Commissioners vote 4-1 not to plow Monkey Hill

At the Thursday, Nov. 19 Town Board meeting, Mayor Pat Taylor brought up what was a very contentious subject last year – the Highlands tradition of sledding on Monkey Hill – aka the Hickory Street hill.

“Last year, during a heavy snow, our town crews did plow the street and the telephones blew up quickly that morning. Some people had some very choice words to convey to the Town Manager and I got many calls,” said the Mayor.

“As we enter the winter season, I am looking for the Town Board to give the Town Manager guidance concerning what we should do about this issue.”

He cited articles supplied by Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell that say municipalities and organizations throughout the U.S. are beginning to curtail the idea of inviting folks to sled on public and town properties because there are liability issues and lawsuits have

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Four-county region wins $50,000 in ABC competition

Macon, Graham, Swain & Clay joined forces in America’s Best Communities (ABC) competition’s $10 million initiative to stimulate economic revitalization in small towns and cities across the country.

Macon County, along with Graham, Swain, and Clay counties want to be considered the best community in America by the America’s Best Communities (ABC) competition. So, they applied together as a “regional” community.

The ABC competition is a $10 million initiative to stimulate economic revitalization in small towns.

**See COMPETION page 6**

**See CORBIN page 11**

Tree Lighting and visits with Santa kick off the holiday season

The Annual Tree Lighting will be held November 28th at 6:30p.m on Main Street in front of the Highlands United Methodist Church on Sunday. The Chamber will be serving hot chocolate and cookies.

The Annual Sweatshirt will be on sale for $20 and the winners of the sweatshirt, posters, and window decorating contest will be announced.

Be sure to visit Santa who will be on the lawn of the First Baptist Church after the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Santa will be on the Lawn of First Baptist Church Friday, November 27 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday November 28 after Tree Lighting, then every Saturday until Christmas Eve from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Corbin to run for open seat in NC House of Rep

After 16 years serving in the North Carolina House of Representatives, Representative Roger West announced Monday morning in Murphy that he will not be putting his name on the ballot when filing begins in December.

West served eight two-year terms in the House and after spending his last term weighing his option, has decided to step aside, opening the seat for a new face.

That face might be Macon County Commission Chair Kevin Corbin. Hours after West announced he wouldn’t be returning for a ninth term, Corbin held a press conference at the boardroom of the Macon County courthouse to declare his candidacy for the House of representatives for the 120th district.

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This week is a wonderful time for reflection and gratitude for the blessings God has given us. I know all of us feel blessed to be in Highlands this coming holiday season with an opportunity to spend precious time with our family and friends.

So here is a concern about this special day on Thursday. Now don’t get me wrong, I know all of us feel blessed, but I also see a creeping commercialization of Thanksgiving, especially in our large metropolitan areas. Can’t our nation have at least one holiday where we aren’t constantly hawking goods and products? It is outrageous that some retailers will be open at some point on Thursday, thereby disrupting their employees’ time to celebrate with their families. I hope Highlanders continue to keep Thanksgiving as a special time free of commercial distraction.

By Lee Lyons

I recently went to New York City and to the 9/11 Memorial 15 years after the fact. Most people think of 2001 as the year of the terrorist attack but that is not my first thought. One month before 9/11, my son died in a car crash and in some ways I was in an antidepressant fog when the towers got hit. I remember thinking that the world was going to end and glad Hayden wouldn’t have to see it or fight and die in a horrible war.

Once on the site, I feel selfish for wallowing in my own self-pity when so many others had it so much worse than me. It does give pause for reflection and meditation but it also resembles a bit of a tourist trap with the usual gift shop at the end of the museum and one of their new buildings is shaped strangely like the dome in Jerusalem. I suppose there is a demand for t-shirts, post cards, and key chains with the twin towers. It felt like several Holocaust Museums I have visited in Germany or Washington where you can see how awful it was but back out in the light of day, believe it will never happen again. Then, I got home and heard the news about the shootings in Paris. Frankly, it scares me to death how it happens. I remembered hearing about a man, Jim Hines, a local Highlander who fell in the deep part and could not find the hole he fell through to get out. Ran Shaffner says in his book, Heart of the Blue Ridge, that Jim had to butt the ice so hard with his head to get out that he was never quite right after that. We won’t have to worry about falling through the ice in town but maybe we should be proactive and program the orthopedic surgeon into our cell phones. I have my ice skates and they are one of the few things that still fit.

