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Commissioners, sheriff push for Medicaid expansion in NC

By Brittney Lofthouse

In a new statewide poll of registered Republican voters, over 52% of respondents said they

supported expanding Medicaid in North Carolina.

Support increased to over 62% of respondents once they learned

more about who in North Carolina would be eligible for health coverage under the proposal.

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Redistricting makes Transylvania County part of District 50

By Brittney Lofthouse

Due to the 2020 census, North Carolina has new electoral maps, which means new constituents for many legislators across

the state.

While North Carolina House of Representative Karl Gillespie won't see a change to House District 120, which encompasses Ma-

con County, Senator Kevin Corbin will see a shift for District 50.

The new maps, which were approved by both the House and Senate leaders, adds Transylva-

nia County to Senate District 50, giving Senator Corbin an entirely new county to represent — and campaign in when re-election rolls around.

"I am looking forward to picking up Transylvania County and to having the opportunity to serve those folks," said Senator

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Highlands Macon County soccer teams are 1st place champions in their age divisions



The Highlands U-8 team won the championship Sunday, Nov. 7 with a score of 3-2. Pictured from left are Coach Travis, Valentina Gooch, Porter Bowers, Gauge Hennequin, Ariana Trejo, McKinley Pusch, Bryan Munez, Elijah Highsmith, Bowen Curcuru and Coach Deven Brooks.

— Photo by Natalie Highsmith



The Highlands U-12 team also won the championship Sunday with a score of 2-0. Pictured with coaches Celeb Bowers and Jair Batista are Aubrie Potts, Briggs Pusch, Caleb Wade, Camden Westendoff, Cecilia Torres, Colson Bloedow, Alex Lopez, Hudson Tilley, Ian Batista, Jensen Bowers and Keeley Bosdell, Thomas Miller, Michael Munez and Miley Zagal.

Hurricanes begin season with win at home

On Saturday, October 30, the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team (HHST) welcomed the North Georgia Rapids (NGR) and the Jackson County Swim Team (JCST) back to Highlands for first meet of the winter season.

Highlands won with a score of 384 to NGR's 302 and JCST's 184.

The 18 Hurricanes were led by Jr. Olympians Finneaus Garner (28 pts, four 1st place finishes), Aniah McKim (26 pts, three

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

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Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

I want to pay tribute to the first GIs who set a lasting example of duty and service for this country. GI is an acronym for Government Issue. When one is in the US military, he or she is given uniforms, a place to sleep, food and healthcare. Military personnel are trained for specific tasks and are paid a modest salary. A person in the military is in fact government issue and an extension of the will and policies of the United States. They are under the total control of our government during their time of service.

Some of the first GIs were those brave patriots who fought and then win-

tered at Valley Forge with the great Washington. Of course, there are those idealized portraits of Washington and his soldiers at Valley Forge, but those images do not capture the hell on earth that they endured.

Bob Drury and Tom Calvin wrote the book simply called Valley Forge. The authors stress that the soldiers who encamped in the winter of 1788 were a rag tag collection of farmers and working-class laborers with hardly

any military training. The British had repeatedly defeated them the year before. Morale was low as they setup their makeshift encampments. British troops were quartered 60 miles away in Philadelphia enjoying the bounty of city life

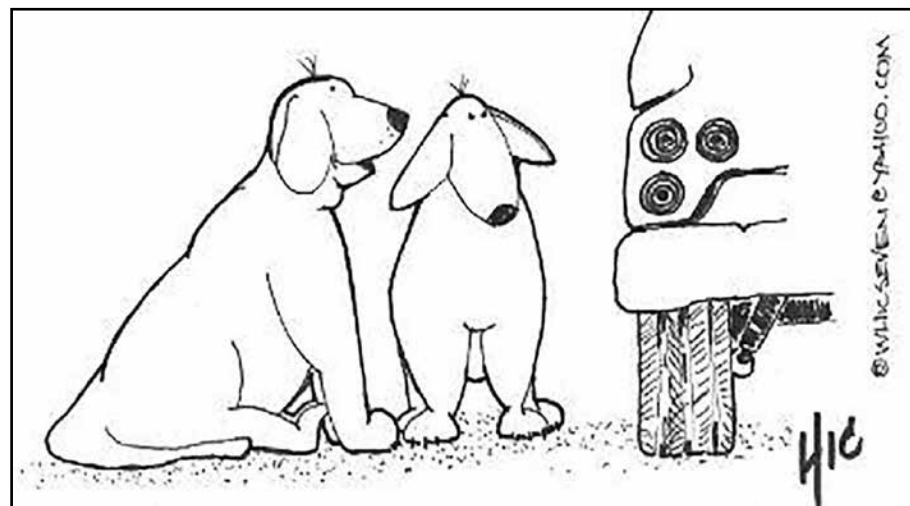
These GIs were issued hardly anything by the fledging American government. For barracks, the soldiers dug out rectangular spaces about three feet below ground and then built a roof of logs, twigs, mud and anything else that they could find. Many of the soldiers were lacking shoes, clothing and blankets. For food, they ate mostly what was called fire cake, a mixture of meal, flour and maggots. When they did get a ration of meat it was usually rancid. Many of the GIs at Valley Forge died of smallpox and other diseases, or from malnutrition and exposure to the elements.

We like to think of those images of pristine snow at Valley Forge, but that wasn't the case. It was always cold. Troops were barraged by incessant heavy snows and then torrential rains that made the encampment a miserable mud pit.

