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## USFS seeking feedback about Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests plan revisions

The U.S. Forest Service National Forests in North Carolina is seeking public input in the Nantahala and Pis-

gah Forest Plan revision. The Forest Service is evaluating lands that might be suitable for inclusion in the National Wil-

derness Preservation System, which is a required part of the plan revision process. Also, part of this process is identify-

ing rivers that may be eligible for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System.

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Photo by Monica Vinson

Pictured from left with their three coaches Chris Green, David Parrish and Kevin Vinson are Harrison Renfro, Austin Nichols, Colin Weller, Remy Adrian and Dylan Vinson.

### HS Varsity Soccer wins Smoky Mountain Conference on Senior Night at home

During Senior Night at Highlands School on Friday, Oct 30, Highlands played Blue Ridge and won, which placed them with 10-0 in the Smoky Mountain Conference. The team went on to play the first round of State on Wednesday, Nov. 4, at North Stanly and won. They progressed to the second State round and due to field conditions and weather had to play Highland Tech at Brevard rather than home on Monday night, Nov. 9. Unfortunately, they lost 0-3.

## Health Dept. programs may end due to budgetary issues

### Women, Infants & Children

In May, the Macon County Health Department's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program lost a nutritionist. In September, a second employed nutritionist left the program, leaving health department staff forced to contract with Greenville, NC based Nutrition Plus to fill the position. In one month, the county spent \$7,500 for the contracted services, which are a requirement for operating the WIC program. By December, if the contract continues, Macon County will not have enough funds available to continue the contract, which leaves the fate of the program in jeopardy.

The county has been advertising for a full-time staff nutri-

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Photo by Jeff Sides

### Highlands' Blakely Moore is 1A NC State Cross Country Champ

In the photo above, 16-year-old Blakely Moore approaches the finish line as she outruns 131 other girls from all over the state.

Blakely edged out Robbinsville's Shawnda Martin by two seconds.

Blakely has run cross coun-

try for Highlands School for three years and this was the first high school race she has ever won.

Her dedication to hard work and determination to excel was rewarded with a victory on a sloppy, muddy course in Kerners-

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

Writing this column every Monday has become a ritual for me. When I ran for office I promised to communicate and keep citizens informed about town government. To my surprise this column has been a good way to communicate with constituents. The Ask the Mayor radio program has also been effective. Each week I write a column on Monday and record a radio program Friday. I receive substantial feedback in the form of suggestions, questions and different perspectives. 'My challenge here in November, especially after being laid up with my knee surgery, is that for now I have no pressing issues to write about. Town government is at a lull with the conclusion of a very robust autumn season. So let me share just a few random thoughts here at midpoint in my term as mayor. I am just speculating and looking down the road.

I believe there are several national and world trends that will directly impact Highlands. At the risks of beating a dead horse, new technology and changes in the



**Mayor Pat Taylor**

environment will alter our lifestyle, just as they have and will for everyone on the planet.

I will probably buy a new car after Christmas. I like to purchase a vehicle and drive it for at least 100,000 miles, or for 10 years or more. That strategy may be obsolete. Cars will be very different well before that 10-year cycle. I'm reading about hands-free driving, and driverless vehicles.

Some folks contend that technology is far away, but I am not so sure. It may be around the corner. Also the mileage we get with current fuel systems could radically change.

Toyota is about to invest billions of dollars on artificial intelligence technology. The assumption is that it will be applied to their vehicles, but Toyota intends to go beyond just vehicles to developing robots capable of an array of functions. For instance, scientists are close to building robots that assist handicapped and senior citizens in living independently. Being hobbled myself for over a month, I really appreciate the potential of such technology.

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### Food Pantry volunteers needed

The Food Pantry of Highlands is looking for volunteers to work one Monday a month 3:30-5:30 p.m. helping with food distribution.

Please contact: Sharon Giddens at: Email Address: highfoodpantry@yahoo.com or call Sharon Giddens @ 828 482-0558.



## • MILESTONE •



Photo by Kay Moore

### Highlands team is MC U8 Soccer Champion!

Macon County U8 Soccer Team stands with coach Keith McKim. The team won the U8 Championship game on Saturday in Franklin against the Panthers. They won 1-0 in overtime. Pictured from left are Nicole Taylor, Natalie Edgens, Jaylin Raby, Chloe Billingsley, James Moore, and Aniah McKim.

### Bolivian exchange student earns 'letter'

Marcelo, 18, this year's exchange student from the foster home in Bolivia which is part of Highlands' and Dr. John Baumrucker's Bolivia Mission is shown with his athletic letter earned at his school in Olympia, WA. He will return to Bolivia in June.

Though Rotary in NC doesn't have a convention with Bolivia, the Highlands Bolivia Mission supports the student exchange. Currently, Marcello is a senior at John Paul II private Catholic School in Washington. Last year Pablo and Eluterio were in Highlands.

Next year the mission hopes to once again host another student from the Bolivia Foster Home here in Highlands.



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"We are looking for information you may have about these areas that can inform the evaluations. No decisions have been made, and we are not at the stage of making recommendations," said James Melonas, acting Forest Supervisor. This evaluation is the second step of a multi-step process. Evaluating these areas does not indicate the areas will be managed a certain way in the forest plan.

There are two ways to review and submit information. Maps of these areas along with the evaluation forms are available on the website at Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers Evaluations. A public meeting is scheduled November 16 where maps and evaluation forms will be available for review and submission.

The meeting will be on Nov. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Mountain View Room in the Wilma M. Sherrill Center & Kimmel Arena, University of North Carolina Asheville.

As the process progresses, there will be additional opportunities to provide input on the wilderness and wild and scenic river evaluations.

### Forest Service offers \$1,500 for information on vandalism at the Nantahala River launch site

Vandals destroyed the restroom doors at the U.S. Forest Service Nantahala River Launch Site on State Rd. 1310 in Macon County on the Nantahala Ranger District. Additional damage was discovered to fixtures in the restrooms. The damages are estimated at \$4,500.

The restrooms were closed and winterized with signage on the door directing people to an alternative vault toilet. "It is sad that a few spoiled and selfish individuals think that it is acceptable to destroy the public's property, because they have to walk 50 feet and use another toilet," said Mike Wilkins, U.S. Forest Service District Ranger, Nantahala Ranger District.

The vandalism took place between the afternoon of Monday, Nov. 2 and Tuesday morning, Nov. 3. The Penalty for Damage to Government Property, under 18 USC 1361, is a fine up to \$100,000 and imprisonment up to 10 years. A \$1,500 reward is being offered for information that will lead to the arrest and conviction of those involved.

