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Thurs., Nov. 10, 2022

MC elects first all Republican Board of Commissioners in county history

By Brittney Lofthouse

With 56.47 percent (15,793 out of 27,966 registered voters) of registered voters casting their

Workforce housing is a reality in Highlands

After decades of trying, the call for workforce housing in Highlands has finally been answered.

Cherrywood Partners, which includes locals David and Debi Bock and out-of-town financiers, has developed a workforce housing complex on 32 acres in "The Meadows" on US 64 east between Highlands and Cashiers near the Dollar General and the Highlands Fire & Rescue substation off Cherrywood Drive.

The development will eventually feature 70-75 pre-fab, 2/ bed, 2/bath and 3/bed, 2/bath units.

Whether there will be 70 or 75 units depends on how many 3/ bed, 2/bath units are requested.

> The first 10 units have been • See HOUSING page 23

ballots in Macon County, voters elected the first fully Republican Board of Commissioners in the county's history. Republican incumbent Commissioner Gary Shields, along with newcomer Danny Antoine secured • See ELECTS page 24



Members of American Legion Post 370 march in Highlands annual Christmas parade held the first Saturday in December.

Veterans: the Bold, the Brave, the 7%

Chip Snyder Public Information Officer American Legion Post 370 Highlands and the nation will celebrate Veterans Day, Friday, November 11, 2022. Here locally, we'll gather at Veterans Plaza in front of

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Former Fedex driver found guilty of 2021 Highlands burglaries

By Brittney Lofthouse

Law enforcement in Macon County began investigating a string of burglaries in the Highlands area just before the holidays last year that resulted in the arrest of Gregory Thomas Bufkin, a local FedEx driver. Bufkin, 43, appeared in Macon County Superior Court last week and was found guilty of 17 Class H felonies of breaking and entering, which were consolidated from the original charges of 7 counts of breaking and enter-• See FEDEX page 19

Highlands Hurricane swim team returns from Clemson with 105 ribbons

Steve Hott Head Coach

On Saturday and Sunday, November 5 and 6, 17 members of the Highlands Hurricane Swim Team traveled to Clemson, SC to compete in the 6-team Clemson Classic swim meet.

The Hurricanes brought back

105 ribbons (22 of them first places), and had 54 PRs (Personal Records). All of the Hurricanes had at least one PR!

It was an unscored meet, but the host team CAT (Clemson Aquatics Team) won 36 events, Highlands 18 and Kroc Swim

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Everything is memorable to someone

s I recently drove down Cullasaja Drive and by Mirror Lake I realized the Monkey Face tree was still there. Regretfully, the monkey face image that was a natural part of that tree is long gone. The only thing remaining remnant of that glorious oddity of nature is a rotting scar on the tree.

What was the monkey face tree? The principals involved in the monkey face travesty are

long gone from Highlands, some even from this earthly realm. What took place happened over 30 years ago. Nevertheless, the story is worth recalling as a cautionary tale.

When Sallie and I had young children, we would travel from Atlanta to visit grandparents, Jean and Buck Trott. Jean continues to live on Cullasaja next to the lake. Our kids always expected to do three things when making the trip. First, we had to stop at the Indian Store on old US 441 at Tahulah Falls. Second, they always had to call out the Lick Log Store as we passed by as a signal that we were near Highlands. Finally, as we drove down Cullasaja we had to stop,

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Highlands Mayor Patrick Taylor

or drive slowly by the Monkey Face Tree. About 15 feet up the tree was a knot that was a perfect image of a monkey's face. It was as if an artist had sculpted it. We all marveled over this little wonder of nature.

On one trip to Highlands we discovered to our dismay that the monkey face was gone. Someone had taken a chain saw and cut it from the tree. When we arrived at the Trott's home, Buck, the then



The Monkey Face Tree • See MAYOR page 13

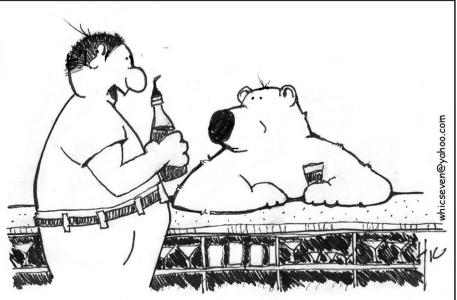
•CORRECTION•

In the Nov. 3 edition in the story "Meet the candidates for NC Senate - 50, U.S. House of Rep - 11 and U.S. Senate" both U.S. Congressman Ted Budd and NC Senator Chuck Edwards were referred to as incumbents. Though they did hold office, neither was running for the office they were holding. Therefore, they weren't incumbents.

Ted Budd (Rep) represents North Carolina's 13th Congressional District and is projected to win the U.S. Senate seat currently held by Richard Burr who decided not to run again.

Chuck Edwards (Rep) is a member of the NC State Senate, representing District 48. He assumed office on September 13, 2016. He ran for the 11th Congressional District previously held by Madison Cawthorn. Edwards won the seat Nov. 8.

We apologize for the error and are happy to set the record straight.



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•Ink Penn•

Take a trip to Brittany in two books

Was fortunate enough to visit Normandy in 2014 but the closest I got to Brittany was having a tour guide on my cycling trip whose family owned a farm there. It's long been my practice to find and read works of fiction—especially mysteries—set in the locales I plan to visit, and that's how I stumbled across this author years ago. I've read the earlier books in the series and was tickled to find the most recent one at the library.

The Granite Coast by Jean-Luc Bannalec

When I stumbled across Book seven in the series, I brought it home and immediately logged onto the library website to reserve this one – Book six. I prefer to read a series in order when I can.

This one was a delight. Who knew there were so many very different locales in Brittany? The author splits his time between Germany and France and someone else translates his books into English. Ev-



Kathy Manos Penn

ery book is like a virtual vacation. In this one, Commissaire Dupin is taking a forced vacation with his girlfriend and is trying mightily to relax. Of course, his boredom is relieved by a murder and several lesser mysteries in the picturesque village on the Granite Coast. Read it for the descriptions of the pink granite. Read it for the murder mystery. Read it for the evolving relationships. You won't be disappointed.

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The King Arthur Case by Jean-Luc Bannalec

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Visit yet another locale in Brittany when Commissaire Dupin and his team take a field trip to the Forest of Broceliande, the setting for "the legend of all legends," that of King Arthur as told by Chretien de Troyes. When Dupin discovers the body of a scholar on their first stop, the field trip quickly turns to the business of finding the murderer, and just as quickly, the body count grows.

Woven throughout the modern-day mystery are tales of the Knights of the Round Table. As are all Bannalec's mysteries, this one is filled with twists and turns, good food, and good wine. Read it for the • See INK PENN page 18

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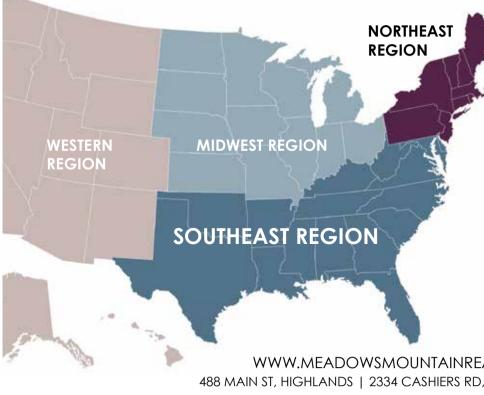
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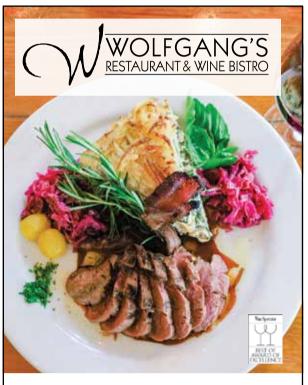
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David Larry Rogers



David Larry Rogers, 85, went home to be with the Lord at his residence in Highlands on October 20, 2022. He was born in Jackson County, NC on April 15, 1937, to the late Claude Rogers and Edith Calhoun Rogers of Highlands.

