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## This Week in Highlands

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**

- HIARPT's Winter Dialogue. All are welcome. Only requirement is to read the material in advance. "Obama's Faith Based Program," Coordinator: Creighton Peden. To be circulated by email. Civic Center: 10-11:30 a.m.

**Thursday, Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving Wilson Reunion. Family members of the Herman, Hubert, John, and Mack Wilson families are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving together at the Highlands Recreation Park beginning at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Tate at 526-2840 or Stephanie McCall at 526-4449.

**Fri. & Sat., Nov. 27-28**

- At PAC on Chestnut Street, "A Christmas Carol Revisited" Friday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. Call the Performing Arts Center at 828-526-9047.

**Friday, Nov. 27**

- At Wolfgang's Restaurant "Winter Wonderland" 1-3 p.m. Wine tasting and purchase, holiday appetizer demonstration and tasting, ornaments for sale from The Christmas Tree and Christmas-themed book signing and sale from Cyrano's Book Shop.

- Free Yoga Community Class. 8-9 am. All are Welcome. Moonrise Yoga, 464 Carolina Way, 526-8880.

**Saturday, Nov. 28**

- Christmas Carol Mask making at PAC 2-4 p.m., Free.

- Highlands annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Main Street at the Methodist Church 6-6:30 p.m.

- Santa at Visitor Center after tree lighting.

**Monday, Nov. 30**

- Art League of Highlands. Meet at Civic Center at noon for soup. Then proceed to Fay Gold Gallery, 211 South Fourth Street, "on the hill" for tour of gallery. Guests always welcome. For info call President Dottie Bruce, 743-7673.

**Tues., Dec. 1-Fri., Dec. 18**

- Pottery workshop "Open Studio for Ceramics," by Patrick Taylor, will be held at The Bascom for intermediate to advanced students. Two sessions: Mondays and Wednesdays, 6 to 8 p.m.; or Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 pm. Cost is \$375/\$350 Bascom members (basic materials and firing included). To register, call (828) 526-4949.

**Wednesday, Dec. 2**

- Winter Botany Walk with the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust. Call 526-111 for tickets. Reservations required.

## Town Board to meet twice a month again

Last week, during the last Town Board to include the sitting board, commissioners tied up loose ends prior to agreeing to enter into a 20-year wholesale power contract with Duke Power. (See story in the Nov. 19 edition.)

Commissioner Amy Patterson initiated discussion on the board

returning to its two meetings a month policy which was changed in May.

"I don't think meeting once a month is timely enough and it may give the impression that in some way the public isn't as involved or being kept as informed as it was when we had two meetings a

month," she said.

Commissioner Dennis DeWolf said meeting more frequently would be better for him. "It keeps me more focused on the issues," he said.

Commissioner John Dotson agreed. "Meeting two times a month gives us a better opportuni-

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## Santa & Mrs. Claus to be at annual Town Lighting on Saturday, Nov. 28



Between 6-6:30 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 28, the town officially kicks off the holiday season with a town lighting of Christmas decorations and carol-singing in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church on Main Street. After the lighting, Santa will go to the Highlands Visitor Center to hear Christmas wishes.

Photo by Jim Lewicki

## Town Board reiterates need for ordinance

Last Wednesday, the Town Board voiced dissatisfaction with the Planning Board over its decision not to pursue an Abandoned/Derelict Structures Ordinance.

Some time ago, at the request of several Realtors, the Town Board agreed that such an ordinance was needed.

It reacted to concern over two

structures in particular, the old Northland Cable building on N.C. 106 which is now owned by the Old Edwards company and another on U.S. 64 east near the Highlands Falls Country Club entrance.

Besides being a health and welfare issue, members said both buildings were eyesores on two major corridors into Highlands.

"The board voted unanimously to send this request to the Planning Board and asked its members to come up with an ordinance to deal with this and instead they decided we don't need such an ordinance," said Commissioner Hank Ross. "The board was supposed to look at it, not make a 'yeah' or 'nay'

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## Renovations in the works at Hudson Library

**By Katie Brugger**

On Monday, Nov. 16 a crew from the Macon County maintenance department arrived at the Hudson Library to start the renovation of the building. The former Bascom gallery is where the first work is being done, so the impact on library users will be minimal during this phase of the renovation.

The front room, which was formerly the main Bascom gallery space, will be an Adult Reading area with book shelves and comfortable reading chairs. Also, windows which have been completely covered up on the side wall will be opened so there will be natural light in this room. The middle room will be a new Children's Room, and the back room, which was formerly the Bascom office space, will be a community meeting room. This room will be available for groups to use in the evening when the library is closed, and will have kitchen facilities.

In addition, the existing library will be getting a facelift: new ceiling tiles, new carpet, improved lighting, and fresh paint on the walls. The computers will be moved to the current children's section, and the young adult area will be improved. There will be more seat-

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • LETTERS •

### Highlanders can do better

Dear Editor

On Wednesday night the Town of Highlands reluctantly accepted the terms of a new 20 year contract with Duke Energy; a ripple effect of the 1989 acquisition of Nantahala Power and Light by Duke Energy.

Our current generation of WNC residents has benefited from cheap hydro-electricity made possible through the sacrifice of a previous generation. The forced taking of private lands during the 1930's was considered for the "public good." Now communities in WNC have somehow lost leverage and negotiating strength. Aren't Duke's eight major hydro projects still located in WNC?

Highlanders have always been self reliant. We have the capability to off-set some of the coming double-digit increases and re-establish negotiating strength by developing our own renewable/alternative energy plan. Lake Sequoia was built for powering Highlands in the 1920s. Are we smarter now than our grandfathers were?

Steve Ham  
Highlands

### Fred does it for me

Dear Editor,

I live in Orlando, FL and go to Franklin, NC in the summer. I look forward to Fred Wooldridge's column each week. Thanks for making me look forward to Thursday each week.

Don Babain  
Orlando, FL

### LETTERS-TO-THE EDITOR-POLICY

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ing for wi-fi users and periodical readers. Most dramatically perhaps, the entrance will be changed to a vaulted ceiling.

Architect Paul Schmitt and county maintenance chief Steve Ledford are working hard to plan the renovation so closures and library service disruptions will be kept to a minimum. Hopefully closures will be no longer than a day or two at a time.

The plan is to get the new Adult Reading and Children's Rooms completely finished first. Shelves and books will then be moved into these rooms from the present library and workers will wall off half of the old main room. This area will be completely refurbished; when it is done the remaining books will be shifted from the un-renovated side, and this last section will be completed.

There will be a period of a few weeks, probably in January, when patrons will have to enter through the side door now used by employees while work is being done on the front entrance.

The amount budgeted for the renovation, \$150,000 – which Macon County is helping fund — will cover most of the costs of the building work but not all of the furnishings required. The library will need 70 new book shelves, comfortable sofas for the Adult Reading Room, audiovisual equipment for the meeting room, and attractive lighting. The Hudson Library welcomes donations for this purpose.

Volunteers are always welcome, and are particularly needed at the Bookworm, which through used book sales raises funds for the library. The Bookworm will be open Tuesdays through Saturdays all through the win-

ter and is staffed entirely by volunteers.

The groups who regularly meet at the Hudson Library have arranged temporary meeting spots while this interim renovation is going on. The Writers' Group which meets every Thursday will meet at the Presbyterian Church. The Humanist Group will meet at Chestnut Hill. Children's story hour will take place at the preschools.

This project is called an "interim" renovation because the Hudson Library Board of Trustee's long-range plan includes an expansion of the library facility in this same location sometime in the next five years. The work being done during this interim phase has been designed to fit with the needs of the future expansion.

If you have any questions about the interim renovation, please call the Hudson Library at 526-3031. There are architect's drawings available for view at the library so you can see the floor plans and renderings of the finished rooms.

### Bookworm Holiday Hours

#### November

Closed Thanksgiving Day - Reopen the day after.

#### December

Closed Christmas Eve (24th) and Christmas Day (25th) and the 26th (Saturday).

Reopen on Tuesday, December 29th.

Then closed at noon on December 31st, all day on January 1 and reopen on Saturday, January 2, 2010.

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ty to do businesses with the public in a more judicious way," he said.

Town Manager Jim Fatland said the first meeting of the month could feature the "big ticket" items and the second meeting could be more of an informational meeting.

Commissioner Patterson said even if the meetings are short it would still be good to be briefed more frequently.

Beginning in January 2010, the Town Board will meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 7 p.m. in the Community Building.

In other business, the board agreed to list the town's surplus equipment for sale on Gov Deals after it has been advertised in the local media so people in town can opt to purchase first.

The board has formed a Sustainability Committee – an advisory board that will provide feedback and advice on town policies, ordinances and administrative procedures regarding environmental protection and the conservation of energy and natural resources.

Commissioner Amy Patterson will head up the committee and applications to sit on the committee submitted by Buck Trott, Lance Hollars and Robert Smith were accepted. Both Patterson and Fatland said more citizens are needed on the committee.

The board agreed to the resolution concerning a pending FEMA grant to upgrade culverts on Spruce, Laurel and Fifth streets to eliminate flooding and potential property damage from future flooding events.

According to the Flood Insurance Study and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps or Flood Hazard Boundary Maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the project activities are located in the special flood hazard (100-year floodplain) area along Mill Creek in Highlands.

The project will cost \$666,000 and the town will foot 25% of the cost.

During its closed session last week, the Town Board approved two more settlements on the Bowery Road condemnation. This brings the total settlements to seven with five remaining.

In other action, the Town Board approved compensating property owners for any damage to docks caused by the dredging of Big Creek. Town Attorney Bill Coward will be in contacting all affected property owners.

The next Town Board meeting is Wednesday, Dec. 2, when David Wilkes will be sworn in as mayor and Gary Drake will be sworn in as commissioner. The meeting is at 7 p.m. at the Community Building.

