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## Highlands first 2025 snow storm Jan. 10-11 highlights concerns

By Kim Lewicki

The National Weather Service warned that a monumental winter storm was set to hit West-

ern NC and the Eastern seaboard Friday and Saturday and was likely to dump upward of 10 inches of snow coupled with frigid tempera-

tures and wind. To err on the side of caution, the Town of Highlands and the

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## Highlands takes down Swain in overtime

Lady Highlanders beat Swain 43-32

By Brian O'Shea  
Plateau Daily News

Highlands boys varsity basketball team took on Swain last week and won an exciting game in overtime 67-59.

The fight to take it to overtime came down to the final seconds. Highlands was down by 3 points with under 2 seconds on the clock. Highlands needed to inbound the ball and get a shot off in time. It was the third attempt to inbound the ball, and everyone in the gym knew it was going to Highlands shooter Bryan Jarquin.

"Before the shot, I was mainly focused on staying calm," Jarquin. "We had already tried to get the ball in two other times, so they knew it was going to me."

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HF&R Chief Ryan Gearhart and Asst. Chief Robbie Forrester with the 2024 Fireman of the Year, Travis Brooks at Saturday night's annual awards ceremony.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Annual awards ceremony announces FofY and more

This past year has been the busiest year on record for Highlands Fire & Rescue.

At Saturday night's Annual Awards Banquet held at OEI's Spring House, Fire Chief Ryan

Gearhart ticked off the department's accomplishments and congratulated the dedicated paid and volunteer officers who make it their job to come when called.

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## Remembering President Jimmy Carter

By Fletcher Wolfe  
Founder of the Atlanta Boy Choir

It was a great privilege for me, and the Atlanta Boy Choir to be invited by President Carter to participate in several of his important occasions.

Also, I was most honored to have President Carter's Aunt Sissy, Mrs. Emily Dolvin, accompany us on many of our concert tours around the world.

I first met Emily when I came to Roswell, GA where she lived in one of the great historic homes. It was in Roswell that I was selected to be named Music Director of the famous historic Roswell Presbyterian Church.

The Church had served during the Civil War as General Sherman's hospital. But now, more about my appearances with the Boy Choir for President Carter.

Actually, the appearances began when President Carter was the Governor in Georgia. Not only did he choose the choir to perform at the Governor's Mansion he insisted on being the one to

present the outstanding awards to the members of the choir.

Jimmy Carter was one of the most kind and generous people that our Heavenly Father chose to bless us all with.

During President Carter's whole life, it was his task and desire to help others. We have never had any President who was more dedicated to doing good.

It was at his personal invitation that I and my choir was invited to sing for the Inauguration of President of the United States. We also appeared at the Lincoln Memorial, and later in the Capitol Rotunda for the Holocaust Memorial Service. He also asked us to perform at the White House on several different occasions.

In the 60 years that I directed the Boys Choir, which I founded in 1956, we have been all over the world performing for many Heads of State, and other important people. No one has ever been more kind or generous to us than President Carter and his Aunt,

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## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Updating policies and more tonight

Thursday is Highlands Town Board of Commissioners' January meeting.

A board workshop will begin at 6 p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. Both meetings are at the Highlands Community Building, next to the ball field. The meeting can be accessed remotely through a link on the town website.

Two items will be discussed at the workshop session. Commissioner Patterson has requested a review of current town and county ordinances concerning septic systems, especially the requirement for new septic systems to have a repair area. Another item will deal with town policies concerning the use of the park and other recreation facilities. At the last meeting, a question was raised as to whether the town had written park use policies. There are written policies that were developed when Founders Park first opened. The board and staff will discuss these policies to determine if there should be changes or additions to these



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

existing policies. It is good we are going through this process since the original policies are now a decade old.

The 7 p.m. board meeting will review the chamber of commerce lease that the board requested the town attorney change after the December meeting. If approved, the lease will then be sent to the chamber for their signature.

On the agenda will be a request for conditional zoning for several residential homes on the corner of Maple and Oak Streets. This request has been reviewed and approved by the zoning board of adjustment and the planning board. The decision for tonight will be for the town board to call for a public hearing concerning the zoning change at the February meeting. After the public hearing, the board will vote on the matter.

Let me address the power outage that occurred on Saturday morning in the midst of the snowstorm. The problem was that the Duke transmission line that fed power to the town went down. A transmission pole fell in the high winds early Saturday morning. Duke had to bring specially trained linemen from outside the area to work on a major transmission line.

