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A look back at the year that was ... 2019

It feels like the years go by faster and faster and if this past year is any indication, Highlands isn't slowing down any time soon.

New restaurants, new businesses, upgrades to facilities in-

cluding the Performing Arts Center, K-H Founders Park, the Civic Center, the Rec Park grounds, new faces at the police department and at Town Hall all point to the vibrant life of Highlands.

Here's a snapshot of Highlands 2019 Year-in-Review as covered in Highlands Newspaper.

January

Highlands' Moccasin War

• See 2019 page 6

MC Community Foundation awards more than \$18,000

The board of advisors of the Macon County Community Foundation recently announced \$18,980 in local grant awards from its community grantmaking fund, according to Lisa Leatherman, board president.

This year the board granted:

- \$2,500 to the Highlands Community Child Development Center for instructional supplies for teachers and students;

- \$1,500 to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for Kids in Nature 2020;

- \$2,500 to the International Friendship Center for general operating support;

- \$1,000 to the Macon County Humane Society/Appalachian Animal Rescue Center for spay/neuter for low income residents of Macon County;

• See AWARDS page 2



Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor lays a wreath on the grave of his father-in-law and ex-mayor of Highlands Col. Buck Trotter

Highlands celebrates 'Wreaths Across America'

Across the nation "Wreaths Across America" is celebrated in 2,100 locations across the country at sea and abroad coordinating with the December wreath-laying ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery.

Highlands' event on Saturday, Dec. 14 – organized by Phil Potts – set a goal of 550 wreaths with which to adorn veteran graves in Highlands Memorial Park – the

goal was exceeded by 50 wreaths.

Though wreaths adorn gravesites in December, WAA's mission to "Remember, Honor and Teach" is carried out throughout the year. Veterans Day is recognized in the fall and Memorial Day in the spring, but service members sacrifice their time and safety every single day of the year to preserve America's freedoms.

– Kim Lewicki

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SECU Hospice House in Franklin is fueling the local economy

Construction of SECU Hospice House in Franklin, an initiative of Hospice House Foundation of WNC (HHFWNC), is 35% complete, reflecting roughly \$1 million in expenditures, primarily in Macon County.

According to a spokesperson with Western Builders of Sylva, nearly half of their construction crew for the Hospice House project, and weekly payroll for such, is from Macon County.

John Barbee, Treasurer of Hospice House Foundation of WNC, reported that an analysis of the major sub-contractors employed by Western Builders for the Hospice House project were mostly based in Macon County.

Barbee further observed that 10 new FTE jobs will be created by SECU Hospice House in Franklin, representing approximately a \$700,000 annual budget flowing into the County. It is anticipated that construction of SECU Hospice House will be complete dur-

ing summer, 2020 with operations commencing shortly thereafter.

HHFWNC has raised \$4 million, 89% of its \$4.5 million Campaign goal for SECU Hospice House. Several recent grants contributed to this fundraising progress:

- \$25,000 – Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation
- \$5,000 – The Church of the Good Shepherd (Cashiers)
- \$5,000 – Percy B. Ferebee Endowment
- \$3,000 – North Carolina Community Foundation (Jackson and Graham Counties)
- \$2,500 – Mountain Findings (Highlands)

Additionally, HHFWNC received a grant from the Philip L. Van Every Foundation. The reception area in SECU Hospice House will be named, The Philip L. Van Every Foundation Foyer in recognition of this Foundation's major investment in SECU Hospice House.

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Wish list for 2020

Last week I began sharing a list of budget priorities that I see for the coming year. The Town Board members will also have their priorities. In the next five months we will go through a process of coming to agreement on a new budget for FYI 2020/'21.

I believe there will be a consensus among board members that we need to continue the momentum of paving town streets in 2020. The town spent over a half million dollars in paving roads this past year. There are still many roads that need to be paved. I hope this road paving initiative will continue, and I doubt taxpayers will take us to task for spending money on good roads.

Over the last five years needed improvements have been made to what was then our aging recreation facilities. Improvements were made by raising property taxes by 1.5 cent per \$100 of property valuation. The county also made a substantial contribution to these upgrades and continues to support recreation here on the



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

plateau. The tax has a sunset provision for this coming year. I will propose that we continue the sunset tax but redirect it toward road improvements.

That redirection would mean that for a period of years, the town would always have about \$275,000 earmarked annually for road paving. That base sum could be increased annually to address specific road paving needs. While \$275,000 may sound like a lot, to really make

progress more funds would be needed. For example, the upcoming paving of the remainder of Cullasaja Drive could easily approach that figure.

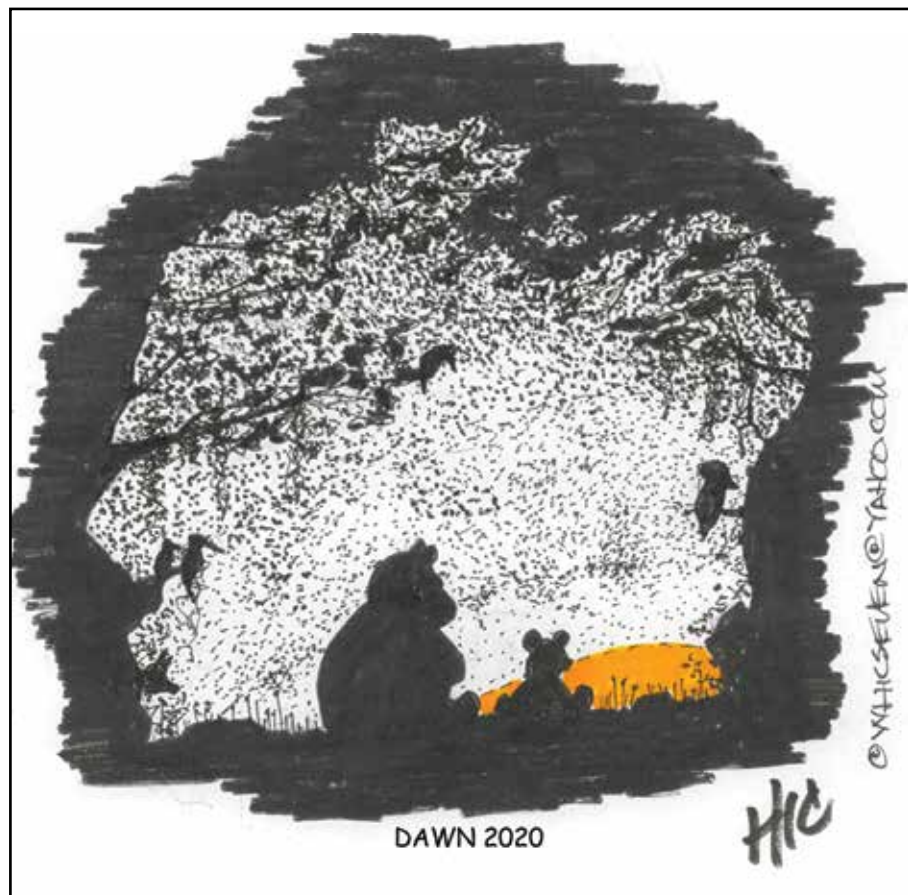
Another item on my list is to complete the sidewalk on US 64 across from the ball field and to address the water drainage problem near the proposed sidewalk. There is a natural spring that causes water to run onto and down US 64 at the curve just before Foreman Road. It forms dangerous black ice in the winter. It will take time, funds and engineering to develop a plan that diverts the water into our storm-water system, but it is much needed.

Another project I would like to see completed is to improve the intersection on NC 28 at South and Satulah streets. The intersection is a confusing conglomeration of yield and stop signs. Lamar Nix, our town engineer, believes there is a design that can simplify and thereby improve the intersection. DOT has already said it would be willing to work with the town in improving the intersection. Almost all of the work would involve the improvements of the two town streets, South and Satulah. Again, this project will require time, planning and town funding.

Finally, working with the Highlands Chamber, downtown merchants and local residents, I believe it is time to review the status of the downtown business area and how improvements can be made. A lesson learned from 2018 tree issues is that any changes and plans will have to come from a broad range of stakeholders.

Happy New Year to all.

• HIC'S VIEW •



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- \$1,500 to Macon TRACS for TROT: Therapeutic Riding Over Trails;
- \$500 to the North Carolina Bartram Trail Society for bringing the Bartram Trail to downtown Franklin, for maps and signage;
- \$2,500 to Pisgah Legal Services for the Plateau Poverty Law Initiative;
- \$1,000 to Prevent Blindness North Carolina for Star Pupils Macon County;
- \$2,500 to REACH of Macon County for the Rural Victim Advocacy Crisis Textline Initiative;
- \$980 to The Bascom for the Community Education and Outreach Initiative;
- \$2,500 to the Vecinos, Inc. Farmworker Health Program for farmworker

prescription glasses and medication support.

Leatherman thanked the community for its continued support of the Macon County Community Foundation. "We are proud to support these nonprofit programs that are so vital to the community," she said. "We are grateful to the many generous individuals and organizations that have supported our work to inspire philanthropy across our community."

