Two ‘Dearth’ Santas: Brothers, Too!

The Dearth brothers, Lee and Allan, aren’t twins—however due to Allan’s premature birth, for three months each year, they are the same age and for at least one month a year they absolutely do look alike.

Though 600 miles apart, once they don their red suits, fluff up their white beards and set their spectacles on their noses they look identical passing as the quintessential Santa.

Highlands’ Allan Dearth first appeared as Highlands’ official Santa two years ago at the 2012 annual Christmas Tree Lighting when he took over.

According to Macon County RE/development 2015 predictions are good

Readers keeping up with the real estate market this past year know that there’s been a lot of activity. Our contributing real estate writers who offer their take on the market each week in “Investing at 4,118 Ft.” have explained the ups and downs of the market from a professional’s point of view.

Basically, participating Realtors agree that overall the real estate market is still changing and will continue to do so for the next few years reflecting the new attitudes of new clients as well as that of seasonal residents.

By Brittany Raby

Residents in Macon County continue to be at odds with the National Forest Services’ management plan for the Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests. While the plan has been in the works for the last two years, the forest service’s recent release of plans to designate 700,000 additional acres for logging has raised some concern.

There are two sides to the forest management plan that are being debated locally. One part of the plan identifies 700,000 acres of the Pisghah and Nantahala National Forest, including areas within Macon County, as being potential areas for timber management, including logging.

The other part of the forest service’s plan is whether to designate additional areas within the
Mayor on Duty

What is the mayor’s job?

It is my duty to listen, question, discuss and respond to Highlanders. Here are some of the types of questions and feedback that I have received this past year.

Mayor, when are you going to do something about those sneaky police hiding on the roads waiting to catch folks driving barely above the speed limit? Mayor, when are you going to get the police out on the road ticketing those speeders who fly through our tranquil community?

Mayor, when are you going to do something about those unnecessary zoning regulations that plague this little town? If the town prohibits me from using my property any way I see fit, I am going to sue! Mayor, when are you going to enforce all the zoning rules and regulations? My neighbor is breaking one of them, and the town should force him to comply immediately. I mean tomorrow and no later, or I will sue!

Mayor, we need stricter downtown parking regulations so business can thrive. Mayor, I am sick and tired of all these unfair parking regulations that hurt my business. I am a prominent citizen, don’t I deserve special consideration?

As the mayor I am open to hearing all points of view, but contrary to a widespread perception, the mayor can’t arbitrarily make decisions, even if the problem has an apparent clear solution. The mayor has to work with multiple stakeholders, other responsible individuals, and follow the law.

First, I have to be responsive to citizens, and invariably there will be disagreements. Second, under the council/town manager form of government the mayor, while working closely with the town manager, is not charged with the daily operation of the town. Frankly, there are times when the town manager and I are at odds concerning an issue. The manager is the professional, and I rely on him to insurge a town action is fair, consistent and legal. The mayor’s role, like the town commissioners, is to be a voice for the citizens. On occasion there is a clash between a citizen request, town policy and the law.

Finally, there are five elected commissioners who vote on town ordinances and policies. They expect the town staff to implement the policies that have been enacted. As a mayor, it is my duty to show leadership in setting a vision and direction for vital town issues. Town Board votes to confirm the course of action and direction for the town. I like to characterize it this way. The heads of five commissioners generates more synergy in resolving an issue than one mayor head, even if the mayor has a really big head!

It gets back to communication between citizens, commissioners, the mayor, and town staff. May I be bold to declare as mayor, in the coming year we all look forward to serving the people of Highlands. Hopefully, the decisions made will be in the best interest of the community.

God Bless Highlands and Happy New Year to All!
our county and the sizable financial and publicity contributions stemming from the network of hiking trails in the Nantahala forest that our members maintain for the use and enjoyment of Maconians and countless visitors from throughout our nation and even the world. The Club is presently reviewing the US Forest Service proposed plans for forest use in the Nantahala forest and, based on preliminary study, think that preserving the integrity of our trails will require supporting some of the proposed additions to Wilderness areas by the Forest Service and that there are other areas that should be considered for Wilderness based on various factors. We think the Macon County Commission should have studied this complex issue in depth and sought input from various sectors, including hiking and outdoors representatives. Furthermore, we believe that the passing of a resolution opposing new Wilderness designations in the manner it was done actually ignored the democratic process where all interests are heard and relevant voices have their say.

The Macon County Commission and the people of Macon County need to know that there are various designations for forest lands and that Wilderness areas comprise only 5 percent of the 500,000 acres Nantahala National Forest. The Wilderness areas are set aside by Congress as lands that retain their primeval character and influence affected primarily by natural forces and with outstanding opportunities for solitude and a primitive and unconfined type of recreation. As we humans continue to change the natural landscape, preserving some land in its untouched state may prove essential for our survival in understanding the interrelationships of organisms, obtaining cures for diseases, and preserving our connections to the Earth and Creation. Thousands of AT thru-hikers and hikers attest to the human need for being in nature, for solitude, and for getting away from “civilized” life. Not all things have a monetary value, some things have value beyond the profits that may be derived from cutting down old trees. Aldo Leopold, a US Forest Service ranger who pioneered a new way of looking at land, said many years ago about land use: “A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community.” That is what Wilderness areas do.

When the Macon County Commission passes a resolution it does more than express the individual opinions of its members. Because it is a governing body and because of its weight and respect accorded to it by citizens, the opinions embodied in a resolution exert a strong influence on other government agencies and their actions and may sway the viewpoints of many citizens. For these powerful reasons, the Nantahala Hiking Club reiterates that this resolution opposing the designation of additional Wilderness areas must be reconsidered, brought up to the public, discussed and examined, and only then will the Commission take a position reflecting the views of Macon County citizens.