After the loss of power during Helene, both Duke and Highlands knew there were potential problems on this critical line that runs down Hicks Road. In fact, some upgrades had just been completed, but more work was needed. A contractor that can work on or near energized transmission lines was being sought. Unfortunately, this outage occurred before critical work could be completed.

Also, Duke Energy and Highlands are working together to bring another transmission line into Highlands from US 64 near Highlands Falls Country Club. We are progressing well and expect the line to be active by the summer. In addition, our consulting electrical engineers are developing more transmission feeds that will help the town manage and distribute the load in circumstances like the one experienced this past weekend. The problem is that developing such a system will take several years to implement. The town board has already made the financial commitment to do so.

## • SNAPSHOT •







Photo by Robert Sutton

### A river runs through it

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## The 3rd-broker theory: Why overpricing your plateau home can cost you big

Have you ever heard of the “third-broker theory” in real estate? It’s a cautionary tale that illustrates the costly consequences of overpricing a home. Here’s how it goes:

The first broker, eager to secure the listing, agrees to an inflated price without fully explaining the risks. The second bro-

ker enters the picture, critiquing the initial effort and perhaps enhancing the marketing and photos—but still avoids addressing the elephant in the room: the price. Finally, the third broker steps in, convinces the seller to make a meaningful price reduction, and successfully closes the deal.

This sequence highlights an undeni-

able truth: pricing your home correctly from the outset is essential to achieving a successful sale.

On the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau, getting the price right is even more critical. Our market is often driven by second-home buyers—discerning individuals who are under no pressure to make quick decisions. They can take their time to evaluate options and will quickly move on from an overpriced property. Conversely, a well-priced home immediately grabs the attention of serious buyers, generating interest and even sparking competitive offers.

Overpricing doesn’t just delay the sale; it can harm your market position. A property lingering on the market for too long raises red flags for potential buyers. On the Plateau, where home values are higher, and the average time on market is around 120 days, anything beyond this benchmark can stigmatize the property. Instead of asking, “What should we offer?” buyers may wonder, “What’s wrong with it?”

The consequences of overpricing don’t end there. When a home finally goes under contract after months on the market, the seller’s negotiating power is often diminished. Inspections might uncover issues, and buyers may feel emboldened to demand steep concessions or walk away altogether, knowing the property has struggled to sell. Relisting at a lower price can exacerbate the problem, leaving sellers to answer difficult questions about why the initial deal fell through.

Consider these statistics from reports by Zillow and the National Association of



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- Overpriced homes often take 30-50% longer to sell, leaving owners to bear the financial burden of carrying costs like mortgages, taxes, insurance, and maintenance.

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- Overpriced homes see 50% less interest from buyers during the critical first two weeks of listing.

- Ultimately, overpriced homes often sell for up to 15% less than their original asking price – and

even 10% less than their final reduced listing price.

So, how can you, as a Plateau homeowner, avoid this costly path? Start by partnering with an experienced and honest real estate broker. A skilled broker will conduct a thorough market analysis, provide realistic pricing guidance, and set expectations from day one. They’ll also be willing to consult with other professionals if needed to ensure your pricing strategy is rock solid.

Pricing your home correctly from the start is one of the most important steps to ensure a successful sale. With the guidance—and trust—of a knowledgeable Plateau broker, you can position your property to attract serious buyers, avoid the pitfalls of overpricing, and achieve the best possible outcome.

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Highlands Police Department asked people to not come to Highlands and for everyone to stay home and off the roads.

In preparation, schools in Highlands, Franklin and even Rabun Gap were closed and with icy temperatures and icy secondary roads and driveways perilous, remote days and two-hour delays were called for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

“Until you can drive in the sun, don’t try to drive in the snow,” posted one officer prior to the storm.

As it turned out only about five inches of snow fell over Friday, Jan. 10 and Saturday, Jan. 11, but with frigid temperatures

and icy conditions that was enough to make driving perilous.

Luckily, NC DOT cleared the main roads, spreading chat and salt, so they were relatively safe.

Excited to have a decent snowfall, people walked town as snow fell on Friday and hit Monkey Hill through the weekend to enjoy winter weather fun – even driving down to Scaly Mountain for snow tubing.