# **TOWN BOARD MEETING COMMUNITY BUILDING DECEMBER 2, 2009**

**7:00 P.M.**

## **\*\*\*AGENDA\*\*\***

1. Call to order
2. Public Comments
3. Approve agenda
4. Approve minutes of Nov. 18
5. Reports
  - A. Mayor
  - B. Commissioners
  - C. Committees
  - D. Town Manager
6. Consent Agenda
  - A. Public Services Department
  - B. Police Department
  - C. Parks & Recreation
  - D. Planning & Zoning
  - E. Monthly Calendar
  - F. Grant Status Report
7. Special Presentations from Mayor Pro Tempore Amy Patterson
8. Swearing in of Mayor-Elect David Wilkes & Commissioner-Elect Gary Drake
9. Election of Mayor Pro Tempore
10. Committee Appointments
11. Appointment to Highlands ABC Board
12. Adjourn
  - Reception to follow

## • OBITUARIES •

### **George Madison Wright**

George Madison Wright, age 84, of Highlands, NC, died Wednesday, November 18, 2009 at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. He was a native of DeKalb County, GA, the son of the late George P. and Florence Moore Wright.

He was a US Marine Veteran of World War II. He owned and operated East Atlanta TV Company. He is survived by a number of cousins.

Graveside services were held Saturday, November 21 at 2 p.m. at Highlands Memorial Park, with Rev. Hunter Coleman officiating.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

### **Betty Lou Passmore**

Betty Lou Passmore, age 69, of Franklin, NC died Saturday, November 21, 2009 in an Asheville, NC hospital. She was a native of Macon County, NC the daughter of the late Frank and Maybelle Williamson Cowart. She was a homemaker and loved cooking, sewing, and taking care of her children. She was Baptist by faith.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, James Passmore; two sons, Tony Passmore and his wife Angie of Sylva, NC, Taburn Passmore of Franklin, NC; one sister, Dorothy Scott of Franklin; four brothers, Fred, Jesse, and Earl Cowart of Franklin, NC and Ralph Cowart of Otto, NC; five grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one son, J. B. Passmore and three brothers, R. L., Wiley and Junior Cowart.

Funeral services were held Monday, November 23, 2009 at 2 PM in the Chapel

of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, Franklin, NC with the Rev. Gary McCoy officiating. Burial will be in the Union United Methodist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Justin, Sonny, William, Jason, Jerry Passmore Jeff Clark, and Sammy Lee.

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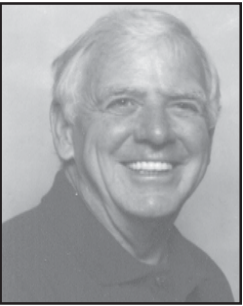
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• LAUGHING AT LIFE •

Thanks, but no thanks

I know I shouldn't be writing smart-alecky stuff about our Thanksgiving holiday but I can't help myself. Maybe it's the cop in me that drives me to write this way. And don't get me started about that scallywag, Christopher Columbus, who couldn't find his butt using both hands. But that's another story. Anyway, gather round, 'cause here's my take on the first Thanksgiving celebration.



Fred Wooldridge

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passing of wind, the feast came to an end and the white men (and their not so hot looking babes) were at peace with the Wams. (Short for Wampanoag) Everyone was in such good spirits, the Indians ran off and killed more deer while the Pilgrims strangled more pigeons for the next day's feast. Just when everyone thought they were as happy as pigs in slop, in walked King Massasoit and his tribe of 90 Wam braves. (Can you

say Massasoit three times real fast?) The king got caught up in the festivities and sent his warriors out for even more food. What a glut!

Once upon a time a bunch of milky-faced, white people sailed from far, far, away to live in a place called Plymouth Rock. When they landed, they dropped to their knees and thanked God for helping them find this wonderful rock, which, by the way, is smaller than the one in my front yard. No, no, that wasn't the first Thanksgiving celebration. Slow up a bit, storypotamus, I'm gettin' to it.

These people were called Quakers and, no, they had nothing to do with the oatmeal you eat for breakfast. Wearing funky clothes and silly hats, the Quakers were preparing for their once-a-year, ho-hum, run-of-the-mill, harvest feed when a bunch of mean looking Indians showed up looking for a handout, kinda like illegal immigrants outside of a Miami Heat game.

This tribe was known as the Wampanoag Indians, not to be confused with the famous Wambamthankyamam Indians that came later on. Anyway, in fear of losing their scalps, the settlers invited the Wampanoags to stay for dinner; big mistake. This happened in 1621.

No one is certain what was on the menu but historians are sure what was not on the menu. Are you sitting down? There were no creamed sweet potatoes with marshmallow topping; no mashed potatoes with gravy; no turkey or pumpkin pie. What a yucky meal it must have been!

Now listen to what was probably on the menu. Barf-like salted fish, wild fowl (probably pigeons) and salted venison, all cooked over an open fire and tough as shoe leather. Yuck, again! All food was eaten with their fingers since, knives and forks were still sitting in a suitcase somewhere in Europe that the Pilgrims forgot to bring. I'm sure my grandkids learned to eat from these people.

After much belching and acceptable

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There's much controversy over which was the real Thanksgiving dinner celebration. Some say earlier ceremonies of thanks among European settlers, like the bloody British colonists in the Berkeley Plantation of Virginia, came before the big 1621 feed. A place near the Charles River in December of 1619 is felt by some to be the first Thanksgiving celebration. Do not lose sleep over this. Although there's no record, the Berkeley Plantation might be where the ACLU first got a foothold.

By the way, the biggest meal of the day for the colonists was eaten at noon. It was called "noonmeat." Is that clever, or what? Their li'l missuses would spend the morning preparing the meal of mostly Indian corn, ham, fish and herbs. The serving of ham was acceptable during this era as there were no Jewish Indians.

Supper (Southerners call it dinner.) was a much smaller meal eaten at the end of the day. Breakfast consisted of whatever was left over from the day before; nothing like a cold, greasy, tough piece of moldy venison and some cold corn without butter at 6 AM on a November morning. Yum, yum!

So there you have it, Indians and white men working and sharing together for a better America. Unfortunately, later on, the milky-faced, white guys decided they wanted some of the Indians' prized hunting land but the Indians didn't cotton to the idea. So the milky-faced, white guys did what any red-blooded, milky-white American would do under these circumstances. They ran the Indians off and stole their land. And everyone lived happily ever after. Well, almost everyone .... except the pigeons, deer and Indians.



## • THE VIEW FROM HERE •

### Politicians know how to 'play' Americans

A study published this week in The American Journal of Medicine failed to find any savings from electronic medical records. The Administration has been claiming that savings from e-records will help defray the cost of expanded health care coverage.

In an earlier column, I stated that such savings are non-existent. Administration officials could have asked me, or they could have asked any of hundreds or thousands of hospital administrators who struggle to find money to feed their voracious I.T. monsters. The cost of the hardware, coupled with the cost of frequent mandatory software upgrades, imposes a very crushing burden on small and middle sized hospitals. Jean Ward, PhD, Chief Executive Officer of Oconee Medical Center in Seneca, SC, believes that far from creating savings, requirements for computerized records will cripple and lead to failure of many small hospitals. President Obama's surrogates could have asked and in all likelihood did, but when they received the wrong answer, they ignore wisdom that differed from the message.

In the same column, I questioned, in fact denied, the savings that are projected to flow from educational and wellness programs. No one who



Dr. Henry Salzarulo

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contracted AIDS in the last 15 years was ignorant of the method of transmission. People continue to smoke despite the fact that the harmful effects of tobacco have been known for years. Southern people know that frying isn't the only way to cook, but they go right on frying. Consider the health benefits of sweet tea. We all know that the consequences of obesity extend beyond self loathing. Since the invention of remote control, most guys

don't even exercise changing channels, but the perils of inactivity are universally known.

We know what we should and shouldn't do. The unpleasant fact is that we are unwilling or unable to modify our behavior. A fanatic few believe laws requiring seat belt or motorcycle helmet usage infringe on Constitutional rights. I recently saw a very young girl buying cigarettes. I said, "You're too young to smoke. In fact, everyone is too young to smoke."

Her addiction, or pastime, was none of my business, but I was trying to help the President reduce health care costs. She was not rude, which in itself is remarkable. She just answered that her grandfather, who is 99, has been smoking his entire life. How can evidence-based medicine ever compete with such

conviction.

I wish spokesmen on both sides of the question would be honest with the American people, That's how it's supposed to work in a democracy, but candor is a threat to reelection, so it is unlikely we'll hear the truth.

Sara Palin will go on warning of

"Death Panels" and Senator Tom Harkin will continue pimping imaginary savings from computers and wellness programs. That's politics in America, and considering our inability to accept responsibility and our gullibility, maybe it's for the best.

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## • COOKING ON THE PLATEAU •

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Complement your holiday dinner with delicious sides that satisfy family and guests alike. Roasted New Potatoes with Blue Cheese Ranch Dressing and Green Onions are sure to please even the pickiest of palates. For an appetizing main dish even the kids will eat, try "Stuffing" Crusted Turkey Cutlets. Finish the meal with a simple, seasonal dessert like Oven Roasted Apple-Cranberry Crisp with Creamy Spiced Chantilly.

Lost when it comes to leftover ideas? Celebrate the day after the holiday by using your leftover turkey and traditional holiday sides to create a Turkey Cuban. For a simple twist on the classic day-after turkey sandwich, mix some mayonnaise with leftover cranberry relish to create a creamy cranberry sandwich spread.

Check out the Real Holiday Helpings Web series at [www.hellmanns.com](http://www.hellmanns.com) or [www.bestfoods.com](http://www.bestfoods.com).

#### Turkey Cuban

Serves: 2

- 1/4 cup Dijonnaise
- 2 tablespoons leftover cranberry relish
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 4 slices good quality Italian bread
- 8 slices thinly sliced Swiss cheese
- 4 slices thinly sliced deli ham
- 6 slices leftover sliced turkey, white or dark meat or a combination
- 8 dill pickle slices
- 4 tablespoons Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise

Whisk together the Dijonnaise and cranberry relish in a small bowl and season with salt and pepper.

Put the bread on a flat surface and spread each slice with some of the Dijonnaise mixture. Top 2 of the slices of bread with 1 slice of the cheese, ham, turkey another slice of cheese and pickles (in that order). Place the remaining bread on top, mayonnaise side down.

Heat a hot skillet over medium heat or a panini press. Wrap a brick in heavy duty aluminum foil (if not using a panini press).

Spread 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise on the top of each sandwich and place in the skillet if using or in a panini press, mayonnaise-side down. Place the brick on top of the sandwiches and cook until the bottom is golden brown, about 2 minutes. Remove the brick, spread the top of the sandwiches with the remaining mayonnaise, turn over, place the brick back on top and cook until the bottom is golden brown and the cheese has melted, about 2 minutes longer. Cut in half and serve warm.