Anyone wishing to provide information should Contact, Brian Southard, Special Agent at 828-200-4049.

### Prescribed Burns Across all Four National Forests in the coming months

Over the next several months, the U.S.  
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ville, NC last weekend. Blakely is the first state champion in any sport in Highlands School's history.

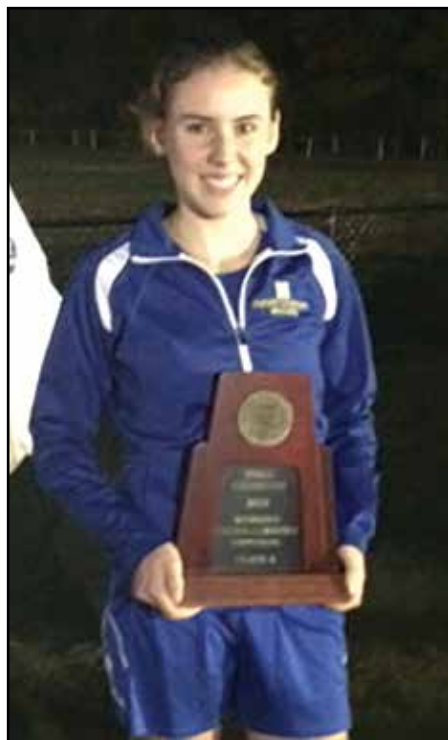
Her brother Davis Moore finished third last year and that was the best ever in Highlands School's history until his sister's victory this year.

Davis now runs for Lee University.

Blakely is coached by Morris Williams, a member of the Highlands Roadrunners.

She is the daughter of Jerry and Kay Moore of Highlands. "Highlands School is extremely proud of her accomplishments," said Head Coach Brett Lamb.

Photo by Jerry Moore



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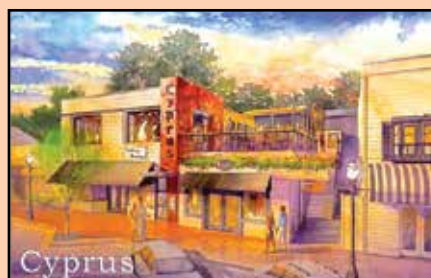
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ogy. There are prototypes of four-legged robots with gaits steadier than horses!

Telemedicine, robotic surgery and automated pharmacies are on the way. Many positions in the service sectors are on the verge of replacement by artificial intelligence. These disruptive technologies will change the way we live and work. Painful changes are ahead, yet at the same time wonderful opportunities will emerge.

Another challenge facing Highlands is the changing climate. Highlands plateau is a sensitive temperate rainforest ecosystem with a yearly average of 98 inches of pre-

cipitation and winters with below zero temperatures. Whether one believes in global temperature change or not, Highlands, possibility due to extensive regional development, has seen significant shifts in temperature patterns in recent decades. How this climate change will impact the plateau is still an unknown.

With these impending changes, smart planning and sustainable growth will be essential. Community cultural and social institutions will also be affected by these developments.

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Forest Service will be conducting several prescribed burns across the four National Forests in North Carolina -- Croatan, Uwharrie, Nantahala and Pisgah. The agency will notify the public when the decision is made to conduct prescribed burns in their area. The Forest Service may close area trails and roads the day before the prescribed burn.

"The safety of the public and firefighters is the number one priority," said Riva Duncan, Fire Management Officer with the National Forests in North Carolina. "The public is asked to heed signs posted at trailheads and roads and to stay away from burn areas and closed roads and trails."

Prescribed burning is an important and versatile forest management tool that can mimic historically natural fire disturbances, reduce hazardous fuels buildup, and improve habitat for a variety of wildlife.

Prescribed burns promote the growth of herbaceous plants that provide food, such as fruit, for wildlife including important game animals such as deer and turkey. Prescribed fire is an essential ecological process for restoration and maintenance of longleaf pine ecosystems.

All prescribed burns are analyzed by a team of specialists to ensure the wildlife, fisheries, rare plants and historic sites are not harmed. Burning days are fluid because the proper weather conditions are needed to achieve desired results. Prescribed burning will only occur when environmental conditions permit; wind and relative humidity are key factors in fire behavior, safety and smoke control. The Forest Service is required to meet state air quality requirements and will conduct smoke modeling to reduce the possible effects of smoke emissions. The proper personnel and equipment will be on site during the prescribed burn

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tionist, two in fact, a Nutritionist I and Nutritionist II, but according to Lynn Baker, Population Health Administrator for the health department, the county has had no luck.

WIC is federally funded and is administered by NC Health and Human Services. The program provides food and nutrition education to low income, pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding mothers as well as infants and children under the age of the five years old.

"We cannot operate our WIC department without a nutritionist. Clients can't just come in and get food vouchers, they have to have the nutrition education," Baker said at the last Board of Health meeting. "We are going to run out of money eventually, and that is all the money we could find in our budget to contract out for these

services."

To date, the WIC program has been self-sustaining year after year due to federal funds. The program has never been subsidized by county dollars, but without being able to fill the current vacancies, that might change. When funds expire, the health department will either have to go to the county to ask for money to increase the salaries for these positions in the hopes of attracting candidates for the jobs, or identify other areas in the health department to take money from to increase the salaries.

By law, the program is required to have either a nutritionist or nurse on staff to provide nutrition education to its clients. Without applicants to fill the open positions, Macon County's contract with

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# • REFLECTIONS •

## Forgetful? Who me?

There are times I'd prefer to remain ignorant. That was my reaction when I read the WSJ article, Does Being Stressed Out Make You Forgetful? It rang all too true for me. Does it seem to you that the more you have going on, the more forgetful you are? Or perhaps it depends on the type of stress in your life. Dr. Sinha, a Yale professor, explains there are two kind of stress—controllable and uncontrollable—and both leave marks on the brain.



Kathy Penn

usually hospice—all the while working a pretty demanding job—I forgot plenty of important things. I failed to include my usual meticulous documentation when I sent the tax paperwork to our accountant; I missed paying at least one bill, and I backed into the garage door one morning because I flat-out forgot to hit the garage door opener like I routinely do before even getting in the car.