Unfortunately, due to wind and ice, power went out in Highlands and parts of Highlands Township both of which are serviced by Duke Power around 7:15 Sat-

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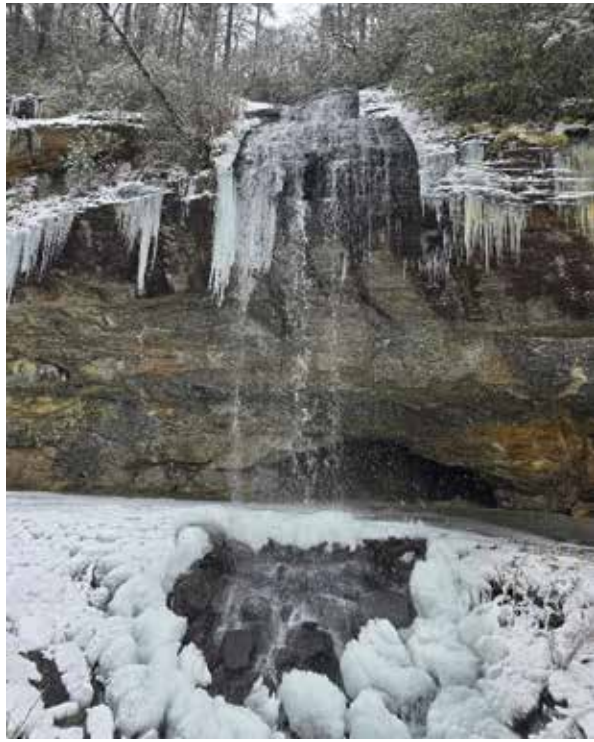


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# Highlands 1st winter storm - Jan 10-11



Photos by Kim, Jim and Rachel Lewicki and Natasha Kittrell

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On the third attempt, Highlands got the ball into Jarquin's hands and he drained a 3-pointer at the buzzer.

"Making the shot felt unreal," said Jarquin. "I felt like my idol LeBron [James] when I made it."

Highlands Coach Kaitlin Bishop said those are the moments you live for as a coach.

"I will be honest, some of it is just a blur, in the heat of that moment the adrenaline is through the roof," said Bishop. "Our first goal was getting the ball in and then getting a shot off all with 1.9 seconds on the clock. Once you get the shot off, it's a 50/50 chance. There are no words for the excitement and how proud I was of the boys for fighting till that last buzzer. As a coach, these are moments you live for!"

Highlands trailed Swain the entire game until Jarquin tied it at the end of regulation play.

"We started out really slow offensively," said Bishop. "I stressed to the boys to keep taking the good shots we were getting but take them with confidence. We were down 25-7 at one point in the first half if I remember correctly and were able to cut it to 11 going into half time. I told the boys at half time our goal was to cut that lead in half by the 4th quarter and we would have a chance. We cut the lead to 6 going into the 4th quarter and were able to tie it at the end and finish it off in OT."

Highlands Paolo McRae scored 19 points and had 13 rebounds, Kasen Mitchell scored 15 points and had 12 rebounds, Bryan Jarquin scored 13 points, and Isaiah Vilar-

do scored 14 points and had 7 rebounds.

"We had a couple other players add in some points throughout as well," she said. "I have said from the beginning of the season for us to be successful we have to have more than one or two guys scoring each game. When we get everyone involved offensively, that's when our team is most successful."

"Our defense played their tails of the whole game, in my opinion our defense and rebounding is what kept us in the game," said Bishop. "We forced some big turnovers in the 4th and were able to score off them, which was huge for us in the end. Once we hit that big shot at the end to send the game to OT the momentum really shifted our way. I saw the confidence in our boys that I haven't seen all year and I had a good feeling we were going to win this one in OT. Came out and scored 6 quick points in OT and really just took over. Ended up outscoring

them 13-5 in OT. We had some transition points off of turnovers, were patient offensively and got some great looks we finished on and hit some big free throws at the end to seal the deal."



Highlands Bryan Jarquin drains a long jumpshot against Swain last week. With less than 2 seconds left of regular play, Jarquin scored a critical 3-pointer sending the game into overtime.

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Noted for years of service from left: Chief Ryan Gearhart with 25 years; Jeff Burnette with five years; first-female officer Lea Ferrin with 10 years; Travis Ramey with 20 years; Roger Lee Wilson noted for Perfect Drill Attendance and 35 years; Buddy Miller for 21 years; and Asst. Chief Robbie Forrester with 30 years of service. Not pictured: Hunter Leffler, 15 years and Paul Corbin, 10 years.