Washington feared he would not even have an army by spring. But, miraculously many men remained and survived. Supplies finally came to the encampment. A Prussian military officer, von Stuben arrived. He taught the GIs in that spring how to be a fighting force that could do close-order drill and transformed them into multiple battle formations.





In the summer of 1789, Washington marched his newly trained Continental Army to Monmouth Court House where he led the GIs to engage a world class British

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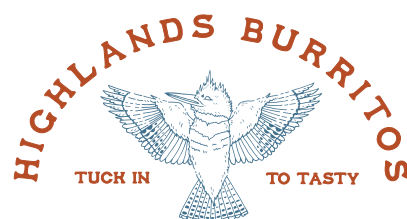
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• OBITUARIES •

Sandra Jean Stockton

Sandra Jean Stockton, 77 of Highlands, passed away on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

Sandra was born in Oak Park, Illinois to the late Frank and Sarah Donald Stockton. Her father was in the military resulting in her growing up in multiple locations. As an adult she lived in Toronto, Canada

for many years and later in Maryland. She moved to Highlands to live with her sister, Vivian in 2012.

Sandra worked as a teacher's aide until her retirement but her true passion was art. She trained as a potter but was also very skilled in other art mediums winning various awards for her work over the years.

Sandra is survived by her son, Christopher O'Conner in Toronto; siblings, Vivian Brewer, Frank Stockton, and Joanne Lackey; and several nieces and nephews. Another sister, Linda Stockton died in 2020.

A memorial service will be held at The Mountain Retreat (3872 Dillard Road) on December 4, 2021, at 2 p.m.



In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Four Seasons Hospice: Four Seasons Development Office 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731

Online condolences can be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com

Macon Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

Elaine Johnson

Elaine Johnson, 91, of Highlands, NC, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2021, at the Eckerd Living Center where she had resided in recent months. Her passing was due to complications of vascular dementia. She was preceded in death by her late husband, Keith Gunnar Johnson.

Elaine was born on July 19, 1930, the daughter of the late Frances and Douglas Copeland, and grew up in Montgomery, AL, where she graduated from high school and earned a BA degree in English from Huntingdon College. Her grandfather was a former mayor of Dothan, AL.

After her marriage to Keith Johnson in 1952, the couple resided in Brockton, MA, and South Easton, MA, and Elaine worked in the insurance agency business. In the 1970s her husband's position with the decorating firm FW Schumacher & Company in Boston, MA, was transferred to Florida, where the couple resided in West Palm Beach and later in St. Petersburg.

While still living in Florida, they purchased a summer home on Netsi Place in the Mirror Lake section of Highlands. Following their retirement in 1988, the couple expanded their cabin on Mirror Lake and moved there full time. They both became active in the Mirror Lake Improvement Association (MLIA) for many years where Keith served as Vice President and Elaine served as Secretary. At MLIA meetings they could always be seen seated at the head table along with then MLIA President and Mayor Buck Trott, Elaine with pencil and short-hand pad at the ready. Following each meeting she typed up the minutes meticulously on an electric typewriter. During that time Elaine also became known for her column in The Highlander called Mirror Lake Reflections.

Elaine also was active in the Mountain Garden Club where in her later years she was honored with Emeritus status. During the club's annual Memorial Day plant sale, Elaine became the official gatekeeper of the event and was fondly known as "the sheriff".

During her younger years and extending throughout most of her adult life, Elaine was an avid horsewoman and rider.

Prior to residing at the Eckerd Center, Elaine lived for a number of years at Chestnut Hill.

Elaine is survived by a sister, Frances Evans, of Durham, NC; a sister-in-law, Barbara Johnson Foster, of Scituate, MA; a brother-in-law, Wayne Johnson (Dr. Frankie Mickelson), of Washington, DC, and Highlands, NC; seven nieces and nephews.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Johnson family. Online condolences can be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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The poll was conducted October 26-28, 2021, with 600 voters responding.

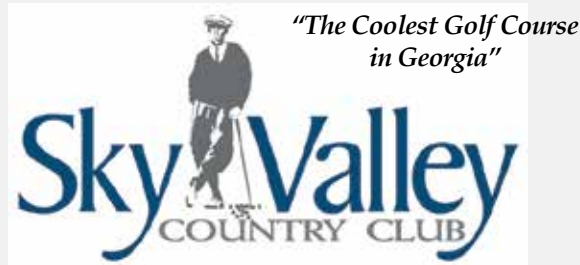
"While GOP lawmakers continue to debate the issue, it is clear that expanding Medicaid is supported and embraced by core GOP voters once they learn of the benefits and of those eligible," said Paul Shumaker of Strategic Partners Solutions, who conducted the poll on behalf of NC

Child, a statewide non-profit organization.

In Western North Carolina, where the uninsured rate is as high as 1 in 4 adults, some local Republican leaders have been vocal about their support for closing the "coverage gap."

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DOGSPEAK

• INK PENN •

A sad farewell to a beloved companion

By Kathy Mano Penn

It is with a heavy heart that I write this final post for Lord Banjo's "Highlands Newspaper" column. At age 14, my boy crossed the rainbow bridge. His easy-going, cheerful demeanor brought joy to all who met him—whether he was out walking in the neighborhood, getting belly rubs at book signings, or traveling with us to mountain cabins.