Larry is survived by his wife of 63 years, Genevieve Rogers; four children, Michael Rogers (Tina), Penny Houston (Max), Kimberly Downs (Jeff) and Mark Rogers (Lori); thirteen grandchildren, Magie Barden (Chris), Courtney Welch (Josh), Alexandra Lewis (Austin), Carrington Houston (Kristen), Clayton Partain, Brooke Wooten (Josh), David Rogers, Sarah Rogers, LeAnne Downs, Nicole Holbrooks, Brett Gibson, Adrienne Watts, and Colton Gibson; ten great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews; a sister, Linda Williams (Ray). In addition to his parents, Larry is preceded in death by a sister, Claudia James Nelson.

Larry proudly served his country in the United States Army as a pipefitter and a plumber while stationed in Greenland. Anyone that knew Larry had an "L.R." story. He loved people and enjoyed getting a good joke on you. He was a successful businessman. Larry Rogers Construction was a household name. He served as a commissioner for the Town of Highlands as well as serving on numerous boards. He was a service minded man and loved his community and the people he served.

Papaw will leave a void in all our lives. God blessed our family by allowing him to remain with us after a debilitating stroke in 2011. We are grateful for our time with him.

A graveside service was held Monday, October 24, 2022 at the Highlands Memorial Park in Highlands, NC. Pallbearers were Clayton Partain, Carrington Houston, Chris Barden, Josh Welch, Austin Lewis, Roberto Torres, Colton Gibson, and Pali Torres. Honorary pallbearers were the employees of Mark Rogers Grading.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Rogers family. Online condolences can be made at www. bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Laure Swanner Walsh

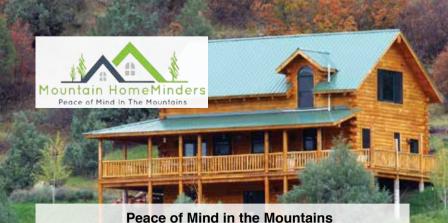
Laure Swanner Walsh, 64, passed away October 28th, 2022, at her Scaly Mountain home. She was preceded by her husband of 28 years, James Walsh Sr. and will be dearly missed by her two loving children, Ali Mae Walsh and James Walsh Jr.



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Born in New Orleans on December 15th of 1957 she is the daughter of the late Alvin Earnest Swanner and Rita Hewson Swanner. Laure grew up closely among her three siblings; Michael Swanner (Lori), Susan Swanner (Scott), and Holly Jarrett (Keith) and was a beloved Aunt to many nieces and nephews.

As the flower-child of the family, Laure naturally

pursued a Bachelor of Science in Horticulture at USL in Lafavette, LA. After graduating with Highest Honors, Laure became known for her expert care of interior plants throughout the New Orleans Central Business District. She loved to share her plant knowledge, passionately naming any plant on a whim.

Laure met the love of her life, Jim Walsh while living in Pass Christian, Mississippi. Soon after, her love for plants and family transformed when her father purchased Chateau Golf & Country Club and she began landscaping the grounds and surrounding areas; all while exploring her passion for cooking, taking classes by night.

In 1994, Laure married Jim and together they worked at The Club, Laure now as Executive Chef. They soon began a family of their own raising two children in Kenner, around the corner from her parents and sister.

They enjoyed traveling, camping in North Carolina, and abroad with family and her dearest friends. She loved trips to Boston to visit Jim's family and summer holidays in Ocean Springs with her extended family.

Laure loved the country life and built a barn home on the Gulf Coast of Mississippi near where her and Jim's love first be-



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gan. The property became a favorite of Laure's where she held camp for nieces, nephews and her friend's children while gardening and raising chickens.

Although life took a turn in 2005, when Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans, Laure decided it was time to move her family to their cherished town of Highlands, NC. In this

quaint mountain town her life blossomed, becoming deeply involved within the community, schools, and church.

After building a home in Scaly Mountain, Laure joined the Scaly Mountain Women's Club and developed everlasting friendships. She put her whole heart into everything she did, Laure was a passionate volunteer, caring mother, wonderful friend and sister.

To many, Laure showed her love through cooking meals and throwing fabulous parties true to her Louisiana roots. Her most loved meals were Crawfish Pies, Mu ulettas, Gumbo and Charbroiled Oysters.

A memorial mass will be held 10:30 am on November 10th at Our Lady of the Mountains in Highlands on ciated by Father Jason Barone. Laure will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Scaly Mountain Women's Club Scholarship Fund: P.O Box 64, Scaly Mountain, NC 28775.

Online condolences can be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

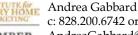
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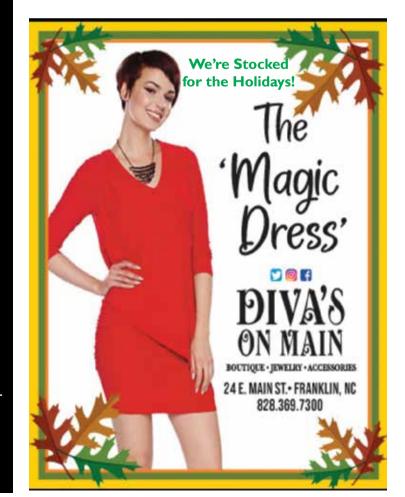
Truett Cathy had great vision. He located his Chick-Fil-A restaurants inside the center of shopping malls, even before food courts were included. Eventually,



Kenny Youmans

Chick-Fil-A was in malls all over the South, and in 1986, the company opened its first stand-alone restaurant in Atlanta.

Truett Cathy also decided to close his restaurants on Sundays. When he opened his first restau-



rant on a Tuesday, he found that he was tired and worn out by Sunday. A deeply religious man he never regretted his decision to close on Sundays. He used this time teaching Sunday school for over 50 years.

To lure customers away from fast-food burger chains. Chick-Fil-A produced TV, billboard and newspaper ads using Holsteins cows holding signs that said "EAT MORE CHICKIN." The theme promoted the idea the renegade cows had trouble with spelling but were smart enough to understand self-preservation. Launched in 1995, the campaign became a hit. The company entered a partnership with the Peach Bowl, the annual football game in Atlanta. The Chick-Fil-A cows reached a national audience of more than four million people.

Sales for Chick-Fil-A sandwiches soared, and the company is now the largest privately owned fast-service restaurant in the country. Today there are 2813 restaurants. Chick-Fil-A has maintained its position as America's favorite restaurant for eight years in a row, according to the American Customer Satisfaction Index.

In 1984 Truett Cathy founded the WinShape Foundation to provide programs that would impact young people and families and enhance their Christian faith, character, and relationships. The foundation mission's states, "We are the Christian non-profit known for creating space for transformation through every phase of life."

The first WinShape initiative built a foster care home at Berry College in Rome, GA. The home provided housing for 12 students and two foster parents. WinShape Homes now has eight foster homes established in Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. The foundation has also created WinShape Camps, with more than forty • See SUNNY SIDE page 22

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president of the Mirror Lake Improvement Association and our family patriarch, welcomed us.

When our kids asked about the Monkey Face, Buck reported that someone had cut it out of the tree. He assured us that a full-blown investigation was underway. A week or so after we were back in Atlanta, Buck called to report he had found the offender, a new resident to Mirror Lake. Buck was riding around Mirror Lake one day and noticed a newly built porch. On one of the posts hung the monkey face. Apparently, the new homeowner had ordered a worker to go cut out the Monkey Face and bring it back to him. Buck, who never had a reputation for restraint, stopped and chewed the man out for committing such a crime against nature. Buck ordered the man to put the Monkey Face back on the tree or face the wrath of Buck and all the Mirror Lake residents.