Dr. Sinha believes we can come back from those kinds of stress-related memory losses, but the most disturbing bit in the article was the relationship between stress and dementia. That's the part I'd just as soon not know:

"Recent studies have shown the risk for dementia and other memory-related illnesses rises significantly the more people encounter uncontrollable stress. Dr. Sinha says studies using brain scans show that loss of a significant other or witnessing violence does take a toll. 'Research has shown that whole branches of brain cells can shrink and start to disappear,' she says. 'That doesn't mean that if you get divorced, you'll get dementia. But the risks are there.'"

The brain can heal itself in many cases, but studies have not yet determined which types of memory loss are reversible. We can't avoid controllable and uncontrollable stress, but we can manage stress by doing all the things we read about regularly: eat right, get plenty of sleep, exercise and limit our multi-tasking. How many times have we heard these health and stress-reduction tips? It's not that we forget them—we just choose to ignore them. Well, now I'm inspired. I already follow every one of those tips except the piece about avoiding multitasking. Ohmmmm....Do you hear me chanting, "One thing at a time, one thing at a time?"

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Nutrition Plus was set up to fill the void.

The contract was set not to exceed \$36,000, which is the amount generated in the health department's budget from back unpaid WIC salaries. Baker noted that by January, that money will have all been spent and additional funds would be needed to continue to contract with nutritionists or Macon County will not be able to continue providing WIC services in the health department.

Baker informed members of the Board of Health that the positions being advertised have not been able to be filled because the salaries are not competitive when compared to nearby counties. In Jackson County, a Nutritionist I starts at \$40,000 compared to \$29,268 in Macon. A Nutritionist II in Jackson starts at \$48,808 compared to \$33,881 in Macon.

### Denture Program

In 2012, the Macon County Department of Public Health decided to begin providing denture services at the county's dental clinic.

In the program's first year, the dental clinic saw 49 patients for dentures, which came at a cost of \$14,000. The following year, the program nearly doubled, seeing 73 patients at a cost of \$20,000 in lab fees. Last year, although the number of patients seen for dentures decreased to 68, the lab costs increased to a program high of \$26,000. Jimmy Villiard, personal health section administrator for the health department presented the numbers to members of the board of health during the October meeting and cautioned against the program's sustainability.

"Our recommendations are that since we are not breaking even and are taking time away from other patients and procedures that we cut the denture program," said Villiard. "The only other option is to ask the county for more money to fund it."

In Macon County, there are no private practices in operation that accept medicaid for dentures. Those seeking such services have to go to Asheville, which because of the distance, is not always easy, which is part of the reason the program was established to begin with.

When the program was presented to commissioners for consideration in 2012, it was thought that a denture program would not be a cost generating program, but instead would allow Macon County Health Department to break-even while

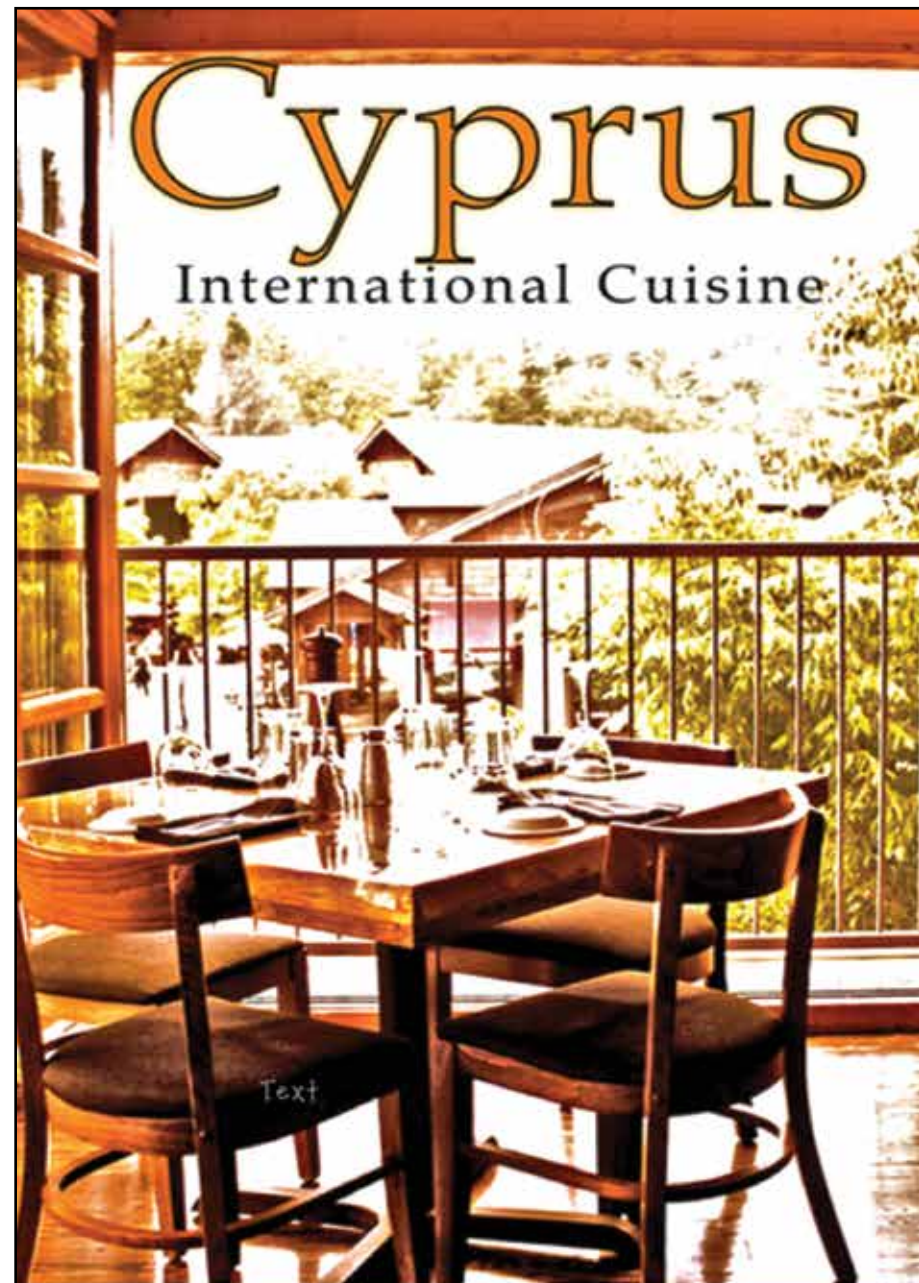
providing the needed services. With a growing demand and waiting list for dentures, last year, the program did not break-even and ended up costing \$3,600 more than it generated.