With real, simple ingredients including eggs, oil and vinegar, Hellmann's® or Best Foods® Real Mayonnaise is a great complement to any post-holiday sandwich.

#### Roasted New Potatoes with Blue Cheese Ranch Dressing and Green Onions

Serves: 4

- 2 pounds new red or yellow potatoes, halved
- Canola oil
- Kosher salt & freshly ground black

pepper

3/4 cup buttermilk

1/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods®

Real Mayonnaise

2 cloves finely chopped fresh garlic

2 teaspoons Dijon mustard

1/4 pound crumbled blue cheese

4 green onions, thinly sliced

Preheat oven to 375° F. Toss potatoes

on a baking sheet with the oil and season with salt and pepper. Roast in the oven until golden brown and tender, about 25 minutes. Transfer potatoes to a platter.

Whisk together the buttermilk, mayonnaise, mustard and garlic in a bowl and season with salt and pepper. Fold in the blue cheese and green onions. Spoon the sauce over the potatoes and serve.

#### Oven Roasted Apple-Cranberry Crisp with Creamy Spiced Chantilly

Serves: 6

1/2 cup very cold heavy cream

3 tablespoons light brown sugar

1/4 cup Hellmann's® or Best Foods®

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1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 cup plain granola

5 granny smith apples, cored and cut into eighths (about 2-1/2 pounds)

1 cup fresh or frozen, thawed cranberries

1/2 cup granulated sugar

Combine the cream and brown sugar in a bowl and whip to soft peaks with a large whisk or hand-held mixer. Whisk together the mayonnaise and cinnamon in a medium bowl and fold in the whipped cream until combined.

Preheat oven to 375° F. Combine the apples and granulated sugar in a medium baking dish and roast until slightly soft, about 15 minutes. Stir in the cranberries and cook until the apples are very soft and golden brown and the cranberries have popped and released their juices, about 15 minutes longer.

Divide the fruit into 4 bowls or goblets and sprinkle with the granola. Top each with a large dollop of the spiced chantilly mayonnaise.

Courtesy of Family Features

# • REFLECTIONS FROM TURTLE POND •

## Civil war without the guns (yet)

Just lately I have been feeling as if there is a civil war in this country. Right now it's a low-intensity conflict but it feels like it wouldn't take much for it to turn into a shooting war.

I am politically liberal, a fact obvious to anyone who reads my column. Sometimes when I hear a conservative talk it seems as if he or she is speaking an entirely different language.

Someone once said, "If you can only afford one newspaper, read the opposition." I think this is very wise advice. The meaning of the quote is that it's good to challenge your beliefs, your assumptions and patterns of thought. Reading, or listening or watching, only people who you agree with prevents you from seeing the flaws in your own arguments. I don't think anyone has a lock on the truth and if you close yourself off from alternate points of view you are doomed to only a narrow and constricted view of reality.

In the Nov. 2 issue of the *New Yorker* Elizabeth Kolbert reviewed a new book by Cass Sunstein, who for many years taught at the University of Chicago Law School and recently became the head of the White House Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs. The book's entitled "On Rumors: How Falsehoods Spread, Why We Believe Them, What Can Be Done."

Mr. Sunstein writes that "the most striking power provided by emerging technologies is the growing power of consumers to 'filter' what they see." We can go online and visit websites that match our political point-of-view and never be exposed to an alternate way of perceiving an issue or event.

Ms. Kolbert comments, "Conservative blogs like Power Line almost always direct visitors to other conservative blogs, like No Left Turns, while liberal blogs like Daily Kos guide them to others that are also liberal, like Firedoglake. A study of the 20 most-visited blogs in each camp in the months leading up to the 2004 Presidential election found that more than 85% of their links were to other blogs with similar politics. When the study's authors charted the links in graphic form, they came up with a picture of non-interaction — a dense scribble on one side, a dense scribble on the other, and only the thinnest strands connecting the two."

In psychology there is a concept called "group polarization." Researchers did an experiment in 1970 where they divided students into two groups based on their an-



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swers to a questionnaire about race: "high prejudice" and "low prejudice." Then they had the students discuss race-related issues, such as school busing and fair housing (major issues in 1970).

After the discussions, the students filled out the questionnaire again and both groups had become more entrenched in their beliefs. The high-prejudiced were more

prejudiced and the low-prejudiced were less prejudiced.

Many experiments since then have documented this effect: discussion with like-minded people tends to create more extreme opinions. A possible cause is that in the discussion you hear arguments that you hadn't thought of that support your way of thinking, which strengthens your reasons to believe the way you do.

The Internet powerfully magnifies this effect because in the past people with really extreme ideas couldn't find anyone in their community to agree with them. But Sunstein writes, "Views that would ordinarily dissolve, simply because of an absence of social support, can be found in large numbers on the Internet, even if they are understood to be exotic, indefensible, or bizarre in most communities."

In addition psychologists have found that when a group discussion is anonymous, the "group polarizing" effect is amplified.

Ms Kolbert wonders, "Put the Web's filtering tools together with [group polarizing] and what you get are the perfect conditions for spreading misinformation. Who, on liberal blogs, is going to object to (or even recognize) a few misstatements about Sarah Palin? And who, on conservative blogs, is going to challenge mistaken assertions (or, if you prefer, lies) about President Obama?"

I have long thought that America has a great challenge that most other nations have never had to face (although many are now beginning to confront this): how do you have a sense of national identity in a country that is not built on an ethnic or religious identity? This is an oversimplification, but you can say that Germany is made up of ethnic Germans, Iran of ethnic Iranians, China of ethnic Chinese. America is a nation built on *ideas* — freedom, equality, and opportunity — not ethnic or religious identity.

We may be a melting-pot, but our diversity keeps increasing, both ethnically and in our cultural norms. We have very little that unites us. On what basis are we a

nation?

In last week's *New York Times* Week in Review there was an article speculating how the tendency to be religious could be an evolved trait. ("The Evolution of the God Gene," by Nicholas Wade) What I found pertinent to this discussion was a section where Mr. Wade described the pro-survival feature of religious rituals: "It is easier to see

from hunter-gatherer societies how religion may have conferred compelling advantages in the struggle for survival. Their rituals emphasize not theology but intense communal dancing that may last through the night. The sustained rhythmic movement induces strong feelings of exaltation and emotional commitment to the group.

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This group of hardworking girls meet every Friday afternoon to perform community service projects. On this day they dusted shelves and straightened books. Pictured are Shannon Welch, Veronica Garcia, Elizabeth Houston, McKinley Mosely, Claudia Lewis and Meredith Garren.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Students honored at Rotary



The Rotary Club of Highlands honored the November Highlands Rotary Students of the Month at its November 17 meeting. Shown with former Rotary President, Derek Taylor and Highlands School Counselor, Thomas Jessup are Middle School winner, Emily Dorsey, Grammar School winner, Marie Essary and High School winner, Sarah Hedden.

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## from the history guy ...

Nov. 24, 1971

During a severe thunderstorm over Washington state, a hijacker calling himself Dan Cooper (AKA D. B. Cooper) parachutes from a Northwest Orient Airlines plane with \$200,000 in ransom money – neither he nor the money have ever been found

Here's a bit of a mystery about some criminal history, it was a well known hijacking and to this day, there is still tracking by many a Fed, cop, and trooper, the infamous Mr D B Cooper.

This guy of very ill repute was the object of pursuit But so far they have been stumped and haven't found this guy that jumped, their search remains unfulfilled. The odds are good that he was killed, but the hunt goes on for him that took a chute and, so far, has escaped with all the loot

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### Thank You... thank you very much

"...in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God."

**N**ot intended to be a sermon, just a thought. I find it works well.

What I find doesn't work well is the government. I know I am guilty of being a skeptic, and there are reasons for that. I have been lied to by the government as an adult for over a half a century. While I may not be the brightest bulb in the box, I can tell a lie when I hear it and the bunch doing the lying now are not very good at it. Remember when our President promised a new level of transparency in government? Ironically, in that instance he was actually telling the truth. At least their lies are transparent, and frequent.

Take for example, the results of the \$787B stimulus package that were recently announced. Depending on your news sources, you may have heard that there seems to be a problem with the accuracy of the information from the hinterland. ABC, the Los Angeles Times and other notorious liberal "news" sources, unlikely critics of the administration, tell us stories of many districts reporting many jobs being created in non-existent districts. My favorite was the district that reported numerous jobs were created with their stimulus money, which would have been swell except they haven't received any. Whoops.

From The Hill: "House Appropriations Chairman David Obey (D-Wis) called on the Obama administration to fix any further mistakes in stimulus reporting following a report that federal agencies submitted suspect data about how many stimulus jobs were saved or created. 'The inaccuracies on recovery.gov that have come to light are outrageous and the Administration owes itself, the Congress, and every American a commitment to work night and day to correct the ludicrous mistakes. Credibility counts in government and stupid mistakes like this undermine it,' Obey said. 'We've got too many serious problems in this country to let that happen.'"

Now, at first glance, one might think, wow, liberal Obey is really being upfront about this. I did. And then it occurred to me that he was employing the David Copperfield tactic; he called these misstatements "mistakes." These weren't mistakes, they were lies. I haven't heard a single report where the job creation/ saving bull was understated, defying statistical probability. At least Bubba's spinmeisters were good at their trade; the current bunch are amateurs.

It's time for our occasional unofficial



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unscientific economic survey. I am, in no way, dispassionate about those who have been negatively affected by the puny economy, so please don't be riled by my comments.

Evidently, the impact was felt in Detroit, where Tiger attendance was down from 2008, which was a huge year for them. Can't blame it on the team's performance, since they won their division. Although down, the Tigers attendance ranks 12<sup>th</sup> out of 32, so folks still

went out to the old ball park and paid seven bucks for a beer. No shortage of fans for the playoffs, in spite of miserable, cold, rainy weather. The house was wall-to-wall with bundled-up fanatics for every game.

I've watched a few dozen college and pro football games this year, and with a very few exceptions, not a vacant seat was to be seen. Even in Cleveland the other night, where the Browns have stunk up the place en route to their 1-8 record, the Dog Pound was full as was the rest of the stadium. The fans were rewarded by possibly the worst performance ever by an NFL team.