The monkey face was returned to the tree, but nevertheless rotted soon thereafter. The tree was never the same, and a unique natural phenomenon was lost to the community forever.

Why am I telling this story now? Like I said before, it is a cautionary tale in this time of economic prosperity and unprecedented growth. As folks relocate to this wonderful community, everyone needs to constantly be mindful of this unique ecology and natural setting. What we perceive as insignificant actions may have unintentional consequences for the community. Paradise can be lost. Other "monkey faces" are still around us, at least for now.

Let me know if you know of other phenomena like the Monkey Face. Send stories to AskmayorPat.com.

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the Highlands Police Department on Oak Street to pay tribute to the seven percent 7% of our country's citizens -- the veterans, who stood to protect and preserve our freedoms. Every race, every color, every political persuasion, young and old -- makes no difference -- veterans served to protect us all

The idea for Veterans Day, originally known as Armistice Day, was a commemoration of the end of World War I -- "The War to End All Wars" -- and occurred on November 11, 1918. Congress officially recognized the holiday in 1938 as a day primarily set aside to honor veterans of World War I. That date continued through the years.

Those presenting the Veterans Day celebration will be the Highlands American Legion Post 370 members who represent all five military services: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard.

Post members and other Highlands veterans served in every capacity in the Armed Forces as infantry in the jungles of Vietnam, in the deserts of the Middle East and in the cockpit of Navy and Air Force aircraft. They built bases as part of the famous Navy Seabees and served above and below the waters as submariners and sailors. We have doctors and lawyers as veteran members of the post. Truck drivers, base maintenance and repair veterans, cooks and many other jobs too numerous to name are all veterans.

The driving force to all of this is the

dedication to duty and patriotic spirit of these veterans. Their commitment to country and community has continued well past their separation from military service.

You can find a veteran in every church, charitable and civic organization in town. They're handing out hotdogs at the Fourth of July celebration at the baseball field. They're helping with the summer arts and crafts festival. They're at the PAC, the Playhouse, Chamber of Commerce, the Highlands Fire & Rescue station, the Highlands Police Department and virtually every other organization in town. Their service did not end after separation from military duties. Recently, one of our members received the coveted Governors Longleaf Pine Medal for his public service to North Carolina and the nation.

Several years ago the local American Legion Post started a tradition to honor veterans within the community by offering the veterans, their family and friends an opportunity to purchase an engraved memorial brick commemorating their service. Those bricks are now being installed in the Honor Walk at Veterans Plaza and can be viewed after the Veterans Day ceremony.

Nov. 11, Veterans Day is the community's opportunity to say thank you and honor those men and women, the bold, the brave, the seven percent 7% who stood to protect America's freedoms.

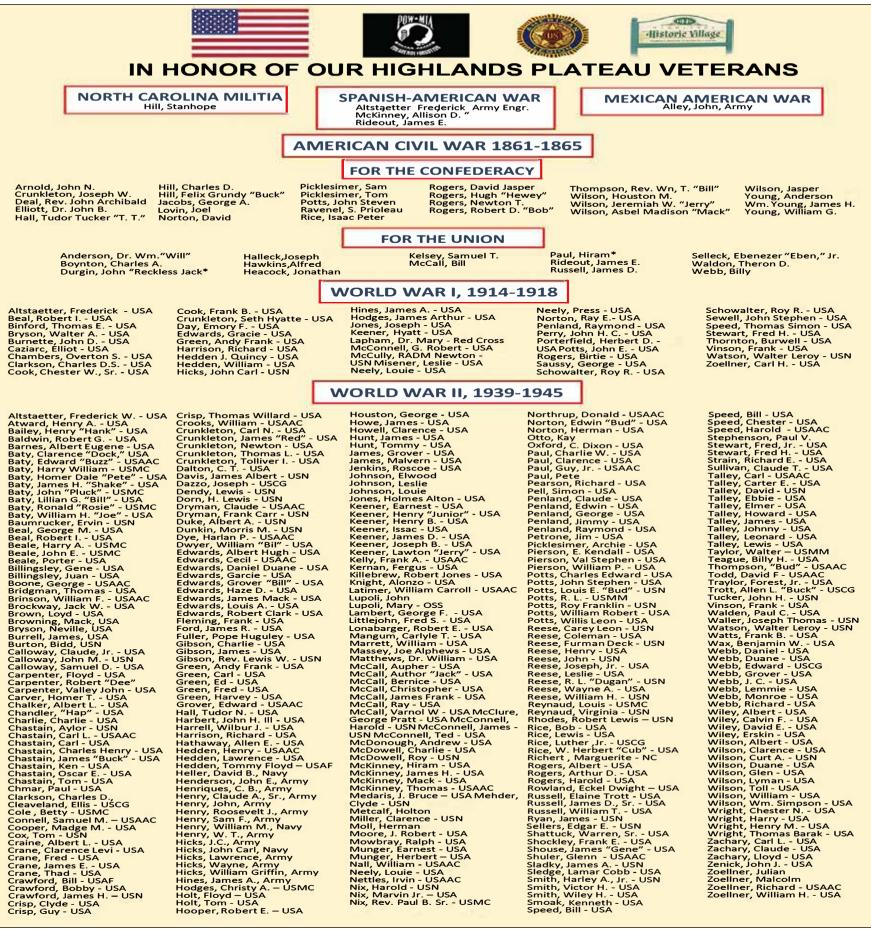
Please join us at 11 a.m. at Veterans Plaza to honor and celebrate the service of these veteran patriots, men and women.



This Veterans Day, and always, we salute those who stood to protect and preserve our freedoms.



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Mowore, J. Kobert - USA Mowbray, Ralph - USA Munger, Earnest - USA Nall, William - USAAC Neely, Louie - USA Nettles, Irvin - USAAC Nix, Harold - USN Nix, Harvin Jr. – USA Nix, Rev. Paul B. Sr. - USMC

KOREAN WAR, 1950-1954

Houston, Richard T. - USA Huie, William Stell - USA James, Robert - USA James, Robert "Bob" - USA James, Tom - USA Johnson, Alvin Johnson, Gordon N. Johnson, Gordon N. Johnson, Kenneth - USA Keener, James W. - USA Leon H. - USA Deville, ftalph - USA Evitt, Leland C. – USA Garriand, Willard - USAF Georgia, Daniel C - USMC Gibson, Chyde - USN Gibson, Harold - USN Gorden, John E - USMC Gordon, John F. - USMC Green, James E. - USA Green, James E. - USA Hall, Nillton J. "Bill" - USN Hall, Nillton J. "Bill" - USN Harris, Jerry - USA Heard, Claude - USA Hearny, Michell "Mickey" - USA Herring, Gene - USA Horland, Guy - USN Holt, Harry A., Jr. - USA Hopper, Bobbie W - USN Hopper, Mack H. - USA

Leon H. - USA Lewis, A. Alan - USA Lewis, William G. - USN Manley, Lonnie L. - USA McKin ney, Thomas G. - USA Melvin, Richard - USN Miller, Edwin D. Vard - USA Montgomery, Charles - USAF Neety, Mack P. - USA Norton, Charlie Ray O'Neal, Clarence - USA

Patten, Richard B. - USA Phillips, Jamie - USA Picklesimer, Clark - USN Pierson, Val Stephen - USA Pierson, Val Stephen - USA Potts, James A. - USA Potts, Richard "Dick" - USA Potts, Wade - USA Price, Paul - USA Price, Paul - USA Prince, Charles Ray - USA Prince, Charles Ray - USA Reese, James - USA Reese, James - USA Reese, James - USA Reese, James - USA Resse, James - USA Rippeto, Charles - USA Rippeto, Francis - USAF Rogers, Jack - USMC Schmitt, George Sewigny, Albert, Jr. - USMC Simmons, Wilbur B. - USA Speed, Felix – USA Talley, Clifford - USN Talley, Ed T. - USA Talley, Fred H. - USA, Trott, "Buck" - USAF Turner, Luther - USN Vinson, Eugene – USA Wilson, Morris - USA Waller, Billy Gene - USA Waller, Billy Gene - USA Whitehurst, Jim - USA Wilson, Gordon, Jr. Wilson, Neville - USA Wood, Charles - USA Wood, E. V. - USA Wood, E. V. - USA Worley, Richard, Sr. - USA Zachary, Bill - USA Zachary, Robert - USA