To avoid the same thing from happened again this fiscal year, the health department put a cap on the amount of money to be spent on denture-related lab costs. Lab costs from dentures are not just the initial procedures to fit someone with dentures, but as the health department has realized in the years since inception, lab costs continue to grow due to maintaining dentures and additional fittings and repairs. Villiard explained that as it stands right now, there is a pile of more than 40 applications for people wanting dentures, and without having supplemental money for the program, outfitting the demand for dentures would eventually make the county's entire dental program unable to be profitable and continue.

Bruckner said the time it takes to fit patients with dentures ties up the staff's time. As it stands, there is not currently a wait for patients wanting services at the dental clinic aside from dentures. In fact, there are actually gaps in the schedule, which Bruckner believes is because people are forgetting that the county has a full dental clinic rather than just a denture clinic. Before dentures were offered in Macon County, Bruckner said the county's dental clinic was steady and rarely had open appointments.

Understanding that in the event Macon County' denture program no longer operates, Bruckner said an emphasis should be placed on connecting patients with service options in Asheville. He informed the board of health that Macon County Transit makes regular trips to and from Asheville and could help with transportation problems patients may experience. He also said that the county's denture program is actually hindering patients from getting denture services in a timely manner because while they wait for approval from Macon County in a pool of more than 40 applicants, patients could be going to Asheville for the same services, much quicker.

Macon County will continue providing denture services through the end of the year, operating until the predetermined \$15,000 cap is reached. When budget discussions are started for the next fiscal year, the board is expected to reevaluate the denture program and make a final decision then.



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## MC Dept. of Social Services now taking applications for LIEAP and CIP

### Low-income home energy assistance program to take applications

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) provides for a one-time payment to heating vendors to help income eligible households pay their heating bills. Priority is given to low-income households with a family member 60 years and older or families in which a member is a disabled adult receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services.

Starting December 1st income eligible households must have EITHER:

- an elderly person age 60 or over living in the home; OR
- a disabled person receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services (DAAS)

Starting January 1st (if LIHEAP funds are still available) applications will be accepted for all low-income individuals and families.

### Crisis Intervention Program (CIP)

The Crisis Intervention Program (CIP) provides assistance for heating low-income households that are in immediate and life-threatening crisis. If assistance is approved, the crisis must be able to be alleviated. Households may be eligible to receive assistance more than once until their yearly cap is reached. Heating assistance includes: electricity, wood, fuel oil, kerosene, or LP gas only.

Other criteria include but are not limited to:

- one member of the household must be a US Citizen; AND
- you must have 10% or less LP gas in your tank; OR
- 15 inches or less of fuel oil or Kerosene; OR
- less than 1 cord of wood (stacked 4 feet high x 8 feet long x 4 feet deep); OR
- a disconnect notice from Duke Energy or Haywood Electric Company.

**Applications taken Monday- Friday 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

**Macon County Department of Social Services  
1832 Lakeside Dr. Franklin, NC**

**No appointments will be made for LIHEAP or CIP**

## • BIZ/ORG NEWS •

## The Land Trust for the Little Tennessee is now Mainspring Conservation Trust



**MAINSRING  
CONSERVATION TRUST**

The Land Trust for the Little Tennessee (LTLT) is pleased to announce that effective January 1, 2016 it will become Mainspring Conservation Trust. The new name is the result of a multi-year process, and was formally adopted by the board of directors at its June 2015 retreat.

"The need for a new name is a positive one: we have outgrown the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee, both in project area and mission," says Executive Director Sharon Taylor. "Mainspring Conservation Trust is the name that will carry us into the future. Mainspring is an ideal word because it defines what we have become — the chief or most powerful motive, agent or cause" for conservation in the heart of the Southern Blue Ridge."

The term mainspring describes the principal spring that keeps a mechanism, specifically a watch, moving. Another definition is more relevant to LTLT's work: a mainspring is "something that plays a principal part in motivating or maintaining a movement, process, or activity," a driving force, a prime mover, a reason, a generator, an impetus.

Originally founded as the Nikwasi Land Trust in 1997, the organization became the Land Trust for the Little Tennessee in 1999. In the years since it has expanded its project area beyond the Little Tennessee River watershed into the Tuckasegee and Hiwassee watersheds. LTLT now works in

Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Jackson, Macon, and Swain counties in North Carolina, and in the northern portion of Rabun County, Georgia.

The organization's work has also broadened beyond traditional land trust projects, to include sustainable forest management and land and water restoration. When LTLT merged with the Little Tennessee Watershed Association in 2012, its work expanded further to include programs related to water, education and research.

"It gives me hope to see the organization strengthening as a regional conservation leader," says Founding Director Paul Carlson. "Part of that is embracing a new name that is as relevant in the valleys of the Tuckasegee and Hiwassee as in the Little Tennessee."

Though the name is changing, the mission remains the same. Mainspring Conservation Trust will continue to be dedicated to conserving the waters, forests, farms and heritage of the Southern Blue Ridge. The 18-year-old nonprofit will continue with the wise strategic planning and visionary thinking that grew LTLT out of its own name, and into Mainspring Conservation Trust.

For more information or to view a short video about the new name, visit [www.ltl.org](http://www.ltl.org). The new name will go into effect on January 1, 2016.



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# Operation North State begins 'NCCARES' Christmas Box Project for military

## 'It's Your Care Package, NC ... Get Involved!'

Operation North State (ONS) is accepting the names of 1,500 North Carolina deployed troops to receive its 2015 NCCARES Christmas Boxes - utilizing North Carolina's People, Places, Products and Pride.

Currently, we have received requests for 600 boxes; we kicked off major media support and Public Service Announcements (PSAs) a few weeks ago but we still have a long way to go.

This "All Volunteer" Project is your care package North Carolina - please join us. We still need to receive recipients' names, cash donations to help cover shipping costs and holiday messages written to the troops. You still have three weeks to host a collection party of NC items - give us a call and we can provide you a list of needed items.

Considered one of the state's most popular Christmas gift box projects, this year's gift box will feature a minimum of 36 North Carolina products and messages. This is our 6th Anniversary of the project! Last year's gift boxes included premier North Carolina goodies and special messages from Governor McCrory, Senator Kay Hagan, Senator Richard Burr, "The King" Richard Petty and thousands of messages from children and seniors from around the state.

Operation North State is one of the fastest growing military support services organizations in the state. The NCCARES Christmas Box Project is the # 1 NC-themed Christmas gift box project in the state. And, our 'Top Shelf Fishin' Festivals whereby we take wounded warriors and disabled veterans fishing throughout the state utilizing six different venues is nationally recognized. All these projects are featured in photo albums on Facebook: Operation North State.