Perhaps the most telling was the recent report of record sales of the video game Call of Duty: Modern Warfare II to the tune of \$310 million on the first day, surpassing the debut last year of Grand Theft Auto IV. At the same time, the blockbuster flick "2012" drew \$76 Mil to their opening weekend. It seems somebody is spending out there.

Now, obviously I have no problem with money being spent on sporting events. While I haven't seen a movie in years, if that's your thing, go for it. I missed the video game craze by two generations so I really can't comment on the fixation.

But for those of us who are in the 85-90% who are employed, let's take time out from being entertained and try to find someone(s) to help in their time of need.

We don't need a special day to "give" thanks. Let's make the time between Thanksgiving and Christmas "Thanksgiving Month". We've got plenty of local organizations that give to those in need, and I can't think of a better time to help them do it. CareNet, 130 Bidwell St., Franklin 28734 provides food and other help and uses their resources well. "Shop with a Cop" is another of my favorites. Macon County Sheriff Dept. personnel and members of all law enforcement organizations go shopping with less fortunate children. You can send a check to MCSO "Shop with a Cop", 1820 Lakeside Dr., Franklin 28734.

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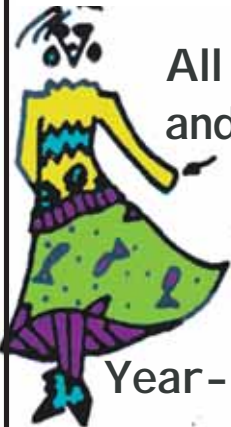
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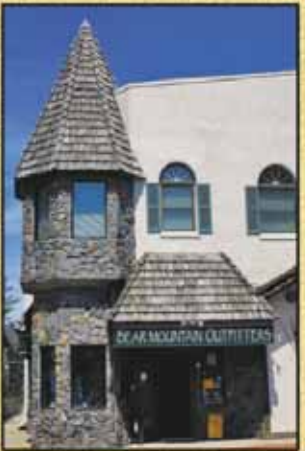


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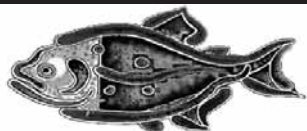
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## • HIS & HERS •

### A 'Death Panel' Surfaces

by John Armor

Last week, the U.S. Preventative Services Task Force announced its recommendation that women between the ages of 40 and 50 no longer receive routine mammograms to detect breast cancer at its earliest and most curable stage. This was a near-total reversal of the same Task Force's earlier

recommendations, and contrary to the advice of the American Cancer Society and other authorities.

The Task Force did, of course, state its reasons for this radically different recommendation. They used computer modeling of three large studies of breast cancer, in Sweden, Britain, and the United States. According to that work, "For every 1,000 women screened beginning at age 40, the modeling suggested that just 0.7 deaths from breast cancer would be prevented while 480 women would get a false-positive result and 33 more would undergo unnecessary biopsies."

The total cost of all mammograms of women of all ages is estimated as \$5 billion per year, though the Task Force claimed that cost was not a factor in its decision-making. However, the very way they stated the basis of their recommendation suggests that claim is false. It is also one more example of the fact that the American media can totally miss a story which is right under their noses. There has been ample discussion of whether this recommendation makes sense. There is no discussion of how many preventable deaths will occur.

Notice that the women who are inconvenienced by the early exams are numbered. The report says that 480 false positives will result in additional tests, and 33 more will have unnecessary biopsies. What about the women who will die without the tests? That number is concealed behind a seemingly-small number of 0.7 deaths per 1,000. No one in the press apparently thought to open a copy of the last official Census in 2000, and figure out the number of extra deaths.

The Census data divides its results in the middle of every 10 years, rather than at the end of each decade. There are slightly less than 83 million Americans



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between the ages of 35 and 55. Cut out slightly more than half, because the number of Americans at each individual age, declines as age goes up. So, count 40 million Americans between 40 and 50.

The older we get, the more women there are in each age category. So it is conservative to count half of that group, 20

million, as women. Now, apply that seemingly small 0.7% to those Americans. The result is, 140,000 women will die every year if the 40-50 mammograms are eliminated. That is not a misprint. The Task Force's own figure of additional deaths at 0.7% does work out to 140,000 additional deaths of women.

Now, this Task Force does not have the power of compulsion. No private or public health programs have changed their policies as a result of this Task Force's recommendation. However, the government health plan will have a review board which will have compulsion behind it. That board is in the Stimulus Act which has already passed and is in force

It is that which Sarah Palin and other critics have called a "death panel." When it has the power to reduce insurance coverage for individuals because some medical efforts are not "cost effective," the deaths will begin.

No woman in my family "likes" to get a mammogram. But all of them who are older than 40, routinely submit to this life-saving indignity. What will happen when the board with real power cuts out procedures as "inefficient," as not "cost effective"? People with money to spare may pay for their own mammograms. All the women who depend on insurance will be the first to die of undetected cancers that could have been prevented.

We know this from statistics that are right in front of us. No one else has noticed and reported on the extra deaths. How telling. How sad.

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## • HOSPITAL NEWS •

### Internal medicine physician intends to locate practice here next June

An internal medicine physician who is currently practicing in California has signed a letter of intent with the hospital to relocate his medical practice to Highlands next June.

Richard M. Stewart, MD, who is board certified in internal medicine with more than 30 years in private practice, will join family physician Richard S. Matthews, MD, who has offices in Suite 303 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic on the campus of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

"I'm really looking forward to his joining the practice. He's going to be a great addition to the practice, and to our community," Matthews said last week. "I've talked with him a number of times and we really hit it off. We have similar backgrounds and we share very similar philosophies when it comes to giving our patients very thorough, personal healthcare."

Stewart, who currently practices in San Luis Obispo, CA, is a native of Union Point, GA. From 1975 until 2005 he was in solo practice in Gainesville, GA. He and his family vacationed in Highlands many times during his years in practice there.

"Bringing an internist back to our area has been one of our main recruiting objectives for the past year and half, and we are very pleased that Dr. Stewart has agreed to come to Highlands and become part of the hospital's outstanding medical staff," said outgoing hospital President and CEO Ken Shull. "Finding an internist who wants to practice primary care medicine and have an office practice is becoming increasingly difficult in a age when many internists are becoming hospitalists, who only see patients who are admitted to a hospital."

Matthews says the addition of Stewart to his rapidly growing practice will help

improve access to primary care for area patients, as well as bringing some additional expertise. Although he only opened his practice here last May, Matthews has been seen the number of patients grow substantially throughout the summer. And although the daily number of patients has slowed somewhat now that the season is winding down, the practice continues to grow.

"I may find that I have to stop taking new patients by next summer, so having Dr. Stewart here by next June is very good timing," he said.

Matthews also says that cardiology accounted for a large part of Stewart's practice while in Gainesville, and that is a big need in this area. Matthews says that one of the main advantages to him of having Stewart join the practice will be sharing call.

A graduate of Emory University in Atlanta, Stewart earned his medical degree from Tulane Medical School in New Orleans, LA, where he also completed his residency and internship. As part of his agreement with the hospital, Stewart will join the hospital's team of emergency room physicians.

"When my wife Dixie and I lived in Gainesville, GA, we would visit Highlands once or twice a year to vacation and attend the Highlands Playhouse. We can think of no place we had rather relocate than Highlands, and look forward to becoming members of the community," said Stewart. "We have enjoyed meeting Dr. Matthews and his wife Cathi, and look forward to a long relationship with the hospital and with the people of Highlands. I'm excited to get started!"

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decision. Perhaps we should send this to the Land Use Committee instead."

Town Planner Joe Cooley, said though it wasn't a unanimous decision, with member Pat Taylor voting against the majority, the Planning Board said there weren't enough derelict buildings to have an ordinance on the books.

"However, it's better to be proactive rather than reactive about these things and we should have something on the books so the town has the power of enforcement if needed," he said.

Commissioner John Dotson said it's true there aren't many instances, "But one instance is all it takes to have an eyesore."

Though Cooley is approaching the need from a health and welfare stance, Ross said aesthetics do matter.

"The viability of our community revolves

around it being a beautiful place and that in turn drives the real estate community, so it's about aesthetics, too," he said.

Commissioner Amy Patterson asked if a precedent was being set. "If we ask the Planning Board to come up with an ordinance and they refuse, what do we do next?" she said.

In the end, commissioners agreed unanimously to send its request back to the Planning Board and charged it to come up with an ordinance using base-line verbiage supplied by Cooley.

At the last two Planning Board meetings, Cooley supplied ordinances on the books in other North Carolina municipalities.

The next Planning Board meeting is Monday, Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Building.

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## Highlands-Cashiers Hospice launches 'Holiday Hope' fund drive

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation launched its "Holiday Hope" fund drive this week to raise funds for more than a million dollars in capital improvements and equipment needed at the hospital in the months ahead.

Gifts can be designated to any of eight top priority areas, or for the hospital's unrestricted fund. Gifts can be made in memory of, or in honor of a loved one.

Some of the "Holiday Hope" items involve efforts to update or advance the hospital's medical technology. Included in the list is purchasing digital mammography equipment, new endoscopes that will allow the hospital to keep pace with evolving diagnostic standards, and improvements to the hospital's computer infrastructure that will position it for the coming mandatory changeover to electronic medical record keeping. Other top priorities include essential improvements to the hospital's physical infrastructure, such as new flooring in the Fidelia Eckerd Living Center, and the replacement of a crucial part of the Hospital's back-up air quality system. Also being sought are funds to help the hospital retain and recruit highly-educated and well-trained doctors to serve our communities.

This past year, the hospital served more than 15,565 inpatients and outpatients. The board-certified physicians on our Medical Staff collectively had more than 19,900 patient visits in their practices.

And the personalized care provided at HCH continues to generate weekly fan mail.

As is always the case, year-end gifts play an important role in the hospital's annual fundraising efforts, Taylor said. "On behalf of our patients, staff and from all of our hospital family, we are thankful for each and every gift, which ultimately helps HCH to save lives."

For more information or to make a gift, please call 828-526-1435.

## • HS BBALL •

## Highlanders fall to Rabun County

By Ryan Potts

The Highlanders hosted Rabun County Friday evening in front of a capacity crowd at Highlands Gym and dropped all four games to the visiting Wildcats.