From left: Chief Gearhart and Asst. Chief Forrester with Roger Lee Wilson who once again ... more than 30 times ... has been recognized for Perfect Drill Attendance. Drills are called every Tuesday evening.



Highlands Fire & Rescue officers from left: Asst. Chief Robbie Forrester, Chief Ryan Gearhart, Capt. Roger Lee Wilson, 1st. Lt. David Leffler and Rescue Capt. Eric Pierson. Not pictured: 2nd Lt. Hunter Leffler and Member @ Large Eric Fielding.

The department moved into the new station at Main and Oak streets January of 2024 – the place the paid, full-time firefighters call home when working one of three shifts.

Though the number of calls the department responds to typically goes up each year, the job of protecting and serving Highlands' citizens and property increased even more this past year.

In 2024 the department clocked 869 calls, 392 of which were first-responder calls, totaling 2,618 manhours.

In 2023 there were 683 calls totaling 1,477 manhours.

During Saturday's ceremony, Chief Gearhart recognized the officers for 2025-'26, the significant others who support the department's calling; welcomed new

members Tony Rice and Eli Kennedy and congratulated Jacob and Clay Lambert for completing EMT Basic Training.

Once again – for the 30th-plus time, Captain Roger Lee Wilson was awarded the Drill Perfect Attendance award. Drills are held each Tuesday evening.

Several officers were awarded pins and certificates marking the number of years they have been with the department – from five years to 30 years.

One of HF&R's full-time firefighters, Lt. Travis Brooks, was named Fireman of the Year by his co-workers.

Gearhart recognized retired firefighter Wayne Crowe who at 91 years old is the oldest living retired firefighter in Highlands.

Gearhart also announced that Buddy Miller, who has served for 21 years, retired.



From left: Chief Gearhart, Buddy Miller and wife Melanie and Asst. Chief Robbie Forrester. At Saturday night's award ceremony, Miller's retirement after 21 years was announced.

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urday morning. About 15 hours later, it was back ... for some 9:30p and others closer to 11p and beyond.

According to Duke, transmission lines and poles were down between Highlands and Glenville as well as on Hicks Road in Highlands.

"Duke Power has lost a transmission line feeding Highlands due to a broken utility pole," said Mayor Pat Taylor around 9:30a Saturday. "The specialized transmission crews are on the way and will work all day to make the repair with restoration expected sometime tonight."

As usual, town crews were on the job working through the weather day and night to restore power, but they were at Duke's mercy.

According to the mayor, after the loss of power during Helene, and even during the December 2022 polar bomb, both Duke and Highlands knew there were potential problems on this critical line that runs down Hicks Road and others. Some upgrades have been completed, but more work is needed, and this outage occurred before critical work could be completed.

Also, Duke Energy and Highlands are working together to bring another transmission line into Highlands from US 64 near Highlands Falls Country Club.

"We are progressing well and expect the line to be active by the summer. In addition, our consulting electrical engineers are developing more transmission feeds

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# • INK PENN •

## My Favorite Books of 2024



Kathy Manos Penn

who has sequestered herself in her Maine home to lick her wounds. The major difference? As far as we know, Hilary Clinton never solved a murder mystery.

### Everyone on This Train is a Suspect

by Benjamin Stevenson

I don't know how I missed this author's first book with Ernest Cunningham as the main character, but I did. Now, I feel compelled to find "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone."

I was especially intrigued with the plot because it's written in first person, and Ernest or Ern or Ernie is a writer. He is living the murder mystery. The Ghan, a train through the Australian desert, is hosting the Australian Mystery Writers' Society, and Ern is invited as a guest speaker. After all, he wrote the wildly popular "Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone." (Yes, this is really a published book.)

Naturally, a murder on a train smacks of Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express," and for my money, it's every bit as complex and twisty as that Golden Age mystery. The difference is that it's also quite funny.

There you have it, five books I thoroughly enjoyed and highly recommend. Did I read many, many more in 2024? Of course. I average two-three books a week. Did I occasionally start a book I couldn't finish? Yes. That seems to happen more frequently these days. In the words of Frank Zappa, "So many books, so little time."

Happy reading!

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Once again, I'm emulating Barnes & Noble, Amazon, and a host of others by providing a list of my favorite books of the year. And once again, these are the favorite books I "read," not necessarily those published in 2024. They're in no particular order except for the two at the top of the list. They are very different books, but both stayed with me for days after I finished them.

