming buildings would change the character of Highlands. "It's close-knit, with narrow roads, and small houses," he said. "There's a funkiness to it. If we don't allow the nonconforming buildings, it will change the character."

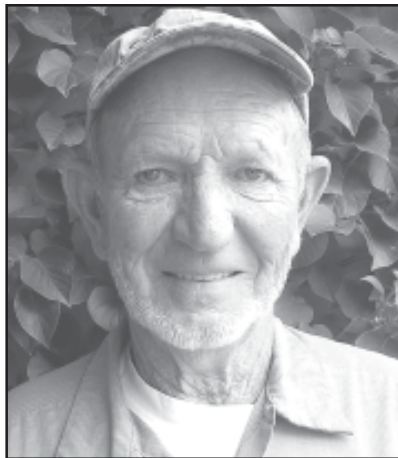
Commissioners pretty much agreed if nonconforming buildings, historical or otherwise, had right-of-way violations, they would have to come into compliance if destroyed and rebuilt.

After close to an hour discussion, with a semblance of a consensus reached on at least some of the issues the board asked Town Administrator Richard Betz and Zoning Administrator Larry Gantenbein to write an amendment that will address the reconstruction of nonconforming buildings, simply.

The two said they would try.



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**Commissioner Candidate
Larry Rogers**

I do think the current litter pickup plan is adequate and should be kept in place. The only addition might be to have those individuals who have court-ordered community service hours to help with the litter cleanup.

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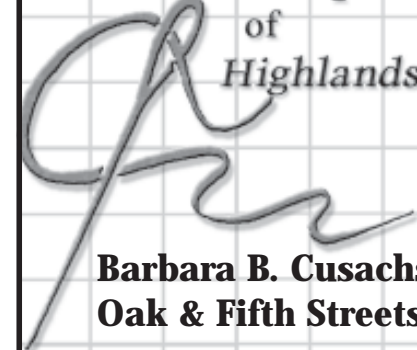


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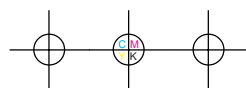
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Interim director of bio station named

James Thomas Costa, Ph. D. has
been named Interim Executive Direc-
tor of the Highlands Biological Station.
He holds a professorship in the depart-
ment of biology at Western Carolina
University, and will continue to teach
some classes there.

Originally
from New York
state, Dr. Costa re-
ceived his master's
and doctoral de-
grees from the Uni-
versity of Georgia,
specializing in the
study of entomol-
ogy. Prior to com-
ing to WCU, he
held research fel-
lowships in biol-
ogy and molecu-
lar evolution at Har-
vard University.
During the past ac-
ademic year he re-
turned to Harvard
as a Fellow in the
Radcliffe Institute
for Advanced
Study, completing
a book on insect
social behavior. Ti-
tled "The Other In-
sect Societies," the
book will be pub-
lished by the Har-
vard University Press
in the spring of 2006.
This summer he

was a co-instructor of a course at Ox-
ford, England sponsored by Harvard.

Dr. Costa's research on insects has
taken him to such countries as Costa
Rica, where he has also delivered sci-
entific papers. Other countries in which
he has delivered papers include Mexi-
co, Germany, Aus-
tralia, Canada, and
France. In the year
2000 he delivered a
paper on "Effects
of genetic hetero-
genicity on eastern
tent caterpillar col-
ony performance,"
at a meeting of the
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ulation Ecology
and Genetics
Group in High-
lands. He has also
taught classes to
graduate students
involved in re-
search into insect
behavior at the
Highlands Biologi-
cal Station, and has
been a speaker in
the Zahner Lecture
Series at the High-
lands Nature Cen-
ter.



Lydia Sargent McCauley (right), a
trustee of the Highlands
Biological Foundation, welcomes
Dr. James Costa (left) as the
Interim Executive Director of the
Highlands Biological Station. Ms.
McCauley is the sister of Hugh
Sargent, president of the
Biological Foundation, and the
daughter of Ralph Sargent, who
was president of the Biological
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ter.

He is married and the father of two
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Highlands School Sports

Lady Highlanders undefeated in conference

By Claire Young
JV Volleyball Coach

The Varsity volleyball team at Highlands School is two steps closer to its goal of a conference championship after resounding victories against Hiwassee Dam (Sept. 13) and Blue Ridge (Sept. 15) last week. At the halfway point in the season, the girls are currently undefeated in the conference.