• For further information, contact NCCF Community Leadership Officer Colby Martin at (828) 358-0030 or cmartin@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.



HIGHLANDS IN-TOWN Walk to shops, dining, and The Bascom from this adorable 2-story, in-town Highlands cottage on scenic Mill Creek. Lots of light from multiple windows and brightly painted. Open floor plan with corner stone fire-place and deck access. Generously sized kitchen with breakfast bar, garden tub in master bath. Large family room with plenty of room for all downstairs with walk out access to yard. Single car garage. Gentle outdoor area right next to Mill Creek.

MLS# 91432 | Offered for \$549,000



BUCKBERRY FALLS Just 3 miles from downtown Highlands, this home is not to be missed! Featuring 3BR/3BA, this cottage offers a year round view of Shortoff Mtn from the generous living spaces and partially covered deck. It features a recently renovated kitchen, wood-burning fireplace, generator, two living rooms, hardwood floors, encapsulation, a new roof (2018) and attractive, low maintenance landscaping with garden. The master suite features "his and hers" bathrooms.

MLS# 91527 | Offered for \$499,500

CHESTNUT COVE Fully furnished and ready to enjoy, this 3BR/3BA condo at Highlands Falls CC has easy access with only one step into the main level and plenty of parking right in front. The side deck has been enclosed and made into a dining room surrounded by glass on three sides. The great room has cathedral ceilings with a high transom window and a wood-burning fireplace. The master is large and has an office alcove. Club amenities available with membership.

MLS# 92243 | Offered for \$499,000



HIGHLANDS IN-TOWN Well maintained mountain home close to town, 3BR and 2 BA on main level with upper level loft. Huge downstairs with the additional guest area, a full bathroom, and 2 family rooms. There is a large open deck off main level with a lower level covered deck. Great landscaping as well as wonderful back yard with rope swing. Only a couple minute walk to community Apple Lake for canoeing and fishing where the home has deeded access.

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• BUSINESS / ORG. NEWS •

HS Interact Club attends Rotary of Highlands



The Rotary Club of Highlands has sponsored the Interact Club at Highlands School for many years. Several current members of this year's Interact Club attended the Rotary Club of Highlands meeting on Tuesday, December 10. They are shown with Interact advisor Christine Murphy, Sherry Holt, President of the Rotary Club of Highlands

Rotary gifts teachers at Highlands School

On December 11, the Rotary Club of Highlands presented \$100 to each teacher at Highlands School. The money can be used for classroom materials not furnished by the school or for any purpose that helps the teachers enrich the education of their students. Pictured are Rotary members Keith Crawford, Chris Wilkes and Hank Ross are teachers Brian Aulisio, Stephanie Smathers and Maci LeQuire.



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•BIZ/ORG. NEWS•



Bolivian foster youth graduate from high school top of their class

Two foster home young men graduated from their six-year high school this past week. Alfredo Aguilar and Juan Carlos, who graduated top in his class, similar to our valedictorian, carried his schools banner in the graduation procession. Quite an honor in Bolivia.

These two young men have spent most of their youth in the Foster Home John Baumrucker, a project of the Highlands Bolivian Mission. Both are university bound, the cost of which will be born by the mission and the funds have been earned by the boys by making pens that were sold here at the Farmers Market and

at the Bascom.

There graduation culminates years of hard work made available by being in the foster home as opposed to living on the streets of Montero where they were abandoned. They have an opportunity to become successful members of society and able to earn a good living and raise a family of quality. Much of this success is due to the board of directors of the mission in both Highlands and in Bolivia. The chairwoman of the mission in Montero, Luz Marina Landivar, has been the most important person in this success. She has worked tirelessly to encourage the boys to excellence.



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lives on with legend sign at site of battle at 4th and Main streets.

- Hospice House announces it hits 80% of it's fundraising goal.

- Highlands community supports elementary school hit by Hurricane Michael

- Body Cams become part of Highlands Dept. arsenal.

- Vaping is officially "out" at Macon County Schools.

- Travis Brooks is named Fireman of the Year at annual award ceremony at OEP's Spring House,

- North Campus Project at Highlands Bio Station gets town approval.

- Rep. Corbin begins second term in Raleigh.

- Town Board gives final word on more trees on Main.

- Town tables adding trees to Main Street.

- Plateau witnesses Super Blood Wolf Moon.

- Literacy Council gets \$50K for iPads for Highlands students.

- AG Stein says OK to Mission sale to HCA with stipulations.

- Highlands Community Building gets upgrades,

- HCLT' officially protects 100 properties.

- Highlands Middle and High School cheerleading teams take first at Asheville,

February

- WNC schools seek local control over calendar

- Town hires code enforcement/police officer

- Southside Project finalized by USFS

- Phase 1 of construction at PAC center begins.

- Highlander arrested for arson at Shell station.

- Highlanders Thomas Tudor Chamber and Sonja Keener Gibson die.

- Bearwise initiative gets traction. Town talks trash receptacles.

- AHEC committee works to get "tool" and upgrades at Highlands School.

- Highlands Boys JV & Varsity win the Little Smoky Mountain Conference.

- USFS says Southside Project is finalized

March

- HS Kindergarten through 4th gets iPads.

- American Legion turns 100

- Pilot found dead in plane wreckage near Whiteside Mountain.

- Greenway extension due to lack of sidewalk and pedestrian safety.

April

- MAMA landing pad is back a H-C Hospital

H-2B visa changes cause labor shortage in Highlands.

- Town Retreat discusses wishes and needs,

- Town Board gives Highlands PD authority to pick up nuisance dogs,

- Highlands Aerial Park ad Ugly Dog Pub noted during BizWeek

- Wild Easter weather doesn't dampen spirits,

May

- Highlands School Golf Team takes first place in Smoky Mountain Conference.

- Highlanders nabbed in Operation JAWbreaker in 2018 are heading to trial,

- VA Hospital nurse Rawlins awarded \$25,000 for VR therapy research,

- AHEC secures funding for HS 5th Grade iPads,

- First Citizens Bank and Entegra announce merger,

- Hannah Holt and Drew Chalker are named King and Queen at Junior/Senior Prom.

- County proposes 1.59 cent tax hike for 2019-20.

- Newly formed HC Health Foundation accepts grant requests.

- Brian O'Shea is named Highlands School 'Fan of the Year'

- Town hires Assistant Planning Director Michael Mathis

- Highlands School Class of 2019 graduates.

- Community turns out for Memorial Day tribute in front of Police Station.

June

- Bank Robber from SC found in Highlands.

- Speed limits set to decrease in town.

- Fire taxes set to increase to fund upgrades,

- Blue Zones discussed for WNC and Highlands.

- County agrees to raise taxes to fund school needs.

- Legend Marker for Moccasin war is planted.

- County and towns get AirBnB room tax proceeds of \$178,000.

- Woodruff donates property to Fire Department's new campus.

- A green link between Highlands and Cashiers being discussed.

- Highlands decreases property taxes due to high reval,

- "Buddy Holly kicks off season at Highlands Playhouse.

July

- Capital campaign kicks off at Episcopal Church of the Incarnation,

- Nantahala District Ranger Mike Wilkins retires after 29 years.

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- Hospital CEO Jackie Medland steps down.
- JAWbreaker drug ring trials are ongoing.
- Town stops trash collection at Rec Park.
- HCA Healthcare gets approval for new Angel Medical Center in Franklin.
- Highlands School Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year names, Math teacher Gia Billingsley and Administrative assistant/bookkeeper Annette Jenkins.
- AHEC funds Smart Boards for HS Middle School,
- Citizens discuss lack of area health-care,

August

- Fire temporarily shuts down Playhouse.
- Chamber proposes "lighting up" downtown.
- McHan named Chamber of Commerce Executive director of Tourism and Marketing,
- Room Tax proceeds are at all-time high in Highlands,
- Lighting up Main Street is put on hold.
- HC Health Foundation awards \$1 million+
- 5k-10k raises \$20,000 for Highlands School
- Free breakfast to continue at Highlands School,
- County gives Performing Art Center \$60,000
- New teachers announced at Highlands School - Sherrie Kings, Stephanie McConnell, Caleb Brown and Stephanie Cook.
- 19-wheeler are officially in NC DOT crosshairs
- Thief jailed for 70 months for Gold n' Clipper robbery in 2015.

Highlands School starts for 2019-'20 year.

September

- Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices Meadows Mountain Realty donates money to teachers at Highlands School and Summit Charter
- Historical sign to be set at Prince House
- Lawmakers begin tackling VRBO/AirBnB issues
- Local lawmakers fighting opioid crisis
- Maps to be redrawn for state 2020 elections
- Highlands MS girls take first at cross-country meet,
- Senator Davis not seeking reelection

in 2020. Rep, Corbin announces bid for Senate seat,

- County funds fast-track broadband for Highlands, Scaly and Otto
- Highlands Hurricanes finish strong at 2019 Junior Olympics
- Short-term rentals in Highlands sights
- Highlands School again exceeds expectation

October

- Seven Town Board candidates lineup for 2019 election. Dotson, Hehn, McCall, Pierson, Rogers, Ross and Stiehler
- JAWbreaker accomplices still racking up charges,
- Summit Charter School student expelled for alleged threat against school
- Paoletti charity for Hospice House raises \$60,000.
- Purchase of adjacent property means Zachary Park to expand.