### The Seven Year Slip by Ashley Poston

This book was not only named a New York Public Library Best Book of 2023, but also a most anticipated book by "Entertainment Weekly," "Harper's Bazaar," and "Real Simple" magazines. Could it possibly be that good? Trust me. It is.

It's a story of grief, of love, of loss, and friendship. Clementine is dealing with the death of her beloved aunt, the charming adventurer who took her on trips to faraway lands and enriched her life in so many ways.

It's also a romance with a bit of fantasy thrown in. It's whimsical yet serious and portrays Clementine's grief in a way that makes you feel it.

### The Bright Sword by Lev Grossman

I am a huge King Arthur fan and when I saw a review of this book, I had to get it. Warning: This is not your typical King Arthur story. It is set wholly in Arthur's time but has a modern tone.

If profanity bothers you, you'll want to avoid this book. If the conflict between the pagan world and Christianity will upset you, this is not the book for you. Those fairies don't mince their words.

This description from a Forbes review captures what you'll encounter in this tale featuring lesser knights of the Round Table. It "... broaches issues that are decidedly more contemporary: abandonment and abuse, sexual

and gender identity, even immigration, all in ways that feel natural and organic rather than preachy or pedantic." And the humor in it is also delightful.

### Locked in Pursuit by Ashley Weaver

Set in England during World War II, this mystery has a strong female protagonist. Ellie is a safecracker, roped into working for Major Ramsey to thwart the Nazis at every turn. Of course, both she and the major are good looking and single, but their backgrounds couldn't be more different. He's a nobleman. She's carrying on the family tradition of thievery.

In this fourth installment, they discover an odd rash of burglaries in London, and soon figure out that the crimes have their origin in Lisbon. Spies are in search of something more important than jewels.

If the description appeals to you, I suggest you start with the first in the Electra McDonnell series, "A Peculiar Combination."

### The Busy Body by Kemper Donovan

What fun! Two smart women on the trail of a killer. One a ghostwriter who pens memoirs and autobiographies for celebrities and politicians, the other a losing candidate in a recent presidential election. One who is accustomed to being front and center, the other a woman who makes a living being invisible.

You're bound to note the similarities to Hilary Clinton in former Senator Dorothy Gibson,

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# • OBITUARIES •

## Sarah Anne Tervin (Trudel) Knight

Sarah Anne Tervin (Trudel) Knight died at home after a brief illness in the early morning hours of Wednesday, December 18th. She was born August 8, 1940 in Chipley, Florida to Franklin Tervin and Sarah Whitehead Tervin. After attending elementary school in Jacksonville, Florida, she moved to Tampa, Florida where she completed Jr. High and Senior High. She graduated from Florida State University in 1960, majoring in Home Economics. She was a member and Treasurer of the Phi Mu Sorority.

After returning to Jacksonville she taught Home Economics in high school at Terry Parker High School and married Barry Turdel in 1963.

Sarah taught in Columbia, SC, then moved to Atlanta for a short time before returning to Jacksonville where her son Lance was born. She coordinated the Senior Adult Education Program at Florida Community College for several years until she became the Director of Senior Adult



Centers for the City of Jacksonville, where she remained for 20 years.

She and Ken Knight were introduced to each other while participating in a 5K run on Memorial Day in 1992 and she set a goal for herself of running a Marathon (26.2 miles) which she did in Washington D C at the Marine Corps Marathon. Sarah and Ken married in 1994, following Ken's retirement ceremony from 30+ years in the Navy. Even after his retirement, Sarah enjoyed being a navy wife.

After she retired from the City of Jacksonville Sarah and Ken moved to Highlands, NC in 2004 where they lived in the family cottage at the corner of Dillard and Arnold Road while building their dream home on Turtle Pond Road. The home was built on family-owned land that was purchased by her Aunt Molly in the early 30's. Sarah and Ken collaborated on the design, and both participated in much of the construction. Ken was the contractor.

Over the years, "Galax" has been the

site of many wonderful gatherings for their family and friends, where Sarah truly made anyone who visited feel at home. Sarah was known as a kind and generous person who made friends with everyone she met. After retirement, her other passion was her flowers. She considered anything outside her front door to be her garden.