In the Tuesday home match against Hiwassee Dam, Ramsey Ashburn and Toni Schmitt expertly served 100 percent, with Ramsey having 6 aces out of her 16 serves. In addition to her 14 serves, Toni had 11 assists, a season high for the junior setter. Senior Anna Trine dominated the net with a remarkable 12 kills, the highest she has attained this season. Senior setter Callie Rawlins also had an impressive game with 12 successful serves including 2 aces, 3 kills, 8 assists, and an amazing 5 blocks, the most of any player in a single



Senior Maggie Dearth knocks it back over the net during a practice game.

Highlanders won in 3 straight games (25-11; 25-13; 25-10).

The JV had a heart-breaking loss to Hiwassee Dam, their only opponent in the conference this year. Despite 100 percent serving performances from Freshman Carolyn Hornsby, Sophomores Kaylie Buras and Amanda Parmelee, and Junior Allison Winn, the girls lost in 2 close games (22-25; 24-26). Captain Allison Winn had a great defensive game with 4 digs, 2 assists, and 3 blocks, and Junior Angela Sanchez contributed 2 aces, 3 digs, and 4 kills.

Thursday's game against Blue Ridge secured another win for the Varsity. Juniors and first-year varsity players Rebecca Ashburn, Katie Bryson, Angela Sanchez, and Allison Winn were all 100 percent from the serving line. Seniors Maggie Dearth and Anna Trine had 6 kills each. This win brings the Lady Highlanders' overall record to 6 and 3.

Fighting Highlanders win conference game

Highlands lost the Tuesday, Sept. 13 game to with Brevard 5 - Highlands 2.

Brevard High School currently ranks 7th in State for all 2-A schools. Alec Schmitt got 1 goal; Buddy Parrish got 1 goal; Gray Alexander got 1 assist; and Matt Chenoweth got 1 assist.

The team fared much better at the Wednesday, Sept. 14 game against Hayesville — the first conference game. The score was Highlands 9, Hayesville, 1. "The score could have been much higher, but there would be no point and only insult the other team," said Coach David Parrish.

The Highlanders will play each conference foe twice for a total of 10 conference games. During the Hayesville game, Buddy Parrish had 1 goal and 2 assists; Nick Kerhoulas had 1 goal; Alec Schmitt had 1 goal and 3 assists; Jason Aspinwall had 2 goals and 1 assist; Grey Alexander had 1 goal and 1 assist; Ryan Bears had 2 goals and 2 assists and Taylor Parrish had 1 goal.

Highlands School is The Big Smoky Mountain Conference "which is relatively weak compared to other 1-A conferences in the state," said Coach Parrish. "We hope to win the conference — undefeated — again for the fourth straight year."

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Sept. 24

• Mirror Lake Improvement Association will have a litter pickup Saturday at 9 a.m. at Thorn Park.

• Rocko returns to Club Studio at the Instant Theater on Main Street at 8 p.m. Dance to live classic, acoustic rock and roll. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$7 for children. Reservations suggested. Call 828-342-9197.

• The Macon County 2005 WalkAmerica event will be held at the Franklin Memorial Park. Registration for the walk will begin at 9 a.m. and the 3-mile walk around Franklin will begin at 10 a.m.

Sept. 26

• Toys for Tots Golf Tournament at Mill Creek Country Club in Franklin, 9 a.m. \$75 entry fee (\$65 with \$10 unwrapped toy), Sponsored by Marine Corps League of Smoky Mountains, Det. #973. Call 828-524-4653. (rain date Oct. 3)

• HIARPT Lecture – Professor Don Cupitt, to present “A New Method of Religious Enquiry,” 7 p.m. with followup lecture Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. both at PAC.

Sept. 27 & 28

• The Literacy Council of Highlands is offering a SAT prep class for all students interested in preparing for either the SAT or pre-SAT, 6 p.m. at the Literacy Council in the Peggy Crosby Center. For more information, call Breta Stroud at 536-9938, ext. 240.

Sept. 30-Oct. 1

• Fine Art Center/Bascom Louise Gallery Art & Wine Auction. For tickets, call 526-4949.

Sept. 30-Oct. 2

• Highlands Antique Show in the new Highlands School gym. Fri. and Sat. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sun., noon to 5 p.m. Admission \$10. Admission proceeds benefit the Playhouse and the School. Call 526-2695.

Oct. 1

• Yard Sale – Satulah Club at First Citizens Bank, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Featuring baked goods, dried flower and much more.

• Rabies Clinic at Highlands Conference Center from 1-2:30 p.m. and at Scaly Mountain Post Office from 3-4 p.m. both with Dr. Amy Patterson. \$5 per pet. Cash only. Please keep pets in vehicles, on leashes or in carriers. All dogs, cats and ferrets over four months old must be vaccinated.