First ever undefeated MS Volleyball wins conference.

- Highlander Ran Shaffner named 2019 Historian of the Year.
- Bob Jones invitational proceeds to outfit EMS ambulances.
- HFP officer Tim Fish retires after 30 years,
- Scholarship Golf Tournaments brings in \$19,000. First-place winners are Vance Wood, Gary Drake, Steve Snead-Smith and Ed Locke.
- Upgrades continue at HBS's Nature Center
- Halloween is moved to Friday, Nov. 1 due to weather.

November

- Dotson, Hehn and Stieher win three open seats on Town Board.
- Plans for PAC grounds on campus revealed.
- Providers now required for Medicaid recipients.
- The Highlands Food and Wine festival kicks off by honoring the late Chef Louis Osteen with a scholarship in his name.
- Highlands U8 Soccer Team is Macon County champs
- Candidates Dotson, Hehn and Stiehler officially win Highlands election.
- Pearle Lambert turns 100!
- Land Use Committee suggests requiring registration of short-term rentals ahead of state legislation.
- Highlands Town Board gets first look at new plans for the HF&R department.
- DHHS suspends Medicaid Managed Care Program.
- Annual Town Lighting kicks off the

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• BIZ/ORG. NEWS •



Santa visits the Eckerd Living Center

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Eckerd Living Center residents, staff and family members had an early Christmas party, complete with a visit from Santa.

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• 7540886741 25 LOCUST LN VILLAS SITE #11 CADILLAC SQUARE HIGHLANDS FALLS COUNTRY CLUB "MYERS, SAMFORD T." 9/5/2019 300000.00

• 7540892636 138 SASSAFRAS CT LOT 18 BLK H SEC 1 HFCC "A.I.K. PARTNERS, LLC" 11/7/2019 500000.00

• 7540897942 910 SKY LAKE DR HFCC "WILLIS, REBECCA H. TTEE" 9/25/2019 600000.00

• 7540933243 37 BONNEVISTA RD LOTS 27/28 BL A SEC 11 HFCC "DEVAULT, SUE SHEPPARD TRUSTEE" 9/4/2019 1275000.00

• 7540933484 40 BONNEVISTA RD LOT 25 BL A SEC 2 HFCC "SMITH, DIXIE LEE CO-TTEE" 9/3/2019 0.00

• 7540947724 35 LAUREL-

WOOD CT UNIT 15 LAURELWOOD "PEARSON, PATRICIA P." 3/28/2019 0.00

• 7540957871 73 WINTERBERRY CT UNIT 8 WINTERBERRY COURT "LOCKARD, THURMAN GENE TTEE" 3/5/2019 0.00

• 7540959149 205 CHESTNUT CV UNIT 4C CHESTNUT COVE "LOUTHAN, NOR-EEN LIFE ESTATE" 9/5/2019 225000.00

• 7540959344 147 CHESTNUT CV UNIT 3D CHESTNUT COVE "OWEN, ROBERT S." 5/17/2019 205000.00

• 7540973345 189 SPRUCE LN LOT 14 BLK K HLDLS FALLS "SILVERTRON ASSOCIATES, LLP" 11/21/2019 525000.00

• 7541003494 170 PINE CIR LOT 10 LAUREL FALLS AT SKYLINE "TRETIAKOFF, INC." 3/5/2019 240000.00

• 7541004104 311 HEMLOCK DR LOT 18 SEC 2 SKYLINE LODGE "GARVIN, COS-

MO QUINN" 4/25/2019 0.00

• 7541005047 HEMLOCK DR "LOTS 14,16,17 SECTION 2 SKYLINE LODGE" "GARVIN, COSMO QUINN" 4/25/2019 0.00

• 7541008809 141 MEL KEENER RD OFF 1544 FLAT MT "KIRKLAND, CURTIS G. TTEE" 8/5/2019 0.00

• 7541015265 53 FORREST LN LOT 2 THE PINES SUB "BURLESON, GREGORY JERONE" 2/22/2019 350000.00

• 7541018630 1411 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD FLAT MTN RD "SHERIDAN, PHILIP" 8/19/2019 120000.00

• 7541029118 1359 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD ON RD 1544 "CHAMBERS, WALTER SPENCER" 3/29/2019 0.00

• 7541040188 2199 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD SAWMILL PLAT CARD 7162 "CHAMBERS, VICKIE H." 4/24/2019 0.00

• 7541116015 1264 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD LOTS 3 & 4 FLANC INVESTMENT INC SUBD "WILLOUGHBY, KATHERINE SUE" 9/13/2019 0.00

• 7541125081 170 MYRTLE SPEED RD RD 1544 FLAT MTN "DUNAWAY, JAMES B. JR." 11/22/2019 0.00

• 7541127214 MYRTLE SPEED RD OFF RD 1544 "DUNAWAY, JAMES B. JR." 11/22/2019 0.00

• 7541220536 274 MYRTLE SPEED RD OFF 1544 "J ROSSE BUILDING, LLC" 4/5/2019 954500.00

• 7541413124 FLAT MOUNTAIN RD "LT 10, 11, 12 PRIMEVAL EST" "HOUSTON, CLARENCE H. JR TR" 2/14/2019 0.00

• 7541472388 188 HIGH PASTURE RD BUCK CREEK RD "WATKINS, THOMAS S. TTEE" 4/9/2019 0.00

• 7541528416 LYMAN ZACHARY RD OFF RD 1538 MACON COUNTY 10/25/2019 72000.00

• 7541533149 194 CHENEY LN SHORTOFF "DALTON, JAMES CRAIG" 4/8/2019 0.00

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

Ongoing

• Movies at the Playhouse Fri & Sat 1, 4, 7; Sun. 1 & 4; Tues-Thurs 1, 4, 7.
• Ice Skating at K-H Founders Park – Thurs. 1-8p; Fri. & Sat 1-10p; Sund. 1-5p. Closed Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

The Bascom is open Friday - Monday 10am-5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm). Visitors are welcome to enjoy the newly updated Story Walk Trail throughout the week.

• At the Highlands Recreation Dept. pool. Public Swim Monday-Thursday 11a-7p Friday and Saturday 11a-6p and Sunday 1-6p.

• Fibber Magee's Clothing Thrift Store on Laurel Street is open Tues.-Friday 10a to 4p and on Saturday from 10a to 2p.

First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Mtg at 7p.

Mondays

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30pm.

Mon.-Wed.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt 5:30-6:30.

Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more info, call Kristy Lewis at 526-3376.

Mon. & Fri.

• Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:15-10:15 a.m.. All levels welcome.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Mon-

day, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a. **Mon., Wed., Thurs.**

• Pickle Ball at the Recreation Department Gym 10:30am -1pm

Tuesdays

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

• The Highlands Writers Group meets Tuesday, at 3pm in the downstairs boardroom at The Bascom. Writers at all levels of proficiency are welcome. For additional information, contact Bud Katz, 828-526-3190 or budandlynn@me.com.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets from 10:30-11:30 am in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry club meets to discuss topics related to raising backyard chickens. For more information please call 828-349-2046 or 828-369-3916.

• Highlands Area Indivisible Group meets at 5 pm in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

Tuesday and Thursdays

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit with Tori Schmitt at 7:30am.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.

Wednesdays

• At Community Bible Church, 5-5:30p - Dinner – Free (Donations Appreciated) 5:45-7p - G.R.O.W. Get Real on Wednesdays – Classes offered on money management, addiction, discovering your spiritual gifts and personality type, studying

the bible, evangelism, parenting, marriage, grief, and more. All are welcome! Visit www.cbchighlands.com.

• Power Flow Yoga with Nalicia Allio a certified Yoga Instructor 12-1pm and 6:30-7:30pm.

First Wednesdays

• Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays

• Recently released movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

Wed. & Fri.

• Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Highlands @ the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107, Cashiers. For meeting times in Cashiers go to website www.aawnc80.org or call (828) 349-4357.

• Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.

Thursdays

• At the Nature Center. Free. Exploration Hike 2:30pm. Visit forests, streams, and other spots across our campus, experiencing unique habitats and honing your observation skills.

• Storytime at Hudson Library, 10:40 am. Open to the public

• NAMI Support Group for individuals

dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15pm at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin Call Donita (828) 526-9510.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 6:30-7:30 at the Rec Park.

2nd Thursdays

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

3rd Thursdays

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: from 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474.

• Highlands Town Board meeting at 7p in the Community Building on US 64 east and Poplar Street.

4th Thursday

• At the Hudson Library, Kids Zone LEGO Club. Intended primarily for kids in grades 1-5, LEGO Club allows creativity and STEM skills to develop together as kids enjoy making LEGO creations.