During our 12 years together, we developed a routine. He and I were the first ones up every morning, and we headed downstairs where Banjo went outside to inspect our wooded backyard while I started the coffee. Accompanied by Puddin' the cat, we relaxed on the porch or in the living room and then traipsed upstairs to my office. Picture Banjo getting his daily greenie and snoozing on his dog bed beneath my desk while Puddin' nibbled her treats next to the computer. My boy was multi-talented and especially good at imitating a footrest.

With his dad, Banjo returned downstairs for his arthritis chew, a belly rub, and the opportunity to lick the yogurt dish. He could be counted on to appear upstairs around three or four looking for the special treats for his liver. The best spot for belly rubs was beside his dad's recliner, and that's where Banjo spent his evenings while we watched TV. At bedtime, he shifted to the master bath where we carefully stepped over him until it was time for the morning routine to begin again. There's no doubt he had us trained. Goodness, how we loved da boy, as his father called him.

We had dogs before Banjo, and they were all special, but he was the first and only one that I trained. I'm convinced that experience sparked our special bond.

When he embarked on his career as a canine author, we became inseparable.

Banjo was my muse. Though I've long been a columnist and blogger, it was Banjo who inspired me to tackle fiction. It all started with his DNA analysis. When I sat down to share those results, the story unfolded in his voice instead of mine—pure serendipity. He was quite beside himself to learn that he had Great Pyrenees ancestors and that those majestic creatures were once the royal dogs of France.

Thus began Banjo's writing career as Lord Banjo, penning blogs and the occasional guest column for me. Encouraged by the reaction to his tales, "we" published a collection of his blogs—"Lord Banjo, the Royal Pooch."

Local shops carried his books, and we spent many a happy day at book signings. Dressed in a purple velvet cape, he was a hit wherever we went. Trust me, I knew from the get-go that my sweet boy was the attraction—not me. Folks came to see milord and rub his royal belly. That they sometimes bought a book was a bonus.



Additional Lord Banjo blogs followed as well as an invitation for da boy to have a column in the "Highlands Newspaper." According to my editor, who kindly allowed me to continue writing columns too, readers clamored to hear more from Banjo. Appearing at festivals in Highlands was a special treat because we regularly heard exclamations of "Oh! It's Lord Banjo. I love your columns." To Banjo, that meant it was time to assume the royal belly rub

position, and he happily obliged. I'm pretty sure, though, that his favorite appearances were those at Camp Flashback in Dunwoody, where the young campers adored him.

Fast forward to pulling together a second Lord Banjo book and connecting with a marketing consultant. She was quite taken with Banjo's writing style but had an idea for a very different book. Hearing I was an Anglophile who adored British mysteries and had just taken a bucket list trip to the UK, she uttered those fateful words, "You should write a cozy mystery." She suggested England as the setting and a cat and dog as characters. I don't think she expected the animals would talk to their owner, but that's what happened. Now, five books in, readers are quite taken with Dickens & Christie. Don't we all wish our pets could talk to us? The lines for Dickens are a joy to write because his words come straight from Banjo. It's not a stretch to say that I would never have written cozy mysteries if it weren't for my lovable boy.

This fall, he enjoyed one last

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The term “hero” comes from the Ancient Greeks. For them, a hero was a mortal who had done something so far beyond the normal scope of human experience that he left an immortal memory behind after he died, and thus received worship like that due the gods. Heroes were always extraordinary. To be a hero was to expand people’s sense of what was possible for a human being.

Hercules may be the first known hero of all heroes. The Romans built statues of Hercules as early as 305 BC. Hercules was the champion of the weak. He was famous for his strength. He was much like Sampson, except Hercules had no weaknesses. He always stood for what was right. Marvel Comics published a Hercules comic book in 1958. In 1995 there was a Hercules TV program and Disney made a

movie of Hercules in 1997.

I grew up in the early 1940s and 1950s. I had plenty of heroes. My first heroes were my parents and grandparents. But I also had Roy and Dale Rogers (and Trigger), Gene Autry, Batman and Robin, Superman, Spiderman, and I must include Wonder Woman. The good always won in the end.

The TV shows were family shows. At night my family and I watched the shows together. In those days TV shows gave examples of how we were supposed to live. The shows I remember watching were shows like “Leave It to Beaver,” “The Howdy Doody Show,” “The Adventure of Ossie and Harriet,” “Father Knows Best,” “Lassie,” “Ed Sullivan Show” and others.

Heroes give us examples of how we are supposed to live, to act, inspire us, motivate us, encourage us to transform ourselves for



Kenny Youmans

the better, and put the welfare of others before ourselves.

Mother Teresa was certainly a hero. She was born in Skopje, Macedonia, on August 26, 1910.

At the age of 12, she felt strongly the call of God. She knew she had to be a missionary to spread the love of Christ. At the age of 18, she left her parents and joined the Sisters of Loreto, a community of nuns and missions

in India. After a few months of training in Dublin, she was sent to Calcutta. There, she started working among the poorest of the poor in the slums of Calcutta.

In 1950 she received permission from the Holy Father to start her own order “The Missions of Charity,” whose task was to love and care for those persons no one was prepared to look after. In 1965 the Society became an International Religious Family by a decree of Pope Paul VI.

The Society of Missionaries has spread all over the world, including the former Soviet Union and countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. They take care of the shut-ins, alcoholics, homeless, and Aids sufferers.