• The Macon County Art Association will hold a show and sale of art works from paintings to photographs on the grounds of Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church on 5th Street, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Oct. 5 & 6

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Oct. 7-23

• Highlands Treehouse Showhouse on Laurelwood Lane will be open for view, Mon-Sat 11-4 and Sunday 1-4. Tickets are \$10. All proceeds to benefit Hurricane Katrina victims.

Oct. 8

• Princeton University's Capella singing group, the Princeton Nassoons, will perform at PAC from 7:30-9 p.m. For tickets, call Kristy Budner at 404-888-3740.

Oct. 9

• At the request of friends and colleagues, Gibson McConnaughey will sign copies of her cookbook, “Two Centuries of Virginia Cooking,” at Shakespeare & Company, 204 N. 5th Street, (Village Square) on Sunday at 4 p.m. Tea and samples of desserts from the book will be served.

Oct. 14

• Healthy Carolinians of Macon County has scheduled their third annual golf tournament for Friday, at The Ridges in Hayesville. Shotgun Start is 9 a.m. Registration Fee to play in the tournament costs \$75 per player, or \$300 for a team. Registration includes green fee, cart fee, and lunch buffet. Call Rhonda Blanton at 828-349-2425.

Oct. 15-16

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show by the Art League of Highlands from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Recreation Park. All original art work in various media. Sunday, 1:30 “Faery Fantasy” performed by the Woopeteers inviting children to participate in the “production.” There is also a supervised Children's Art Table open both days. Free admission.

• Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival presents its Fall Concerts, Saturday, 5 p.m. at PAC and Sunday, 5 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in Cashiers. The concerts are entitled “Ransom Notes” and feature compositions by Dvorak, Gade, Mozart and Schumann performed by Kate and Will Ransom. The Saturday's concert will be preceded by “The First Families of Music.” For tickets, call 526-9060.

Oct. 20

• Leadership Highlands and the Chamber of Commerce are conducting an Elections Forum for Highlands' mayor and commissioner candidates. 6:30-9 p.m. at the

Conference Center. There will be separate forums for the mayor and commissioner candidates, with the mayor candidates scheduled for 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., and the commissioner candidates scheduled for 7:45 to 9 p.m.

Oct. 22

• The annual Highlands School Fall Festival this year at Highlands School in the new gymnasium at 5 p.m.

Oct. 29

• “Nature by Night” at the Highlands Nature Center. 7 p.m. Bring your flashlight and learn about nocturnal creatures through games, activities, and observations along the Garden trails. Ages 5 to adult, \$2 per person. Pre-registration required, call 526-2623.

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. For tickets, call 526-9060.

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H-C hospital, nursing center, hospice receive re-accreditation

Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, and Highlands-Cashiers Hospice have once again received full, three-year accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

The three organizations, which are all part of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, Inc., were surveyed back in March by a team from the Joint Commission. The accreditation review process was completed last month.

Hospital officials say it was one of the most rigorous reviews they have seen since the hospital began undergoing accreditation in 1976.

While the usual period between reviews for hospitals which receive full accreditation is three years, the hospital opted to be resurveyed a year sooner. That was because the acute care part of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital recently became what is known as a Critical Access Hospital, which effectively changes the way it is reimbursed by Medicare and Medicaid. As part of that re-designation process, however, the acute section of the hospital had to undergo a review by either state health officials or Joint Commission within 12 months.

While it is commonplace for many hospitals and Hospice programs to regularly seek accreditation, the majority of long-term nursing care facilities do not usually undergo Joint Commission review.

"Participating in the accreditation process helps us identify those areas where we might be able to improve the quality of care we provide our patients and residents. We don't have to go through the accreditation process, but we do because we want to be the best facility possible," said Ken Shull, president of the hospital. "It's an important part of our continued commitment to excellence."

Formed in 1951, the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (or JCAHO) is dedicated to improving the quality of the nation's health care. Accreditation is voluntary and must be renewed every three years.

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POLICE & FIRE

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The following are the Highlands Police Dept. log entries for the week of Sept. 14-21.

Sept. 14

- At 4:35 p.m., residents on Bobby Jones Road reported about \$900 in accessories missing from their home. The case is under investigation.

- At 7:30 a.m., a motorist on Hicks Road was cited for driving without a license.

Sept. 15

- At 5:30 a.m., a motorist on Webbmont Road was cited for speeding 50 mph in a 35 zone.

Sept. 16

- At 3:20 p.m., a officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Wright Square parking lot. There were no injuries.

Sept. 17

- At 11 a.m., officers received a missing person report from a mother who hadn't seen her 35-year-old son since Sept. 9. Police have a lead as to his whereabouts and are investigating the case.