There are numerous ways that you, friends, family-members, coworkers and fellow club-members can provide your assistance.

- Help spread the word about the NCCARES Christmas Box Project.

- Host a fundraiser/pass-the-hat; ONS is in need of cash donations to assist with shipping expenses and a few items in

the box.

- Collect NC goodies to go in the NC-CARES Christmas Boxes - the donation doesn't have to be 1500 items, a dozen here - a dozen there - they all add up. Popular items are 3 oz. bottles of Texas Pete Hot Sauce, bags of Hampton Farms Salted/Roasted in the Shell Peanuts and any Lance Cracker peanut snack products. All products can be purchased at your local grocery stores.

- Encourage North Carolinians of all ages to write Christmas messages to NC's deployed troops. ONS can provide suggestions as to the messages to write and furnish a message template if needed.

- Sponsor a Toiletry Drive; all items collected will be used in the NCCARE Gift Boxes as well as be distributed to veterans living in North Carolina's Veterans Homes (there are 4 facilities around the state - a total of 400 beds). Contact ONS for the Toiletry Drive logo and popular toiletry items to collect.

- We need volunteers to address customs forms and labels as well as write simple thank you notes - postage and thank you notes will be provided by ONS.

- AND, submit names of deployed North Carolinians to receive the NCCARES Christmas Box. They are FREE to the first 1500 names received. Church prayer lists are a great source for names as well as ask folks at your work, within your clubs and in the community if they know a troop that won't be in North Carolina for the Christmas Holidays. Note: As for the NC-CARES Christmas Boxes recipients, the deployed troops do not have to be in harms-way to receive a gift box; he or she must call North Carolina home and will not be in the home-state this Christmas with their respective families and loved-ones.

ONS needs your support with the NC-CARES Christmas Box Project in a big way! ONS is very fortunate to have 90% of all the items within the NCCARES Christmas Boxes donated from companies around the state. Plus, companies and service orgs like Piedmont Natural Gas, the American Legion - Dept of NC, CVMA Chapter 15-5, Patriot Charities, Well Fargo Foundation and dozens of individuals have already

donated \$17,000 in cash to help fund the project. What we really need at this point is cash to help pay for the shipping costs and printing of the t-shirts. We still need to raise \$14,000 between now and Christmas. Help any way you can - it all adds up!!!

It's our goal with this project to make 1,500 of North Carolina's deployed troops feel a little closer to home this Christmas and to let them know how much they and their military service are appreciated.

Secondly, the project is called the NC-CARES Christmas Box for a reason. Operation North State wants to give every North Carolinian (individual, organization, company) the opportunity to get involved in the project and express their gratitude to North Carolina's finest.

The program, now in its sixth year, is making a difference; the deployed troops and their respective families are most grate-

ful for the generosity and support of ONS' volunteers, supporters and the contributors from around the state.

To provide recipients' names, go to <http://www.operationnorthstate.com> and fill out the Request Form or send an email to [mailbox@operationnorthstate.com](mailto:mailbox@operationnorthstate.com). The project is funded by donations; again, there is no charge to submit names - the boxes are FREE! Go to Facebook: Operation North State "Photos" to review the products, messages, packing parties and thank you notes associated with 2013's successful project.

Contact Operation North State to offer your assistance; donations are needed and greatly appreciated. Call 336.764.5967 or visit the website: <http://www.operationnorthstate.com> or Facebook: Operation North State.



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5 - 6 pm, 1 or 2 lanes

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Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

### PUBLIC SWIM

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

3 - 5 pm & 6 - 8 pm

Wednesday 3 - 5 pm

Saturday 11 am - 6 pm

Sunday 1 - 5 pm

### WATER AEROBICS

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10 - 11 am

Saturday 11:15 - noon

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday

5:15 - 6 pm

(sharing pool with

lap swimmers)

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\$30 for 12 classes

\*Beginning in January, we will

be adding Tuesday and

Thursday 10 - 11 am\*

### POOL PARTIES

Pool available on Fridays,

Saturdays, Sundays

### Ongoing

• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. To sign up contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.

• Anyone interested in taking Adult, Child and Infant First Aid/CPR/AED certification class needs to contact the Highlands Recreation Department and get on the list for the class. You will learn how to respond to first aid, cardiac and breathing emergencies. Upon completion attendees receive certification from the American Red Cross. Please pre register we need a minimum of 6 for the class and a maximum class size of 16. Once we have enough signed up for a class we will schedule the class.

### Mon.-Sat.

• Nantahala Tennis Club

meets at 9a.m to noon each day. All visitors welcome.

**Mon. Thurs., Fri., Sat., Sun.**

• Movies at the Playhouse: 2, 5 & 8 p.m. Call 526-2685 for weekly movie.

### Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church hosts a non-denominational Men's Meeting the first Monday night of each month at 7 pm and all men are invited to attend.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Monday morning from 9:30 to 10:30 in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library. All are welcomed

### Mon. & Wed.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to 1p. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

### Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30am at the Rec Park.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

### First Tuesdays

• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets the first Tuesday of each month, 7p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. This group is sponsored by the local affiliate of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness). For info call 828 369-7385.

### Tuesdays

• FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.

• The Beyond the Walls Book discussion group meets every Tuesday at 4 PM at The Ugly Dog Public House. Each week we read a short story and then discuss its insights for our lives and spiritual wisdom.

### 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information,

visit [www.occupywnc.org](http://www.occupywnc.org) or call 828.331.1524

### Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5.

• Pickle ball is played from 9:30-11a in the gym at the Rec Park.

### Wednesdays

• Donation Based Meditation Wednesday nights w Christopher Baxter at 6:30. Getting a little chilly for outside classes :) held at The Wellness Place. 468 Dillard Road Highlands 8285269698

### 1st Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:15pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

### 2nd Wednesdays

• General Audience Movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

### Thursdays

• Storytimes with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 6pm at the Cashiers Community Center. Questions? Call Lisa 828-506-3555.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc. and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

### 2nd Thursdays

• Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

### 3rd Thursdays

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 4:30pm-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview Street, Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-

0430

### Fridays

• 99ers Bridge at the Rec Park 9a to noon.

### Every 3rd Friday

• Senior Dinners are held the third Friday of each month at 12 noon November through April. For any other information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey at 828-526-3556.

### Last Fri. of each month

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11a to noon at The Hudson Library.