After an opening set of JV games that saw the visitors dominate the smaller Highlanders, the Lady Highlanders faced off against a Lady Wildcat squad that had a different look from years past. Rabun County's small, quick guards were able to pressure the Lady Highlanders into a host of early turnovers, and Highlands was never able to recover, eventually resulting in a 79-30 final score. Emily Munger led the Lady Highlanders with 8 points, and Kate-Marie Parks added 7.

The Highlander boys were hoping for repeat of the close matchups they had last year with Rabun County, albeit with a different result.

The Highlanders came out with a strong first quarter effort, leading 14-12 after a long 3-pointer from Michael Shearl beat the buzzer and gave Highlands the early lead. Unfortunately, Highlands could not sustain the effort, and could not contain Rabun County star (and Franklin High transfer) Tanner Plemmons. Plemmons put on a show in the second quarter, capping off a 10-0 Rabun County run with a thunderous dunk and giving the Wildcats a double-digit lead that they carried into the break.

The second half saw the Highlanders pull to within 6 points, but they would get no closer as Rabun County held on for a 71-60 victory. Josh Delacruz scored 16 points for the Highlanders, and Robbie Vanderbilt and Michael Shearl added 14 and 11, respectively. Plemmons led all scorers with 29 points.

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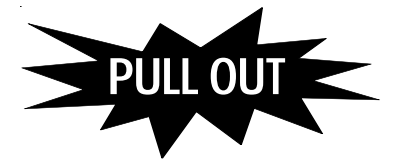
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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events



## Ongoing

• Republican women from Jackson, Macon and Transylvania Counties have initiated the formation of a Republican Women's Association. The core group of organizers headed by Melisa McKim of Cashiers includes Carol Adams, Glenville, Dinah Davis, Highlands, Melinda Barber, Cashiers and Debbie Sanderson, Sapphire. All Republican women, permanent and seasonal residents, are invited to join and participate as the group gets officially underway. Announcements about meetings and events will be made through local publications and radio stations. For additional information please call 828-200-0437.

## Week Long

• The 2010 Highlands Historical Society calendars are available for \$10 each, and if you buy 4 you get a free cookbook. The calendars feature scenes of Highlands from the 1800s to the early 1900s. Calendars are available at Cyrano's, The Highlander Newspaper, Country Club Properties (Wright Square location), and The Chambers Agency. All proceeds benefit the Highlands Historical Society.

• At Health Tracks at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, various exercise classes. Call 828-526-1FIT.

## Sundays

• Refuge Youth meets every Sun. night at 6:30 p.m. downstairs at Cullasaja Assembly of God. Call youth ministers Matt and Candace Woodroof at 828-369-7540 ext 203.

## Mon., Wed., Thurs.

• Yoga On the Mat at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation on Main Street. Enter through single door facing Mountain Fresh. M/W @ 7:30 a.m., Thur. @

10:45 a.m. Bring your mat. 828-482-2128. 12/31.

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers at the Rec Park, 8-9 a.m. \$10 per class or \$50 a month.

## First Mondays

• Participate in your hospital by joining the Auxiliary of the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Auxiliary meetings are held the first Monday of each month at 10 a.m. at the hospital.

## Mondays

• Closed AA meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Tuesdays

• Clogging Lessons at the Rec Park. 5 p.m. Leather shoes recommended and tap shoes can be ordered. For more information, call Joyce Doerter at 877-6618. \$30/mth.

• Highlands Rotary Club meets at noon at the Highlands Conference Center.

• Closed AA Women's meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Tuesdays & Wednesdays

• Zumba Classes at the Rec Park. Aerobic/dance/toning. No dance experience necessary. One-hour. \$5/class. Tuesdays, 11:30-12:30, Wednesdays Zumba Gold/Beginner, 9:30-10:15 a.m. Call Mary K. Barbour at 828-342-2498.

## Wednesdays

• The Highlands Mountaintop Rotary meets at Ruka's Table at 163 Main Street in Wright Square in Highlands at 7:30 a.m. Visitors are welcome. If you are new to the Highlands area we invite you to join us for breakfast and our meeting.

• Men's interdenominational Bible Study at 8:30 a.m. at First Baptist Church.

## Wednesdays & Fridays

• Open AA meeting at noon at the Episcopal Church at Fifth and Main streets.

## Every 3rd Wednesday

• Study sessions at the Universal Unitarian Fellowship Hall in Franklin. A \$5 soup-supper will be served at 5:30 p.m. Study sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. For more information call 828-524-6777 or 706-746-9964.

## Thursdays

• Al-Anon meeting, noon at the Episcopal Church on Main and Fifth streets.

## 1st & 3rd Thursdays

• NAMI Appalachian South (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will have a support group meeting the first and third Thursday of each month. It is for people coping with serious mental illnesses (bi-polar disorder, depression, schizophrenia, panic disorder, etc) and/or their family members. We also do advocacy and educational programs. 486 W. Palmer St., Franklin,

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## Holiday-themed beginner art classes slated for The Bascom

**Lineup includes  
gingerbread building,  
Christmas  
stockings, holiday  
cards, centerpieces,  
ornaments and  
painting the  
American holly**



Margie Shambaugh, above, will teach "Create a Holiday Centerpiece" on Dec. 9 at The Bascom, where students will create a 12-inch boxwood tree to enhance one's dining room table. The class is one of six holiday-themed beginner art classes slated for this year. Registration is going on now.

Just in time for the holidays, The Bascom is offering six holiday-themed art classes so do-it-yourselfers can craft their hearts out for the season.

On Nov. 27-28, Fayne Ansley will teach "Gingerbread Building," a drop-in style class that allows students to begin work on imaginative gingerbread houses, take a break and come back for more. Held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., this activity is perfect for the whole family. Pre-enrollment is necessary since there is a fixed amount of supplies. Cost is \$45 (\$40 for Bascom members) and includes all materials. Students can then enter their creations in the Gingerbread Structure Contest, to be judged Dec. 1-11, with winners announced Dec. 12 at 4 p.m.

On Dec. 4-5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Carol Singletary will teach "Knit a Christmas Stocking" to help people with basic knitting skills learn to produce a holiday stocking that will quickly become a family treasure. Cost is \$135 (\$125 Bascom members); all materials are included.

On Dec. 5, 2 to 4 p.m., Ansley will teach "Holiday Cards," an all-ages (children and adults) class where students will make beautiful handmade cards using

rubber stamps, embossing, glitter, bells, baubles and ribbon. Cost is \$25 (\$20 Bascom members).

On Dec. 9, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Margie Shambaugh will teach "Create a Holiday Centerpiece," where students will create a 12-inch boxwood tree to enhance one's dining room table. Cost is \$25 (\$20 Bascom members); all materials are included.

On Dec. 12, 10 a.m. to noon, Patrick Taylor will teach "Ceramic Ornament," an all-ages intergenerational class where students will roll out clay, cut out seasonal symbols, then carve and emboss the surface to personalize their ornament. Cost is \$25 (\$20 Bascom members).

And on Dec. 12, 2 to 4 p.m., Ansley will teach "Botanical Watercolor: American Holly" for teens and adults who will sketch and paint the emblematic holiday shrub. Cost is \$25 (\$20 Bascom members); all materials are included.

All of these classes are for non-artists and beginners, as well as more advanced artists.

Registration is going on now; space fills quickly. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

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Daily: 2:10, 4:10, 7:10, 9:10

## SVMA arts & crafts show in Sapphire Valley Nov. 27-28

The Sapphire Valley Master Association is holding its fifth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28 at its indoor community center.

Come check out the hand-made products, including jewelry, pottery, candles, clothing, woodworking, holiday decorations, lotions, coffees among other quality items. All of the artists and crafters have been prejudged to provide you with the finest assortment of wares, all made in America with love and pride.

In addition to the vendors, the Friends for Life will have an assortment of cookies, cakes and more. The Hospice group from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital will also be selling wreaths. All profits from both organizations will be used to continue their operations.

The community center is on U.S. 64 three miles east of Hwy 107 at the crossroads in Cashiers. Show hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on both days. Admission is free and there is ample parking.



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# Ongoing and Upcoming Events

NC, 7-8 p.m., with snacks afterwards. For information contact Carole Light, Ph.D. at 828-526-9769 or Ann Nandea at 828-369-7385

## Fridays & Saturdays

• At Fressers Eatery, Cy Timmons live from 6 p.m.

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, at Falls on Main, complimentary wine samplings during business hours.

## Spinning, basket weaving demonstrations at The Bascom next week



Regionally acclaimed artisans Myra Hunt and Alice Mason will come to Highlands next week for two free community demonstrations at The Bascom. Fiber artist Hunt will demonstrate her technique of spinning wool and other fibers into yarn (pictured above), a centuries-old tradition done now on a modern loom on Thursday, Dec. 3, from 2-4 p.m. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 5, from 1-4 p.m., Mason will weave wood strips to create her finely crafted baskets. Mason also plays a fiddle and plans to bring her instrument to the demonstration. "If we're lucky, she might pull out her fiddle and play a Christmas tune," said Bascom Education Director Norma Smith Hendrix. Admission is free, and no registration is required. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

## Every Third Saturday

• The Highlands Memorial Post #370 of the American Legion meets at the Shortoff Baptist Church. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All veterans are invited to attend.

## Every Fourth Saturday

• Friends of Panthertown work days, are the fourth Saturday of each month. (Time and location varies). Volunteers needed to maintain trails. For more information, contact Nina Elliott at 828-526-9938 (ext 258).

## Saturdays

• At Cyprus International Restaurant, live music beginning at 9 p.m. No cover.

• At Highlands Wine & Cheese, Falls on Main, Wine Flights from 4-6:30 p.m. Five wines, artisan cheeses and specialty foods. \$19 per person.

• NA open meeting every Saturday at 7:30 p.m. of the ACC Satellite Group at the Graves Community Church, 242 Hwy 107 N. in Cashiers. Call 888-764-0365.

• YOGA All Levels Class Saturday 9:30-11AM, Moonrise Yoga, 464 Carolina Way, 526-8880. (12/3)

## Tuesday, Nov. 24

• Ashtanga Dynamic Yoga Study Group Forming Meets Tuesday Early Mornings, Call Ashby Underwood for Details, 526-8880. (11/19)

## Mondays Beginning Nov. 23

Yoga Class by Candlelight with Ashby Underwood. 5-6:15 PM. Six-Week Series \$65/ \$13 drop-in. Moonrise Yoga, 464 Carolina Way, 526-8880. (12/3)

## Through Tuesday, Nov. 24

• Applications for the Highlands Emergency Council Christmas Program. Call 526-4357 to register to be a recipient of gifts, donations and food.