I thought about this winter. I’ll be able to squirm out of a wet bathing suit and then wiggle into tighties, drive to our nice park with big bathrooms and glide across the ice. I expect they will have music. After all, they have music at Rockefeller Center and the ice rink’s construction but it also makes me thankful to live in a place like Highlands where it is easy, sometimes too easy, to ignore the sufferings of the world.

Today, I walked along the beautiful streets in Highlands with Christmas lights in the windows, no traffic and exhaust fumes, no one sleeping on the streets, no stinking trash piled high on every corner. I walked to the new covered swimming pool and then over to the soon-to-be ice skating rink and then into the grocery store where I ran in to two friends and ate lunch. I thought how lucky I am to live in this town so far removed from places like New York and Paris and extreme Muslim terrorists. There, I am not afraid to say it especially in Highlands where I don’t know any Muslims.
Merlin Mack Crowe
75, of Highlands, NC passed away Saturday, November 21, 2015. A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Alvin and Pearl Reed Crowe. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was a builder. He was a loving father and grandfather who loved to deer hunt, gardening and loved construction work. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Highlands where he served as a deacon.

Mr. Crowe is survived by his wife of 54 years, Agnes Gibson Crowe; one daughter, Tina Rogers and husband Michael of Highlands; two sons, Christopher Crowe and wife Melissa of Athens, GA and John Crowe and wife Marjorie of Highlands; one brother, Wayne Crowe and wife Geraldine of Highlands, seven grandchildren, Maggie Barden and husband Chris, Courtney Rogers, Gypsy Boulden, Tyler Crowe, Travis Crowe, Ann Marie Crowe and Emily Crowe and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, Joe Crowe, Junior Crowe and Morris Crowe and one sister, Doris Picklesimer.

A memorial service was held Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at 2 pm at First Baptist Church of Highlands with Rev. Mark Ford and Rev. Paul Christy officiating.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to Highlands First Baptist Church Building Fund, PO Box 625, Highlands, NC 28741 or Catch-A-Dream, Attn: Dr. Marty Brunson, 2485 Ennis Rd., Starkville, MS 39759.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is serving the Crowe family. Online condolences are available at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Mayor acknowledges student and coach

At the Thursday, Nov. 19 Town Board meeting, Mayor Pat Taylor acknowledged 1A Women's Cross Country State Champion Blakely Moore and her Coach Morris Williams. Blakely recently beat three other runners to the finish line at Kernersville, NC. Interestingly, Williams is the coach of the runner hot on Blakely's heels. As shown in the

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The four-county community revitalization plan to the Macon County Economic Development commission, highlighting key areas of focus needed to move forward in the competition.

The comprehensive plan coordinated by the Southwestern Commission aims to fuel the momentum behind ongoing efforts to establish a recognized brand for the region, support and assist in the expansion of existing business and industry, create an environment which supports and fosters entrepreneurship, promote and expand regional tourism opportunities, reduce isolation, revitalize and strengthen communities, and expand community capacity. By putting this at the heart of the community's plan, local leaders believe they have constructed a strategy that can drive the community forward.

“Whether we advance into the next round or not, we know we have a winning revitalization plan,” said Ryan Sherby. “No matter what happens next, our journey to become America’s best community will not end when the semifinalists are announced. This Community Revitalization Plan has set us on a bold course to a more vibrant, prosperous future, and I am excited for the opportunity to bring this vision into reality. The plan also identifies performance measures to ensure we are putting resources into activities that have a good return on those investments.”

The four-county regional community...
Thanksgiving with Friends

We’ll be spending Thanksgiving Day with friends this year. Our host will cook the turkey on his Green Egg, and we’ll all bring side dishes. It may not be traditional holiday fare, but I’ve been asked to bring Greek salad, and I’m quite sure that another friend will bring the homemade cranberry salad he prepares every year. When we friends are together, there are certain dishes you can always count on.

Many years ago, a group of us were moaning about the stress of juggling schedules every year to eat two Thanksgiving dinners in a vain attempt to please all the parents and in-laws, and we came up with the idea of starting our own tradition instead. For nine years, we all traveled to Myrtle Beach to stay in a rambling beach house Wednesday through Sunday, sometimes longer. It always reminded us of The Big Chill house with its hardwood floors, rocking chair porch, and big rustic kitchen with a farm table. I have fond memories of seeing Dirty Dancing for the first time while vacationing there.