Sept. 19

- At 4 p.m., officers took a report from Highlands Pharmacy concerning a forged prescription. The case is under investigation.

Sept. 20

- At 10:30 p.m., a motorist on Cobb Road was cited for speeding 52 mph in a 35 zone.

- At 7:35 a.m., a motorist on Cherokee Drive was cited for speeding 56 mph in a 35 zone.

The following are the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log entries for the week of Sept 14-21

Sept. 14

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at a residence on N.C. 106. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 15

- The dept. responded to an accident

on U.S. 64 west. The victim was transported to the hospital.

Sept. 18

- The dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers two times on the 18th. Both times the call was cancelled en route.

Sept. 19

- The dept. responded to an two-vehicle accident on U.S. 64 east. Two victims were transported to the hospital.

- The dept. was first-responders to assist EMS with a medical call at The Hampton Inn. The victim was transported to the hospital.

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Last year The Fighting Highlanders beat Franklin but "they are much improved this year," said Parrish.

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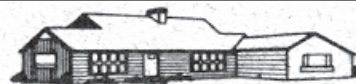
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HOUSE FOR SALE - 275 Foreman Road. In-town on .87 acre-wooded lot. 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, study, large workshop/studio, stone fireplace, oak floors, hemlock paneling. Quality construction, mature landscaping, exterior stonework. Asking \$425,000 (828) 342-2624. Broker/Owner

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AFFORDABLE LOTS - SKY VALLEY. Gated golf community. City water. No membership fees. \$24,900-\$35,000. Call Mary Mason, 706-746-3111. Resort Realty.

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Calling all retired medical professionals on Oct. 8

By Dr. Don Mullen
Chairman Highlands-Cashiers Senior
Physicians

This is an open letter to all active

and retired physicians in the Highlands
and Cashiers area. Do not know about
our symposium program for physicians
in our area?

We have had many diverse programs
of continuing education for physicians
over the past few years which have been
well received and well attended. We are

now inviting all physicians and nurses
to attend our final program for the
season which will occur on Saturday, Oct.
8 at 8:30 a.m. at the Highlands-Cashiers
Hospital. A breakfast buffet will precede
a lecture on diabetes and then a lecture
on depression and death in the elderly.

Dr. John Colwell, Professor of
Medicine at the Medical University of
South Carolina will speak on the topic
of "Multi-factorial Management of Type
2 Diabetes." Dr. J. Richard Williams will
speak on "Depression and Death in the
Elderly Bereaved." Dr. Williams is an
authority on the Hospice movement
which would be of interest to all active
physicians along with retired doctors and
nurses. It is a concept whose time has
come and is very poorly understood even
by practicing physicians today.

If you're an active physician or retired
doctor or nurse with an interest in these
topics, please call Cindy Leach at the
Highlands-Cashiers Hospital at 526-
1498 to sign up.

Free clinic seeks director

The Community Care Clinic, a new
community organization established to
provide free health care to the medically
under-served in the Highlands-Cashiers
area, is seeking a Clinic Director to
manage the joint efforts of volunteer
physicians, nurses, and community
residents. The clinic will offer primary
health care to all uninsured individuals
with incomes at or below 150% of
poverty level.

"Since we have here in our two
counties over 13,000 residents that fall
within 150% of poverty level, and the
majority of them are medically
uninsured, it is important that we serve
these people," said Don Mullen, Vice-
chair of the Clinic Board. "Such poverty
in the midst of such wealth in our
community is untenable," he said.

"We are hoping soon to hire an
individual for the Clinic Director
position to manage the ongoing
activities of recruiting volunteers and
seeing patients," Mullen said. Interested
parties may refer to the classified ad in
this newspaper.

The clinic is still seeking funding for
its operations. "Our annual operating
expenses are estimated at \$80,000," said
Ginger Slaughter, Chair of the Clinic
Board. "We still need help in reaching
this goal. If our fund-raising efforts are
successful, we plan to open our doors in
November, seeing patients every
Thursday evening," she said. For those
interested in contributing funds for the
clinic, please send them to: Community
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High Country Cafe 5 Miles
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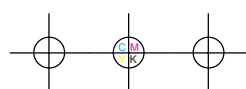
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Lot 15 This great lot is in one of the best areas of Highlands. Blue Valley View with native azaleas, and hardwoods. Sloping from the road to a great building site makes this lot a must see for those looking for a view. Bordered on the south by a protected conservation area and to the east with a common area, this home site offers privacy with neighbors only a short walk away. Offered at \$740,000. MLS#53600

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