## Through Wed., Nov. 25

• Signups are now being accepted for the upcoming Macon County Boys Basketball season at the Highlands Civic Center. New this year, the league is accepting six year olds, the age groups have changed, and the age cutoff date has been changed to Aug. 31. Players must be 6 years old by Aug. 31 to enter the league. The age of player as of August 31 will determine the age division in which he plays. The new age groups are 6 and 7 year olds in the development league, 8 and 9 year olds in the biddy league, 10 and 11 year olds in the junior league, 12, 13, and 14 year olds in the senior league, 15 through 19 year olds (must be in school) in the varsity league. Because of the overlap with the school season, players on school teams will not be allowed to play in the county recreation league this year. Players in the development league will play only on Saturday mornings in Franklin. Teams in other divisions will play during the week, as well as on Saturdays in Franklin. There will also be games in Highlands on Tuesday nights for various age divisions. The cost is \$35 for the first family member and \$20 for the second. Please bring a copy of your child's birth certificate. Drafts will be held in each age division beginning Saturday, December 5. More details on the draft times and days will be released at a later date. Anyone interested in coaching or helping coach must fill out a coaching application and additional paperwork available at the Highlands Civic Center. For more information call Michelle Munger at 828-342-3551 or 828-342-3850.

## Through Tuesday, Dec. 1

• Operation: Patriotic Pen: Mrs. Sizemore's first

grade class at Highlands School would like to invite everyone (students, clubs/organizations, churches and the local community) to help us collect at least 2,000 Christmas cards, letters or small holiday craft items for our "Operation Patriotic Pen" project. These items will be sent to soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq, other locations and in military hospitals. The soldiers who receive them will be asked to pass them out to other soldiers in their units. We want to let as many soldiers know that we honor them for their sacrifices. Our deadline for this project is December 1. Please help us find out the names and complete military address of some soldiers that are presently serving in full-time military service and will be away from their family during the holidays. The person submitting the soldier's name and address should also include their name and address or phone number, in case there is any question about the ad-

dress, etc. If you have a picture of the soldier, we will post it on the wall in the main hallway. If you have unused Christmas cards you would like to donate for students to use for this project, these can be sent to the school. To contact Mrs. Sizemore: Email: [donna.sizemore@macon.k12.nc.us](mailto:donna.sizemore@macon.k12.nc.us). Phone: Home: (828) 526-3212 School: (828) 526-2147, voice mailbox #415; School Fax: 828-526-0615 or write to Highlands School, PO Box 940, Highlands, NC 28741, Attention: Mrs. Sizemore.

## Through Friday, Dec. 18

• *American Art Today, Juried Works* exhibition at The Bascom. Admission is free. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• Gifts and donations for distribution through the Highlands Emergency Council should be dropped off at area banks or at the Highlands Emergency Council

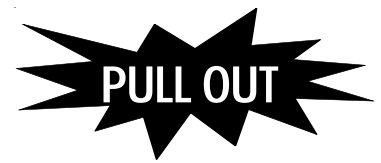
## Dry Sink to 'decorate' kitchen at Historical Society's Christmas Showhouse



"It wouldn't be a Christmas Showhouse without the smell of cinnamon and spice coming from the kitchen arranged by personnel from the Dry Sink. Amberley Rogers, left, and Susan Jones, right, are seen making selections of appropriate objects to use at this year's Christmas Showhouse sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society. The featured house is the Stewart House, ca. 1890, at 425 Brock Court off Hickory Street across from the ballpark. Decorators will fill ten rooms with beautiful Christmas creations, many of which will be available for sale: quilts, wreaths, garlands, even some furniture and accessories. Six art glass plates donated by Bryant Art Glass will be raffled, with raffle tickets priced \$1 each or six for \$5. Admission to the Showhouse is \$15. Shuttles will run from the Community Center from 4:30 p.m. on December 5 and 6. This year the Historical Society will be taking orders for Christmas trees until December 3. 6' - 7' trees are \$55 each, and 8' - 9' trees are \$70. Call 787-1050 to place an order. Pick up your tree at the Historical Museum next to the Rec Park on December 4 between 10 and 2.



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on Poplar Street.

- *The Shopping Bag: Exemplary Art and Design* exhibition will open at The Bascom in Highlands and run through Dec. 18. Admission is free. A public opening reception will be Nov. 14 from 5-7 p.m. Call (828) 526-4949 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

**Tuesday, Nov. 24**

- HIARPT's Winter Dialogue. All are welcome.

Only requirement is to read the material in advance. "Obama's Faith Based Program," Coordinator: Creighton Peden. To be circulated by email. Civic Center: 10-11:30 a.m.

- November's Ladies Night Out program will be at 6:30 pm in the cafeteria at Angel Medical Center. Program topic will be influenza and other winter illness prevention. Speakers include Dr Jimmy Villiard,

MCPHC's preparedness coordinator and Dr Fred Berger, Pediatrician. Come learn how to keep you and your family healthier this winter. Join us as we make new friends, win door prizes and learn important health information. For more information, call Jennifer Hollifield at 349-2439.

- A Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 24, at Cashiers United Methodist Church (CUMC), pictured above. Rev. Scotty Patrick of Cashiers Baptist Church will preach. For more information, call CUMC at (828) 743-5298 or visit [www.cashiersumc.org](http://www.cashiersumc.org).

**Thursday, Nov. 26**

- Thanksgiving Wilson Reunion. Family members of the Herman, Hubert, John, and Mack Wilson families are invited to celebrate Thanksgiving together at the Highlands Recreation Park beginning at 12:30 p.m. For more information, contact Anne Tate at 526-2840 or Stephanie McCall at 526-4449.

**Fri. & Sat., Nov. 27-28**

- At PAC on Chestnut Street, "A Christmas Carol Revisited" Friday at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$15. After the play the cast will lead the audience in a medley of Christmas Carols. On Saturday free Mask-Making workshop for kids from 2-4 p.m. Both events will be presented by "Once Upon a Blue Ridge" Theater Company from Meadows of Dan, Virginia. To purchase tickets, call the Performing Arts Center at 828-526-9047.

- The Sapphire Valley Master Association is holding its fifth annual Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 27-28 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days at its indoor community center. The community center is on U.S. 64 three miles east of Hwy 107 at the crossroads in Cashiers. Admission is free and there is ample parking.

**Friday, Nov. 27**

- At Wolfgang's Restaurant "Winter Wonderland" 1-3 p.m. Wine tasting and purchase, holiday hors d'oeuvres demonstration and tasting, ornaments for sale from The Christmas Tree and Christmas-themed book signing and sale from Cyrano's Book Shop.

- Free Yoga Community Class. 8-9 am. All are Welcome. Moonrise Yoga, 464 Carolina Way, 526-8880.

**Saturday, Nov. 28**

- Highlands annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Main Street at the Methodist Church 6-6:30 p.m.

- Santa at Visitor Center after tree lighting.

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a 6-mile moderate hike with an elevation change of 700 feet in Panthertown Valley to Blackrock Mtn, Warden Falls, Granny Burrell's Falls, and Salt Rock Gap. Meet at Cashiers Wachovia Bank (in back) at 9:30 a.m. Drive 20 miles round trip. Bring water, lunch; wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Jim Whitehurst, 526-8134, for reservations. Visitors are welcome but no pets please.

- Macon County Planning Board Public Input meeting. At the Upper Cartoogechaye community center at 7 pm.

**Sunday, Nov. 29**

- The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 3-mile hike on the Skitty Creek and Cliffside loop trails. Meet at the Bi-Lo Center in Franklin at 2 p.m. or, if coming from Highlands, call leader for alternate meeting place. Drive 30 miles round trip. Bring water, a snack if you wish; wear sturdy shoes. Call leader Kay Coriell, 369-6820, for reservations. Visitors and children over 10 are welcome but no pets please.

**Monday, Nov. 30**

- Art League of Highlands. Meet at Civic Center at noon for soup. Then proceed to Fay Gold Gallery, 211 South Fourth Street, "on the hill" for tour of gallery. Guests always welcome. For info call President Dottie Bruce, 743-7673.

- Tickets to see An acclaimed author, storyteller, humorist and musician, Keillor will take center stage in Monday, March 8 at WCU's Fine and Performing Arts Center at 7 p.m. Reserved seat tickets for "An Evening with Garrison Keillor" are \$25. For information or tickets, contact the FAPAC box office at (828) 227-2479

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## Art League to meet Nov. 30



**A blue bear and a green tree are part of the work-in-progress mural at the Civic Center. The huge pieces are completed during the Bascom's Summer Art Camp, co-sponsored by the Art League of Highlands. On Nov. 30, the Art League of Highlands will hold a meeting at noon at the Civic Center in Highlands. Soup will be served before heading to the Fay Gold Gallery on Fourth Street, "on the hill." Guests are welcome. As you enter the Civic Center's main entrance, look up and enjoy the work that the kids have done over the past couple summers. For further information, contact president Dottie Bruce at 743-7673. Photo by K. Blozan.**

## Santa's in town hearing wishes



**Santa will be at the Highlands Visitor Center on Main Street next to the Main Street Inn & Bistro right after the Christmas Tree Lighting on Main Street in front of Highlands United Methodist Church which begins between 6-6:30 p.m. and again after the Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 5 at noon.**

## Christmas Dinner wraps up the day!



**Give yourself a gift on Christmas Day. The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Highlands Christmas Dinner offers a mouthwatering buffet of traditional holiday fare with all proceeds going to Highlands-Cashiers Hospice & Big Brothers/Big Sister of Highlands.**

**Chefs include Marty Rosenfield and Donna Woods (Lakeside Restaurant); Debbie Grossman (Fresser's Eatery); and Martha Porter (Morningside B&B). Dinner is served from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Fresser's Eatery and costs only \$35 for adults and \$25 for children under 10. How can you go wrong with these master chefs preparing an amazing meal at an amazing price with all proceeds going to charity: Everyone wins!**

**Your gift of calm, ease, and time with loved ones on Christmas Day is one phone call away. Unwrap your gift, and let us prepare your Christmas Day meal and even do your dishes too. Call today: 526-8867.**





# Ongoing and Upcoming Events

Bascom in Highlands from 2-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• An American Red Cross Adult and Child CPR/AED and Infant CPR course will be conducted by the Macon County Public Health Center. The course will be held on Thursday, 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 pm at the Macon County Public Health Center at 1830 Lakeside Drive. Participants must pre-register and pre-pay at the Macon County Public Health Center before Monday, November 30, 2009. For more information on class fees, please call Jennifer at 349-2439.