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1990s there were over one million Co-Workers in more than 40 countries.

Mother Teresa’s work has been recognized and acclaimed throughout the world. She has received a number of awards. In 2016 Mother Teresa was declared a saint by Pope Francis.

Mother Teresa dedicated her entire life to helping the poor, down and out. She truly is a saint.

A hero is somebody who is selfless, who is generous in spirit, who tries to give back as much as possible, and someone who really cares.

A hero can be an ordinary individual who finds the strength to persevere and endure in spite of overwhelming obstacles.

“It doesn’t take a hero to order men in battle. It takes a hero to be one of those men who goes into battle.”

– Norman Schwavzkopf



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CLE'S executive director retires after 30 years

It is often said that an organization is only as strong as its foundation. For the Center for Life Enrichment, Sandy Carlton has been that foundation for 30 years.

In October of 2021 Sandy retired from her position as Executive Director. Sandy has been an integral part of CLE since its inception back in 1992. She has watched CLE grow from an organization of 50 members to an organization of 500-plus memberships.

Sandy energetically kept the CLE classes organized and running. She has earned the respect of all who have had the pleasure of interacting with her over the years. Her encouraging personality, dedication and selfless hard work are reflected in the success and growth CLE has experienced under her guidance as Executive Director.

As the business backbone of the organization, Sandy has served and worked tirelessly with many

presidents and under numerous boards over the years.

Mark Whitehead presided as president for three years

"Sandy Carlton's retirement marks the completion of a long and successful time as Executive Director of The Center for Life Enrichment," said Whitehead. "I was fortunate to work with Sandy during my time as a volunteer, board member and president. Sandy was with CLE from the beginning and guided all of us. During my tenure when we had a small office and no classroom her knowledge and organizational skill kept 60 classes running smoothly all over Highlands. Sandy is a great friend and will be missed."

Former President Ed Mawyer worked closely with Sandy, too.

"CLE would not have succeeded without Sandy and her settling presence. A true joy to know and work with. A friend for life."

CLE's current President Lee Garrett echoed their sentiments.

"For 30 years Sandy has been the face of CLE to our members and guests. She has devoted countless hours to make CLE a special place for 'life enrichment'. Thanks, Sandy, for a job well done."

As a lover of learning, Sandy said she and CLE were a perfect fit.

"As someone who loves to learn, CLE has been the perfect fit," says Sandy, "Since its inception, the quality of presenters and courses has continued to be top notch. The rich array of topics offers something for everyone. It has been a pleasure working with a very dedicated board of directors over the years. The enthusiasm of the directors and staff, as well as the membership, is contagious and makes me confident that CLE will continue for many years into the future."

Sandy plans to be involved at a reduced capacity as a consultant for CLE but is eager to travel, work in her garden, read and enjoy life with her husband, Bob and their two Rottweiler dogs.

The CLE Board unanimously appointed Fallon Hovis as CLE's new Executive Director. CLE

"Fallon brings a broad array of skills to CLE, and she will do an outstanding job in her new position," said Garrett.

All who have had to pleasure to interact with Sandy over the years from presenters, Board members, and volunteers realize that working with Sandy was truly an exceptional experience!

Rotary students of the month

Rotary Students of the Month:
 Nicole Lui, Sam Connor, Claire Sherwood, Ruth Hernandez, Tom Graham



• HOSPITAL NEWS •

HC Hospital CEO Neal named 'Healthcare Hero'



In a surprise ceremony, Tom Neal was named "Healthcare Hero."

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the North Carolina Healthcare Association is recognizing frontline healthcare workers with Healthcare Hero awards for those who have provided exceptional service to patients, colleagues or within their communities.

Tom Neal, CEO Highlands-

Cashiers Hospital, was presented with this award Oct. 28.

Tom was nominated for this award for not only his outstanding care of patients at HCH, but also the residents at Eckerd Living Center during the very challenging times the COVID pandemic has presented to everyone.

Tom came to Highlands at the end of 2019, and has not only provided great leadership in his role as CEO, but has also become a leader and partner in the Highlands-Cashiers community.

Tom was part of a team of community members who came together to organize several COVID vaccine clinics for the Highlands-Cashiers area. His care for patients, staff and community make him a Healthcare Hero.



Full Time Life Guard – The Town of Highlands has a full time life guard position open. This position will work directly with the Pool Director making sure that the pool is running smoothly. They will also be responsible for supervising the part time life guards. They will need to be able to show leadership and ensure the safety of the patrons at the Highlands Recreation Pool by preventing and responding to emergencies.

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Raw & Flawless – Spring Mix, avocado, hummus, red pepper, red onion, cucumber, Fermenti pickled carrots on wheat bread. \$14

The Godfather – Sopressa salami, shaved ham, pepperoni, red onion, smoked provolone, tomato, shredded lettuce, banana peppers, onions with Italian dressing on baguette. \$13

The Muff – Turkey, Sopressa salami, ham, cream cheese olive spread, smoked provolone cheese and shredded lettuce on sub roll. \$13

The Porker – Shaved ham, Jarlsberg cheese, DJs pickles with homemade honey mustard on ciabatta. \$12

The Hudson – Turkey, Provolone cheese (Have it your way--cucumber, lettuce, onion, banana peppers, black olives, DJs pickles). \$13

Salads

The Garden of Eatin' – Spring mix, tomato, cucumber, pepperoncini, onion, red pepper, fresh garden herbs, DJs basil balsamic beets, Fermenti pickled carrots, DJs pickles, House Ranch or Italian. \$14 (Add meat additional \$3)

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Corbin. "I'm not particularly happy about losing a few precincts in Haywood, but even though those people may no longer be in District 50, I remain committed to representing them anyways. I'm not going to pay attention to an imaginary line."