Olga F. Pader, President
Nantahala Hiking Club

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In its 17th year, Macon County’s Shop with a Cop served the largest group yet. With nearly 250 kids, a dozen organizations and agencies came together to make this year’s event possible. Each child was given $100 to shop for Christmas presents. While they could get whatever they wanted, most chose to buy gifts for their parents and siblings. The Highlands Police Department had 100 percent participation in this year’s event, meaning every officer with the department was either volunteering to shop with a child or was on duty patrolling the streets.
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national forests as wilderness areas. The forest services has proposed designating about 14,530 acres within the Nantahala Ranger District as wilderness areas.

Although the two plans are both pieces of the forest service’s overall management plan, they are indifferent of one another. Having one plan does not mean not having the other plan. The areas identified as potential areas for logging are separate from those identified as wilderness areas.

Despite the two plans being separate, residents in Macon County have viewed the plan as being one or the other, and local officials are taking sides.

Earlier this year, at the request of Jim Gray of the Ruffed Grouse Society, Macon County Commissioners passed a resolution against the idea of designating pieces of the Nantahala National Forest as wilderness areas. Gray, whose stance is defended by Gordon Warburton a wildlife biologist with the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, notes that wildlife flourish in new growth areas of the forest, which are created by responsible logging practices.

Commissioners unanimously passed the resolution in support of Gray citing the economic benefit logging would pose for Macon County. The resolution stated that commissioners were opposed to designating additional areas in Macon County as wilderness areas. The wilderness areas within Macon County that were identified by the national forest service are some areas that are not part of the timber management and 700,000 acre logging plan.

Commissioners were adamant that designating additional wilderness areas in Macon County, which is about 50 percent national forest, would further hinder how the county can utilize the land. Wilderness areas are restricted in use and according to commissioners, that designation hinders the county’s ability for recreation activities on those lands as well as economically beneficial things such as logging.

“I have received a plethora of information from both sides of the ‘wilderness’ debate; however, my personal opinion has still not changed,” said Commissioner Jim Tate. “I know that my opinion is not popular to some people and organizations, but I always try to do my best to review and study all information before I render a decision. And, currently, I still feel like it is in the best interest of Macon County to not have any more ‘wilderness’ designations. The three primary arguments against wilderness designation that stick with me are: loss of timber revenues which are extremely important to our school budget, loss of accessibility for those that are unable to hike and enjoy the potential areas, and inability to provide and control successful habitat for wildlife. Again, I know that some people will vehemently disagree with my thoughts, but I currently do not believe that the advantages of reclassifying our local forest lands as wilderness outweighs the benefits of leaving our current classification as is. Also, Macon County nor myself render the final decision on this topic, that is left up to our US Congress, and everyone has the right to express their own opinion, just like we did, to the US Forest Service and to our Congressional leaders.”

Commissioners reaffirmed their stance in December after members of the public, including Gray spoke during public comment. Macon County Commission Chairman Kevin Corbin noted that the resolution passed by commissioners only reflected the opinion of the board as a whole, and it did not stand to make a decision regarding the debate, it was just an expression of the board’s opinion on the matter.

Franklin Mayor Bob Scott has urged the board to reconsider their resolution, as have members of the local hiking community and the Wilderness Society.

“I believe there is growing public support for these few areas of wilderness and the opportunities these wilderness areas will bring to Macon County,” said Mayor Scott. “I have not seen any indication that the county commissioners are willing to change their minds about their official resolution against additional wilderness. I disagree with them when they say that their resolution was only their opinions. They took action on a resolution in an open, official meeting and I feel that will carry more weight than an individual’s opinion. Finally, I have not heard any valid reason why a small fraction of wilderness will harm the National Forests or the economy of Macon County. If we were talking about vast acreage of wilderness then I would be against that. But again, we are only talking a very small amount of acreage in the overall amount of lands open to timber harvesting. We owe this to future generations to preserve parts of our National Forests.”

While local residents have joined in on the wilderness discussion in Macon County, ultimately, the final decision is left up to the federal government. The United States Forest Service is taking input from the public on designating additional areas within the forest as wilderness areas until January 5. Comments for or against the process can be made by going to https://my.usgs.gov/ppgis/studio/launch/24175.

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Tax Assessor Richard Lightner, all aspects of the real estate market continue to improve.

“While the total number of property transfers have gone up 12.2% from 2010 to 2011 and then again 11.4% from 2012 to 2013. This year, 2014, has seen a large number of townhouse projects coming on the market and prices have increased from the bottom prices,” he said. Though there are a good number of stress sales out there, they will slowly be recirculated in the market place.

“Stressed sales and foreclosures aside we are also seeing people buying properties as a result of an improving economic climate elsewhere,” he said. “For sure the sale price has soften from the 2007 sales but at the same time they are increasing from the bottom prices,” he said.

As for new construction, Highlands’ downtown area has seen a large number of townhouse projects coming on board in 2014 with pricing over $1,000,000 per unit. Also, Highlands has seen two older hotels sold and completely remodeled to reflect a much more contemporary time.

According to Highlands Planning Director Josh Ward, the number of new home permits for 2014 hit the 2007 mark – each had 24.

In 2008 there were 10; 2009 and 2010, 3; 2011, 8; 2012, 9 and in 2013, 10.

“Compared to the years past, additions and remodels have picked up, too,” said Ward. “As you can see this year has been very active in Highlands with new home permits, and it did not stand to make a decision regarding the debate, it was just an expression of the board’s opinion on the matter.

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for Buck Trott who had been Santa for 20 years. At 85, Trott handed his reindeer reins to Dearth.

Allan, who lives in Scaly Mountain said prior to his Highlands gig, when Scaly Mountain had a Christmas Parade he was Santa simply because he looked the part – but it wasn’t as official as his current job where he brings up the end of the annual parade and hears children’s wishes Saturdays through December.