COLD WAR & VIETNAM WAR, 1955-1975

Adrian, John "Jack" - USN Alford, James - USAF Alford, J. A. - USA Austin, Samuel "Sam" - USA Alford, J. A. - USA Austin, Samuel "Sam" - USA Baidwin, Robert Lee, Jr. - USN Bartinikas, Thomas - USN Beck, Gilbert - USA Bell, Griffin - USA Berryhill, Bruce, MD - USN Back, Paul W. - USA Bosworth, John "Jack" - USN Brockway, Jack - USA Buchannan, Robt, MD - USN Bugg, William A. Jr. - USN Bryson, W. N. "Ned", Jr. - USN Byers, Nitty - NC Calloway, Bill - USA Calloway, Bornie - USA Calloway, C. L. - USA Calloway, Konnie - USN Carter, Jack - USA Carter, Thomas Lester - USA Carter, Jack - USA Cole, Carton - USA Cole, Carton - USA Cole, Carton - USA Coleman, Wayne - USA Coleman, William Copeland, Diallis - USAF Corane, John Richard Crane, John Richard Crane, Michael Alan Crane, Michael Alan Crane, Thomas E. - USA Creswell, William - USA Crisp, Douglas A. - USMC Crouch, Robert

Alford J.A.

Allff, Jim - USN Baty, Earl - USN Bradley, Waldo - USN Bryson, William - USA Calloway, Robert C. - USA Chandler, F. "Hap" - USAF Chastain, Oscar E. - USA Conway, William S. - USA Corn, Hollon J. - USAF Crase, John E. "Bud" - USA Creswell, Thomas L. - USA Crowe, Joe - USN Crowe, USN

Crowe, Joe – USN Crowe, Wayne, USMC Crunkleton, Charles - USA Crunkleton, Johnny - USA Crunkleton, Joseph A. - USN Dalton, Furman "Bud" - USA Dryman, Ceol - USN

Crowe, Merlin - USA Crowe, Morris - USA Crowe, Wayne Currminga, Larry - USAF David, Kenton - USA Davidson, Frank - USAC Davis, Carter, MD - USA Davis Robert - USA Dendy, Ervin - USA Dendy, Ervin - USA Dendy, Robert - USA Doubleday, Gerry - USA Doubleday, Gerry - USA Edwards, Bill - USCG Edwards, Donnie - USA Edwards, Linda G. - USA Errickson, Steve - USA Erickson, Steve - USA Evitt, Lefand C. - USA Erickson, Steve - USA Evitt, Lefand C. - USA Faubian Ray - USA Feinberg, Maurice - USN Risher, Don - USMC Rynn, Pat - USA Georgia, Daniel C. - USMC Hall, Keith - USAF Hatatone, George - USA Headen, Ray - USN Hedden, Ray - USN Hedden, Ray - USA Head, Ray - USA Highley, Jack - USA Highley, Jack - USA Houston, "Bobby" - USAF Howland, Slocum, MD - USAF Howland, Slocum, MD - USAF Howland, Slocum, MD - USAF Hughes, Stap - USN Hughes, Tim = USMC Johnson, J. C. - USA Johnson, Ralph - USA

Kaplan, Gary - USMC Kazek, John, USAF Keener, James Howard - USA Keener, Lawton - USA Killebrew, Bob - USA Knight, Ken - USA Lamb, Steve - USA Lamdon, Jim - USA Lowe, James L - USA Lowe, James L - USA Lowe, Roy - USA Luces, Steve - USA Mabry, Bob - USN Maier, Gordon - USA Maier, Bob - USN Maier, Gordon - USA Marer, William - USA Martin, David - USA Martin, Wm. MD - USAF Mason, Eugene - USN McCall, Bert - USA McCall, Robert M. - USA McCall, Robert M. - USA McCove, Gordon - USA McCove, Gordon - USA McCove, Gordon - USA McCov, William - USMC McDowell, George - USA McChan ey, Jane McRea, Will - USA McRea, Will - USA Merthan, Robert, Jr. - USA Melvin, Richard - USN Munger, Robert, Jr. - USA Minton, Matt Mullen, D on MD - USA Munger, Robert - USA Munger, Robert - USA Niblack, Emmet "Nib" - USAF Niz, Richard - USA Norman, Tommy - USA Oakley, Osborne - USA Parks, Leonard - USN Owen, Gary - USA

Patrick, Pat - USA Perry, Steven R. - USA Petrone, Kevin - USA Picklesimer, Brandon - USA Picklesimer, Clark - USA Picklesimer, Greg - USA Picklesimer, William K. - USA Pierson, William K. - USA Potts, Joseph E. - USA Potts, William "Bill" - USA Raoul, Pet er M. - USAF Reese, Daniel Quincy - USN Reese, Dennis - USA Reese, Gordon - USA Reese, Gordon - USAF Gordon - USAF Reese, Henry H. - USA Reese, Joseph Ronald - USA Reese, Shannon - USA Reese, Thomas H. - USA Reese, William R. - USA Rice, Bennie - USA Rogers, Arthur D., Jr. - USA Rogers, Bert M. - USA Russell, William T. - USA Sanger, Paul - USA Scholffli, John - USA Scholmater, Paul - USAF Schiffli, John - USA Scholwater, Paul - USAF Scott, Rob Scott, Scottie - USN Smith, Jack - USA Smith, Robert F. - USAF Smith, Treeter" - USAF Snyder, Chip - USN Stackpole, Dauer - USA Stalica, Robert Frank - USA Stalica, Robert Frank - USA Stevens, Mike - USA Stevens, Jimmy L. - USAF Stika, Dale - USAF Stika, Dale - USAF

Stribling, Tom - USN Strictiand, Andy - USA Sweatt, David - USA Talley, Clifford - USN Talley, Richard E. - USN Taylor, Back - USA Taylor, Pat - USA Tietze, Bob - USA Tietze, Bob - USA Taylor, Pat - USA Tietze, Bob - USA Tietze, Bob - USA Tiepping, Dan - USMC Tracy, Torn - USN Trevathan, Richard - USAF Van Scoy, Larry - USA Vansch, Budy, "J. - USAF Vinson, David - USA Vinson, Toliver - USA Winson, Toliver - USA Waller, Kenny - USA Waller, Kenny - USA Waller, Kenny - USA Webb, Billy - USA Wison, Cree Wilson, Corespondent Wilson, Mordia - USAF Wilson, Woodrow - USA Wison, Woodrow - USA Wood, Horace - USAF Wood, Horace - USAF Wright, Bob - USAF Wright, Robert - USMC Youmans, Kenny - USA Zoellner, Richard, Jr. "Butch" Zoellner, Rob

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Alexander, Wes - USN Ammons, Gary - USN Bowman, Dennis - USN Brooks, Lori - USN Chmar, Andrew - USN Chmar, Mark - USAF

Alley, Chris - USN Baldwin, Robert L. - USA Branham, John T. Chastain, Chris - USA Clark, Robert - USA Clark, Wayne Davis, Dennie - USA Davis, Dennie - USA Dryman, Dean - USA Edwards, Bill England - USA Floyd, Charlie - USA Hair, Judson Hedden, James - USA Hester, Curt