Fri., Jan 10

• Explore the winter forest under the light of a full Wolf Moon on Friday, from 6-8 p.m. The first full moon of the year is named after howling wolves, and we are opening the Botanical Garden to allow the public to explore the grounds under its light. Bundle up and bring your flashlight to wander through the garden on this one night only. After your stroll, join us for hot drinks and warm up by our fire in the Meadow by the Valentine House (888 Horse Cove Rd). All are welcome to participate in this free event. In the event of rain or severe weather, the event will be canceled. The Highlands Botanical Garden is part of the Highlands Biological Station, a multi-campus center of Western Carolina University. For more info call (828) 526-2623.

Fri., Jan. 24

• The African Children's Choir returns to CBC at 6:30 p.m. For the program, "Just as I am." Free but donations accepted.

Sat., Jan. 25

• Fireside chat and book signing with Bitter Southerners and Chefs at Art's at the Lodge, noon to 2 p.m. Open to the public.

Sat., Jan 25

• Chefts in the House at Half-Mile Farm. Chef Joe Kindred of Kindred and Steven Satterfield of Miller Union. Reserve Dinner Seats by calling 828-787-2635 or 828-787-2816.

The African Children's Choir returns to CBC on January 24



The African Children's Choir will perform Friday at the Community Bible Church at 6:30 p.m. highlighting their new program "Just As I Am." The children melts the hearts of audiences with their charming smiles, beautiful voices and lively African songs and dances. The program features well-loved children's songs, traditional Spirituals and Gospel favorites. Concerts are free and open to all. A free-will offering is taken at the performance to support African Children's Choir programs, such as education, care and relief and development programs. No tickets. Donations appreciated.

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• 7541567206 NALL FARM RD LOT 3 MISTY COVE "CHAPMAN, GEORGE HAROLD" 9/24/2019 75000.00

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• 7541655999 NORTON RIDGE RD NORTON RIDGE RD "MCCLAIN, ZACHERY JORDAN" 10/29/2019 0.00

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• 7541840040 74 HICKORY DR LOT 18 HIGHLANDS SPRINGS & FALLS "PENNY'S ZEN RETREAT, LLC" 2/28/2019 0.00

• 7541842019 CHESTNUT LN LOT 10 HIGHLANDS SPRINGS & FALLS "SISTIK, DALE ALLISON TRUSTEE" 3/25/2019 40000.00

• 7541844164 160 CHESTNUT LN LOT 6 SEC 2 HIGHLANDS SPRINGS & FALLS "SISTIK, DALE ALLISON TRUSTEE" 3/25/2019 0.00

• 7541856645 29 STABLE LN LOT 18 COLD SPRINGS DEV "O'CONNELL, TERRY" 11/22/2019 695000.00

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• 7541950903 PHEASANT RUN ADJ. LOT 94 COLD SPRINGS "BREGMAN, PEGGY A." 4/23/2019 500.00

• 7541951758 42 PHEASANT RUN LOT 94 COLD SPRINGS "BREGMAN, PEGGY A." 4/23/2019 500.00

• 7541954359 148 PHEASANT RUN LOT 58 COLD SPRINGS "ALLEN, TEIL A. TRUSTEE" 1/16/2019 0.00

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• 7541962060 54 DEER RUN LOT 66 COLD SPRINGS "WEST, JERRY C."

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• REFLECTIONS FROM LORD BANJO •

The Dogs who came before me

I find it hard to imagine, but the Royal Parents had dogs in their lives before me. I knew about Tinker the Wonder Dog because she was still here when I arrived, but all these other dogs were news to me.

Mum is a grand storyteller and she started by regaling me with tales of her childhood dogs. When she was a little girl living in an apartment house in New York City, the only dog she had for a friend was her neighbor's cocker spaniel. Mum came home from kindergarten, stayed with the white-haired neighbor, ate her afterschool snack, and played with the pup until her mom got home from work.

"Why didn't you ask for your own dog, Mum?" I ruffed.

"I didn't need one; I had an imaginary cocker spaniel named Annabel," she replied. I couldn't help rolling my eyes at that. In Mum's mind, she played with Annabel and brushed her and snuggled

with her. The story everyone remembers is Mum admonishing her uncle not to sit in a chair because Annabel was sleeping in it. Mum says Annabel looked like Lady from "Lady and the Tramp," one of her favorite Disney movies.

Now, I can't see how an imaginary dog can be as good as the real thing, but I bet having a dog as an imaginary friend is what makes Mum so good at understanding me. When I get writer's block, she's amazingly adept at helping me figure out what I want to say. Mum really gets me.

She didn't have a real dog until her family moved from the city to Long Island. There, they had a big house and a fenced backyard, perfect for a dog. That first dog was named Pudgy. Mum and her sister picked that name because as a pup-



The Royal Pooch
Lord Banjo

py, the boy was, well, pudgy. He lost his baby fat but didn't grow very big. Mum remembers him as muscular little thing who was quite talented at digging holes beneath the redwood fence to visit the Doberman Pinscher in the yard behind theirs. She thinks Franz, the Doberman, helped with the digging.

After refilling the hole too many times, the families gave up and let the "kids" visit each other whenever they wanted. Mum says the two looked like Mutt and Jeff, whoever they are, as they ran and frolicked, dug up bushes and grass and ensured that nothing much grew in either backyard. All that digging may have been the reason Pudgy went to live with an aunt when Mum's family moved South.

For a while, Mum and her sisters had

cats until their dad came home one day with Bonnie Blue. "We had no business with an 80 pound blue-eyed Weimaraner in our small house," Mum recalls, "and Bonnie Blue ended up going to a farm after she tore the stuffing out of Daddy's recliner. That was the last straw."

Later, Mum's parents had Odette the poodle and then another cute munchkin dog named Noelle. When Mum left home, she only had cats until she married my Dad. From then on, they had a blended family of four-legged children. And, nowadays, they're lucky enough to have me and Puddin' as their boon companions. What more could the Royal Parents ask for?

• Lord Banjo lives in Georgia with his Mum, Kathy Manos Penn. Find similar stories in his book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," available at Mountain Paws in Highlands, Books Unlimited in Franklin, and on Amazon. Contact him at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Highlands Chamber of Commerce student art contest winners

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce sponsors a student art contest each Christmas season. This year there were 92 entries from Highlands School and Summit Charter School (Grades 1 – 12). Three winners were selected by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Committee from the 1st – 5th Grade; 1st – 12th Grade and 6th – 12th Grade

The winning artwork was used for the Christmas Calendar Poster, the Christmas Sweatshirt, and the Songbook Program for Tree Lighting Ceremony. This year's winners were for the Poster, Skylar Felshaw, 2nd Grade; for the Sweatshirt, Sayla Roman, 12th Grade and for the Songbook, Emily Briggs, 9th Grade.

The three winners received \$100 from the Chamber. All contest participants received a certificate for a free ice cream cone at Kilwin's. All artwork entries were displayed at the Highlands Recreation Center during the month of December.

Above, Skylar Felshaw, 2nd Grade for the poster; right, Emily Briggs, 9th grade for the songbook artwork.



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•WORD MATTER•

Welcome to the Greta and Al Show

Next month, Greta Thunberg will turn 17. Who, you ask?

Greta Thunberg is, right now, and at once, both the most admired and most vilified environmental activist in the world. Loved and hated. Cheered and disrespected, all at the same time.

The venom being spewed at this child is pathetic. Kill the messenger, in 3-D, living color and surround-sound. Seriously.

In late September, while we were enjoying a spectacular Friday morning, this plain talking Swedish teenager with Asperger's Syndrome squared off with world leaders in New York and told them all to stop bloviating and do something about saving the planet all 7+ billion of us have no choice but to occupy.

This tiny citizen of typically soft-spoken, highly educated Sweden, educated herself on the science associated with global climate change and came to the elegant conclusion that we, the Earth's adults, have condemned her generation and those which will follow to a planet less livable, with fewer plant and animal species, featuring warmer summers and colder winters, warmer, ever-rising oceans, dirtier air and drinking water, skyrocketing prices for groceries, dairy products, beef, pork, fish, and Frito's; not exactly a wonderful place.

At one time there was disagreement about how bad climate change was, and would become, and about what role human beings had in screwing things up for our children, grandchildren, etc., etc.

There is no longer much disagreement; climate change is here. It's going to be here, and it will impact more and more of us more profoundly as the decades fly by. The evidence is quite alarming. We currently reside in a post-truth, post-fact world, but here are just a few FACTS:

Fact: Our oceans are rising. Fact: Our oceans are warming. Fact: Our polar glaciers are melting. Fact: Our planet's forests are burning, including that big one in South America, the Amazon, that serves as the planet's lungs. Fact: Our coastal cities, where most earthlings live, are going to harvest the wind and water generated by flooding from those rising oceans, along with bigger and more frequent storms fueled by those warmer waters.

Greta Thunberg is doing what our unenlightened leaders should have been



Bud Katz

doing for the past 40 years, when climate scientists began warning us about this phenomenon they first called global warming. They were right, of course, but people poo-pooed the notion whenever they experienced a cold day. Every time it snowed, some genius somewhere uttered words to the effect of, "Well, so much for global warming." These folks mistook weather for climate and

confused their microscopic corner of the world with the WHOLE world.