The state's new congressional and legislative district maps received final approval in the General Assembly last week, but it is unlikely the last time we will hear about the new maps. Barely 24 hours after their passage, North Carolina's newly drawn maps were already facing legal complaints.

North Carolina requires that the electoral maps be reworked every decade to account for changes in population and according to state statute, whichever party is in the majority in Raleigh is responsible for redrawing them.

An organization called Democracy Docket, formed by Democratic lawyer Marc Elias, announced Friday that a group of voters who successfully challenged previous North Carolina maps will make a similar appeal in state court contesting the latest congressional maps. The new legal challenge focuses on partisan gerrymandering

and claims boundaries approved by Republican-controlled legislature Thursday were drawn for political gain in a way that violates the N.C. Constitution.

The Princeton Gerrymandering Project, which analyzes maps and seeks to eliminate partisan gerrymandering across the country, gave all three maps an overall "F" rating, as they would all provide a significant Republican advantage.

In addition to changes for State offices, WNC residents will see a change to their Congressional District as well.

After the recent census data was released, an additional Congressional District was added in North Carolina to account for population growth.

What was once labeled as NC Congressional District 11, will now be District 14 and will include different counties.

North Carolina has a long history of gerrymandering, drawing maps to basically pick which party will win. Both parties have done it when they've been in power. The maps drawn after the last census in 2010 led to a political and legal fight that lasted almost a decade.



Rotarian Brian Egler, presented on the Highlands Plateau Greenway at the October 12, 2021, Rotary meeting. The success of the Greenway is due to the large number of residents and volunteers who devote their time and talents to maintaining, improving, extending, and creating the Greenway. For more information, visit highlandsgreenway.com

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Sun. - Wed.

• COVID Testing 9a to 5p. Sun. & Wed. in Highlands at the Community Building. Mon. & Tues. at the Village Green in Cashiers. To register go to <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. For information, call 877-562-4850.

Second Mondays

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

Mon.-Fri.

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10:15-11a.m.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

Mon. & Wed.

• Cardio Kickboxing with Crystal Corbin 5:30-6:30 p.m. A full body workout that engages every muscle in the body. With the many benefits of cardio, kickboxing is also a great stress and frustration reliever. We will be making contact with pads. If you have your own gloves and pads, please bring them. Kickboxing combines cardio and strength training to tone muscles and burn fat.

Mon. & Thurs.

• Drive-thru flu clinics at the public health center located at 1830 Lakeside Drive in Franklin Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. The cost for the regular dose is \$36 and the high dose (recommended for those 65+) cost is \$73. Insurances will be filed; please bring your insurance card with you. For additional information call 828.349.2081.

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• Indoor and outdoor Pickle Ball 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30 a.m. \$25 a month. The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9 a.m.

• 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 at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Mon. at 5:30 p.m. and on Wed. & Fri. at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107. For exact meeting times visit our website www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828) 349-4357.

Tues. & Thurs.

• New Zumba class from 4:30-5:15p.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30pm. This will be a combination class with many different type of exercise.

Tuesdays

Tuesdays

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

2nd Tues. thru December

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health, held the second Tuesday of each month through December. This series is aimed particularly at older adults and will focus on mental health issues of particular interest to them. Reservations are required and masks will be required. Register online at vayahealth.com/calendar (click on the desired class to register) or call the library at 828-526-3031.

First Wednesdays

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is featuring Walk-in Wednesdays Hiring Event. Interviewing for RNs, CNAs, Allied Health Professionals and Support Services Professionals. 1-3:30 p.m.. 190 Hospital Drive, front entrance. On the spot offers. Sign-on bonuses offered for select positions. Bring updated resume. Casual wear.

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15 a.m. An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout. Learn the proper form and

technique to execute jabs, hooks, uppercuts, and front and side roundhouse kicks in a non-contact setting. No martial arts background necessary.

• Free Covid vaccination clinics – 9 a.m. to 5p.m. at the Rec Park. (Closed for a half-hour lunch break) Note: The clinic will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Location subject to change, please check <https://myspot.nc.gov/> for the latest location information. Walk-ins are accepted, however we encourage residents to pre-register and schedule an appointment at <https://myoptumserve.com/covid19>, or by calling (877) 505-6723 if you do not have internet.

• AL-ANON Meetings. The AL-ANON Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. An In-Person meeting is held each Thurs., noon at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., Highlands. An AL-ANON Zoom Meeting is held each Saturday @ 10:15am ID:889-3772-7928 Password: EasyDoesit or to speak with a member call 828-342-6866.

• Free ESL classes at the Presbyterian Church 5:30-6:30 p.m. There is no registration required; students can just show up and participate. Anyone who wishes to learn English is encouraged to participate. For any questions, visit www.maconncliteracy.org, call (828) 526-0863 or email info@maconncliteracy.org

Fri.-Sat. Nov. 7-28

• At the Highlands Playhouse, Foodie Film Series with a different episode of Rob Brydon and Steve Coogan eating their way across the globe in four brilliant films 3 and 6 p.m. Visit www.highlandsplayhouse.org for ticket information and detailed showtimes.