Lee, 61, said last year he was literally plucked off the street by a friend in a local running club he and his wife belong to. Her Santa for the Santa Fun Run at Honey-moon Park in Palm Harbor, FL, bowed out and Lee was perfect for the part. He’s participated in the night run for two years now.

This year he did two tours with the local fire department again at night, who needed a Santa to ride along on an antique fire truck while cruising through neighborhoods giving out candy.

With their jovial, easy going personalities as well as their physical accoutrements, both guys are perfect for the part and clearly love their seasonal persona.

– Kim Lewicki

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As of Dec. 19, 2014, there were 436 combined Real Estate Transactions in the Highlands Township, Town of Highlands and Flats Township. Highlands Township had 255, the Town of Highlands had 116 and the Flats Township (Scaly Mountain) had 65. The Assessed Value is from the last time the property was assessed and doesn’t represent the upcoming 2015 assessed value.

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### Correction

The author of the poem “Where was the Highlands School Band?” in the Dec. 18 edition was Sarah Harkin, not Hawkins. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

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Looking back over the stories that ran in Highlands Newspaper this past year shows what a busy, newsy, political and productive year it has been in Highlands and its environs. Infrastructure improvements, policy changes, new buildings, an increase in philanthropic endeavors, all attest to the vibrancy that is Highlands and Macon County.

By all accounts it was a good year: here’s to 2015!

**JANUARY**
- Highlands Fire & Rescue volunteer Austin Reese assists in birth of Michael Passmore.
- Former OEI CEO Mario Gomes was sentenced to 52 months in prison for his part in a kickback scheme that took places during his tenure at OEI from 2004-2008.
- The year 2014 marks 100 years for Ravenel Park.
- Board of Education struggles with state-mandated requirements regarding teacher salaries and testing.
- Macon County BOE joins lawsuit against private school voucher system.
- After 50 years, Bob Houston retires from the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department.
- Allegations by ABC Store employees concerning ABC Board behavior cause Town Board to consider new candidates for ABC Board.
- The State Bureau of Investigation is called to investigate alleged embezzlement at Board of Elections.
- David Leffler was elected Fireman of the Year at the annual awards banquet.
- Planning Board considers extending parking restrictions through Dec. 31.
- Economic Development Group suggests changing Scaly Mountain name; pushes emotional button of families who have lived there for generations.
- Board of Education begins process to identify 25% of teachers to get raises as mandated by the state.
- County goes after delinquent taxpayers and considers 2014-’15 tax rate as it pertains to revel.
- Citizens take to Harris Lake for skating fun as temperature plummet.

**FEBRUARY**
- Town Board moves to restructure the ABC Board.
- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital joins Mission Health.
- Plans for Kelsey-Hutchinson Park announced by Founders Park Coalition.
- Mission Health matches Jan Woodruff’s $1 million gift to H-C Hospital.
- Winter weather affects school calendar and sports schedule.
- Mother Nature dumps a foot of snow on Highlands.
- Parker Meadows Park gets the funding go ahead.
- Highlands School Boys Varsity Team wins Conference.
- Highlands School test scores are well above the state average.
- Town goes after delinquent utility and sewer connection accounts. Advertises in newspapers.
- Downed diseased trees at 200 Main spurs stricter tree removal policy.

**MARCH**
- Town Board discusses a tax increase versus another electric rate increase.
- Highlanders visit Cuba for a cultural arts tour.
- Candidate challenge filed against Commissioner Ron Haven.
- MC Board of Education votes unanimously to lessen testing burden on students.
- Teachers petition Board of Ed to oppose state’s mandated tenure changes.
- MC Board of Elections upholds Haven’s candidacy.
- Candidate challenge filed against candidate Gary Shields is withdrawn.
- New Lake Sequoyah intake valve and dam repairs a go. Draining of lake is scheduled.

**APRIL**
- Town announces zero tolerance for violators of parking ordinance.
- New appraisal shows Parker Meadows land purchase was a steal.
- Pink Ladies take Polar Plunge into Lake Sequoyah for Rely for Life.
- Potential sediment release and build up continues to plague town.
- Candidate profile begins for primary candidates.
- Zoning Board rules that Mountain Fresh Grocery must adhere to restaurant rules for parking.
- Art and Angela Williams offer to fund renovations for year-round, gym floor and bleachers. Kelsey-Hutchinson Park and Highlands School’s ballfield and track.
- H-C Hospital dispels rumors about its closing.

**MAY**
- Town Board votes 4-1 to accept Williams’ offer.
- MC Board of Ed approves lottery method to select 25% of teachers eligible for raise.
- Craig Forster and Emily Dorsey were crowned King & Queen of Highlands School prom on April 25.
- Tests show MC student athletes’ drug use is declining.
- Macon Middle School math teacher arrested and charged with one felony count of indecent liberties with a student and one felony count with indecent liberties with a child. He was suspended pending an investigation.
- Highlanders School 2014 Valedictorian and Salutatorian are Emily Gabbard and Isabella Lupoli, respectively.
- County’s proposed budget is 2.9% less than 2012-’14 budget.

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- Macon County jail inmate Stephen Paul Johnson of Franklin was found dead in his cell on May 3.
- Town retracts free utility deal for the ABC Store, the Chamber of Commerce and the Highlands Playhouse.
- Second Macon Middle School staff member school secretary Paula Anglin arrested for disseminating obscene materials to a minor.
- Citizens offer to split cost of Playhouse utilities for one year since they are no longer free.
- H-C Hospital announces that the Operating Room will close September 1 and ambulatory services to other hospitals in the Mission Health system will expand.
- Photo of mama bear with four cubs visiting the Patterson residence on Cowee Ridge Road is submitted.
- Two inmates escape from the county jail.