### Fridays and Saturdays:

• The Highlands Historical Museum is open every Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.. On display is a Botanical History of the Highlands Plateau, a gallery of local photographs by George Masa, and presentations of Mary Lapham's TB Sanatorium, the Moccasin War of 1885, Abraham Lincoln's alleged origins, Joe Webb's tools, and books and DVDs about Highlands history. For more information, email [highlandshistory@nctv.com](mailto:highlandshistory@nctv.com).

### Saturdays

• At the Rec Park, MMA Fitness Class is being offered Saturdays at 1:30pm with Moses Machida. NHB Pankration, Muay Thai, Boxing and BJJ combined into an hour long fast paced interactive class. The class combines plyometric, strength training, MMA techniques, explosive cardio and self-defense into one class. • At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tasting from 1-3 p.m.

### Thurs., Nov. 5

• Rotary Bingo at the Community Building next to the ball field. Proceeds will go to the Bolivia Mission.

### Thurs. - Sun., Nov. 5-8

• Highlands 9th Annual Culinary Weekend at local restaurants, shops and inns.

### Fri. & Sat., Nov. 6-7

• At TJ Bailey for Men. Brackish Bowtie Trunk Show. AND Peter Millar Truck Show.

### Sat., Nov. 7

• The Christmas Tree - Highlands Original Christmas Shop, 357 Main Street, hosts a book signing about wine with "Saucy Sister" Beverly Wichman beginning 11AM. Free Champagne. (828) 526-3687.

• Fontana Regional Library will be hosting their 2nd Annual "Read Local Book Fair," an event which gives residents the chance to meet and support local authors at Macon County Public Library in Franklin on Saturday from 10am to 2pm. Many authors will read selections from their works throughout the day and will have copies of their works available for purchase, just in time for the holiday season!

### Thurs., Nov. 12

• The Western NC Woodturners Club, Inc. meets at 6 p.m. at the Blue Ridge School in Glenville, NC at 95 Bobcat Drive. Drive to the back of the school to the woodworking shop. Visitors are always welcome.

### Fri. & Sat., Nov. 13-14

• Women of Faith: Loved, the Farewell Tour, at the Community Bible Church. A joy filled worship event for Women 18 years or older. Fri., 7-10 p.m., Sat., 9a to 4:30 p.m. Doors open one hour prior to the first session each day. To register, go to [cbchighlands.com/women-of-faith.html](http://cbchighlands.com/women-of-faith.html)

### Sat., Nov. 14

• Fontana Regional Library will be hosting their 2nd Annual "Read Local Book Fair," an event which gives residents the chance to meet and support local authors at Jackson County Public Library in Sylva on Saturday, from 10am to 2pm. Many authors will read selections from their works throughout the day and will have copies of their works available for purchase, just in time for the holiday season!

• Jackson County NAACP Membership meeting at 10 a.m. at the Open Door Center for Spiritual Living 318 Skyland Drive, Suite 1-A Coggins Office Park Sylva, North Carolina

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• At PAC, Live in HD, National Theatre of London's production of *The Beaux Stratagem* at 1 p.m. For tickets call 828-526-9047 or go to [www.highlandspac.org](http://www.highlandspac.org).

## **Mon.-Mon., Nov. 16-23**

• Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Gifts for Children Drive. Drop Off at HUMC in Highlands on Main Street. For more information about how to participate in Operation Christmas Child e-mail: [wncocc@yahoo.com](mailto:wncocc@yahoo.com). With a computer or mobile device, anyone can conveniently pack a personalized Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift on the Samaritan's Purse website. Go to [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ) to select toys and gift items, write a note of encouragement and "pack" them in a shoebox. Using special tracking technology, participants can follow their box to discover where in the world their gift is delivered by using the donation form found at [samaritanpurse.org/occ](http://samaritanpurse.org/occ). These gifts of hope will go to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries.

## **Fri., Nov. 19**

• At the Rec Park, Senior Dinner at noon. November will be the traditional Thanksgiving meal with Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Pumpkin Pie for dessert. For any other information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey at 828-526-3556.

## **Sun., Nov. 22**

• David Holt's "State of Music Live" coming to WCU Based on the PBS TV series featuring David Holt. Featured artists include breakout sensation Rhiannon Giddens of the Carolina Chocolate Drops, African American gospel torch-bearers The Branchettes, Haywood County bluegrass supergroup Balsam Range and multi-talented musician and ballad singer Josh Goforth. Sponsored by Harrah's

Cherokee Casino. TICKETS - \$45 orchestra; \$35 club, balcony  
**Tues., Nov. 24**

• The Highlands community of churches will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Meal at the Rec Park at 6 p.m.

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

• Hard Candy Christmas Art & Craft Show at WCU Ramsey Center. 10a to 5p both days.

## **Fri., Nov. 27**

• At The Bascom, Black Friday Pottery Sale, 10a to 5p at the Dave Drake Studio Barn.

• At PAC, "Home for the Holidays with Ted Keegan at 8 p.m.

## **Sat., Nov. 28**

• Highlands Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at 6:30 p.m. on Main Street in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church.

## **Sat., Dec 5**

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

## **Sat., Dec. 6**

• The Bolshoi Ballet at PAC, Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Thurs., Dec. 10**

• The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center, Riverview Street, Franklin. We will be focusing on Lung Cancer since November is recognized as Lung Cancer Awareness Month. Anyone who has been affected by lung cancer is especially invited to attend. There will be free gifts for everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

## **Sat., Dec. 12**

• At PAC, Live in HD, National Theatre of London at 1 p.m.

• Highlands Community Christian Chorale at 5 p.m. at CBC.

## **Sun., Dec. 13**

• Highlands Community Christian Chorale at 5 p.m. at CBC.

## **Thurs., Dec. 17**

• Highlands Cashiers Play-

ers Holiday Reading at PAC at 7 p.m. It's free.

## **Fri., Dec. 18**

• Bird Count with the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society. Meet at K-H Founders Park at 7:30 a.m. For more information, call Romney Bathurst at 828-526-1939 or 828-200-0288. Or Brock Hutchins at 404-295-0663.

## **Sun., Dec. 20**

• At PAC, Bolshoi Ballet Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sat., Jan. 16**

• At PAC The Met Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sun., Jan 24**

• At PAC, Bolshoi Ballet Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sat., Jan 30**

• At PAC, The Met Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sat., Feb. 27**

• At PAC, National Theatre of London Live in HD at 1 p.m.

## **Sat., March 16**

• At PAC, The Met Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Fri.-Sun., March 11-13**

• At PAC, Highlands Community Players presents a Mystery Dinner Theatre.