For the record, the difference between weather and climate is time. Weather is conditions of the atmosphere over a short period of time. Climate is how the atmosphere behaves over relatively longer periods of time.

Our world has actually been warming since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, when the first of what has ballooned to, today, over 10,000,000 factories began belching God-knows-what into our planet's our air supply.

Today, 7 billion souls drive 1.2 billion motor vehicles, operate 570 million farms, with 1.5 billion head of cattle, and 1.2 billion head of sheep. They pump who knows how much carbon, methane gas, pesticide and herbicide into our diminishing drinking water supply and the once clean air we must breathe.

We can't stop it all at once. Sixteen-year-old Greta Thunberg knows this. Al Gore knew it when he released his both admired and reviled An Inconvenient Truth presentation in 2006. It was admired because it was both alarming and true. It was reviled because it was real, but unwelcome news for the environmental plunderers here, as well as the other western democracies, along with Russia, China, Brazil, India, and all the other polluting countries wrestling with how to feed 7 billion souls, and fill tanks in 1.2 billion cars and trucks.

If you're indignant at these words, join the club. None of us like being inconvenienced by the truth about what we're doing. Please don't kill this messenger.

We can't reverse all the effects of all the damage we've already done, but we can slow things down and possibly leave our children and grandkids with a better planet on which to live.

One thing we should do is start listening to little Greta Thunberg, Al Gore, and the other voices asking us, pleading with us, once and for all, to clean up both our act and our precious planet.

•BIZ/ORG NEWS•

Landmark Realty Group welcomes six new brokers

2019 has been another great year for Landmark Realty Group and the firm is ending the year with a major announcement; six additional brokers are joining the luxury real estate group on December 13.

"Landmark is solidifying its already strong team of over 30 brokers across the Plateau with the addition of Debby and Dick Hattler, David E. Jones, Barbara Fisher, Leckie Rives and TK Heatley," said Carol Wilson, General Manager of Landmark Realty Group.

All six brokers are currently active in Cashiers. Each of them will represent clients all over the Plateau, and several are very familiar faces in the surrounding communities.

"I am delighted to welcome these brokers to the Landmark family," added Wilson.

Landmark Realty Group is a boutique real estate firm that opened its doors in January 2004 right here in Cashiers— 15 years ago. Since then, Landmark has grown to three offices in Jackson, Macon and Transylvania counties, and expanded its reach to include vacation rentals in 2012.

Debby Hattler

Through their joint company, Debby and her husband Richard successfully developed a business that marketed and sold U.S. real estate to foreign investors. Debby and her husband started coming to the Highlands/Cashiers area in 1969, and in 1989 they decided to build their home in Cashiers. In 2004 the family moved permanently to the area where Debby assumed the responsibility for managing the rental program for Mountain Lake Rentals. In 2007, Debby bought the company and also started a new firm, Hattler Properties, LLC. Debby continues to be active in the community, serving as past president of Highlands/Cashiers Board of Realtors and the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce. She is also a founding board member of the Jackson County Tourist Development Authority where she served as Treasurer. Debby will be joining Landmark's Cashier's office.

Dick Hattler

Dick Hattler was born and raised in the Republic of Panama and is fluent in Spanish. In the 1990s Dick went back to his real estate career roots with a real estate investment firm with offices in Miami and Geneva, Switzerland, selling investment real estate with a specialization in credit triple net leased in-

vestments throughout the U.S.

Dick and Debby decided to make the move to the Highlands/Cashiers area where they had been spending their summers for years. Dick's parents were founding members of Wildcat Cliffs Country Club, so they felt they had roots here. Eager to stay involved in real estate, Dick and Debby have been leaders in the local real estate community and are excited to join Landmark's Cashiers office.

David E. Jones

David is a native of Waycross, GA. He came to North Carolina to manage the High Hampton Inn in 2006, and starting in 2012 he was general manager for four seasons at Trillium Links and Lake Club. In 2008, David was president of the Southern Innkeepers Association. David is married to Nora McChesney of Atlanta and between them, they have 6 children and 13 grandchildren. In his free time, David assists with the Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic as a Tooth Fairy (you may recognize him from the Highlands 2019 Christmas parade). He is also active with the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. David will be joining Landmark's Cashiers office.

Barbara R. Fisher

Barbara is a native of Transylvania County and a lifetime resident of Lake Toxaway. In 2003, as a cancer survivor, Barbara decided it was time to pursue her dream of becoming a broker, which has given her the opportunity to work at some of the longest-standing firms in the area alongside top producing agents. As a lifetime resident, Barbara has made many connections in her hometown which has led to great friendships and working relationships. Barbara lives with her husband Donny on the Fisher Family Farm. They have three children, and 10 grandchildren (3 of which are identical triplets). When she's not working, she enjoys spending time with her family, and attending bluegrass music festivals with her husband, who plays in a bluegrass band. She also loves antiquing, crafting, and gardening. Barbara will be working out of Landmark's Burlingame office.

Leckie Rives

Leckie Rives joined the Landmark Burlingame office and brings with him

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• 7550040049 146 LAURELWOOD DR LOT 23 LAURELWOOD "GRINBERG, MARC A. TTEE" 8/7/2019 435000.00	• 7550263732 196 KELSEY CT LOT 200 CULLASAJA CLUB "CREWS, ELMER M. JR., 9/10/2019 550000.00	• 7550691477 572 GARNET ROCK TRL LOT 121 CULLASAJA CLUB "CONNER, CHRISTOPHER NEAL" 5/13/2019 550000.00	• 7551410417 285 COTTAGE LN LOT 314 CULLASAJA CLUB "STETSON, DAVID J." 10/1/2019 1550000.00
• 7550041979 243 CHESTNUT COVE CHESTNUT COVE 8B "PORTERFIELD, AARNOLD EUGENE" 5/7/2019 249000.00	• 7550264503 195 KELSEY CT LOT 207 CULLASAJA CLUB "DENNIS, JAMES G." 11/21/2019 720000.00	• 7550795795 26 TILLMAN TR LOT 21 BLK I WILDCAT RIDGE "BIG JOE AND ANN, LLC" 9/4/2019 500.00	• 7551418678 25 RAVENEL PT LOT 312 CULLASAJA CLUB "CLOWDUS, PHILLIP WILSON TRUSTEE" 1/7/2019 0.00
• 7550050035 223 CHESTNUT CV CHESTNUT COVE 6B "BLEICH, DANIEL W." 5/28/2019 217000.00	• 7550271225 118 RIVER VIEW CT LOT 220 CULLASAJA CLUB "COOPER, THOMAS H." 8/19/2019 0.00	• 7550894832 1479 WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN RD LOT 36 WILDCAT RIDGE "ALMERICO, PETER JR" 11/15/2019 0.00	• 7551441958 76 WILD PINE WAY LOT 6A WILDWOOD FOREST "THOMPSON, DERRICK WAYNE" 2/5/2019 575000.00
• 7550050112 213 CHESTNUT CV UNIT 5B CHESTNUT COVE "CAMPBELL, GERALD J." 5/9/2019 217000.00	• 7550272344 150 RIVERVIEW CT LT 221 REVISED CULLASAJA CLUB "PHILLIPS, GRAHAM H. TR" 11/21/2019 875000.00	• 7550992811 1350 WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN RD PT OF LOT 11 WILDCAT RIDGE "1350 WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN, LLC" 10/3/2019 0.00	• 7551445213 SHORTOFF LN LOT SPLIT OUT BY SUBDIVISION SHORTOFF BLUFF SUBDIVISION ASSC. 6/19/2019 3500.00
• 7550050514 105 CHESTNUT COVE UNIT 1C CHESTNUT COVE "OSBORN, JULIE A." 6/10/2019 205000.00	• 7550273056 20 KELSEY CT LOT 198 CULLASAJA CLUB "HARRIS, JOSEPH R. TTEE" 8/9/2019 1500000.00	• 7551053665 306 DEER RUN LOT 87 COLD SPRINGS "GRIZZLE, STEVEN L." 3/14/2019 495000.00	• 7551451179 31 WEST FOREST WAY LOT 3C WILDWOOD FOREST "CLINTON, TOM" 3/18/2019 525000.00
• 7550051179 261 CHESTNUT CV UNIT 10A CHESTNUT COVE "HERN, LAWRENCE R." 6/7/2019 350000.00	• 7550470361 30 FAIRWAY COTTAGE LN LOT 333 FAIRWAY COTTAGES "HOOD, DAVID A." 11/18/2019 585000.00	• 7551058659 389 DEER RUN LOT 91 COLD SPRINGS OFF 1540 SHORTOFF RD "GOTTFRIED, RACHEL" 4/5/2019 860000.00	• 7551500814 CULLASAJA CLUB DR LOT 23 CULLASAJA CLUB "GRIFIN, RONALD B." 4/23/2019 150000.00
• 7550066058 94 FALLS CT LOT 8	• 7550470404 40 FAIRWAY COTTAGE LN LOT 335 FAIRWAY COTTAG-	• 7551208993 45 CRESCENT CT LOT 264 CULLASAJA CLUB "WOLF, DALE B. TTEE" 8/2/2019 2088000.00	• 7551501921 470 CULLASAJA CLUB DR LOT 22 CULLASAJA CLUB "DAY, JOHN SHUEY TTEE" 7/3/2019 0.00