Nov. 27-Dec. 24

• Santa in the Park

Sat. Nov. 27

• Chamber event: Lighting of the Park 6-8 p.m..

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QUALIFICATIONS: Anyone 12 or older is eligible to get vaccinated at an Optum-Serve community testing site, including uninsured, underinsured, undocumented and homeless individuals. ID and proof of citizenship is not required.

The Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines are approved for ages 18 and up. Only the Pfizer vaccine is approved for ages 12 and up. More information about who is eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine can be found here <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/vaccines>

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Mountain Findings will be open for shoppers during the winter, weather permitting.

Important Dates

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March 18-19 10a to 1p

April 15-16 10a to 1p

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Hey Zillow, what's the deal?

Everyone's favorite real estate company, Zillow crashed this past week. Since reaching share price highs of over \$200 in February, Zillow opened on NASDAQ on Monday at \$66.50. What's the deal, Zillow?

In 2017, moving away from its core ad business, Zillow entered the residential buying business. Following OpenDoor and Offerpad into the fluff, flip, and list game, Zillow set out buying - fast and furious. As home prices rose and needs for single-family residential rentals soared, what could go wrong?

Last week, Zillow's Rich Barton announced that its purchasing algorithms had not proved accurate in predicting potential selling prices. Zillow is now out of the home buying business. Zillow currently owns about 9,800 homes and has another 8,200 or so under contract. This past week's rapid fall in Zillow's valuation and its intent to lay off 25% of its workforce have raised many questions about the residential i-buying business model.

Apparently, Zillow designers found that buying and flipping homes using Zestimates was not an easy game. Using its valuations, Zillow was buying homes to repair and resell. Using data and photos, Zillow was buying high and selling low. It could not accomplish repairs and return homes to market in a timely fashion. The popular real estate platform found itself competing with the very people it hoped to serve. Zillow offers contributed to the heat in many markets, like Phoenix, AZ and Raleigh, NC, directly in opposition to the needs of its biggest fans, individual buyers. Zillow's on-line resales reduced the already slim inventory available to its paying customers, the local agents who advertise with Zillow and list and sell at the bricks and mortar level.

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1st place finishes), Justin Powell (26 pts, also three 1st place finishes), Jasmine Abranyi (22 pts, two, 1st place, one, 2nd place finish) and Chase Kenter (also 22 pts, one first place and three 2nd place finishes).

Tate Wilson and Emilina Hernandez both scored 21 pts (one 1st, two 2nd place



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Perhaps Zillow can regain value by going back to its roots as the Uber of real estate. In its original business, Zillow paired a potential buyer with a professional in the target market. For on-line buyers, it's easy peasy: just look for a place you want to go and Zillow finds an agent who can take you there.

For agents, also easy, but not free. While Uber pays its drivers for being on the platform, real estate professionals pay Zillow. Zillow does, however, provide leads, coach agents, highlight their achievements and provide

space for reviews from clients.

What about Zestimates? Local agents, familiar with homes and neighborhoods and trends, are sometimes surprised by Zestimates both high and low that appear on advertised listings. These numbers are determined by an algorithm which may or may not take into account neighborhoods, noise, views, terrain, or demand in first-versus-second home markets. Today's digital marketing can make a home look amazing. Lenses and staging can make a small home look spacious. A small view can look grand from a drone. Buying a property just on numbers and photos has its risks. Even if you are buying purely for investment, as Zillow was, local knowledge is critical.

As Zillow has discovered in a painful lesson, there is no substitute for boots-on-the-ground. The knowledge and experience of a local agent is invaluable when buying or selling your property. There is no online platform that can give you the insights, the guidance, the support or the personal touch that comes from living and working for years in a local market. So, yes, use Zillow to search for homes, but do it with eyes wide open, and reach out to a real estate agent when you are ready to do more than look.

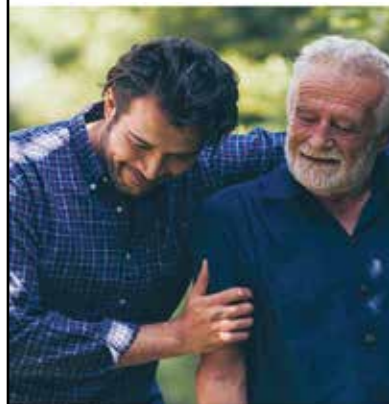
finishes). Wilson broke two team records (100 butterfly and the 200 Individual Medley) at the meet.

Alyse Remery and Jr. Olympian Jack Sumner each won an event and scored a second scoring 20 and 19 pts respectively.

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trip to the mountains, complete with a walk around the lake and a glimpse of the geese. A few days later, he began to fail, and when he ceased climbing the stairs, we knew his time was near. We helped him to his feet so he could walk to his dish or go outside, but beyond that, he barely moved. Our hearts broke when he cut those big brown eyes at us. And, when he could no longer climb the three steps to the porch and we had to carry him inside, we made the hard decision to let him go.

I'm sure you can hear the huge sigh emanating from my office and see me wiping tears from my eyes. I cried when the

vet came to send him on his way to doggy heaven, and I had a major meltdown the next day. There are sure to be more tears in the days ahead. As I write more words for Dickens, I'll sense Banjo beneath my desk, and I'll be channeling his happy-go-lucky thoughts. Can you hear my boy? He's saying, "Keep it up, Mum. I love you."