**JUNE**
- MC Clerk’s office launches credit card payments system.
- NC Legislature approves fracking bill. Allows state to issue permits by spring 2015.
- County adds $200,000 to its proposed 2014-'15 budget.
- Wake County Superior Court Judge Robert Hobgood shoots down state’s 25% tenure mandate.
- Highlands’ new pool opens.
- MC high school students first to get iPads.
- Changes announced for Scaly Mountain Post Office.
- New building at corner of 4th & Main announced.

**JULY**
- Williams’ donation makes year-round swim team possible.
- Postal Service outlines new policies concerning Scaly Mountain Post Office.
- Human remains uncovered at Parkers Meadows Recreation Park project.
- Man experiences cardiac arrest at Highlands Aerial Park.
- President Carter visits Highlands.
- State repeals August Sales Tax Holiday for 2014.
- Intra-squad meet sets team and pool records.
- Macon County site of movie “Unarmed Amored Car.”
- Commissioners say no to more wilderness areas.
- Town Board OKs reallocation of ABC Store funds.
- County gives employees extra annual leave for lack of raises in coming year.

**AUGUST**
- WNC representative vote to sue President Obama.
- Highlands Relay for Life “Fight to the Finish” takes place.
- Franklin-area crime spree keeps the law busy.
- The cost of out-of-state students at Highlands School discussed.
- NCAA officials tour Highlands and Macon County.
- Macon County Schools start Aug. 25.
- Kelsey-Hutchinson Park breaks ground.
- Strangulation ruled as cause of death in Burningtown blaze.
- County and town talk fracking at monthly meetings.

**SEPTEMBER**
- Town ready to fight NC for right to sell broadband.
- Local and state high school graduation rates are on the upswing.
- MC Planning Board says no to towns’ requests for water line aid.
- Green energy policies are on the Planning Board’s front burner.
- Verizon agrees to town’s lease terms for extended tower on Big Bear Pen.
- Franklin man charged with first-degree murder in strangulation death of elderly Burningtown woman.

**OCTOBER**
- October called the best tourism month for Western NC.
- Franklin man could get death penalty for Burningtown murder.
- Fall forecast is good.
- Board of Education commends Highlands School for high achievement in several fronts.
- Macon Bank goes public; rings NASDAQ bell.
- Highlanders pedal to raise funds for US Navy SEALs widows and children.
- John Shearl wins latest appeal against town in zoning case.
- Mission outlines plans regarding H-C Hospital.

**NOVEMBER**
- Fire substation could spur Jackson County to pay for fire protection.
- Lea Dalimann becomes first female firefighter on Highlands Fire & Rescue Department.
- Construction on Kelsey-Hutchinson Park begins.
- Art and Angela Williams’ set plans for ice-rink in motion. Lake of bids delays start on enclosed pool.
- Lake Sequoyah draining to begin mid-December instead of October.
- New Highlands Fire & Rescue Substation breaks ground. Faster response time to outlying areas could mean lower insurance premiums.
- Holiday Artisans Market join Cafe 460 in old pharmacy on Main Street.
- 700,000 acres in Pisgah/Nantahala forests pegged for harvesting.
- Hunger Games cat(s) are Highlands celebrities.
- NC Secretary of Commerce visits Macon County.
- Town reacts to FERC application by California company to ressurrect the old hydroelectric plant.
- Town Board votes to keep Chowan road 2-way.
- Tax revals could be less than expected. A 14% decline reported.
- Town files complaint with NC Bar Association against attorney Scott Neumann for filing what they called a
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Lloyd Newson, DV8’s Artistic Director, interviewed more than 50 men asking them frank questions, initially about love and sex. One of those men was John. What emerged was a story that is both extraordinary and touching. Years of crime, drug use and struggling to survive lead John on a search in which his life converges with others, in an unexpected place, unknown by most.

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Highlands Bolivian Mission News

Pizza fundraiser is Jan. 18

The Highlands Bolivian Mission will be starting its 18th year in 2015. Over the years the mission has donated over one million dollars of medical equipment to hospitals and clinics in and around Montero, Bolivia.

In 1998 the teaching hospital in Montero didn’t have an EKG machine, a defibrillator or any other life-saving equipment. These were all provided by the mission and over the years, by other groups and finally the Bolivian government.

In 2003 the mission opened the foster home for homeless boys. The home presently has 25 boys under its care and two of them are here in Highlands attending school and learning all sorts of things they never would have learned in Bolivia. The two boys, Pablo Aguayo and Eluterio Flores have fit in quite well with their classmates and recently attended Homecoming in addition to being part of the Christmas Pageant at the school. They have continued to make pens that have been so popular as a fundraiser for their college education.

When they return in June they will finish high school and then go onto the university. The funds raised from the sale of the pens will cover all the costs of their education as the average yearly cost for college is only $1,200.

Since they have been in the United States they have also begun to craft pens out of local woods like spalted maple, rhododendron and walnut in addition to many tropical woods that have been brought to Highlands by Dr. Baumrucker.

Since the craft fair held at the old Blue Ridge pharmacy is now closed, anyone wanting to purchase a pen can call Dr. Baumrucker at 526-3605 and arrange a meeting to view the expanded collection of pens and other recently crafted items, including wooden birds that can be used as tree ornaments or just as decorative elements around the home.

The birds were painted by Eluterio Flores. The pens can be refilled with appropriate cartridge and come with a variety of gift boxes at no extra cost. These are available for only $25.

The next Bolivian Mission fundraiser will be the Pizza dinner during the conference NFL playoffs on January 18, 2015. As usual you can order a pizza and it will be delivered or can be picked up at the Highlands United Methodist Church between noon and 8PM. Pizzas can be ordered by calling the church secretary at 526-3376 or Dr. Baumrucker at 526-3605. The funds raised from this and all the other events underwrites all the mission projects, including the foster home, evangelical efforts and the medical donations.