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• 7551209768 CRESCENT TRL LOT 254 CULLASAJA CLUB "WOLF, DALE B. TTEE" 8/2/2019 2088000.00	• 7551503450 260 GARNET ROCK TRL LOT 75 CULLASAJA CLUB "SQUILLANTE, MARK" 11/8/2019 660000.00
• 7551215090 960 CRESCENT TRL LOT 262 CULLASAJA CLUB "CLEVELAND, JAMES R. JR., 10/14/2019 0.00	• 7551504533 290 GARNET ROCK TRL LOT 76 CULLASAJA CLUB PC 2973 "SHEEHAN, JAMES P. TTEE" 9/12/2019 875000.00
• 7551216874 110 HEMLOCK WAY LOT 279 CULLASAJA CLUB "COMMANDER, JONATHAN C." 8/20/2019 520000.00	• 7551521688 132 & 128 RAVENEL LAKE TRL LOT 3 RAVENEL LAKE PROPERTIES "WOMACK, LYDIA B." 11/25/2019 1415000.00
• 7551302767 451 CRESCENT TRL LOT 286 CULLASAJA CLUB "LEA, RICHARD" 4/15/2019 0.00	• 7551531159 35 RAVENEL LAKE TRL LOT 6 RAVENEL LAKE PROPERTIES "SCHWENDIMAN, RYAN" 8/30/2019 505000.00
• 7551307598 219 CRESCENT TRL LOT 290 CULLASAJA CLUB "GOTTW-	• 7551538153 STREAM SIDE LN LT

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4 REVISED LAKE OSSEROGA OSSE-
ROGA HIGHLANDS COMPANY INC
2/12/2019 0.00

- 7551539149 LAKE OSEROGA
LOT 3 REVISED PC 10167 THE LESLIE
BEARD DYKE REV TR 2/12/2019 0.00

- 7551545288 WILDWOOD DR
LOT 34 WILDWOOD MTN "TRETIA-
KOV, NATALIA" 10/4/2019 33000.00

- 7551545567 578 WILDWOOD
DR LOT 35 WILDWOOD MTN
"DNB INVESTMENTS, LLC" 5/17/2019
295000.00

- 7551607831 462 BIRCHWOOD
DR UNIT 12C BIRCHES WCC CON-
DO PC 7491 "JOINER, DONNIE GALE"
10/28/2019 653500.00

- 7551610083 88 CATAMOUNT
TRL LOT 81 CULLASAJA CLUB "CAR-
EY, TIM" 8/29/2019 500000.00

- 7551611600 LAKE CT LOT 13A
CULLASAJA CLUB "RHODES, WILLIE
RANDY" 6/14/2019 220000.00

- 7551626794 66 HEMLOCK LN
LOT 28 SEC BWCCC "RHODES, RICH-
ARD S." 10/24/2019 230000.00

- 7551630215 23 STREAMSIDE
LN LOT 2 REVISED LAKE OSSEROGA
"LEVINE, DAVID" 6/21/2019 885000.00

- 7551635016 211 COUNTRY
CLUB DR LOT 68 SEC E WILDCAT
CLIFFS "QUIRK, ELIZABETH WIGHT"
10/17/2019 405000.00

- 7551636428 128 COUNTRY
CLUB DR LOT Q SEC A WILDCAT
CLIFFS PC 8405 "SCR PROPERTIES 2,
LLC" 6/21/2019 48000.00

- 7551644494 5162 CASHIERS RD
LOTS 56 & 57 WILDWOOD "ALVAREZ,
EDUARDO TTEE" 10/1/2019 0.00

- 7551664493 851 COWEE
RIDGE RD TRACT 6 COWEE MTN
SUB "PAULK, JOSEPH L." 9/12/2019
848000.00

- 7551701527 83 OAK PT LOT
109 SEC G WILDCAT CLIFFS "NAGEL,
BRENT C." 6/25/2019 0.00

- 7551703983 193 OAK PT LOT
106 SEC G WILDCAT CLIFFS "193 OAK
POINT, LLC" 4/9/2019 0.00

- 7551707044 60 TILLMAN TRAIL
LOT 20 BLK BWILDCAT RIDGE "HEN-
DRY, KAREN TTEE" 3/12/2019 0.00

- 7551710672 408 LAKE VILLAS
WAY LOT 6 LAKE VILLAS CULLASA-
JA CLUB "SHERMAN, MELVYN CO-
TRUSTEE" 2/6/2019 0.00

- 7551713133 214 OAK PT LOT
102 SEC G WILDCAT CLIFFS COUN-
TRY CLUB "PURDUM, ARLENE M.
TTEE" 10/10/2019 0.00

- 7551714240 OAK PT WEST

1/2 OF LOT 103 BLK G WILDCAT
CLIFFS "PURDUM, ARLENE M. TTEE"
10/10/2019 0.00

- 7551718601 398 AZALEA LN
LOT214 REV SEC M WCC PC 10428
"REMBERT, JUDITH C. TR" 9/3/2019 0.00

- 7551724404 494 COUNTRY CLUB
DR LOT 36 SEC C WILDCAT CLIFFS
"JOHNSON, ASHLEY G." 7/9/2019
1230000.00

- 7551729374 602 COUNTRY CLUB
DR LOT 40 SEC C WILDCAT CLIFFS
"LANGFORD, CAROL B." 7/8/2019
350000.00

- 7551730653 104 MOUNTAIN
ASH LN LOT 9 SECA WILDCAT CLIFFS
"FABACHER, ROBERT J." 11/1/2019
377500.00

- 7551734308 170 MOUNTAIN ASH
LN LOT 5 SECA WILDCAT CLIFFS "MC-
GARITY, W. SCOTT" 8/6/2019 604000.00

- 7551760260 67 COWEE RIDGE RD
LOT 3 COWEE MOUNTAIN "O'STEEN,
ARCHIE D." 9/26/2019 475000.00

- 7551804748 2164 MAGNOLIA
DR LOT 121 SEC H WILDCAT CLIFFS
"CATHCART, WILLIAM S. TR" 2/14/2019
660000.00

- 7551805857 2188 MAGNOLIA DR
LOT 122 & SM TRIANGULAR TR SEC H
WCCC "GALLAGHER, DAVID W. TTEE"
7/1/2019 600000.00

- 7551903544 MAGNOLIA DR LOT
10 SEC A WILDCAT RIDGE "COLE,
RICHARD P." 2/14/2019 65000.00

- 7551904213 2389 MAGNOLIA DR
LOT 7 & PT LOT 30 SEC B WILDCAT
RIDGE SUBD "BENTON, DEE ANN C."
4/30/2019 585000.00

- 7551906896 2470 MAGNOLIA DR
LOT 138 WILDCAT CLIFFS COUNTRY
CLUB "AINSWORTH, CHARLES R."
11/12/2019 415000.00

- 7551936413 WHITESIDE MOUN-
TAIN RD WHITESIDE MOUNTAIN
"BRIDGFORTH, MARGARET WICK-
LIFFE FORT TR" 10/28/2019 0.00

- 7551947350 COWEE GAP LN
PORTION OF LOT 3 IN MACON CO
"POLLOCK, PENNY S. TR" 3/19/2019
0.00

- 7551947452 39 BEAR SHADOW
RDG PORTION OF LOT 2 IN MACON
CO PC 8277 "POLLOCK, PENNY S. TR"
3/19/2019 0.00

- 7561001847 MAGNOLIA DR LOT
146 SEC JWILDCAT CLIFFS "DEUSSING,
GEORGE A." 11/22/2019 675000.00

- 7561010074 61 MAPLE LN LOT
144 SEC JWILDCAT CLIFFS "DEUSSING,
GEORGE A." 11/22/2019 675000.00

- 7561011624 31 PINE PT LOT B

WCCC & PORTION LT 5 WCC PC
10121 "MILTON, ROSEMARY S. TR"
3/29/2019 0.00

Flats Township (Scaly Mountain)

- 7408117273 39 CREEKSIDE COVE
N EQUITY TRUST COMPANY CUSTO-
DIAN 11/21/2019 140000.00

- 7408126495 57 CREEKSIDE COVE
N MCDANIEL, LARRY R. TTEE 6/26/2019
0.00

- 7408127507 79 CREEKSIDE COVE
N CK BENNETT FAMILY 6/18/2019
110000.00

- 7408143787 ON HWY 106 POW-
ELL, GEORGE EDMUND JR 8/14/2019
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- 7408159239 ON HWY 106 POW-
ELL, GEORGE EDMUND JR 7/19/2019
180000.00