## **Fri-Sun., March 18-20**

• At PAC, Highlands Community Players presents a Mystery Dinner Theatre.

## **Sun., March 27**

• At PAC, Bolshoi Ballet Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sat., April 2**

• At PAC, The Met Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sun., April 10**

• At PAC, Live in HD, Bolshoi Ballet at 12:45 p.m.

## **Sat., April 16**

• At PAC, The Met Live in HD at 12:45 p.m.

## The Beaux Stratagem Live in HD at PAC, Saturday



The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present the National Theatre of London's Live in HD production of *The Beaux Stratagem* on Saturday, November 14 at 1pm. Simon Godwin (Man and Superman) directs George Farquhar's wild comedy of love and cash. The 'Beaux': Mr Aimwell and Mr Archer, two charming, dissolute young men who have blown their fortunes in giddy London. Shamed and debt-ridden, they flee to provincial Lichfield. Their 'Stratagem': to marry for money. Lodged at the local inn, posing as master and servant, they encounter a teeming variety of human obstacles: a crooked landlord, a fearsome highwayman, a fervent French Count, a maid on the make, a drunken husband, a furious butler, a natural healer and a strange, turbulent priest. But their greatest obstacle is love. When the Beaux meet their match in Dorinda and Mrs Sulen they are most at risk, for in love they might be truly discovered. Tickets are available online: [highlandspac.org](http://highlandspac.org) or by calling 828.526.9047. Highlands Performing Arts Center 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands



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**NOVEMBER 16 – 23:**

## Macon County opens collection sites for the Samaritan Purse Christmas project

Highlands' drop off site is the Methodist Church on Main Street



Local Volunteers Join Samaritan's Purse to Collect 20,000 Shoebox Gifts for Children in Poverty Overseas

This month, Holly Springs Baptist Church will again serve as the Collection Center for Operation Christmas Child in Western North Carolina (which represents: Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon, and Swain Counties)—the world's largest Christmas project of its kind. The annual Samaritan's Purse project is a favorite of many Macon County residents, families, churches and groups who spread joy to millions of children around the world by filling shoeboxes with a "Wow!" item—like a doll or soccer ball—other fun toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement.

"Through the simple act of filling a shoebox, someone in Macon County can make a tangible difference in the life of a child halfway around the world. Anyone can participate and bring joy to a child facing difficult circumstances," said OCC volunteer Brenda Hackett, who has participated in Operation Christmas Child for over 15 years.

During National Collection Week, Nov. 16 – 23, Western North Carolina residents hope to contribute more than 20,000

gift-filled shoeboxes to the 2015 global goal of reaching 11 million children in need.

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief and evangelism organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to more than 124 million children in more than 150 countries and territories. For many of these children, a gift-filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

For more information about how to participate in Operation Christmas Child e-mail: [wncocc@yahoo.com](mailto:wncocc@yahoo.com). With a computer or mobile device, anyone can conveniently pack a personalized Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift on the Samaritan's Purse website. Go to [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ) to select toys and gift items, write a note of encouragement and "pack" them in a shoebox. Using special tracking technology, participants can follow their box to discover where in the world their gift is delivered by using the donation form found at [samaritanaspurse.org/occ](http://samaritanaspurse.org/occ). These gifts of hope will go to children in some of the hardest-to-reach countries.

### Highlands Collection Site

Highlands United Methodist Church • 317 Main Street  
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Mon: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
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Wed: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Thurs: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Fri: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Sat: 10 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Sun: No Drop Off  
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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**The Highlands Police log entries from October 18. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## Oct. 18

- At 8:40 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 near Cullasaja Drive and Pinecrest Road.
- At 8:50 p.m., Lawrence Johnson, 74, of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, was arrested for DWI when he made an unsafe movement in his vehicle at Pinecrest Road and Cullasaja Drive at the site of an accident.

## Oct. 23

- At 3:59 p.m., officers responded to a shoplifting incident where a patron consumed food without paying for it.

## Oct. 25

- At 2:21 a.m., officers received a call about damage to personal property when a statue of a deer was knocked over which caused an antler to break off at Corey James Gallery on S. 3rd Street.

## Oct. 28

- At 2:10 a.m., officers received a call about a bear entering a vehicle and tearing up the interior at a residence on Chestnut Walk.

## Oct. 29

- At 8 a.m., officers received a call about a larceny at a residence on Raoul Road where an Edge Programmer was taken from the vehicle.

## Nov. 1

- At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 106 near Woodcrest Way and Upper Buttermilk Road.

- At 11:30 p.m., officers received a call about a vehicle being stolen from a residence on the Dillard Road.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Oct. 27.**

## Oct. 27

- At 7:57 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

- At 11:38 p.m., the dept responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east at Sparkling Lakes.

## Oct. 30

- At 10:23 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 4th Street.

## Oct. 31

- At 12:39 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Buttermilk Lane.

- At 1:16 p.m., the dept. stood by for the MAMA helicopter at the Town Ball-field.

- At 2:34 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Holt Road.

- At 2:58 p.m., the dept. stood by for the MAMA helicopter at the hospital.

## Nov. 1

- At 1:41 a.m., the dept. responded to a CO<sup>2</sup> alarm at a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

- At 1:41 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Big Bear Pen Road.

- At 8:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.

## Nov. 2

- At 2:24 p.m., the dept. provided traffic control at US 64 west and Mirror Lake Road.

- At 2:33 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Big Bear Pen Road.

- At 8:09 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

- At 8:55 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

## Nov. 3

- At 11:46 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

- At 10:59 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers FD but the call was cancelled en route.

- At 1:20 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Scaly FD but the call was cancelled en route.

## Nov. 4

- At 9:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Road that came in due to a medical alert but there were no problems.

## Nov. 5

- At 7:58 p.m., the dept. responded to the call of a chimney fire at a residence on Sequoyah Ridge Road.

- At 11:01 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

## Nov. 6

- At 3 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Carolina Way.

- At 4:19 p.m., the dept. was called to a residence on Highgate Road to investigate the source of smoke.

## Nov. 7

- At 4:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Church Street.

## Nov. 8

- At 10:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Garnet Rock Trail.

## Nov. 9

- At 3:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Garnet Rock

Trail.

- At 10:55 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Country Club Drive.

- At 12:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Pierson Drive.

- At 11 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Garnet Rock Trail.

## Nov. 10

- At 12:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Lake Court.