Depending on the weather, we walked on the beach while the kids surfed, or we stayed warm in front of the fire. The pictures we took over the years show us dressed in shorts and tee shirts and in jackets, scarves and hats. We cycled or ran or played tennis. We played Trivial Pursuit and Pictionary. We shopped at the outlet malls, and we enjoyed the rockers on the big back porch. We started each morning in our rockers with our cups of coffee, as we looked over the sand dunes. For me, that was when my vacation officially started, with that first cup of coffee, as I took my seat in a rocker.

We interrupted this routine when the first child went to college, knowing that he’d want to come home to Atlanta to see his own friends rather than travel to the beach. How were we to know that hiatus would last for over 15 years? One child graduated, the next one went off to school, and so it went. We went our separate ways and did the family thing, but we always missed our annual retreat.

We were delighted two years ago, when one couple completed their mountain home and invited us all up for the Holiday weekend. It was just like old times. No, there wasn’t a beach to walk on, but there was a gorgeous lake view, a roaring fire and plenty of good food and wine. Instead of keeping a watchful eye on small children, we chatted with adult kids and walked the four-legged ones.

We quickly fell into our old routine of divvying up the food assignments for the big meal. We drank our coffee viewing the lake from the many windows and the deck, and we added the new ritual of watching the sun set over the lake, glass of wine in hand, of course. This year, because

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Wednesday: Chicken or steak pot pie and a large salad.
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Saturday: In-house smoked bbq, coleslaw, apple and bacon-baked beans, and yeast rolls.
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Commissioner John Dotson was the first to speak suggesting that the town allow the tradition to continue but to erect signs warning “Sled at Your Own Risk.” However, after hearing from Town Attorney J.K. Coward, he changed his mind and in fact made the motion: “The town not plow Monkey Hill during times of snow, unless residents on the street are in residence and request it be plowed.”

In addition to the signage suggested, Commissioner Amy Patterson suggested plastic webbing be erected down both sides of the hill.

“Granted most people will know it’s a “sled at your own risk” situation but we can still take certain precautions.” This is a small town, this is a tradition. I would love to keep it if we can,” she said.

But Attorney Coward put an end to anything such as signage, hay bales or netting that could point to the fact that sledding on the hill is dangerous.

“I don’t think “sled at your own risk” means much. The town’s going to be at risk if it does something that takes an affirmative step that causes the liability. I would think that everyone accepts the idea that sledding is dangerous where ever you go. People get hurt on sleds all the time,” he said. “So if you had a sign that said “Sled at Your Own Risk,” it could possibly be saying that the town knows it is dangerous and it isn’t doing anything about it because it put up a sign that said “Sled at Your Own Risk.”

After a robust and healthy discussion, the motion passed 4-1 with Commissioner Brian Stiehler voting no.

“I am perfectly fine being the scrooge on this,” he said. “I know it’s a town tradition but my concern is if you put out hay bales and you block off 5th Street at the bottom you are just telling people to come and do it. As a former participant in Monkey Hill sledding I wouldn’t go back. I was there one time and it was a sheet of ice and I left with my 5-year-old daughter in tears because the toboggan she was on veered off into the rhododendrons on the right side of the road. It was a mess. People were trying to go down the hill, people were trying to go up the hill, people were getting clipped at the knees.

“If this was a grassy hillside at the Rec Park to me it would be another story. But telling people it’s OK to sled down a hill that is steeper than any hill around and then cross two lanes of traffic at the bottom that
PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at the regular Board of Commissioners’ meeting of February 20, 2014, the Town Board voted to list all Town of Highlands Delinquent Accounts in the newspaper every 6 months. The following accounts are over 60 days past due.

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Payments may be made to: Town of Highlands, PO Box 460, Highlands, NC 28741 to bring accounts to a current status to avoid further collection processes and public notice.

Published this 25th day of November, 2015.

Town of Highlands
Corbin has served the last six years as a Macon County Commissioner, he also served five terms on the Macon County Board of Education, 16 years of which he served as chairman. He also currently serves as the Chairman of the Region A Council of Government, which represents Macon, Clay, Graham, Cherokee, Jackson, Swain, and Haywood counties. On the state level, Corbin served on the legislative goals committee for the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners for two years.