Sarah was a faithful and beloved member of Highlands United Methodist Church. A devoted person of faith, Sarah's Christian witness was illuminated by her delightful personality and her warm and sweet smile. She was a true blessing to her church family.

She was preceded in death by her brother (Franklin Tervin). She is survived by her husband (Ken Knight), son (Lance Trudel), sister (Rebecca Browers) and

brother in law (Howard Browers), stepson Greg and his wife Susan O'Brian, and Sarah's grandchildren - Jakob, Gavin, Lilly and (Susan's son) Inti.

A celebration of life will be held later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Highlands United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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Charles Joseph Calloway Sr, 82, of Ocala, Florida went home to be with our Lord and Savior on December 8, 2024. He was born in Highlands, NC on March 30, 1942, to the late Claude Lewis Calloway and Kansas Marie Dalton Calloway. He grew up in both Highlands and Franklin, NC. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers Claude Calloway Jr, Scott Calloway, W.C. Calloway, Ronnie Calloway and sisters Victoria Thompson and Doris Underwood.

He was a United States Navy Veteran who proudly served his country working in aviation and stationed in Pensacola at Saufley Field and aboard the USS Lexington as a 3rd Class Petty Officer. After serving his country and being honorably discharged he moved to Ocala, FL. There he began Calloway Signs an outdoor advertising com-



pany which he owned for 36 years.

He loved playing music with his brothers and playing golf as he had done since he was a young boy. Joe could tell a story like no other, especially when it involved his brother W.C. -- he always said he should have written a book about him. He loved the Lord and as he was leaving this world, he was reciting the Lord's Prayer letting us know it was going to be

OK.

He is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Linda Potts Calloway; their son Charles J. (Joey) Calloway Jr (Karen); their grandchildren Alicia Calloway and Jon Calloway; and his brothers C.L. Calloway (Melba) and Donnie Calloway (Elizabeth "Bitsy").

A private service will be held at a later date at a military cemetery in Florida.

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At Christmas we celebrate that God has heard our prayers. God has come to us. God is with us (the meaning of Emmanuel). Jesus came to this world to experience all of life as we do, but to also be the presence of God with us through it all. Wherever Jesus went, he sought out people who were hurting, vulnerable, left out and discouraged. To these desperate people Jesus brought compassion, healing, and hope. Through love in action Jesus showed people that God cares and is at work to bring us goodness and rescue.

As we study the life and ministry of Jesus, we see the heart of God meeting real people in their real-life situation and bringing them grace and peace. In Jesus we are assured that God cares about us. In Jesus we receive a Light that shines in our darkness. In Jesus we have a Good Shepherd. And through the death and resurrection of Jesus we are brought into God's salvation – God's eternal rescue. The message of Jesus is that there is nothing that can or will separate us from God's love for us.

The celebration of Christmas Day was almost a month ago, yet the message of Christmas still sustains our spirits and lifts our hope.

When the message of God's steadfast, merciful, and eternal love for us takes hold of our hearts, we receive a peace that helps us to endure all things, and a hope that even inspires joy. We are not alone in our struggles and suffering. God is with us and meets us with grace.

Even though the celebration of Christmas is long over, the message of Christmas inspires us, encourages us, and comforts us each day. Our spirits are lifted as we receive the message of Christmas. We can live in this real world with all its worries, troubles, and suffering with a peace that helps us continue on with hope.

As the light of Christ fills our lives, we shine with his light and live with his love flowing through us. From us other people experience the presence of God. We are people who express mercy, compassion, kindness, and generosity. With the message of Christmas lifting our spirits, we join with God in putting His love into action.

There is a lot of darkness in the world. Many people are suffering. We have the opportunity and the calling to be people who shine with the light of Christ and share the love of God. With the angels we can bring to others "good news of great joy" that God has come to us. God is with us. And nothing will remove us from God's steadfast and eternal love for us.

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**Highlands Police entries from Dec. 24. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.**

**Jan. 11**

• At 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a

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that will help the town manage and distribute the load in circumstances like the one experienced this past weekend,” said the mayor. “The problem is that developing such a system will take several years to implement. The Town Board has already made the financial commitment to do so.”

Though relatively short-lived, no power brought other concerns – temperatures in homes fell fast and gas-powered generators began to hum.

Unfortunately, the three gas stations in Highlands were closed so people needing gas for their generators had to drive on the cleared and passable roads to Cashiers and Dillard and Clayton.