Fri., Dec. 4-Sat., Dec. 5

## First Presbyterian to hold annual carol sing after parade



There will be a Christmas Carol Sing at First Presbyterian Church at 2 p.m. on Saturday, December 5, after the parade. If you enjoy singing familiar Christmas carols, you won't want to miss this! Stell Huie will be song leader.

Special guests will be The Highlands Male Chorus, led by Orville Wike, and Bagpiper David Landis who will join Angie Jenkins at the pipe organ in a rousing rendition of "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Make plans to attend for an enjoyable hour of singing and Christian fellowship. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

The church is located at 471 Main Street. Handicap entrances are located on 5<sup>th</sup> Street and on Church Street.

• Art class "Knit a Christmas Stocking" by Carol Singletary will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost is \$135 for the general public and \$125 for Bascom members (supplies included). To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

Through Dec. 4

• The Historical Society is also selling fresh-cut Fraser fir Christmas trees this year. 6' -7' trees are \$55 each, and 8'-9" trees are \$70. Place orders now by leaving a message at 787-1050. Trees that have been ordered may be picked up at the Historic Village next to the Rec Park on North Fourth Street on December 4 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 4

• At PAC on Chestnut Street, "The Christmas Letters" with Barbara Bates Smith at 7:30 pm, \$15. From Off-Broadway . . . to Edinburgh . . . across the country to you: Barbara Bates Smith brings you stage adaptations of works by prizewinning authors such as Lee Smith, plus a variety of original scripts, with musical accompaniment by Jeff Sebens. To purchase tickets, call the Performing Arts Center at 828-526-9047.

• At Community Bible Church, the Daraja Children's Choir at 6:30 p.m. Free.

• At Paoletti's Restaurant, Grand Holiday Wine Tasting 12:30-2p.m. \$20 per person refundable with wine purchase.

Sat. & Sun., Dec. 5-6

• Christmas Showhouse sponsored by the Highlands Historical Society at the Stewart House, ca. 1890, at 425 Brock Court opposite the ballpark on Hickory Street. Showhouse hours will be 1-5- p.m. \$15. Shuttle from the Community Building on US 64. An added feature this year will be a raffle of a set of six art glass plates from Bryant Art Glass. Raffle tickets will be \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Saturday, Dec. 5

• Highlands annual Christmas Parade on Main Street at 11 a.m.

• Santa will be at the Visitor Center right after the Christmas Parade to hear children's wishes for the holidays.

• At First Presbyterian Church, annual Christmas caroling in the sanctuary at 2 p.m.

• Art class "Holiday Cards," by Fayne Ansley, will be taught at The Bascom in Highlands from 2-4 p.m. Students will make beautiful handmade cards for friends and family using rubber stamps and embossing, glitter, bells, baubles and ribbon. This is an inter-generational class for children and adults. Children under age 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Cost is \$25 for the general public and \$20 for Bascom members. To register, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100.

• A demonstration, "Split Oak Basket Weaving," will be held at The Bascom in Highlands from 1-4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call (828) 526-4949 ext. 100 or visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• Alternative Giving Christmas, right after the Christmas Parade at the Highlands United Methodist Church. Free lunch and visit booths to see what the local non-profit agencies are doing in our community. There will be information showing what any size donation can do for the needy in this area. There will be attractive gift cards which will show what has been done in the recipient's honor. What a wonderful way to honor those who have so much by giving for the benefit of those who have much less!

• At PAC on Chestnut Street, The Dappled Grays, \$15 at 7:30 pm. To purchase tickets, call 526-9047.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take an 8-mile

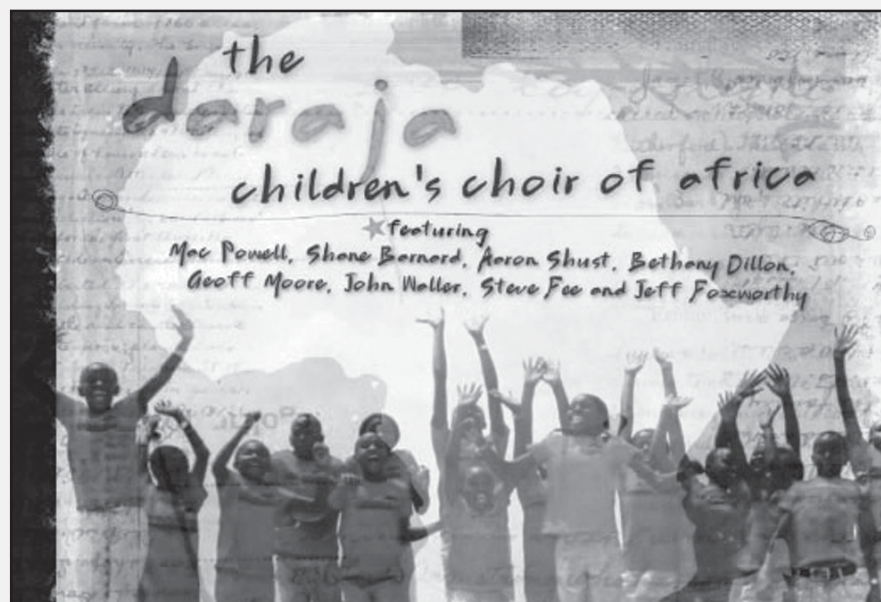
## Alternative Giving Christmas at Highlands Methodist Church this year Sat., Dec. 5 after the parade

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'Tis the Season . . .



## The Daraja Children's Choir of Africa to perform at CBC Friday, Dec. 4



Cultures will unite when The Daraja Children's Choir of Africa will perform at Community Bible Church on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm to bring a message of joy and hope through African song and dance.

Daraja means "bridge" in Swahili, and the Choir, made up of 24 orphans and vulnerable children from Kenya, serve as a bridge to connect the people of Africa and America. This is a life-changing opportunity for these children to learn and experience the American culture, as many of them have never experienced life outside of Kenya. At the same time, Americans have the opportunity to step into the lives of these Kenyan children by hearing their

testimonies and experiencing traditional African song and dance.

The Choir is embarking on two U.S. tours this year, which includes a stop in Highlands, NC. In spite of dealing with unimaginable hardships, these children are overflowing with joy and love, which they are eager to share, as is evident in their performance.

The Daraja Children's Choir of Africa is part of The 410 Bridge, a non-profit organization focusing on mission work in Kenya. The 410 Bridge exists to connect people within the body of Christ to contribute to the self-developing capabilities of the people of Kenya.



## Pine Street Park gets trees



Thanks to Highlands Lawn & Garden areas along the Greenway and even Pine Street park got the benefit of 60 trees on Saturday. The trees in Pine Street park were set along the creek that meanders along the back property line.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

*Christmas at  
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Wed, 12/2 @ 6 pm  
Outdoor Tree Lighting &  
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Fri, 12/4 @ 8 pm  
Daraja Africa Children's Choir

Sun, 12/6 @ 6 pm  
Student Christmas Blast (Middle & High School)

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Community Christmas Chorale

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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

‘Let’s Go Build a Barn’

By Paul Christy  
Highlands United Methodist Church

I just returned from a mission trip to Bosnia with about three other people from this area. I had the privilege of taking my 14-year-old daughter with me and so this was one mission trip that I will always remember because we as father and daughter got to experience this together.

Now to give you just a little back ground as to why I have ventured to Bosnia is to build barns and buy livestock for displaced persons returning to a town called Srebrenica. Srebrenica is the place where you may recall in 1995 a Dutch peace-keeping force left their post and about 10,000 Muslim men and boys were massacred. So this place is a place that many from the international community are just now getting to, to help rebuild the infrastructure. I have had the privilege of being in that part of Bosnia since 2004 with mission teams and so far we have built five barns and bought six cows for different persons. So it is a very place for me and I always look forward to getting to travel back to Srebrenica.

This year was no different and it was with this sense of expectation that we traveled to Bosnia to help identify two persons or families that we would do some barn building in 2010. I want to share a little story from the trip that reminded me of Thanksgiving.

We were visiting with one of the families that have already built the barn for in 2004 and it was good to see him and his young family. They are doing well now because they are making a living with the cow and the barn. He rents out part of the barn to help make ends, sells milk and butter and has many crops growing right now. Why do I tell you that part of the story? Because as we were preparing to leave he said, “You know I wasn’t sure many years ago when a bunch of Americans came to build me a barn, if Christians and Muslims could get along. (He is a Muslim) But as you people came to help me, I realized that a lot of the tension between Christians and Muslims is simply because we do not know each other but I will always be grateful to my Christian friends from North Carolina.” I thanked him and assured him that we were grateful for our Muslim friends in Bosnia.

His comment resonated in my heart because as I look at the landscape of tension in the world between different faith communities and traditions, I think I have the answer to help resolve tension, are you ready? We need to build something together and work together in love and not hate. You see, the key for conflicts in the world is simply love. When we will learn that we need to love each other instead of hurt each other? You know as we enter the holiday season with Thanksgiving and Christmas I am reminded that over 2,000 years ago there was this man by the name of Jesus from a little town called Nazareth that proclaimed love instead of hate, love instead of vindictiveness, and love as opposed to hurt.

As you gather round your Thanksgiving table this Thursday, remember that thankfulness comes from a heart filled with love, not hate, thankfulness comes from a heart filled with love and not get-evenness, and thanksgiving comes from the heart filled with love, not shallow words. Be thankful of where you live, of a roof over your head, and the freedom to read a newspaper. But most of all be thankful that you have a chance to make a difference by loving someone. And by the way, may we all strive to love one another because that’s how the world will change. So are you ready to build a barn? I am, and I am thankful.

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Tuesday: 8 a.m. Men’s Cursillo Group  
4:30 P.M. Education for Ministry  
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## • COACH'S CORNER •

### Things I am thankful for

**I**t's that time of year again folks, the time where I annually list reasons to give thanks as we head into the holiday season.