Clark, Wayne - USN Dryman, Cecil - USAF Gilbert, Chris - USN Hall, Tudor, II - USA Head, David - USN Henry, Patrick - USA

> Hicks, James W Hogue, William J. Holloway, Frank H. House, James, - USA Houston, Randall Boone Houston, Tom Houston, Tom James, Horace - USA Jellison, Dave - USA Johnson, William E. - USA Johnson, William E. - USA Krug, Edgar Lawton, Charles F. Lewis, William - USA

Henry, Patrick - USA Houston, Chas."Bobby" - USN Jones, Ed - USAF Keener, Issac "Tony" - USA Lewis, Bill- USA Mabry, Robert - USN

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tiller, Everette, Sr. - USN Miller, Everette, Jr. - USN Miller, Martha - USA Miller, Richard - USA Morton, Richard - USA Moseley, Chas – USAF Picklesimer, Glenn - USN

Pearce, KB - USA Pentand, Carl - USAF Perkins, David Pierce, William Roy Pierce, William Roy Pierson, Ron - USAF Prince, William Harold Probat, J. Henry Reese, Ralph Rogers, Larry - USA Rowe, William Ryan, James - USN Smith, David St. Germain Rev - USA St. Germain, Ray - USA

Reby, Randy - USA Reese, Apryl - USA View, Patrick J - USA View, Patrick J - USMC / USN York, Martha - USA Watkins, Gayle - USA Wilson, Steve - USA

Stonecipher, Dale Stonecipher, Dale Sullivan, James Van Horn, Bruce - USA Vinson, Eugene - USA Vinson, Scott - USA Waller, "Butch" - USA Walters, Bret - USA Webb, Eugene - USA Williom, Lee - USA Williams, Louis A

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Highlands Food & Wine Festival adds tasting events to enhance weekend festivities

Highlands Festivals, Inc., the organization that produces the Highlands Food & Wine Festival. announced today the addition of special tasting events to lineup for the weekend-long event set to be held Nov. 10-13, 2022. The new events include a "Tour de France" wine tasting with Vinevard Brands, "Supper & Song" dinner and fireside set, and "In Good Taste" sustainable business choices discussion with experts from Tarpon Cellars. Ovsters Carolina and Highlander Mountain House.

The new events include:

• Tour de France - Friday, Nov. 11, 4-5:30 p.m., Skyline Lodge

• Supper & Song - Friday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m., Highlander Mountain House

• In Good Taste - Saturday, Nov. 12, 4-5:30 p.m., Highlander Mountain House

This year's festival also includes the popular Grand Tasting, Truckin', Main Event, and Sunday Shindig events, as well as the return of the Generous Pour fundraiser. The four-day-long festival features world-class food from renowned local and regional chefs from across the Southeast for exquisite culinary experiences capped with live music from today's top artists.

From classic rock-and-roll to funk, folk, country and soul tunes, the musical headliners for the 6th Annual Highlands Food & Wine Festival offer something for everyone, with performances by Old Crow Medicine Show, Durand Jones & The Indications, The California Honeydrops, Lilly Hiatt, Molly Tuttle and more.

Local wine dinners

In addition, the following wine dinners and specialty events are hosted by local restaurants and retailers located on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau during the festival weekend. Please contact the presenting partner directly or visit https://highlandsfoodandwine. com/specialty-wine-dinners/ for information about reservations and tickets:

• Autumn Vendange Har-

vest Lunch - Friday, Nov. 11, 4-5:30 p.m., Highlands Wine Shoppe

• Far Niente Family of Wines Dinner - Friday, Nov. 11. 6:30 p.m., Oak Steakhouse

• A Tour of the Rhone Valley - Friday, Nov. 11, (Time TBD), The Vinevard at 37 High Holly

• Champagne 101 Class - Saturday, Nov. 12, 2:30-4:30 p.m., Highlands Wine Shoppe

• Argyle Wine Dinner -Friday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m., On the Verandah

• Bourbon Dinner featuring Chef Adam Bresnahan - Saturday, Nov. 12, 6:30 p.m. Presented by 4118 Kitchen + Bar.

 Farm Harvest Dinner & Barn Dance - Friday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m. The Farm at Old Edwards

For more information, visit https://highlandsfoodandwine.com/.

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intrigue and the fairy tale legend and come away hungry! I also came away with the urge to visit Brittany--as I always do when I read this series.

If you're intrigued, I suggest you start with Book one -"Death in Brittany." I recall being fascinated by the descriptions of the shoreline and the famous painters who visited the locale in the days of old. I love learning things when I read fiction, and in these books, I always do.

• Award-winning author Kathy Manos Penn is a Georgia resident. Find her cozy mysteries at Shakespeare & Company in Highlands, Franklin Office Supply & Gifts, and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com, and follow her on Facebook, www.facebook.com/ KathyManosPennAuthor/.

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ing. 7 counts of larcenv after breaking and entering. 7 counts of possession of stolen goods, and 6 counts of larceny of a firearm.

Bufkin was sentenced to 6-17 consecutive months in jail, with that sentence being suspended and Bufkin placed on 60 months of supervised probation. The extended probation was granted due to the excess restitution amount ordered by the courts. In addition, Bufkin was ordered to do a split of 14 days in the county jail per judgement meaning he has 238 days total to do at the discretion of his probation officer.

According to Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland, a homeowner called Sheriff Holland after seeing a deputy inside her residence on her home surveillance camera and wanted to know what was going on and why a deputy was in her residence. Sheriff Holland contacted the deputy assigned to the Highlands area and learned that the deputy was still inside the residence. The deputy was on scene of the home after law enforcement received a call regarding an open door at the residence and the deputy was actively searching the residence for any intruders.

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search, the deputy was able to determine that there was no one in the residence. Later in the day, the same homeowner contacted Sheriff Holland and reported having a man on video earlier in the day on her security camera

The homeowner reported that the intruder appeared to be wearing shorts and was there for just a brief time and fled when he saw her camera. Investigators with the Macon County Sheriff's Office were able to identify that individual and were able to quickly locate him at his residence. Investigators were also able to confirm the man seen in the video was a FedEx driver who worked in the Highlands area.

"Throughout the night, interviews were conducted with the suspect who is identified as Gregory Thomas Bufkin, a local FedEx Delivery Driver," Sheriff Holland said in December 2021. "Investigators seized several pieces of evidence which included multiple pieces of jewelry and two firearms. Some of the items seized were found to be inside Bufkin's work vehicle."

As part of Bufkin's plea, he was ordered to not be in the Highlands or Scaly Mountain area.



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• <u>Public Swim</u>: Sat. I 1a-6p; Sun., I-6p.<u>Adult</u> <u>Swim</u>:Tues & Wed I 1a-5p and Mon.,Thurs., Fri., I 1a-2p. <u>Lap Swim</u>: MOn-Fri 6a-9:45a and Sat. 10-11a. 828-526-1595.

Mondays

• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 5:30-6:30pm. No registration required – just show up and participate. Questions? Visit www.maconncliteracy.org, call 828-526 – 0863 or email info@ maconncliteracy.org

Second Mondays

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

Ist Tuesdays

• Indivisible Highlands from 5-6:30 pm at the Hudson Library.

2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings held on the second or third Tuesday of each month at 3pm. Members receive weekly notification regarding when and how the group will assemble. "We welcome participation from anyone interested in writing, or just hanging out with writers," said Bud Katz. For more information contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

Tuesdays

• Strength Training 8:15-9:15am. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone.

Wed. & Sat in October

• Autumn Amble" leaf tours this October. Every Wednesday and Saturday at 4 PM, staff will lead an exploration of the Highlands Botanical Garden to discover what leaves are already changing and (the science of) why. All are welcome to participate in these free guided tours, and no registration is necessary.

Mon-Fri

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10-11am. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Pickle Ball inside and outside. I 0am-Ipm, everyone is welcome so come out and enjoy a game of Pickle Ball.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

Mon. & Wed.