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infantry. The Continentals didn't win the battle that day, but they didn't lose it either. The British were stunned that Washington had an army, a trained force of GIs. This first American military personnel set the standard that subsequent GIs have followed. A standard of duty, honor and steadfastness.

What is amazing is that these veterans of the American Revolution left military service and became American citizens all replete with successes, failures and ordinary lives. That is what veterans do. Take pause to think about them today.

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Pneumatic Tube System installed at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to enhance patient care



Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is always focused on making the great patient care we provide even better. Outstanding care in an emergency department is about combining compassion care and efficiency. With this in mind, hospital staff identified an opportunity to provide the hospital's doc-

tors with more timely results to lab testing.

HCA Healthcare's CEO, Sam Hazen visited Highlands-Cashiers Hospital last December. During his visit, he was intent on meeting all of the team members and looking for ways to help.

The Highlands-Cashiers Hospital ER is consistently ranked in the top of emergency departments across HCA Healthcare.

During his tour, Hazen spent a good bit of time there engaging with the ER nurses and doctors. Hazen asked staff,

"What is one thing I can do to

help you take better care of our patients?"

The response from staff was a unanimous, "We need a tube station." Hazen took care of funding the tube station the very next business day.

Prior to installation of the tube system, nurses in the hospital's ER would routinely leave the ER to walk a lab specimen to the lab and return.

With the newly installed tube system, team members – and patients – are now benefiting from the elimination of this step in the patient care process.

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with every day, create jobs here in Macon County, and help over 1,000 of our local residents secure access to health care,” said Jim Tate, Republican chair of the Macon County Commission.

In August, Tate voted with other leaders in Macon County to pass a resolution to send to the North Carolina General Assembly asking it to close the health insurance coverage gap in North Carolina.

Macon County was one of six predominantly Republican County Commissions in WNC to pass resolutions favoring closing the health insurance coverage gap.

Republican Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland also voiced his support this week with a letter to state leaders.

“I urge officials negotiating the state’s budget to consider the many strains on local jails and law enforcement here and across North Carolina, and how expanding Medicaid could help relieve some of that stress, including reducing recidivism,” said Holland. “When inmates are in our custody, they have access to mental health treatment and substance abuse classes. In fact, many become sober for the first time in their adult lives while incarcerated in our facility. We’ve not only heard their stories, but we’ve lived it with many of them while incarcerated. Our agency with the support of our commissioners and local organizations have taken the appropriate steps to offer classes by qualified mental health and substance abuse counselors that help guide these incarcerated mothers, fathers, sons and daughters with attempting to seek a sober and drug free life.”

Hollands said what he and his officers typically see happen next is nothing less than tragic.

“More times than not, these inmates walk out of the doors of our facility and right back into society with nowhere to turn and with very few resources available to continue those services,” he said. “Expanding Medicaid would ease the burden on law enforcement, allowing us to focus more attention and resources on keeping our communities safe. As an official who has dedicated his entire adult life to public service, and on behalf of many of our local leaders, I urge you to take into consideration the various factors and close the coverage gap as soon as possible.”

Understanding that working people would qualify for expanded Medicaid drew the strongest support from poll respondents.

Of those who would be eligible for expanded Medicaid in North Carolina,

three-fourths of them are already working, many in more than one job.

When told that anyone who is not already working would be required to enroll in a workforce development program, 75.5% said they would be in favor of expansion compared to only 14.3% who said they were opposed.

Voters also responded strongly to learning that Medicaid coverage would help people get the medication and treatment

they need for chronic conditions like diabetes, cancer, and other life-threatening diseases. 71.5% of Republicans said they would favor while 14.7% said they were still opposed.

The North Carolina General Assembly is expected to consider voting on a state budget in the coming days — with Medicaid Expansion and closing the health insurance coverage gap one of the main negotiating points among state leaders.



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According to a New York times article published a few years back, “Walmart, Kmart, Macy’s, Target, RadioShack and many other major retailers are proclaiming that they will be open on Thanksgiving Day to make shoppers happy.” In that same article a Walmart spokeswoman, is quoted as saying “We’re in the service industry, and we’re just like airports and grocery stores and gas stations that are open on Thanksgiving so they can provide what customers need.” The spokeswoman goes on to say, “We’ve been open on Thanksgiving for 20-something years.”

With all the shopping that must be done, all the recipes to review, all the preparations that need to be made, all the tidying-up that must take place before our families arrive... surely there are more important things each of us could be doing with our time than giving thanks or going to church!

Despite what we are regularly told, human beings are not - first and foremost - consumers. Rather, we are a people whose hearts are made glad in the knowledge that we are created in the image and likeness of God. And maybe it is just this, this knowledge that we are creatures before consumers, that gives significance to our Thanksgiving celebration. We give thanks because we understand our very lives, our very existence, to be a gift from God - and not just our lives alone but the whole of creation.

Everything is gift.

This is a conviction expressed in the book of Deuteronomy when Moses tells all of Israel that “the LORD ... God is bringing [them] into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where [they] may eat bread without scarcity, where [they] will lack nothing.

After giving this word to Israel, Moses says: “You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. Take care that you do not forget your Lord God...”