- 7408222653 HWY 106 OLD MUD
CREEK, LLC 5/17/2019 225000.00

- 7408239808 41 HIGH HOLLY RD
JIMNI, INC. 6/27/2019 0.00

- 7408248479 114 HIGH HOLLY RD

JIMNI, INC. 11/15/2019 365000.00

- 7408396722 194 TATER HILL DR
MALCOLM, JOHN G TR 9/17/2019 0.00

- 7408520885 22 HIGH MEADOW
DR BANNON, GEORGETTEE 5/8/2019
0.00

- 7408531166 OFF HWY 106 BAN-
NON, GEORGETTEE 5/8/2019 0.00

- 7408531573 HIGH MEADOW
DR BELFI, MATT 4/12/2019 68500.00

- 7408534772 HIGH MEADOW
DR ST. JOHN, RICHARD LAWRENCE
8/29/2019 85000.00

- 7408573153 429 HIGHLAND
GAP RD JUDY, NORA 6/7/2019
515000.00

- 7408698005 OFF 106 LAPP, JOHN
11/7/2019 120000.00

- 7408762955 HWY 106 FOWLER,
JOHN W. COTRUSTEE 1/17/2019 0.00

- 7408766916 ON HWY 106 &
1627 FOWLER, JOHN W. COTRUSTEE
1/17/2019 0.00

- 7408770071 8746 DILLARD
RD FOWLER, JOHN W. COTRUSTEE
1/17/2019 0.00

- 7408771097 8716 DILLARD

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RD FOWLER, JOHN W. COTRUSTEE		1/17/2019	0.00				
• 7408780950 HWY 106 LAPP,		JOHN 11/7/2019	120000.00				
• 7408856222 369 RITCHIE RD AN-		DERSON, WYATT 10/8/2019	590000.00				
• 7408868491 OFF SR 1627 HPS		REAL ESTATE, LLC 4/5/2019	0.00				
• 7408930039 OFF 1626 MEREDITH,		CAREY L. JR., 6/19/2019	71000.00				
• 7408933267 58 LOCUST LOG		LN MEREDITH, CAREY L. JR., 6/19/2019	71000.00				
• 7408935098 OFF RD 1626 MERE-		DITH, CAREY L. JR., 6/19/2019	71000.00				
• 7408971219 8382 DILLARD RD		HPS REAL ESTATE, LLC 4/5/2019	0.00				
• 7409237010 78 NATURAL		BRIDGE RD PSITTACUS FAMILY TR	8/12/2019	0.00			
• 7409298205 RD 1622 BUCKS		KNOB HARTMAN, ROGER K. TTEE	4/23/2019	0.00			
• 7409303336 61 TATER HILL DR		WILLIS, ROBERT T. JR., 10/21/2019					
570000.00		• 7409330474 HIGHLAND GAP RD					
HIGHLANDS CASHIERS LAND TRUST		INC 10/16/2019	0.00				
• 7409344708 378 HURRAH RDG		KINSTLER, GAIL 10/22/2019	571000.00				
• 7409354197 382 HURRAH RDG		DAWSON, JOSEPH A. 5/28/2019	518000.00				
• 7409397771 RD 1622 BUCKS		KNOB BALO, DENES E. CO-TTEE	10/10/2019	0.00			
• 7409684851 1942 BUCK KNOB		RD SELK, DANIEL L. CO-TTEE 5/24/2019	0.00				
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7409707030 WARTH, DAVID W.		7/26/2019	54000.00				
7409715838 OFF HWY 106 PEA-		COCK, RANDY B. 1/15/2019	36500.00				
7409750115 326 CHESTNUT		MOUNTAIN RD DEO VINDICE, LLC	11/1/2019	0.00			
• 7409778081 1491 BUCK KNOB							
RD BURTON, AARON P. 4/29/2019		100000.00					
• 7409782293 1745 BUCK KNOB		RD DEO VINDICE, LLC 11/1/2019	0.00				
• 7409850744 185 RUNKEN LN MA-		SON, ROBERT C. 8/29/2019	131000.00				
• 7409872244 62 BARTRAM RIDGE		DR SCHEER, DIANE H. 7/18/2019	115000.00				
• 7409942945 OFF S R 1622 BUR-		TON, BETH R. 4/30/2019	152000.00				
• 7409944983 OFF S R 1622 BUR-		TON, BETH R. 4/30/2019	152000.00				
• 7409946876 BUCK KNOB RD		BURTON, BETH R. 4/30/2019	152000.00				
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• 7418164416 HALE RIDGE ELLEN-		BURG, VICKIE V. 9/19/2019	0.00				
• 7418346875 255 HIGHPOINT DR		EMERSON, RALPH WALDO JR. 5/6/2019	0.00				
• 7418350916 LAKEVIEW DR AR-		NOLD, DAVID G 6/10/2019	400000.00				
• 7418356527 OFF 1625 TALBOT,							
ELIZABETH W. 9/20/2019		15500.00					
• 7418358389 64 BLUEBERRY RD		KREMER, MARGARET A. TR 6/20/2019	0.00				
• 7418411926 256 COMMISSION-		ER BRANCH RD NIX, WILMA JEAN	10/11/2019	0.00			
• 7418412558 162 COMMISSION-		ER BRANCH RD SMITH, APRIL DAWN	6/17/2019	189000.00			
• 7418423092 305 COMMISSION-		ER BRANCH RD NIX, WILMA JEAN	10/11/2019	0.00			
• 7418452133 38 BLUEBERRY		RD EVANS, JENNIFER M. 3/15/2019	118000.00				
• 7418490148 641 WINFIELD FARM		RD FOWLER, JOHN W. COTRUSTEE	1/17/2019	0.00			
• 7418549931 LOT 65 LAKESIDE		RD JUSTINN, RICHARD J. 10/1/2019	120000.00				
• 7418554799 265 ROCKY KNOB		LN GUIDRY, GREGORY MATTHEW					

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •



On Tuesday, December 17, the Rotary Club of Highlands sponsored the Highlands Community Supper held every Tuesday at the Community Building. The photo shows Rotary members with a family prior to the meal.

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• 7419008177 DRYMAN RIDGE RD CLAY HOLDINGS, LLC 3/6/2019 33000.00

• 7419010830 40 BARTRAM TRAIL LN WHITE, DANIEL J. 3/28/2019 201000.00

7419012038 ON HWY 106 JIMNI, INC. 6/27/2019 0.00

• 7419028907 400 BROWN LAKE RD PRAHL, JOHN T. TRUSTEE 2/26/2019 48000.00

• 7419031602 543 BUCK KNOB RD LUKE, JAMES LINDSAY 7/30/2019 155000.00

• 7419058970 291 MILLER RD HARTMAN, ROGER K. TTEE 4/23/2019 0.00

• 7419100519 7420 DILLARD RD CLAY HOLDINGS, LLC 1/28/2019 600000.00

• 7419101115 11 DRYMAN RIDGE RD CLAY HOLDINGS, LLC 3/6/2019 380500.00

• 7419111396 7 GREFE RD AULISIO, GARY 10/18/2019 80000.00

• 7419132383 OFF RD 1622 BUNN, HEATHER SHAE 7/9/2019 17500.00

• 7419141374 273 BILLINGSLEY RD RABY, CAROLYN B. 2/15/2019 0.00

• 7419142438 273 BILLINGSLEY RD BILLINGSLEY, KEITH 2/15/2019 0.00

• 7419156495 275 THOMAS RD ATWELL, MARIA. 11/18/2019 105000.00

• 7419188201 OFF RD 1685 LEVY, ALFRED M 3/5/2019 0.00

• 7419265924 849 MILLER RD DEIBERT, DENNIS STUART 8/15/2019 218000.00

• 7419272196 735 MILLER RD LAWSON MD CONSULTING, LLC 9/18/2019 77000.00

• 7419287449 494 BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD ASHFORD, CLINTON B. 10/29/2019 0.00