• New Mobility Class with Anna Norton It's all about movement. 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday 6:45-7:45. For more information, call Anna 267-825-0716.

Mon.Wed.Fri

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

• Aerobics w/Tina Rogers 8-9a. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more info.

Tues. & Thurs.

• New Zumba class with Gay Chalpin from 4:30-5:30p. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with different types of exercise. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15am.An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• At Hudson Library, Family Storytime at 10:40a. For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

• At Hudson Library, Kids Zone at 3:30 pm with a wide variety of STEAM, nature, and craft activities.For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

Fridays

• Friday Night Live Concerts in Town Square on Main Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Bring chairs.

Saturdays

• Saturdays on Pine in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic.

• Live music at Frog Quarters just before the bridge over the Little Tennessee River in East Franklin.

2nd Saturdays

• The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club meets in Highlands at The Bascom at 10 a.m. March thru November.

3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main Street in their Community Room/909 Chapel. We serve breakfast at 9am and hold our monthly meeting at 10am/We invite ALL Veterans to attend. Contact Ed McCloskey, Commander for any information @828-787-1660.

(Starting Nov. 19)

• At the Rec Park, Senior Lunches noon in the meeting room. For any other information call Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey at 828-526-3556.

Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 3 - 5

• Smoke Stories - Calliope Shorts: Campfire Stories at the Full Spectrum Farms Pavilion, I 185 Wayehutta Rd. in Cullowhee. Performances are at 7 p.m. and take place outdoors. Tickets are \$20 general admission, \$25 for VIP seating and \$16 for children, students and seniors. For tickets: Calliope Shorts | Campfire Stories (ticketspice.com) Fri., Nov. II

• The Highlands American legion post 370 will hold a Veterans Day ceremony at Veterans Plaza in front of the Highlands Police Department this coming Friday, at I Iam. Veterans Day commemorates the heroic services of veterans defending our country and our freedom. The public is invited to attend this patriotic event.

Fri., Nov. 11

• The Cashiers School of the Arts will be presenting the inaugural Family Art Night at the Cashiers Village Green Lewis Hall on Friday evening 5:30-7:30pm. A fun, activitypacked evening for the whole family. The culinary arts will be explored by children and adults as they design and make their own "Art of the Pizza" presented by Slabtown Pizza. Dance and movement will round out the evening with line dancing instructed by Danie Beck.Attendance is limited and will cost \$5per adult and \$3 for each child. To reserve your space call Tim Womick at 336-653-1051 or Appleseed@earthlink. net.

Sat., Nov. 12

• The Literacy & Learning Council of Highlands will hold a Golf Ball drop fundraiser, Saturday, I Ia to 5p at the K-H Founders Park. \$10 for one golf ball and one chance to win \$5,000. No limit on the number of balls one person can purchase. Food, drinks, live music and games for the whole family for more information. call 828-526-0863.

Wed., Nov. 16

· 3-day Bear Shadow Weekend tickets go on sale at 10am. The lineup for the April 28-30, Bear Shadow spring music festival is jampacked with today's hottest stars in the Americana music scene. The music festival at Winfield Farms in Scaly Mountain will feature headlining performances by Spoon, The Head & The Heart and Jason Isbell and The 400 Unit. Three-day tickets for Bear Shadow Base Camp will be available at https://bearshadownc. com/ beginning Wed., Nov. 16 at 10 a.m. EST. General Admission tickets will be available for \$325 for a three-day pass and \$150 for single day tickets. VIP tickets will be available for \$775 for a three-day pass and \$275 for a single day ticket. VIP tickets include admittance to Bear Shadow Base Camp live performances for the specified days,

access to prime viewing areas, exclusive VIP bar with complimentary top wine, spirits and non-alcoholic beverage brands, complimentary small plates by local and regional food partners, priority entrance into the festival VIP bathrooms, access to all GA areas, access to additional food. sponsors and craft vendors on-site and complimentary shuttles to and from downtown Highlands. General Admission tickets include admittance to Bear Shadow Base Camp live performances for the specified days, complimentary beer, wine and premium non-alcoholic beverages. and coffee, access to a variety of food, sponsors and retail vendors on-site, and complimentary shuttles to and from downtown Highlands.

Sat., Nov. 19

• At The Bascom on the Terrance, Holiday Arts & Crafts Show 10 am - 4 pm.

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 25-26

 Christmas on The Village Green in Cashiers. Cashiers Mistletoe Market, features artisan vendors with a unique assortment of handcrafted Christmas gifts and decorations 10a-5p. Friday and Saturday. Santa will be hearing wishes from 2-5p on Friday in the Lewis Hall. Appointment slots for Santa visits are available on The Village Green website and a \$5 per child donation is suggested at the door. Christmas Tree lighting ceremony 3:20-6:30p on Friday at the Gazebo near the crossroads.

Fri., Nov. 25

• At the Highlands Performing Arts Center, Masters of Soul at 7:30p. For more information call 828-526-9047.

Sat., Nov. 26

• Light Up the Park from 6 to 8 p.m. in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park. Anticipation will fill the mountain air as the community gathers in the park to enjoy treats and a program that includes live music and carols led by Silly Ridge, a display of children's artwork and a reading of the Christmas story. Then, Santa arrives atop a firetruck to usher in the lighting of the park and Main St. Watch the park come alive with thousands of holiday lights that will stay up all season, along with ice skating and photo-op fun.

Fri., Dec. 2

• At the Highlands Performing Arts Center, Great Art on Screen. Venice: Infinitely Avant Garde at 5:30p. For info call 828-526-9047.



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More than 4,500 locations will open to collect Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts for the Samaritan's Purse project. Volunteers are preparing to collect shoebox gifts during National Collection Week, Nov. 14 - 21.

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"Now more than ever, children around the world need to know that God loves them and there is hope," said Franklin Graham, president of Samaritan's Purse. "A simple shoebox gift opens the door to share about the true hope that can only be found in Jesus Christ."

Participants can find the nearest dropoff location and hours of operation as they make plans to drop off their shoebox gifts. The online lookup tool is searchable by City or ZIP code. In Highlands-Cashiers we have two drop-off locations listed below; and there will be signs to help direct you at all locations.

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Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, seeks to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world and, together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 198 million giftfilled shoeboxes to children in more than 170 countries and territories. This year, Operation Christmas Child will collect its 200-millionth shoebox!

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thousand campers each summer. Truett Cathy's vision was for them to learn leadership skills to be successful in life. Scholarships valued at up to \$32,000.00, jointly funded by WinShape and Berry College, are awarded up to 30 students annually.

Truett Cathy received many awards over the years, including the William E. Simon Prize for Philanthrope Leadership, the Norman Vincent and Ruth Stafford Peale Humanitarian Award, the Cecil B. Day Ethics Award, and the Horatio Alger Award. He wrote several-best selling books, including It's Easier to Succeed than to Fail, Eat Mor Chickin: Inspire More People and It's Better to Build Boys Than Mend Men.

Chick-Fil-A has been run by the Cathy family since the restaurant chain's founding in 1946. It is currently being led by the third-generation of the Cathy family.

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ing define our town, it's culture, the arts, the parks, vibrant public spaces, the worthy charities, places of worship, and our overall quality of life. Were it not for those who give, both past and present, Highlands would be a very different place (think Gatlinburg). All of us know many of these women and men, and we send you our heartfelt thanks!

Thank you, Highlands for our tireless work force; who labor for far more than 40-hoursa-week just to keep things going. This includes our hoteliers, restauranteurs who've been shorthanded for years, front-of-thehouse and back-of-the-house line ups, the hospital medical staff, our town employees, and the watchful eyes of our police department. If you dream of safe, vibrant, clean, protest-free-walk-able streets, come to Highlands!