The trip to Bolivian this year will take place from April 14 to June 9, 2015, but special trips can be arranged for those wishing to go at other times. Over the years we have met many friends that can help accommodate visitors without members of the mission being there. We have hosted groups from Johns Hopkins Medical School, UNC-A, and The University of Mississippi along with volunteers from the US and several foreign countries. Anyone interested in joining the mission can contact Dr. Baumrucker at 526-3605 to get more information. Journals from this year and the past 10 years are available on line at highlandsbolivianmission.com.

Also be sure to check out the giving trees at the Bascom. There is an amazing array of trees there beautifully decorated by several of the local non-profits in the area including the Bolivian Mission. Their tree is adorned with photos of the mission from 1998 to last year’s trip.

Highlands Area Events

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Is that a Partridge in that Pear Tree?

The Highlands Playhouse will be offering another spectacular Spectacular Spectacle production, From Here to Eternity: The Musical on December 30 & 31. Showtimes are at 3 PM. Call the box office at 828 526-2695 to reserve your tickets.

Thurs., Jan. 1
- Annual Resolution Run and Walk in front of the Town Hall building at 9a sharp.

Jan. 2-8
- At the Playhouse, the movie “The Theory of Everything.” Showtimes are Friday-Sunday & Thursday, 2, 5 and 8 p.m. No movies on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Sun., Jan. 11
- Auditions for the spring play, “Welcome to Mitford” by Robert Inman and directed by Donna Cochran, will be held Sun. Jan. 11, 2015 starting at 2:30 at the Performing Arts Center. Performance dates are Thurs. thru Sun May 21-24 and Thurs thru Sun May 28-31. Rehearsals start around April 1. Scripts are available at Franklin, Cashiers, and Highlands libraries. For more information call Donna at 828 526 2080.

Audubon Christmas Bird Count

Birds count. That is why some people count birds. In the early morning gloaming on Thursday, December 18,12 hardy and conservation-minded members of the Highlands Plateau Audubon Society gathered on Mirror Lake to inventory our winter avian residents. Teams of binoculared oglers set out under the leadership of their most experienced birders. One team went west to the Turtle Pond area. Another team went south to Horse Cove and Rich Gap. Those north and easterly bound did their spotting at Flat Mountain, Chestnut Hill, Cold Spring and Cheney Lane. A fourth group surveyed areas in and immediately around town, including Sunset Rocks, the Highlands Biological Station and the town’s water treatment facility. The clear, brisk day sparkled with beauty and promise.

Many other distant versions of this scene play out elsewhere in December and early January throughout North American and beyond. These coordinated “CBC” will go forth in all 50 states, Canada, Latin America, the Caribbean and Pacific Islands. True to the generational mantra of many, these determined bird counters are acting locally and thinking globally.

This annual Christmas Bird Count is the largest and most important citizen science project conducted by the National Audubon Society in the U.S. and the Bird Studies group in Canada. This year is the 115th year the count has been taken. The numbers of birds and avian species observed are fed each year into a massive data base that documents changing avian conditions in the Western Hemisphere. The outcome is vital information about the changing numbers and changing habitats of birds: which species are thriving and which are dwindling or threatened by extinction; how habitats are changing given global warming, with what effects on bird populations; how migratory patterns and pathways are changing; and what can be done to protect and safeguard this vital aspect of our life-sustaining ecologies. The CBC database has been central to the recent Audubon Birds and Climate Report available at http://climate.audubon.org/article/audubon-report-glance/.

What are we seeing locally and nationally? Unfortunately, the trend is downward both locally and nationwide. The total number of species seen here this year was down by 2 to 41 and the total number of birds seen decreased by 99, to 977. Our birds are not thriving. Indeed, the Audubon Birds and Climate Report indicates that 314 bird species in North America are at risk, 126 of those species being climate endangered; not a partridge was seen.
**New listing in Highlands Falls Country Club with 3br, 3ba, guest apartment with full kitchen and family room. $730,000. MLS# 80446**

**VZ Top Condo like you’ve never seen before! 2br/2ba with floor plan modification, new kitchen and baths, all new windows and doors. $275,000. MLS# 80358**

**Highlands Falls Country Club condo. 2br/2ba with fabulous view of the golf course! Eat-in kitchen, stone fireplace, 2 porches. $239,000. MLS# 79399**

**Newer, upscale home adjacent to Highlands Falls Country Club. 3br/3ba on the main level, 2 guest suites and family room on lower level, granite countertops, wood floors. $627,000. MAL #76569**

**Flat Mountain Estates. 3br, 4.5ba mountain home with cathedral ceiling, floor to ceiling fireplace, wood walls and floors. Excellent condition. $489,000. MLS #79117**

**Custom 3br/2ba timber peg home in popular Cold Springs Saddle and Tennis Club, offering lake access, horse pastures, stables, tennis courts and trails. $377,900. MLS# 79598**

**Old Edwards Club 3br/3ba condo with awesome view of the golf course. Gourmet island kitchen, open deck and spacious covered deck. Check out the PRICE at $399,000. MLS #75205**

**Updated home in Highlands Falls with a first class mountain view. The large covered porch, four fireplaces, fabulous master suite. Lower level features 2 bedrooms, an office plus a wonderful family room. The lower deck is also covered and has a hot tub for relaxing. MLS#80131 $695,000**

**Sweet Mirror Lake area cottage in a nice quiet neighborhood close to town. Keep a canoe in your backyard & enjoy Mirror Lake. 3/3 plus a family room w/fireplace. $349,000 MLS # 77220**

**Hard to find Mirror Lake frontage. Cute 1920’s cottage with great potential. Needs some TLC, but has great spaces and a gentle site down to the lake. $327,000 MLS #78726**