Filing for the 2016 election cycle begins at noon December 1, 2015 and closes December 21, 2015 at noon in North Carolina.

In Macon County, open seats for filing are: County Commissioner District 2 (one seat open), Corbin currently holds this seat. County Commissioner District 3 (one seat open), Paul Higdon currently holds this seat. NC Senate District 50 seat which Jim Davis currently holds and NC House of Representatives District 120 currently held by Roger West.

Representative Roger West, along with commissioners and leaders from counties within the 120th House district were in attendance for Corbin’s announcement and expressed their support.

“I don’t think there is a better man for the job,” said Rep. West.

Corbin noted that by filing for office on December 1 at noon, the day filing opens, he will officially start his campaign. If elected to the House, Corbin would not start his term in Raleigh until 2017, which would be the end of his current term as commissioner.

“I wouldn’t be running for office if I didn’t think I could win, and that is exactly what I plan to do,” said Corbin. “I have been very fortunate to work with incredible leaders in our region as a commissioner and I am looking forward to taking those relationships with me to the state to be a voice for western North Carolina.”
**Winter Pool Schedule**

Through May 27, 2016

- **LAP SWIM – ADULTS ONLY**
  - Monday thru Friday 7 – 10 am, 6 lanes
  - AND Monday thru Thursday 5 – 6 pm, 1 or 2 lanes
- Sharing pool with water aerobics @ 5:15 on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays

**PUBLIC SWIM**

- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3 – 5 pm & 6 – 8 pm
- Wednesday 3 – 5 pm
- Saturday 11 am – 6 pm
- Sunday 1 – 5 pm

**WATER AEROBICS**

- Monday, Wednesday, Friday 10 – 11 am
- Saturday 11:15 – noon
- Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 5:15 – 6 pm (sharing pool with lap swimmers)

*Beginning in January, we will be adding Tuesday and Thursday 10 – 11 am*

**POOL PARTIES**

- Pool available on Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays

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**Highlands Area Events**

**Annual Carol Sing after the Parade**

There will be a Christmas Carol Sing at First Presbyterian Church at 2pm on Saturday, December 5, after the parade. Stell Huie will be the song leader with Angie Jenkins at the organ. If you enjoy singing familiar Christmas carols, you will definitely want to make this a part of your Christmas tradition. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Fifth Street and on Church Street. Come and join us for a wonderful time of singing and Christian fellowship!

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**‘Hard Candy Christmas’ Art & Craft Show at WCU Fri. & Sat.**

The “Hard Candy Christmas” Art & Craft Show is a Mountain Christmas Tradition in this neck of the woods! It opens for its 27th year inside the Western Carolina University Ramsey Center in Cullowhee, N.C. November 27-28. The show is always held the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving. Hours are 10-5 each day with convenient free parking. Admission is Adults $4, children under 12 free. For more information: [www.mountainArtisans.net](http://www.mountainArtisans.net) or djhunter@dnet.net 828 524 3405

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**Ongoing**

- Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. To sign up contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.
- Anyone interested in taking Adult, Child and Infant First Aid/CPR/AED certification class needs to contact the Highlands Recreation Department and get on the list for the class. You will learn how to respond to first aid, cardiac and breathing emergencies. Upon completion attendees receive certification from the American Red Cross. Please pre register we need a minimum of 6 for the class and a maximum class size of 16. Once we have enough signed up for a class we will schedule the class.

**Mon.-Sat.**

- Nantahala Tennis Club

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– 8:15 pm. Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

2nd Thursdays • Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

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

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: Every 3rd Thursday of month, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway. Contact Sue 828-631-0430

Last Fri. of each month • Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor from 11a to noon at The Hudson Library.

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

• 3rd Fridays & Saturdays: Every 3rd Friday & Sat., Nov. 27 & 28

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

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Thurs., Dec. 10 • The Macon County Cancer Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 p.m. in the cafeteria of Angel Medical Center; Riverview Street, Franklin. We will be focusing on Lung Cancer since November is recognized as Lung Cancer Awareness Month.

Anyone who has been affected by lung cancer is especially invited to attend. There will be free gifts for everyone. Light refreshments will be served.

Sat., Dec. 12 • At PAC, Live in HD, National Theatre of London at 1 p.m.