Thank you, Highlands for our volunteers (and I don't mean Tennessee fans, although they're very nice people). To our Fire & Rescue Team who risks it all, and all of you who give of your time to create and expand the Highlands Greenway, serve the Chamber of Commerce, preserve the Highlands Biological station, support the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, pick up litter each spring and fall, and help run our incredible events like the Highlands Food & Wine Festival, The Motoring Festival, and 3-Rivers Fly Fishing Festival.

Thank you, Highlands and Cashiers Chamber's-of-Commerce; for the manner in which you support our businesses and the local residents alike, for positively positioning the Plateau to visitors, who look at each other on the way back to their over-heated city and say... "you know, I really think I could live Highlands!" It's the old adage "show me a place where people want to visit, and I'll show you a place where people want to live."

And finally, Highlands, thank you for the Real Estate Business for which we are blessed to work in. Without 100% of the topics mentioned in this column, there would be no viable Real Estate Business. Thank you to for the 312 Real Estate Brokers in Highlands and Cashiers. We appreciate their partnership and the respect unseen ways they give and serve the Plateau in order to help others find a way to be here.

Thank You again and again, dearest Highlands!

• Pat Gleeson, Bee Gleeson, Christal Green and Gemma are proud to be a team of "Helpers" and Real Estate Brokers at Highlands-Sotheby's International Realty in downtown Highlands (Kitty Corner from Old Edwards Inn). You can reach all of us at 828.526.8300. Please stop by for coffee and conversation.



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rented and will be move-in ready January 2023 with hopefully 10 more units available each month until the development is built-out.

The Bocks are the builders and will be the landlords, if necessary, but they are hoping the leasing of the units will fall to employers who will theoretically take rent out of paychecks like the Old Edwards Hospitality Group does with its employees for whom housing is supplied.

There is a full-time, husband/wife caretaker team on site and everything except electricity is included in the rent – water/ sewer and fiber optic internet.

Each unit comes with a fullsize washer/dryer, a private covered deck. There are community mailboxes and a community amenities area which will include picnic tables, grills and a children's area.

No pets are allowed nor is inside smoking and units are available furnished or unfurnished.

The 2/bed, 2/bath units are \$1,700 unfurnished and \$1,900

furnished. The 3/bed, 2 bath units are \$2,250 unfurnished and \$2,500 furnished.

The Bocks said the project took longer than planned to develop due to supply chain issues particularly for the onsite water treatment plant and septic system, but now everything has come together.

Basic rules are what is expected for most rentals around town: annual leases, first and last month rent up front, a security deposit, and monthly rents must be direct deposited. Quiet hours are 10p to 8a and all trash must be deposited in the community trash dumpster.

Though the vicinity to the Dollar General means people without vehicles can theoretically shop for groceries and more, the Bocks hope some business-minded person might start a shuttle service to get workers to and from town.

Meanwhile, anyone or any businesses wishing to reserve a unit, can get a reservation application by emailing Debi Bock at bock7@me.com.

- Kim Lewicki





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36.5 and 34.2 percent of votes respectively, making them the top two vote getters and next commissioners to serve Macon County. While Shields was re-elected to the board, Antoine, a Republican, beat out Macon County Commission Vice-chair Ronnie Beale, a Democrat, making all 5 seats on the board held by Republicans for the first time.

Republican John Shearl received 9,350 votes (62.67 percent) to Unaffiliated candidate Jerry Moore's 5,570 votes (37.33 percent. Shearl's election to the Board of Commissioners marks the first time in Macon County History that the District I seat on the board is not held by a resident that resides within the Highlands city limits.

The decision for Macon County Board of Education District 2 seat came down to the last precinct reporting - Nantahala. The final votes received at the Board of Elections headquarters pushed Stephanie Hyder Laseter just beyond the needed 30 percent of votes cast to 31 percent or 4,020 votes to Danny Reitmeier's 3,846 votes (30 percent), to secure her seat on the board. Laseter was elected to the seat formerly held by Tommy Cabe, who passed away earlier this year. Cabe passed away suddenly, after the state deadline to remove his name from the ballot - giving voters the option to cast their ballots for him during the general election, resulting in him receiving 14 percent, or 1,844 votes.

Joining Laseter on the Macon County Board of Education winning the District 4 seat is Diedre Breeden. Breeden earned 55 percent (7,250) of the votes to beat out incumbent Carol Arnold's 45 percent (5,887) votes.

Macon County residents voted overwhelmingly against the quarter-cent sales tax referendum that would have generated an additional \$2 million in revenue for Macon County Schools each year. The referendum failed with 8,246 votes cast against the increase and 6,776 votes for it. According to North Carolina General Statute Macon County can take up the sales tax referendum again if the Board of Commissioners vote to add it to the ballot in two years.

According to vote totals, it appears a large number of voters in Macon County cast their ballots specifically geared toward voting For or Against the sales tax referendum and statewide elections and not local races.

The race for US Senate was decided late Tuesday night with Republican Ted Budd beating Democrat Cheri Beasely with 50.71 percent of the votes across the state. Out of the total 15,793 votes cast during the election in Macon County, the US Senate race reported a combined total of 15,636 votes.

The US House of Representative race, which Republican Chuck Edwards won with 53.94 percent of the votes over Democrat Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, saw a total of 15,597 of Macon County votes.

That roughly 15,000+ vote totals was reported for other statewide elections including the North Carolina Supreme Court races as well as the races for North Carolina Court of Appeals Judge. The North Carolina Senate District 50 race also garnered a total of 15,601 votes in Macon County - meaning there were 192 people who voted during the election in Macon County, however they did not vote for either candidate running for NC Senate District 50. Incumbent Republican Senator Kevin Corbin overwhelming won re-election to the seat with 59,481 (66.15 percent) of votes across the district compared to Democrat challenger Karen Burnette McCracken who received 30,432 (33.85 percent) of votes.

However, when it came to the North Carolina House of Representative District 120 race — only 12,185 ballots were cast for Republican Karl Gillespie who had no Democrat opponent. From there, the number of total votes cast continued to decrease with only 11,997 votes being cast in the NC Superior Court Judge Race for William Coward — who ran unopposed — meaning 3,796 Macon County voters didn't vote for that seat at all.

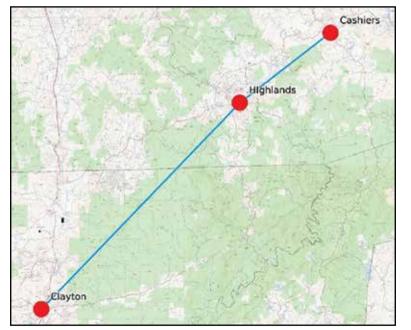
That same trend was evident in the remaining judge seats on the ballot — albeit most of those were Republican seats — so one could assuming Democrats simply didn't vote for the seat due to lack of a Democrat candidate, however, NC District Court Judge District 30 seat 3 featured an unopposed Democrat candidate in Roy Wijewickerama and that race only garnered 6,771 votes — meaning 9,022 Macon County voters didn't vote in that race at all.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners District 1 race included a total of 14,920 meaning 873 of individuals who cast their ballots didn't vote in that specific race.

The Macon County Board of Education District 2 race saw a total of only 12,967 votes leaving 2,826 more ballots cast overall in Macon County than cast specifically for the District 2 race. For the Board of Education District 4 race, a total of 13,176 ballots were cast, for a difference of 2,617 ballots compared to the total number of ballots reported for Macon County.

While the local county-specific races reported about 1,000 fewer votes cast in specific races than cast overall for the county, the sales tax referendum received 15,022 votes — garnering the same 15,000+ numbers of the statewide races on the ballot.

The majority of votes cast in Macon County were cast during the early voting period. When early voting closed on November 5, 8,892 ballots had been cast with 1,756 Democrats voting, 4,165 Republicans voting, and 2,958 unaffiliated voters casting their ballots ahead of the November 8 election day. Macon County also garnered 13 Libertarian voters this election cycle.