Corporations in Texas and Greenville, SC, own the gas stations and haven't invested in generators to power pumps when the power goes out. At least one questioned the legality of using generators.

However, MC Fire Marshal Jimmy

one-vehicle accident at the Park on Main parking lot.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Jan. 6.**

**Jan. 6**

• At 4:39 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

Teem said he wasn't aware of any codes that would not allow gas stations to use generators.

In fact, according to 15A NCAC 02Q .0807 EMERGENCY GENERATORS, emergency power sources are allowed if the primary power source is out and it's beyond the company's control.

According to the employees, if they had generators, they could keep their “stores” open and pump gas even if the internet goes down because they only need the internet to process credit cards at the pump. With a manual credit card machine processing payments could still be achieved.

As “corporate” continues to consider the investment – an issue that came to light during Helene and is still unresolved – employees wondered if the town or county could help.

Mayor Taylor said he is aware of the situation and discussions are being had.

• At 1:59 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a chimney fire at a residence on Harris Drive.

• At 4:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a tree and power line down at a location on Willow Road.

**Jan. 7**

• At 1:32 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Church Street.

• At 2:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Billy Cabin Road.

• At 4:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Maplewood Lane.

**Jan. 9**

• At 4:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Whiteside Mtn. Road.

• At 5:41 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hilltop Drive.

• At 6:22 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Clubhouse Trail.

**Jan. 10**

• At 5:36 the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106 (Dillard Road).

**Jan. 11**

• At 7:16 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Clubhouse Trail.

• At 8:38 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Panther Mtn., Rd.

• At 10:38 a.m., the dept. responded to a

fire alarm at a residence on Crescent Trail.

• At 10:51 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 6:04 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Ridge Trail.

• At 9:38 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence at VZ Top.



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Sissy Dolvin.

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Adult Swim: 18y+ Mon.-Thurs. 11am-3:30pm, Friday 11am-1:30pm

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## ALL WEEK

• Alcoholics Anonymous: "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. program of recovery. Highlands Mountain View Group holds open meetings in Highlands at the First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Monday at 5:30 PM and Wednesday and Friday at noon. Women's Group 5:30, Tuesdays. The Cashiers Valley Group holds open meetings at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library Monday at 8:30 AM, Tuesday at 7 PM, Friday and Sunday at 5 PM, and Saturday at 9 AM. For more info, please visit [www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org) or to speak with a member of AA 24/7 at 828-349-

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• At the Recreation Dept. every Monday - Friday 10am-1pm indoors for the winter (notice the days and time has changed),

## MOVIES

• Movies at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center at PAC on Chestnut Street. See ad on page 9.

## Mon-Wed-Fri

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9am at the Rec Park.

• Balance, Stretch & Strengthen Class at the Rec Park 8:30-9:30am. The cost for the class is \$30 a month. The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

## Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. More meeting places call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

• Indivisible Highlands from 5:15-6:15pm at the Hudson Library

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## 2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings. For more information contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at [budandlynn@me.com](mailto:budandlynn@me.com)

## Tuesdays

• Strength Training at the Rec Park 8:15-9:15 am. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone. Learn proper form and range of motion to safely target all muscle groups for a metabolic boost and feel great.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers – Tuesdays from 5-6:30 PM. Facilitated by Sam Renken, this group has a simple mission: to foster and provide consistent community for local writers thereby giving writers of all ages and genres the opportunity to write, read, revise, and present their work to the group.

• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 6:30-7:30pm. No registration required – just show up and participate. Questions? call 828-526-0863 or email [info@maconnc literacy.org](mailto:info@maconnc literacy.org)

## 2nd Wednesdays

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health topics, held on the first Wednesday of each month at 11 AM. This series is aimed particularly at older adults and will focus on mental health topics of particular interest to them, but all ages are welcome to attend. The November 1 program is Dementia: A Deeper Understanding. Reservations are required for this free event. To register, stop by the library or call 828-526-3031.

## 2nd & 4th Wed.

• Digital Navigators will be at the Hudson Library the second and fourth Wednesdays 1PM - 3PM of each month to help patrons with their tech needs. Bring a smartphone, laptop, or other digital device to receive free assistance and support. No appointments are required - all are welcome.

## Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a-6p.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at the Rec Park at 5:30. A combo class with different types of

exercise. Call the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information

## Thurs.-Sat.

• Mountain Findings Hours: 10a to 1p.

## Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15 am. at the Rec Park. An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout. No martial arts background necessary. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more info.

• At Hudson Library, special children's events will be on tap on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 Kids Zone programs.

## Fridays

• At Hudson Library, Friday afternoons at 2 PM, there's a variety of children's programs including board games, STEM programs, and crafters.

## Saturdays

• Story Ballet - a gentle ballet & creative movement class for Children 3-4. The flow of class follows a story or theme that changes each month, engaging imaginations! Saturday 5:30-6:30pm. 828-421-6720

• Adult Ballet - crafted for beginners, but mindfully taught for all levels. Ballet is an excellent way to move, grow stronger, improve balance, flexibility and coordination while having fun. 6:30-7:30pm. 828-421-6720.

## 3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. We serve breakfast at 9 AM and hold our monthly meeting at 10 AM. We invite ALL veterans to attend - email [ncpost370@gmail.com](mailto:ncpost370@gmail.com) for more information or just join us at 9 AM.

## Sundays

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Sunday Service: 10 AM Sunday Morning. Stick around for visitation and coffee hour immediately after service. (Coffee hour is replaced by potluck dinner the 1st Sunday of each month).

## Beginning in Feb.

• At the Mountain Learning Center Youth Programs – Spring Elementary CON (3rd-5th Grade): Feb 14 - 16; Spring Intermediate CON (6th-8th Grade): Feb 28 - March 2; Spring Senior High CON (9th-12th Grade): March 14 - 16 <https://www.themountainrlc.org/event/homecoming-2/>

## Through-March

• Ice Skating in the Park The hours are Thursdays, 3:30-8pm,

Fridays, 3:30-10pm, Saturdays, 1-10pm, Sundays, 1-5pm. The price is only \$8, with or without skates. Coffee and hot chocolate are available for purchase.

## Ongoing on Thursdays

• Christ Anglican Church on 64 East in Cashiers will host "lunch and learn" brown bag sessions beginning Thursday, at noon led by Michael and Robin Matlock. For eight weeks, the book, Emotionally Healthy Spirituality by Peter Scanzero, will be the focal point. Come learn how healthy spirituality and healthy emotions are inseparable! Purchase your book copy at Amazon or your favorite bookstore. Call 828-743-1701 or email [cac@christanglicancashiers.org](mailto:cac@christanglicancashiers.org) with questions. All are welcome.

## Mon., Jan. 20

• The ice rink will be open for the Martin Luther King Holiday from 1-8p.m., Weather permitting

## Wed., Jan. 22

• Congressman Chuck Edwards' field staff will be at Hudson Library on Wednesday from 10 to 11:30 AM to meet with constituents who have requests and concerns.

## Thurs., Jan. 23

• Upcoming Workshop with Hagan Binder Landscape Architects, The Art of Bulb Forcing at 4 p.m. Register online at [haganbinder.com](http://haganbinder.com)

## April 13-18

• At the Mountain Learning Center, Music Week – Experience our engaging Music Week through classes, workshops, and one-on-one sessions with nationally touring musicians you will discover your magic in music. Early-Bird Discount - \$50 off if registered before Valentine's Day! <https://www.themountainrlc.org/event/homecoming-2/>

## Sat., April 26

• Plateau Pickup. Keep Highlands beautiful. Participate in Plateau Pickup, a community-wide cleanup day dedicated to preserving our town's natural beauty. For more info, go to [highlandschamber.org](http://highlandschamber.org) or call 828-526-2112.

## 1st Sat., May-Oct.

• Pop-Up Pipers Discover the magic of live music as the Pop-Up Pipers perform throughout town, adding a charming, musical twist to a Main Street stroll. For more info, go to [highlandschamber.org](http://highlandschamber.org) or call 828-526-2112.

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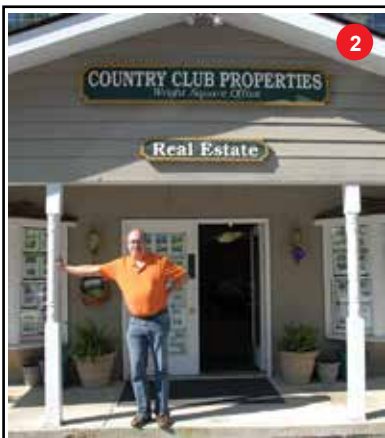
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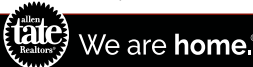
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