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Sheriff Office to follow county’s lead: ‘In God We Trust’ to be added to patrol vehicles

For nearly 60 years, the United States of America has recognized “In God We Trust,” as the national motto of the country. Dating back to the Cold War when the 84th Congress passed a resolution declaring the phrase the national motto, the law was signed by President Dwight Eisenhower on July 30, 1956. The United States Code at 36 U.S.C. § 302, now states: “‘In God we trust’ is the national motto.”

As such it is on coins since 1864 and was added to paper money from 1957-1966. The national motto isn’t just on United States currency, but also above the United States House and Senate. Now, with a resolution passed by the Macon County Board of Commissioners in October, it will soon be displayed on the courthouse in Macon County.

The resolution was passed unanimously and declared, “In God We Trust’ became the United States national motto on July 30, 1956, shortly after our nation led the world through the trauma of World War II; and whereas, the words have been used on United States currency since 1864; and whereas, the same inspiring slogan is engraved above the entrance to the Senate Chamber as well as above the Speaker’s dais in the House of Representatives; and whereas, in both war and peace, these words have been a profound source of strength and guidance to many generations of Americans; and whereas, the county desires to display this patriotic motto in a way to solemnize public occasions and express confidence in our society.”

Following the commissioner’s resolution, and after receiving a private donation, Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland asked his deputies if they would like to add the phrase to their patrol vehicles. After giving deputies the choice, all patrol deputies voted to add the national motto to their cars.

“We had an agency meeting in October and I brought up the subject to my deputies. I passed around a document for the deputies to read and sign if they wanted to participate,” said Sheriff Holland. “I made it very clear from the beginning that the decision to participate, or to not participate was an individual decision and there wouldn’t be any repercussion for opting out.”

Holland noted that by the end of the meeting, deputies turned in the document, which ultimately signed them up to have an “In God We Trust” decal added to their patrol vehicles. “Every deputy present signed the document requesting to have the ‘In God We Trust’ motto placed on their assigned vehicles,” said Holland. “Those deputies not present for the meeting have since requested to sign the document as well. This makes 100 percent of my deputies with marked patrol vehicles participating.”

Just like the national motto that will appear on the Macon Sheriff Office to follow county’s lead: ‘In God We Trust’ to be added to patrol vehicles

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photo above, Williams points out a knee and an elbow behind Blakely – that of Shawnda Martin of Robbinsville who lost by two seconds.

Mayor Taylor read a resolution ticking off Blakely’s accomplishments:

Among other things, only been running cross country at Highlands School for three years and the only female runner in that time; when she was a freshman she qualified for the state’s cross country and placed placed second in conference and 8th in state and is the first state champion in any sport in the history of Highlands School.

Williams said Blakely epitomizes the combination of talent and discipline. When he realized what she was capable of he wondered if she was ready for the next level. “She was committed and over the last six months she performed every workout and now she is a state champion and that’s something she will have for the rest of her life,” he said.

Coach Williams was with Blakely every step of the way ... so much so that Drew Rooney, wondered if Williams was stalking her.

Mayor Taylor said one day Rooney saw Blakely running in town and noticed a vehicle slowly patrolling behind her.

He approached the driver and asked why he was following the girl. Of course Williams explained and a laugh was had by all; but Mayor Taylor said such intervention speaks to the spirit of the town and its people.

Tell your Thanksgiving guests to bring their bathing suits!

Highlands new enclosed swimming pool will be open Friday afternoon after Thanksgiving and on Saturday from 11a to 6p and Sunday from 1-5p.

The air inside is toasty and the water is warm. Tell your holiday guests to bring their bathing suits.
With that spirit in mind, our sanitation crews have Thanksgiving off to be with their families.

Now Black Friday is another matter! The trucks will be rolling to pick up garbage that was not collected on Thursday and to do the Friday pick up in both the commercial and residential areas. I also appreciate the first responders and law enforcement officers who will be on their posts during this holiday.

I am thankful that our businesses have had a strong year as indicated by sales tax collections. I am hopeful the Friday after Thanksgiving will be the launching of a tremendous Christmas Season. I am also thankful that the NC Legislature did not decimate our town sales tax revenue and that a compromise was reached.

Given the tragic events in France, Lebanon, Mali and over Sinai, I am thankful we live in a country where the right to pursue our own, individual happiness is a sacred trust. No religious extremist, whether Islamic Jihadists or others, can dictate how we shall live under an insane delusion that they have the divine authority to slaughter those perceived not to be in compliance. That perverse view of religion cannot be tolerated anywhere, especially in a free, modern society.