How do we keep this truth before us? The truth that all that we have, our families, our Thanksgiving meals, the air we breath, the earth we inhabit, the wheat and barley, the pomegranates, our very lives, everything, has been given to us by a good and generous God. How do we not forget this truth amidst the shopping, the cooking, the football, the tidying up, all of the preparations? How do we not forget the Lord God?

Over and over again Scripture seems to suggest that thanksgiving is the key to not forgetting the Lord our God. “Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the

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Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Oct. 4. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Oct. 4

• At noon, officers were notified of a counterfeiting/Forgery incident where checks written for \$2,779.36 and \$2,979.36 were written to The Bascom.

Oct. 26

• At noon, officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Foreman Road.
• At 1:58 a.m., officers were called to a bar on Carolina Way where a woman was assaulted.

Oct. 31

• At 10:29 p.m., Michelle C. Barrell, 57, of Cashiers was arrested for driving under the influence on US 64 east. She was issued a \$650 unsecured bond. Her trial date is Dec. 6.

Nov. 1

• At 12:16 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 west.
• At 1:17 p.m., Joshua William Fagg, 31, of Highlands, was arrested for common law robbery, fleeing to elude arrest and assault on a female. He was not issued a bond.
• At 2:10 p.m., officers were called about a robbery, someone fleeing to elude

and an assault on a female at Maple and 4th streets, where a woman was pulled out of a vehicle, assaulted and her vehicle stolen.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Nov. 2.

Nov. 2

• At 3:27 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Buck Creek Road,

• At 7:10 p.m., the dept. assisted traffic control on Buck Creek Road.

Nov. 4

• At 5:39 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible gas leak at a residence on Holt Circle.

Nov. 5

• At 2:17 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.

Nov. 6

• At 5:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Harris Drive.

Nov. 7

• At noon, the dept. responded to a call of a possible gas leak at a residence on Hudson Road.

Nov. 8

• At 3:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Country Club Drive.



The team: Jordyn Borino, Hunter Conner, Olivia Corbin, Cayden Peirson, Aubrie Potts, Jaylin Raby, Birdie Sherwood, Nicole Taylor, Alejandra Valerio, Charlotte Westendorf, AE Woods and Claire Worley.

— Photo by Janice Raby

Highlands MS Volleyball team wins Tri-State Championship

Highlands Middle school won the Tri State Championship for volleyball for the fifth time -- 2010, 2016, 2017, 2019 and 2021. This year the game was at Rabun Gap. The scores were: Game 1: 14 Rabun - 25 Highlands; Game 2: 25 Rabun - 20 Highlands; Game 3: 10 Rabun - 15 Highlands.

Highlands had a great season this year.

“The girls worked hard to improve during practice so they could play hard during games. They each showed tremendous growth in their abilities as well as in their confidence on the court,” said Coach Allison Hedman. “I have enjoyed watching them grow and seeing them succeed. Our win against Rabun Gap for the championship was big for them as we had lost to them during the regular season twice. The girls knew that they would have to work hard and keep the end goal in sight in order to win. During that game they played point by point to keep their spirits high and keep pushing forward.”

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sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age,” says the Psalmist. Give thanks to God, urges Saint Paul, “give thanks to God the Father at all times, and for everything- in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

It is right, then, that we should remember to give thanks in the midst of the busyness, joys, distractions, and excitement of this holiday season. It is right for us to lift our hearts in praise to God “from whom all blessings flow.”

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Remery broke a team record in the 100 backstroke.

Jayce Powell scored 18 pts with three 2nd places. Jr. Olympian Paolo McRae (one 2nd), Blake Kenter (two 1sts), and Bella Batista (one 2nd) all scored 17 pts. Elizabeth Burnette (one 2nd) scored 16 pts, and Mark Gross 15, (one 1st place finish).

Jr. Olympian Corena Dearth and Annie Wilkes both won a race and scored 12 pts. Margaret Cole (one 1st), Luke Highsmith (two 2nds) and Mason Johnson (one 2nd) scored 10 pts, Asa Garner (one 3rd) 9 pts. Penelope McRae (one 2nd) scored 8 pts, while Harper Fairchild scored 5.

Jr. Olympian Layla Babac and Eli Highsmith each had a 3rd place finish and scored 4 pts. William Burnette scored 2 pts.

Missing with an injury and illness respectively, were Timmy McDowell and Jr. Olympian Conner Hughes.

Finneaus Garner, Mark Gross, and Justin Powell all qualified for the 2022 Jr. Olympics in the 50 freestyle, Powell also qualified in the backstroke.

The next swim meet is at home Saturday morning, November 20.

The Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is a Highlands Recreation Park Team that practices at the Highlands Recreation Park Pool in the evenings. The only requirement to join is the ability to swim 25 yards (one length of the pool unassisted). For further information please call Head Coach Steve Hott at 828.421.4121.

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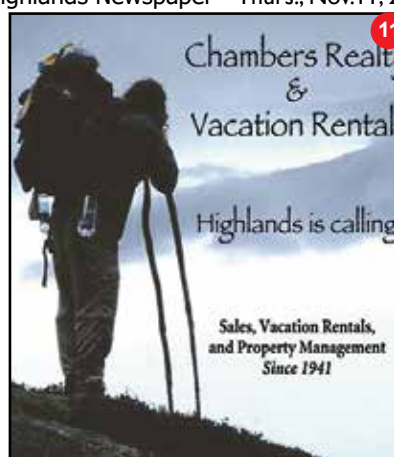
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