**Great value in Highlands Falls on the golf course. 3/3 All bedrooms open to decks, plus there is a screened porch off of the greatroom. The terrace level boasts the third bedroom and a large family room. MLS #79180 $485,000**

**Mountain Top Golf Club – Designed by Keith Summerour on 1.8 acres adjacent to a conservation easement of 6 acres. 5/4.5 with 3 fireplaces. MLS# 68782 $2,295,000**

**Golf Villa at HFCC overlooking the 10th green, and the lakes around the clubhouse. Easy living, on one floor with a large kitchen, open greatroom and spacious covered deck for entertaining. MLS #78264 $400,000**

**In Town - This charming updated cottage is situated down a lovely garden path bordered by lush ivy and pachysandra and a small stream 2/2 Move in ready. MLS#78186 $400,000**

**Striking home on Foreman Road hidden behind a mature, rhodo/azalea/laurel hedge. This roomy 3/2.5 older home is loaded with character. Large half acre lot, beautiful lawn and plantings, quiet neighbors. MLS #77485 $497,000**

**Split Rail – This fabulous 3/3 one level home is located just off Bowery Road. There are barnwood accents throughout and antique doors. The large covered deck has a stone fireplace and wonderful built-ins MLS #77834 $680,000**
Considerations when choosing a second home

Highlands has long been known as a haven for second home residents as an escape from the summer heat of the south and a place to enjoy these beautiful mountains and our quaint mountain town.

Our community has been blessed with many amenities that we could only have because of the charitable contributions of many of these summer residents.

When I moved here in 1985, the majority of second homes were conservatively priced and modestly appointed and were selling like hotcakes. For many years it appeared that there was no end to high appreciation rates.

Many second home buyers started with small condos, then moved on to medium priced homes and ultimately moved up to high-end, luxury homes which became extremely popular starting in the late 90s.

Homes priced over $1,000,000 couldn’t be built fast enough for the demand.

We all know that times have changed since the recession started in 2008.

It seems that no one, including the wealthy, has been unscathed by the economy since.

The inventory of available homes in all price ranges has increased considerably.

Since the beginning of this year, we have seen many more people looking at properties and have also seen more sales.

Real estate is stabilizing and those who have been waiting to purchase do not want to wait until prices come up. There will always be those who are comfortable with purchasing high end homes, but many are going back to more conservative choices. Stepping stones with prices as low as they are today, will serve as a way to get into a second home in Highlands and allow you to get your foot in the door.

Also, it makes sense to those more conservative buyers to purchase something today that will be easier to sell later in case things change in their futures.

As a potential second home or pre-retirement buyer today, these are some questions you may want to ask yourself:

- Do I need to look at purchasing a high-end home now that I will enjoy for years to come?
- Or would it be better to start with something smaller and less expensive that I may rent out or enjoy until the time for retirement comes nearer?
- Is it best to pay cash or obtain financing at rates lower than we have seen in generations?

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There are also many sellers willing to hold owner financing at these

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Real Estate Snapshots

Commercial Cottage

Adorable 1940s cottage, known as Rosebay Cottage, replete with commanding classic granite fireplace, original pine paneling and oak floors that would give any business endeavor instant cache. Great road visibility on Highway 64 East (Cashiers Rd.) Plans for possible expansion on file.

Offered at $145,000 MLS #80141
Contact Sheryl Wilson (828) 337-0706

Exquisite Luxury Living w/Mtn. Views

Welcome to an estate boasting an unparalleled combination of the best in mountain views, super craftsmanship, and custom design. On 2.55 +/- gentle acres, this elegant home features 4BR/4.5BA, gourmet kitchen, soaring ceilings with slate fireplaces, heated travertine in the bathrooms, long-range views of Whiteside Mountain and beyond. Expansive Carolina Porch with built-in Viking grill, stone fireplace, and easy access to kitchen/dining areas. Elegant guest area and more. The best in luxury mountain living.

Offered at $2,675,000 MLS #79156
Contact Susie deVille (828) 371-2079

Custom built Home with Stream & Water

Designed by Dennis DeWolf, this fully handicapped accessible home is as lovely as it is functional. In a peaceful, pretty setting on 4.21 +/- acres, this spacious, yet cozy, elegant home features light and bright screened porch, two fireplaces, two offices, elevator, mother-in-law suite, double garage, and paved access along a stately driveway. Wired for a generator. Tremendous value!

Offered at $685,000 MLS #78957
Contact Susie deVille (828) 371-2079

Premium River Front Acreage

In one of Highlands’ most desirable neighborhoods, this rare acreage offers a unique opportunity to envision and build your mountain dream home. On the Cullasaja River section of Mirror Lake, there are 4.83 +/- acres, with 2.1 +/- acres of usable land and a potential to subdivide! Acreage features lush, native foliage, stream and river frontage; and close to town.

Offered at $315,000 MLS #79819
Contact Susie deVille (828) 371-2079

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Highlands Mountain Realty

Elberton Way

Picturesque English cottage style, 10’ ceilings on main floor, garage, 3/4 BR, 3.5 Baths. Great view property. Pre construction pricing $1,945,000

Andréa Gabbard
828-200-6742
andreaagabbard@gmail.com

Rustic Elegance

Office, 2 car garage, studio, 3 BR, walk out basement, deeded lake access, direct access to National Forest hiking trails. $473,000 Broker/Owner MLS 79354

Susie deVille, Broker-in-Charge
(828) 371-2079
Log cabin with rock fireplace. Open great room, dining room, kitchen, hardwood floors and split floor plan. Large open back deck with winter views 1-car garage, wheelchair accessibility, all on one level. 17-acre community Lake Osage. MLS# 67737, Offered at $325,000.