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# Halloween in Highlands



Ghost, goblins, witches and warlocks descended on Highlands for the Chamber of Commerce sponsored traditional All Hallows Eve celebration. Super heroes and ninja warriors competed with tinkerbells, ladybugs, and colorful peacocks for festive treats generously provided by Highlands' merchants. Rumor is that even the Donald was seen among the record breaking gathering at this year's event. Children and parents danced to the music and Highland's two Rotary Clubs cheerfully fed a long line of ravenous trick or treaters. Mysteriously, from darkness emerged a kilted bagpiper who played beautifully for an appreciative audience. When community comes together all things are possible. On this night the entire Highlands community deserves our gratitude for closing their streets and opening their hearts to the area's children and providing them with a safe and festive place to gather. Thank you to all that made this a memorable night.

**Bob Kieltyka**  
Executive Director  
Highlands Area Chamber of  
Commerce



Photos by Kim and Jim Lewicki

# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## Rotary Exchange Student describes year away

From left: Youth Exchange Chair Bob Henritze, Highlands School Senior Chance Gilbert and Christy Kelly, President.

Of the Rotary Club of Highlands. Gilbert described his transformational year in Switzerland as a Rotary Exchange Student. After living with three different families, and experiencing Swiss life in the city, suburbs and country, Gilbert made friends from all over the world and praised International Rotary Clubs for giving him this life changing opportunity.



## Dr. Travis Petricek to see patients at HC Hospital



Travis Petricek, MD, will begin providing surgical consults and performing minor office procedures at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital on Nov. 16. Dr. Petricek earned his medical degree at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston, Texas. He completed his residency at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas. Dr. Petricek is board certified in surgery and has been practicing at Angel Surgical Associates since 2009. Dr. Petricek will see patients on the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital campus in Suite 304 of the Jane Woodruff Clinic, 209 Hospital Drive. The office number is (828) 526-5045.

## Rotary hears about the Greenway

Recently, Ron Shaffner gave an overall report on the Highlands Plateau Greenway Trails, which have been placed on the National Trails Listing by the Secretary of the Interior. The trails are now connecting and have been made safe and easy to navigate as well as beautiful. This outstanding job has been accomplished by the hard work and donations of local groups, individuals and hikers from as far away as Florida and the west coast. The Greenway trails are now a thing of beauty of which we can all be proud.

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# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## Rotary Club of Highlands News



Ellis McIntyre, Zack Claxton, Rotary President Christy Kelly and Bill Staples.

Bill Staples, retired Mortgage Banker and Duke graduate, gave an in depth update and Power Point tour of the newly refurbished center.

Bill has worked very hard to pull this whole project together. Also, he has gotten the Center reclassified as 501C3. This is a feat in itself.

The Center offers reasonable rent to non-profit organizations. At present the center is 90% non-profit. It houses such major agencies as the Land Trust, Literacy Council of Highlands, Gillian Promise, CLE and more.

This Center is a asset to the Highlands Community. Many Rotarians give their time, spirit and support to these organizations. "Service Above Self" is the Rotary motto and this is a prime example of Rotary in action.



From left: Carter Davis, Dinah Davis, Helen Davis and Ren Davis.

Authors Ren and Helen Davis gave an informative and historic program on the CCC and the profound impact it had on our nation and this area of NC in particular. Part of Roosevelt's New Deal, it not only provided much needed jobs and training for young men, but created 700 parks, cleared trails, built dams and planted over 3 billion trees, all in just 9 years prior to WWII. Ren and Helen have written several books on the subject and these are a must read.



On Thursday, Nov.5, the Rotary Club of Highlands partnered with Highlands Bolivian Mission to sponsor Bingo night at the Community Building. All net proceeds benefitted the Bolivian Mission. Above is the final Super Bingo game winner Lori Wasco (center) with Bingo table winners and Dr. John Baumrucker.

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## • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

### Thanksgiving and Community

By Fr. Bruce Walker

#### Church of the Incarnation

It happens on the mountain week after week. They mostly come on Sundays, but some show up on Wednesday, Friday or Saturday evenings as well. The people of God in Highlands make their way to various places of worship to pray and give thanks to God.

Some arrive at small buildings, made beautiful in their simplicity. Some people find themselves in places filled with stained-glass windows and old creaking pews. Others enjoy concert type seating with a full array of electronic instruments and technology at their disposal. Still others worship to the melody of bluegrass and good ole Gospel tunes!

Wherever, whenever and however we come together, it is our hope that we will experience a kind of community not easily found anywhere else outside the worshipping community.

We have a creative blend of worship styles linked together by a common history of living on the mountain. In all our various ways and places of worship, we also share a common hope that God will come and be with us.

With this said, God is mostly pleased to dwell with us, when we move out of our comfortable surroundings. God is mostly pleased with us when we reach out our hands in love and service to those we share life with. True worship is to care for those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity.

In reality we honor God when we honor each other. We have just such an occasion coming up this month of November.

On Tuesday, November 24th, the Highlands community of churches will sponsor a Community Thanksgiving Meal.

As in past years, some will come to the Recreation Center to enjoy a meal together. Others will have the benefit of being hosted in their home. Volunteers are lining up to cook, serve and deliver meals to shut-ins and others who are unable to attend the gathering.

I am glad to see all this coming together and grateful to those who are involved in the planning, implementation and delivery of this annual event. The evening is meant to build community among us, while serving the needs of those who might, by no fault of their own, be unable to attend in person.

So, on behalf of all, I invite you to come out on November 24th to our annual Community Thanksgiving Meal. Come and enjoy one another's company and find home in God's ever-present spirit of hospitality. Come and enjoy true worship that is found in service to God and neighbor. May God be with us!

## Proverbs 3:5

## • PLACES TO WORSHIP •

## John 3:16

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### HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sun: School 9:45a.; Worship 9:09, 10:50.; Youth 5:30 p.

Wed: Supper: 5:15; youth, & adults activities: 6; Handbell

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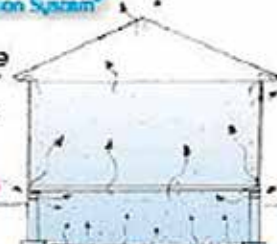
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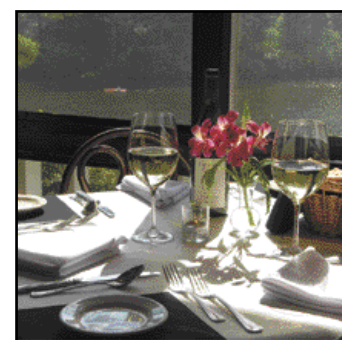
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