Finally, I am thankful for all the wonderful, caring people in our little community. While we live in a breathtakingly beautiful part of the world, the people here in Highlands make it the special place we all love. As mayor I constantly see tremendous generosity, acts of compassion and dedicated service to the community. For that I am thankful everyday.

See you at the Christmas Tree and Town Lighting Saturday night.

Holiday Postscript:
I have been searching for ways to rehab my knee after surgery for a torn quadricep. It is Sunday afternoon, and I just returned home from our enclosed pool at the Highlands Recreation Center. While it was cool outside, inside the pool it was over 90 degrees and the water was 86. Gentle swimming was a great exercise for my knee.

The pool will be open Friday afternoon after Thanksgiving and on Saturday and Sunday. Tell your holiday guests to bring their bathing suits. If you see an old guy wallowing around in the kiddie pool with a 2 and a 3 year old, it's me playing “alligator man” with my grandchildren.

The enclosed pool will be a special community place this winter. Come in from the cold and enjoy.
Wonderful 2/2 condo on the 13th fairway in Highlands Falls CC. Hardwood floors, nine foot ceilings, office & covered deck. MLS #81103 $290,000

Highlands Mountain Club with great mountain view. Spacious 3br/2ba, condo. Pool, tennis, and clubhouse. Furnished. $249,000 MLS #82270

Little Bearpen in Highlands City limits. Long mountain views from two covered decks, 2br/2ba main level, lower level guest suite w/family room, 2nd kitchen and hobby room (could be separate living area). $695,000. MLS# 81446

Highlands Falls Country Club. Immaculate, exceptionally built home on 5.48 acres with all the bells and whistles. $995,000 MLS #82444

Rocky Knob – a gated lake community. Exceptional mountain view, 3br/2ba with fireplace, vaulted ceilings, covered and open decks and meticulously maintained. $385,000. MLS #81329

Simply Amazing. This wonderful 5.7+/- acre lot has a fantastic long range view. These long range views stretch all the way to the mountain ranges in Georgia MLS#81103 $290,000

A lovely 3/3 home on nearly 2 acres in a semi-wooded private setting with two large, stream-fed ponds with young, golden Koi and a beautiful recirculating waterfall. Safe, quiet Wildwood neighborhood only 4.5 miles to Highlands & 5.5 miles to Cashiers. MLS #81836 $524,000

This 5/5 home was remodeled in 2012. Great master bath. Large covered deck. Light and bright on both levels and in immaculate condition. The lot is lovely and has a walking path around. MLS #79794 $1,200,000.

Charm exudes from this 2013 remodel. 3/2 Main house with fantastic Master Suite plus plus a studio bedroom cottage with full bath for guests. Very private setting on road with more expensive homes. MLS #82269 $399,000

This four bedroom/five bath beautiful home is located in the desirable Highlands CC. Home is immaculate and features a fabulous kitchen that opens up into the dining area great for entertaining. MLS #81619 $999,999

Highlands Falls Country Club. This lovely 3br/3ba home lives large all on one level with tall ceilings, lots of glass and an expansive deck. $497,000 MLS#790163 $184,500

Highlands Falls Country Club beauty! Exceptional 3br/3.5ba with 3-car garage, listen to the waterfall on the 15th hole, golf course view, wrap-around porches. $777,000. MLS# 81880

Highlands Falls Country Club. Incredible value for a 3br/2ba free-standing, furnished Golf Villa. Lake & #10 green view w/tree trimming. Stone fireplace, solid surface countertops and vaulted ceilings. $249,000. MLS# 78712

Highlands Falls Country Club. Incredibly maintained. $385,000. MLS#82461 $347,500

Highlands Falls Country Club. 4/3 home located in the private gated community of Whiteside Estates. Home features beautiful hardwood floors throughout with pine wood walls and brick fireplace. Great deck with a covered area of the master bedroom. MLS #82461 $347,500

Highlands Falls Country Club. $999,999 area great for entertaining. MLS #82523 $797,000

4/3 home located in the private gated community of Whiteside Estates. Home features beautiful hardwood floors throughout with pine wood walls and brick fireplace. Great deck with a covered area of the master bedroom. MLS #82461 $347,500

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Highlands Falls Country Club. Just a two minute golf cart ride to the club house. Fantastic views from the back porch of Whiteside Mountain and Cullasaja Club golf course. MLS#82872 $375,000