3BD/1 1/2 BA. Great starter home or quiet getaway. Needs some TLC but could be great starter or retirement home. Offered at $199,000. MLS #74462

Horse Cove. Farmhouse on almost 5 acres with view of Black Rock and Sagee mountains, heart pine floors, masonry fireplaces, and covered porches. Abuts a common park area and connects to a large network of trails into the National Forest lands. Offered at $1,900,000 MLS# 72825

In the town limits, this unique estate has a private waterfall on over 20 acres with a quality main house, living room with huge stone fireplace, large custom kitchen with eating nook. Covered parking, guesthouse with detached garage. Offered at $6,500,000 MLS# 72588

Charming, cabin in Highland Hills, with deeded lake access. Winter view of Apple Lake. Fireplace, loft and back porch. Close to town. Offered at $299,000 MLS# 73386

Renovated cabin loaded with features: cathedral ceiling in the living room with fireplace opens on to a great screened porch with a mountain view, custom kitchen with stainless appliances, new hardwood floors, HVAC and generator, great master suite with 2 guest areas. Offered at $445,000. MLS #66120

Great year-round traditional close to town. Main level master suite with great storage and 2 car garage, additional guest bedroom and guest bath. Massive living room opens to large screened porch. Guest level has family room with 2BD, and workshop. Offered at $779,000 MLS# 71641

Main Street COUNTRY CLUB PROPERTIES Mt. Fresh
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Located close to town in the desirable Shelby Place, with quality finishes throughout. The easy living plan expands for guests/family comfort on the terrace level. Huge screened porch and 2 car garage. Offered at $595,000. MLS# 74675

Spacious home on a family estate with separate guest house. Beautiful grounds. Backs up to Forest Service Lands. Great mountain views and sunsets! Sunroom, office, den, garages and storage shed. Full generator. Offered at $1,495,000 MLS# 71473

Farmhouse design on 1.54 acre lot. Garage with finished upper story. Main house has an efficiency apartment. 3BD/3.5BA. This is a diamond in the rough. City water, walk to Mirrormont Pond and Mirror Lake. Shown by appt. only. Offered at $499,000. MLS #70112

12.06 ACRES on flat knoll, several acres cleared. 1960 brick Ranch is a blank canvas ready for a major renovation for today’s standards. Views of Little Yellow and Whiteside Mountain. Offered at $995,000. MLS #72885

Great views and gardeners paradise on all paved roads in the Flat Mountain area. 3 plus bedrooms 3 1/2 baths. 2 car garage. Cedar interior, spacious kitchen, airy mountain feel. Huge porch. Workshop fits for a king! Offered at $548,000. MLS #73859

Great In town location. Excellent rental potential for wedding parties and family reunions. Walk to town, Bascom, Mirror Lake. Split floor plan excellent for two family vacations. $489,000. MLS #69499

On one of the largest and most private lots in Highlands Falls Country Club. This 4BD/4.5BA is loaded with custom features. Multiple fireplaces, Living room, great room, formal dining, den, offices, 2-car garage. Offered at $1,595,000. MLS #74164

Over 4 acres with southern exposure, very private in town. Views of Blue Valley and the lakes of SC. 2BR/2.5 A, stone fireplace and wood floors. Septic permitted for 4 more homes. Property adjoins Highlands Conservancy land on Satulah Mnt.. Offered at $599,000. MLS #68828

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low rates.

- Could your 401K, IRA or other retirement holdings be better served by investing in Highlands for future retirement?

One thing’s for sure, the reason people choose Highlands for a second home remains the same in any economy. There is truly no place like Highlands.

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reflecting numbers similar to the period of time prior to the economic crash.”

Ward said if calls to his office are any indication, 2015 will continue to be active with real estate transactions and construction.

“Walk-to-town or in-town residency has become very popular and I think that will continue to make Highlands an attractive location for individuals looking for a second home,” he said.

New home permits are up in the county, too.

In 2007 there were 319; in 2006, 191; in 2009, 182; in 2010, 64; in 2011, 61; in 2012, 64; in 2013, 95 and as of mid-Decem-
ber, 2014, 100.

Macon County Planner Matt Mason said 2014 was the most stable year of growth since 2009-2010.

“I feel that development/ construction activity in 2015 will be as strong or stronger than the 2014,” he said.

– Kim Lewicki

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The cachet of Old Edwards Club & Highlands Cove, an elevation of 4500 & views of which most simply dream. Long/multi-range mountains, peekaboo glimpse of emerald green fairways and frosty-white traps of the Old Edwards Club. On a cul-de-sac with renown Ogilvie estate, beautiful gardens & grounds, make for prestige & complete escape.

Mirror Lake Charmer! $348,000

Reduced from $418,000! Beautifully maintained, lightly up-
dated, this quintessential Highlands cottage has 4BR/2BA, a stone fireplace, large rooms, including the kitchen, all in an oasis garden setting. Garage & gardening shed, too. A short walk to Mirror Lake. MLS# 80236.

The Pride of Highlands • $12,800,000 • MLS# 80527

Highlands Plaza, the original shopping center for the pla-
teau, with the area’s basic shopping/restaurant needs – ABC store, dry cleaners, car wash, Mexican, Chinese & Subway. Beautifully maintained, with the most recent improvement the restructuring and re-landscaping of the parking area (240+ spaces.) 9.6 acres, almost 54,000 approximate, rent-
able sq. ft., further development possible.

Commercial Dream...Greystone

$1,180,000 • MLS# 80526

One block from Highlands’ Main Street & sitting across the pond from Mitchell’s Lodge, Greystone gets its name from the locally quarried granite used to construct it. Sitting on 2.376 acres and commercially zoned B-3, the possibilities are endless. A family home for generations, the original matri-
arch thought it would one day make a great restaurant!