Hut-to-Hut proposes a trekking route from Clayton to Cashiers

Over the last couple of years, there has been talk about developing a hike/bike trail between Highlands and Cashiers. Now in partnership with the "Friends of the Connector" organization, the Center for Life Enrichment CLE is sponsoring a presentation on a proposed Blue Ridge Connector trekking route.

The Blue Ridge Connector is a proposed trekking route connecting the communities of Clayton, GA, Highlands and Cashiers. What is envisioned is a vacation length trekking route on which people without specialized skills could hike from Clayton to Cashiers via Highlands carrying only light daypacks.

The proposed trekking route would connect the communities with a mixture of existing and new trails along with a series of "huts" at convenient locations.

The huts would provide rustic but comfortable accommodations between the communities where the distances would otherwise be too long. Hikers could spend the night and recharge without the skill set, equipment, or fortitude required by back packing like on the Appalachian Trail.

Sam Demas and Ben Dodge will present an overview of hut-to-hut and village-tovillage travel in the USA, showing the growing variety of opportunities for multi-day traverses by hiking, biking and skiing.

The talk will provide historical and international context for understanding the current wave of interest in recreational huts on American trails. Their talk will feature many of the 16 existing US hut systems as well as those in the planning stages. They will share their insights on the challenges and opportunities for hut-to-hut and village-tovillage travel in the USA, including practices for minimizing environmental impacts, and associated programs supporting conservation and environmental education

The free "Hut-to-Hut in USA: Context and Challenges" presentation is Tuesday, Nov. 15 from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in the CLE Lecture Hall in the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center at 348 South 5th Street.

No registration is required.

• Thank You •

The family of Larry Rogers would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to each person who took time out of their day on Monday, Oct. 24 to line the streets of Highlands and offer their condolences on the death of our father. We were amazed to see so many of you there to honor our Dad.

Thanks to all of you who poured your hearts out with the memories you had of our father. Thanks to all our extended family, previous and present employees, neighbors, friends, and church family. Each of you showed up and supported our family every step of the way.

Dad would have been proud of that last ride through Highlands on his favorite pieces of equipment, his tractor! You have all greatly blessedourfamilyandwesincerelyappreciateyou.

– Genevieve Rogers, Michael Rogers, Penny Houston, Kim Downs and Mark Rogers.



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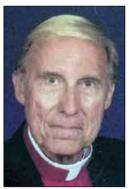
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• Spiritually Speaking •



Archbishop John S. Erbelding

In today's busy world there rarely seems to be any time for a quiet moment alone. And, when we do find it, many of us seem frightened at the sound -- or lack of sound -- and seek to change it. When we walk into an empty room often the first thing we reach for is the TV control. We tend to choke our solitude with music, or talk, or sounds to which we don't even listen. It's there simply to fill a vacuum; and, when it's gone, we become nervous at its absence.

It may be time to learn again to be alone, to reexperience the quality of solitude, to allow life with all its fullness to rush back into our consciousness. To be alone and to think deeply about one's own life is important to our personal sense of well-being. It's part of the process of developing a well-defined personal philosophy of life.

Most of us would probably agree that we would like a few undisturbed minutes but somehow just can't find the time. Perhaps the trick is to schedule some time alone each day, even if it's just for a quarter of an hour. And it doesn't have to be in some dark corner. You can be alone with your thoughts in a park, in a museum, in a house of worship, or in a library. You can be alone while soaking in the tub, knitting a sweater, or working in the woodshop or in the garden. The important thing is to share a moment with yourself undisturbed by the rush of other's demands and interests, the unending stream of emails that clutter our lives. Our first duty in our silence should be to listen and follow the command of Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God."

Lives built around a daily moment of solitude seem to have a greater comfort zone in dealing with daily challenges. They have an eternal perspective to help meet daily pressures in subtle ways. It helps keep life in balance so no single element becomes the only important part of life. There's a reserve provided by this spiritual center of solitude -- a balance that permits individuals to tolerate stress more than would be possible if there were nothing else.

Perhaps the most important reward of solitude is that it keeps us in touch with spiritual values. When we lose the light of Christ, we lose the purpose of life; and when the purpose of living is forgotten, the universe becomes meaningless.

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• Police & Fire Reports •

Highlands Police entries from Sept. 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Sept. 27

• At 9:26 a.m., officers were called about someone being stalked at Hudson Library.

Oct. Ś

• At 6:43 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hudson Road.

Oct. 14

• At 2:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on 3rd St.

Oct. 25

• At 1:06 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

Oct. 27

• At I p.m., officers were called about commercial dumping in a culvert on Bowery Road.

Nov. 2

• At 9:25 a.m., officers were called about injury to Real Property at CK Swan on 4th Street where \$300 of damage was done to 3 windows.

Nov. 3

• At 11:22 a.m., officers were called about a woman being stalked at the Hudson library.

• At 9:25 p.m., Christopher Ray Mc-Call, 38, of Highlands, was arrested for stalking. His trial date is Dec. 8.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Nov. I.

Nov. I

• At 10:10 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a vehicle fire at a residence on Wyanoak Road.

Nov. 2

• At 9:48 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Pierson Drive.

• At 12:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• At 12:49 p.m., the dept. was firstresponders to a residence on Country Club Drive.

• At 7:46 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on VZ Top. **Nov. 3**

• At 6:45 p.m., the dept. was firstresponders to a residence on Old Orchard Road.

• At 6:59 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Hicks road.

• At 9:06 p.m., the dept. was firstresponders to a location on Skyline Lodge Road.

Nov. 4

• At 11:50 a.m., the dept. was firstresponders to a residence on Potter Lane.

Nov. 5

• A little past midnight, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Morewood Road.

• At 9:42 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Rich Gap Road.

• At 2:55 p.m., the dept. was firstresponders to a residence on Owl Gap Road.

• At 7:49 p.m., the dept. was firstresponders to a residence on the Cashiers Road.

•At 10:04 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Skyline Lodge road.

•At 10:53 p.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a location on Spring Street.

Nov. 7

• At 10:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a chimney fire at a location on Main Street.

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and our purpose in this existence, then we need to find time to think about it. We should not be afraid of the quiet in our lives, but cherish it and use it as a tool in assessing where we are along life's eternal road.

I would like to be able to reach out to you through this page and ask you to

walk once again with me in the Cloisters retreat on a Sunday afternoon of dappled sunlight or sit in the Monastery of the Holy Spirit, the faint sound of distant men's voices singing Gregorian chants and now in our new-joined souls repeat, "Be still and know that I am God."

Thank you

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Academy won 16.

Ben Halldin won 8 events and had 6 PRs, Justin Powell won 5 events and had a PR.

Chase Kenter won 4 events w 4 PRs, Dasha Halldin brought home 2 blue ribbons with 7 PRs. Tate Wilson, Ivan Shchelgachov, and Anton Halldin all had 5 PRs and 2 thirds.

Ian and sister Bella Batista had 3 PRs and won an event.

Alex Lopez swam 3 PRs and brought home 2 second place finishes, Jack Sumner had a 1st place finish and a PR. Max



The team's 105 ribbons.

Jestin had 3 PRs, Katherine Wise had 2 PRs, and Ian Kittrell swam a PR and made a 2nd place finish. Jayce Powell had a PR. Also swimming for the Hurricanes was Stefan Halldin.

Annabelle Searles and

The Highlands Hurricanes are a Highlands Rec Park Swim Team that practices at the Highlands Rec Park Pool in the evenings. The only requirement to join is that prospective swimmer must be able to swim 25 yards (1 length of the Rec Park pool) unassisted.

For more information please call 828.421.4121.



The Highlands Hurricane Swim Team in Clemson.