I'm thankful that Tim Tebow chose Florida over Alabama -- not just because of the two national championships-but because he's such a great kid that it would have been a shame for me to hate him because he played for Alabama. It's always unfortunate when good kids choose to go to schools other than my favorite teams, because then I am forced to hate them for an undisclosed period of time. It may take years for me to get the hate for Tyler Hansbrough out of my system.

Speaking of the University of North Carolina, I am glad that Tywon Lawson is tormenting NBA teams now rather than my Blue Devils. That kid sure is fun to watch --he's got an extra gear that most people don't have.

I'm thankful that one Mr. William Packer is lounging around enjoying his retirement rather than making me want to puncture my eardrums during Raycom basketball games.

I'm thankful that the New Orleans Saints have been giving me a reason to celebrate this season-although I am apprehensive of the new and exciting way that they will ultimately break my heart at some point this season.

I'm thankful for stories like that of Baltimore Ravens tackle Michael Oher. Oher's getting a lot of love right now, mainly due to the movie *The Blind Side* (which is terrific by the way). However, it is stories like that of Oher that can remind people of the good that athletics can do in people's lives. The current state of America is so negative, and we constantly are bombarded with images of athletes that are soaked with privilege and excess. That's why stories like that of Oher are so important, because they can be a reminder of the type of lifestyle that many athletes are borne out of.

I'm thankful that the New York Yankees won the World Series, mainly because



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it will make my good friend Mr. Crook happy, but also because I can go back to hating them as usual now. Never underestimate the benefit of high quality sports hate.

And finally, I am thankful for the town of Highlands. I was fortunate enough to participate in the alumni game the other night, and it was very fulfilling to be able to play on the

same court as my father. While I am part of a big family, Highlands School itself is a family in and of itself. How many schools can have five decades represented at an alumni game and everyone there know everyone else? It's a testament to the atmosphere cultivated in our small town and the love that Highlanders have for one another.

If there is no other reason to give thanks this season, that kind of camaraderie will be enough.

### ... BRUGGER from pg 7

Rituals also resolve quarrels and patch up the social fabric. Religion served them as an invisible government. It bound people together, committing them to put their community's needs ahead of their own self-interest."

In an email about my "Jobs" column, a regular correspondent wrote he had long been in favor of mandatory government service for all graduates, from either high school or college. I have always felt the same, although I conceived it as a trade — young person gives service and receives higher education. I wrote him back: It seems like we have lost a sense of unity in this country, of ourselves as a nation united. We are a people divided and we know what will happen — our house will fall. There's a chance a national service program could instill in young people a sense of working for the good of the nation which I think is what we celebrated in the 'Greatest Generation'.

• All of Katie Brugger's columns are available on her website:  
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# Highlands' Saturday 'Alumnae Fundraiser' basketball game a huge success



On Saturday night, it was the odd-numbered years against the even-numbered years at the Alumnae Fundraiser Basketball game whose proceeds will help fund the Highlands School Girls' Varsity trip to Orlando over Christmas break.

Photos by Elizabeth Gordon

**By Ryan Potts**


The Highlands Girls Basketball team held an alumnae game fundraiser Saturday night to raise money for a trip to Orlando, FL for a Christmas basketball tournament. The girls helped to prepare a BBQ dinner as well as homemade desserts before the alumni event. A number of prizes donated by local businesses were also raffled off in addition to the meal and game.

More than 30 Highlander alumni and several former coaches were in attendance to support the Lady Highlanders. Former

Highlander coaches recognized included Greg Price, Richard Smith, Donnie Edwards and Brooks Bennett. Prizes were also awarded to the oldest player, youngest player, and the player who traveled the farthest to attend.

The event was sponsored by several local businesses including Jolie's, Nelson and Betty Stiles, Judson Stiles, Annawear, Pescado's, Sallie Taylor, Nick's, Ruka's Table, Log Cabin Steakhouse, High Country Photo, Sports Page, Cashiers Exxon,

•See FUNDRAISER page 23



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Ryan Potts and Seth Schmitt go for the jump ball at the Alumnae game on Saturday. Tina Rogers cheers them on.

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Additional assistance was provided by Buddy Miller, Doc Wilson, Kristy and Bobby Lewis and Stephanie McCall for all of their help with the food and preparation for the event.

The basketball game itself featured alumni that graduated in odd-numbered years facing off against alumni from even-numbered years. Each quarter had a theme, such as a quarter specifically for the ladies and a quarter for alumni from the 1980s.

Ultimately, the even-numbered year alumni prevailed in what was a fun and exciting event that will benefit Highlands School and the young ladies who have put much effort into the basketball program and will gain the experience of a lifetime this Christmas as they play in Orlando.

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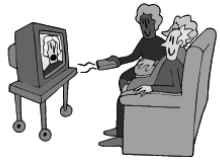
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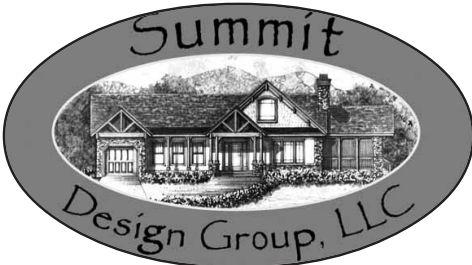
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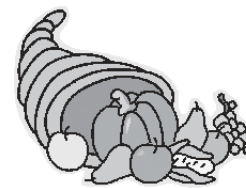
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## SHERIFF REPORT

### Four arrested in Franklin church vandalism case

Investigators from the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the Franklin Police Department cleared in excess of 15 Breaking and Entering and Larceny cases and arrested four defendants during the evening of Nov. 18 and the early morning hours of Nov. 19.

The cases included previously reported crimes involving numerous churches, victims, vehicles, businesses and mailboxes. Separate investigations by each agency became a joint operation as the result of information recently provided to FPD investigators that was shared with MCSO Investigators.

During the joint investigation unreported crimes were discovered, and numerous

items of evidence were recovered during the arrests, and execution of search warrants and consent searches that were conducted.

Investigators followed up on numerous leads and tips over the past several months and some of the defendants cooperated with investigator's in interviews after their arrests. This is an ongoing investigation and there may be additional charges and additional suspects as well as previously unreported crimes.

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is requested to contact the Macon County Sheriff's Office at 828-349-2104, the Franklin Police Department at 828-524-

2864, or Macon County Crime Stoppers at 828-349-2600 or 866-374-TIPS (8477). Callers to Crime Stoppers can remain anonymous and may be eligible for a reward. Updated information may be added to the Macon County Sheriff's Office website at: <http://www.maconnc.org/justice/press.html>

The following four defendants were arrested on varying numbers of felony breaking and entering, felony larceny, injury to real property and injury to personal property.

Kathleen Stewart, 18, of Franklin; Lynn Marissa Harmon, 19, of Franklin, Paul Joseph Quinn, 20 of Franklin, and Caitlyn Margaret Capoccia, 18 of Franklin.



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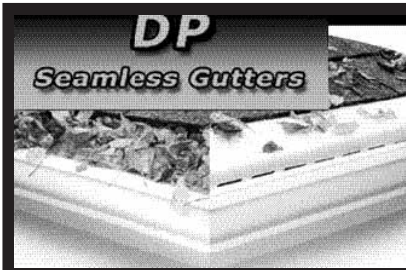
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## Hex-a-Ku<sup>©</sup> 2009

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### OBJECT:

A mystery word or phrase using all different letters is designated by circled squares (other short words will appear when solving, for which a list of meanings is provided). Every puzzle has a different mystery word or phrase (no spaces). Assign different letters to each square of each column and row. In addition, 3x2 cells in the puzzle layout have the same different letters. (This is similar to Sudoku but uses letters instead of numbers.)

### How to Solve:

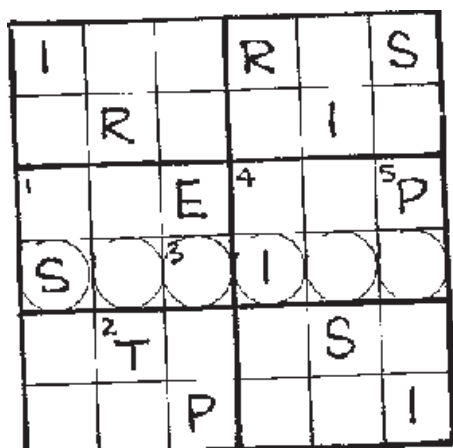
Determine the different letters among those given. Write in the mystery word using the clue and these letters. Other small words will appear in the puzzle. As in conventional crossword puzzles, a list of meanings for these Across/Down words is given and number positions shown. Doing them will speed up your solution to the puzzle. Using your powers of induction, inference and insight, place missing letters in blank squares according to the rules noted above. Focus your attention where the least number of letters are needed to complete a row, column or cell.

**Mystery Word:**  
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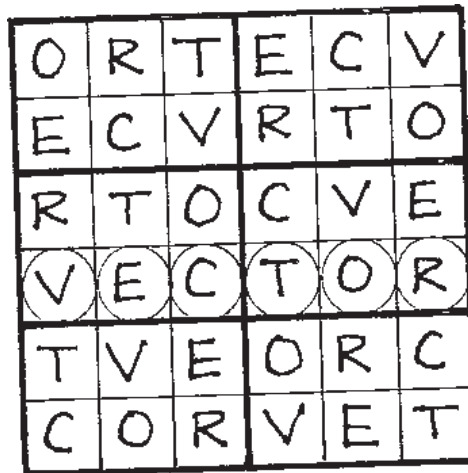
1. Railroad support member (3)
2. Service pay (4)

### Down

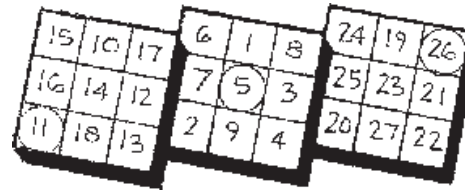
3. Tear fabric (3)
4. Small drink (3)
5. For every (3)



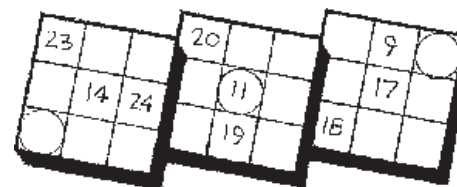
### Solution to Nov. 19 Hex-a-Ku



### Solution to # BN3B Pseudocube in Nov. 19 issue



### #DN4B PseudoCube Level of Difficulty Hard



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