• 7419310278 OFF 106 AVERY, NANCY L. 5/2/2019 0.00

• 7419328117 726 EASTSIDE DUCK MOUNTAIN RD SEWARD, THOMAS E. 10/11/2019 93000.00

• 7419372151 954 MILLER RD BALO, DENES E. CO-TTEE 10/10/2019 0.00

• 7419373474 BOB LONG MTN RD CORAM, JENNINGS B 2/22/2019 0.00

• 7419416813 OFF HWY 106 BERNSTEIN, WILLIAM J. 9/23/2019 630000.00

• 7419422442 120 COUGAR RIDGE LN BERNSTEIN, WILLIAM J. 9/23/2019 630000.00

• 7419423046 71 EASTSIDE DUCK MOUNTAIN RD FOGLE, LLYNDA TTEE 8/28/2019 149000.00

• 7419425106 OFF HWY 106 BERNSTEIN, WILLIAM J. 9/23/2019 630000.00

• 7419472991 325 BOB LONG MTN RD ENGLAND, JOSEPHINE B. 11/18/2019 0.00

• 7419480011 325 BOB LONG MTN RD HOWARD, WILLIAM F. 11/18/2019 500.00

• 7419480382 555 BOB LONG MOUNTAIN RD SAMSON, WILLIAM T. 9/25/2019 625000.00

• 7419524959 511 KING GAP RD GRIMSHAW, ROGER JR., TTEE 7/22/2019 0.00

• 7419532603 OFF 106 SCHWARTZ, HARRY TRUSTEE 7/17/2019 220000.00

• 7419533128 505 KING GAP RD GRIMES, DONNA K. 10/2/2019 425000.00

• 7419536906 28 KING MTN TRL KELLY, BARBARA HILL 7/19/2019 340000.00

• 7419547873 86 CRAWFORD RD RABENOLD, ERIC 4/15/2019 325000.00

• 7419554718 185 GALAX CIR OWEN, WILLIAM N. 4/16/2019 260000.00

• 7419556837 145 GALAX CIR BLAIR, SHERRANTTEE 10/18/2019 0.00

• 7419557059 CRAWFORD RD HIGHLANDER ESTATES, LLC 1/10/2019 49000.00

• 7419641611 OFF HWY 106 CANADY, ROBIN L. 11/4/2019 51500.00

• 7500504511 SR 1622 RICHARDSON, JANET F. TTEE 4/22/2019 0.00

• 7500506258 2329 BUCK KNOB RD RICHARDSON, JANET F. TTEE 4/22/2019 0.00

• 7500601778 654 EVANS CREEK RD BUNDRICK, ELI GORDON 8/26/2019 130000.00

• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

Pat Allen Realty Group to open 2nd office at WCCCC entrance



Pat Allen, owner and Broker-in-Charge, of Pat Allen Realty Group, is pleased to announce the opening of their second office.

Pat Allen Realty Group was chosen to be the on-site firm at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club. The office will be located at the entrance of Wildcat Cliffs, just before the gates, on Highway 64 East. "We are delighted to represent Wildcat Cliffs Country Club with all the great amenities they offer, including championship golf, croquet for beginners and enthusiasts, a wonderful workout facility including a lap pool, a chef who never disappoints, and social events that rival none," says Pat.

Julie Osborn will be the Broker-in-Charge, and brokers will rotate on-site representation. The office will serve the Highlands and Cashiers plateau and will cover listings both inside and outside the club. Pat's brokers will represent buyers looking all over the plateau. "I love this club, says Pat, and we are thrilled to have this opportunity. We invite all of you to stop by and visit with us," The transition will take place in mid-January.

You may reach Pat and her team at 828-526-8784 or visit them on the web at patallenrealty-group.com. Offices now located at 295 Dillard Road and 5121 Cashiers Road.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Jesus Christ and the first Christmas was real

Pastor Dan Robinson
Highlands Central Baptist
Church

Christmas 2019 is in the record books. History will confirm it. Our credit cards will remind us! Likewise, what we may call The First Christmas is also in the record books. Biblical, as well as secular, history documents it.

Jesus Christ was really born. He really was and is the Son of God. He is the Savior of the world. However, the remarkable and salient difference between the First Christmas and Christmas 2019 is that the first one was predicted. The second one wasn't. To be sure, the word "Christmas" appears nowhere in Scripture. But, "Christ" does. "Christ" (and the Hebrew Messiah) means "Anointed One."

In the Old Testament the anointing of God signaled the choice and enabling upon someone representing Him. So, Prophets, Priests and Kings were anointed in their separate offices and callings. However, no single person ever held, or was anointed for, all three offices until Jesus Christ! He is the Christ! He was chosen and enabled by God to fulfill the functions of all three offices.

This Christ-Messiah was prophesied-predicted hundreds of times in the Old Testament. The Prophet, Micah, even predicted where He would be born (Micah 5:2).

In light of these things, I now want to appeal to your sense of logic and reason. Since His first coming was so accurately and precisely foretold and then fulfilled, would we not conclude, and even anticipate, the same for His Second coming? His Second coming (yet future) is as certain as His first coming (now past).

There's more than five hundred verses throughout the Bible which affirm the Lord's return. It is estimated that one out of every twenty-five verses in the New Testament refers to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Again, there will be a salient difference. At His first coming most of the world slept on. Very few even knew about His birth at Bethlehem. However, at His Second Coming the entire world will know! Some will be terrified. Others will rejoice.

The Bible teaches that those who are born again (John 3:1-21) will be taken to heaven. The remaining population on earth will face a terrible time of judgement. The Bible calls this time The Tribulation. I hope, dear one, that you are born again. I hope you're ready for this absolutely certain, yet future event. You may be born again by confessing and repenting of your sins and asking Jesus Christ to be your Savior. No one knows you better. No one loves you more than Jesus.

Christmas 2020 may or may not come. No one but Heaven knows. But the return of Jesus Christ will absolutely happen.

And indeed, that return, may even be in 2020.

Proverbs 3:5

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Making Resolutions

I'm not one for making New Year's resolutions. Sure, there were all those years when I resolved not to gain the usual five pounds I put on every winter. That never worked. The good news is I managed to take the pounds off in the spring, though that challenge seems to get harder every year.

I've worked out regularly for 10 years now, so I don't need a resolution about exercise. Yes, I could resolve to walk more frequently, but I know it won't happen. Instead, I'm going to pat myself on the back for regularly visiting the MJCCA to work out.

Maybe I should simply resolve to continue doing what I've been doing—resolve not to take anything for granted. It's all too easy for things to fall by the wayside. For example, I try to write every day, but it takes an effort to pick back up after I return from vacation. In that spirit, here are the things I'll continue in the new year.

Write: Whether I'm editing or starting from scratch, writing daily is a must. I write for two weekly papers, different columns for each. I was already pleasantly busy, and then I took on a new challenge. This year, I wrote my first cozy mystery and plan to complete the first draft of book two by early January. I expect book one to come out no later than February, and I hope to write a third in 2020 in what I'm calling my Dickens & Christie Mysteries. Hint: Dickens is a dog, and Christie is a cat. I'll

leave it to you to figure out for whom they're named.

Work out: I see a weekly session with my trainer as a necessity. I had to find a new gym and new trainer in 2019, and I've been delighted with Amir at the MJCCA. Many thanks to the Crier reader who recommended him. I miss my workout partner of 10+ years, but we manage to meet for lunch or coffee from time to time.

Happily, I also reconnected with Mary Sue, another friend with whom I took yoga class until our instructor retired two years ago. Because we're both eligible for Silver Sneakers, and I knew she worked out at the MJCCA, I got in touch. Now we're attending yoga classes and the occasional Pilates class together. Knowing we're counting on each other to show up keeps us going.

Connect with friends: Make time for lunch and travel with girlfriends. I'm fortunate to have friends from all walks of life—high school, college, my teaching days, and my corporate days. Add to those longtime friends the ones I've met in the Dunwoody community through yoga, writing, and my column, and I'm a lucky girl.

Read: It's simple. Read at least two books a week, maybe more. Of course, if I hadn't taken up writing mysteries, I'd have more time to devote to this pastime. Lately,



Kathy Manos Penn

I've gotten so caught up in my writing that I often go upstairs to my office in the evening to write instead of to bed with a book. Whereas reading was once my only passion, I've now added writing.

Carpe Diem: Make the most of every day. Enjoy day-to-day life with my husband and take pleasure in the simple things in life. Whether we're eating a home-cooked meal, dining out, seeing a movie or a play, watching our favorite shows on television,

or chuckling at the pets—we have much to be thankful for.

Perhaps the overarching resolution is to wake up every day saying "Life is good." The rest will follow.

• Kathy is a Georgia resident. Find her books "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday" and "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" at Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" is also available at Highlands Mountain Paws. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com, and follow her on Facebook, www.facebook.com/KathyManosPennAuthor/.

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December

• Mayor Taylor receives AG Stein's "Dogwood Award," for fighting for healthcare in Highlands and working to make sure the Hospital Corporation of America fits the bill.

• Dept. of Justice decrees that a new bank must occupy Entegra's building in Highlands once it merges with First Citizens.

• The "Olde Mountains Christmas Parade" was Saturday, Dec. 7

• Less than a year in planning and commercial-grade bear-resistant toters replace dumpsters in business district.

• Tom Neal is named CEO and CNO of HC Hospital.

• Dillion Schmitt and Jeslyn Head were crowned King and Queen at the

annual Highlands School Homecoming Dance the evening of Dec. 7.

• New Commissioners, Dotson, Stiehler and Hehn are sworn into office.

• Art and Angela Williams offer to fund renovations to the pool house to the tune of \$232,127.50.

• Kevin O'Donnell with NOVA Energy Consultants, Inc., who is the liaison between the town and Duke Power, said Duke Power will be raising rates.

• Highlands kids 'Shop with a Cop' for Christmas with Highlands cops!

• Highlands celebrates "Wreaths Across America" on Dec. 14.

• District 11 Rep. Meadows announces retirement; eyes position in Trump's cabinet.

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TK Heatley

TK and his wife Susan moved to the Cashiers plateau in 2019 from Miami, Fl. where they have lived since the 1960s. TK has been a full-time residential Realtor for

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