Long Range Views Plus Shadow of the

Bear! • $348,000 • MLS # 80662

Many lots in Highlands have multi-ranged, long, panoramic views. Few include two famous natural phenomena: Whiteside Mountain and “Shadow of the Bear where a bear’s shadow is cast as the sun crosses Whiteside mountain, visible mid-October through early November. Two acres, an easy building site, power to the lot line, previous septic approval and spectacular views of the Cashiers Valley.

Beats Money in the

Bank!

$724,000 • MLS 80237

An opportunity to invest in a commercial property on High-
lands’ Rodeo Drive on S. 4th Street a short block from Main St. Across from Old Edwards Inn re-
sort & spa. Great street presence with 27.15 ft of road frontage. In pristine condition & leased to a great tenant. Real estate invest-
ments of this caliber don’t come up often. Grab it!

Location & Pristine!

MLS# 80695 • $1,188,000

In the heart of the Highlands business district on S. 4th Street, the “Rodeo Drive” of Highlands. 2-story with 2,620 sq. ft.; a luxury 2BR/2BA apt. upstairs & commercial space downstairs. Gutted and remodeled in 2014. Fixtures, furniture and equipment are included – some exclusions in apt. A turnkey opportunity!
What child is this?
By Chaplain Margaret Howell, DM, CMP
Holy Family Lutheran Church, Highlands, NC

Lo, it is a wondrous thing,
The coming of this humble king,
Who chose to leave all Heaven’s glory
And come to earth to begin his story.
The world in solemn stillness lay
As Christ was laid upon the hay
In a manger cold and vile,
Cuddled by his mother mild.

What an ignominious start
For the One who would change our hearts
And give us all eternity,
This tiny bundle of humanity.

Let us pause from all the furor
And take the time to greet our Savior
For he came to save us all,
This babe born in a cattle stall.

He dwells deep within our hearts
As we wait in wonder for the start
Of stars falling from the sky,
Telling us His Kingdom is nigh.

Glory to God in the Highest and on earth,
peace and goodwill to all people. Come, Lord Jesus.

Proverbs 3:5

• Places to Worship •

HAMBURG BAPTIST CHURCH
Hwy 107N. • Glenville, Nc • 743-2729
Pastor Nathan Johnson
Sunday: School 9:45a,Worship 11a & 7p, Bible Study 6p

HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD
Randy Reed, Pastor828-421-9172 • 165 S. Sixth Street
Sundays: Worship:11

HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Dan Robinson
670 N. 4th Street (next to the Highlands Civic Center)
Sun.: Morning Worship 10:45 a., Evening Worship, 6:30 p.
Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.

HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Pastor Paul Christie 526-3376
Sun: School 9:45a.; Worship 9:09,10:50.; Youth 5:30 p.
Wed: Supper: 5:15; youth, & adults activities: 6; Handbell rehearsal, 6:15; Choir Rehearsal 7. (nursery provided )

HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH:ELCA
Chaplain Margaret Howell • 2152 Dillard Road • 526-9741
Sun: School and Adult discussion group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion:10:30
HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Troy Nicholson, (828) 526-8425
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11; Choir:6 p.m.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg.;7 p.m.

MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE
St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin
828-369-9270 or 828-293-5197
MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH
743-2583 • Independent Bible Church
Sun:10:30 a.m. at Big Ridge Baptist Church,
4224 Big Ridge Road (4.5 miles from NC 107)
Wed: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group 6 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE MOUNTAINS CATHOLIC
Church
Parish office (Father Francis): 526-2418
Mass: Sun: 11 a.m.; Sat. at 4p

SCALY MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. Marty Kilby
Sundays: School –10 a.m.; Worship –11 a.m. & 7p.
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.:7 p.m.

SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Alfred Sizemore • 526-3212
Sun.: School:10 a.m.; Worship:10:45 a.m.; Worship: 6 p.m.
Wed: Adult Bible Study & Youth:7 p.m.

SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study:7

THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
1448 Highway 107 South, Office: 743-2359
Rev. Dr. Virginia Monroe
Oct-May: Sunday Services: Rite I, 8a Rite II, 10:30
June-Sept: Sunday Services: Rite I, 8a, Rite II, 9:15 & 11a
Nursery available for Rite II services
Sept 7- Oct 26- Informal Evening Eucharist-5:30 p.m.
Thursday: Noon Healing Service with Eucharist.

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
85 Sierra Drive • 828-524-6777
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m. Child Care - 10:30a - 12:30p
Religious Education - 11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.
Youth 8th - 12th grade meets 2nd Sundays 5 - 7:30p

WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Rev. Sam Forrester/Cashiers
Sunday School:10 a.m, Worship Service:11 a.m
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• 3 BD/3.5 BA or 4BA/3.5BA (with optional Lower Level)
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• Master on Main Floor
• Native Stone and Wood Exterior
• Covered Outdoor Deck (Rear)
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Middle School Basketball

This past week the teams travelled to Tallulah Falls, Tamassee-Salem and Rosman.

The girls took a loss to Tallulah Falls, 36 to 18, a loss to Tamassee-Salem, 33 to 25 and a loss to Rosman, 41 to 17.

The boys won their games against Tallulah Falls and Tamassee-Salem, but took a loss to Rosman. Scores were not available by press time.

High School Basketball

Tuesday, Dec. 16, the teams hosted Tamassee-Salem. The girls came out strong ending the first half with a score of 27 to 18 with Ann Marie Crowe the high scorer with 12 points and Courtney Henry with 7 points.

The second half saw them coming out even stronger with an impressive win, 61 to 49. April Moss was the high scorer with 11 points and Ann Marie Crowe with 9 points.

The boys played an exciting first half ending it with a 22 to 22 tie. Brent Amundrud was the high scorer with 11 points.

The second half was more intense but the boys took the lead and held it to take the win 57 to 41. High scorer was Brent Amundrud with 18 points and Johnny Lupoli with 8 points.

Sierra Nylund

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