Every space in this 3/3 home was updated. Two tired deck with views of the mountains the lake and the 5th fairway at Highlands Falls Country Club. The floorplan is perfect for entertaining. In addition, there is a one bedroom guesthouse with a new kitchen. MLS #82523 $797,000
A Season of Helping All Year Long

On the evening of November 13th, I learned of the Paris terrorist attacks while waiting to pick up my son at the bus stop. I immediately felt waves of nausea and fear as I scrolled through the news on my phone, trying to find out what was going on. It became clear the attacks were coordinated and extensive; details were painfully fuzzy as the situation was unfolding. I began reaching out to friends in Paris to verify their safety. Many hours later, I had heard from each of them. I exhaled.

During my search for my friends, I heard stories of incredible courage, generosity, selflessness, and heroism in the face of incomprehensible terror and danger. Parisian resolve and spirit were evident in every story, and I was immediately reminded that even when things are at their worst, we may always choose to be at our best. A few days later, I came across the above quote from Mr. Rogers; his mother’s words (and his) cemented for me the power of looking for help and hope in any and all circumstances, but most especially during the darkest of hours.

It is most timely now, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, to immerse ourselves fully in gratitude for our vast blessings. We may choose to focus solely on the gifts in our lives: the loving people in our midst; the breathtaking beauty of where we live; the health of our bodies, minds, and spirits; and the service-minded soul of our mountain community.

We may also choose to look for and support the helpers in the Highlands-Cashiers area – those

• See INVESTING page 23
In town on Chestnut Street with a flat building site. Historical house to restore. Sidewalk in front and only 4 blocks to downtown. Offered at $450,000. MLS #78627.

1BD/2BA historic real log cabin with barn on almost 3.5 acres. Stone fireplace, wood floors, tile bath, laundry hook up. Offered at $325,000. MLS #78827.

3BD/2BA one level home with 2-car garage in a quiet neighborhood with community pond, tennis courts and picnic area. Move in ready. Offered at $335,000. MLS #77823.

Highlands Cove Views condo 3BD/3BA. 2 fireplaces. Great designer finishes! Condo with a view! Offered at $579,000. MLS #76930.

Walk to town. 5BD/2BA. Flat lush yard. Frontage on Hwy 64. Ideal for a shop or home/office/retail. House is charming and in good condition. Offered at $895,000. MLS #77981.

Civilized yet private compound on 7 plus acres off Flat Mountain Road. High quality finishes great scales and exceptional taste. 1BD/2BA Offered at $895,000. MLS #80371.

Spacious 3BD/3 1/2 BA has soaring ceilings, great outdoor living with huge covered deck with fireplace and view. Backs up to USFS lands. Master bedroom is fit for a king. Open great room with custom kitchen and custom wood floors. Offered at $999,900. MLS #78291.

Offered at $450,000. MLS #78627.

Offered at $2,250,000. MLS #82408.

Kitchens all built by craftsmen. Of- fered at $349,000. MLS #81852. 4BD/4 1/2 BA on over 2 acres with a super mountain view. 3 stone fireplaces, covered porch, custom kitchen all built by craftsmen. Offered at $2,250,000. MLS #82408.

A top Moon Mountain, 3 miles from downtown Highlands. 3BD/3BA split level home has screened porch with a great view of Shortoff Mountain and more. Furnished. Offered at $349,000. MLS #82155.

In historic Satulah Mountain area. Montana-style log home has 4BD/5BA and 2 half baths. Master and guest suites upstairs with private balcony. Dream kitchen. Huge great room plan with fireplace, elevator. Offered at $3,999,000. MLS #80392.

Spectacular layered vistas on over 1.4 acres with usable yard on Brushy Face. Living essentials plus master on one level. Great room design with lovely kitchen with breakfast bar, with bedrooms and baths upstairs and down. Whole house generator and a 2-car garage. Offered at $1,900,000. MLS #81498.

Near Randall Lake 3BD/3BA. Cathedral ceilings in the great room. Three fireplaces. Wood floors on the main floor; open floor plan; unique rock shower in master. On 1.7 +/- acres. Offered at $795,000. MLS #81984.

Horse Cove. Farmhouse on almost 5 acres with view of Black Rock and Sagee Mountains, heart pine floors, real masonry fireplaces, wonderful architectural details and covered porches. Abuts a common park and connects to network of trails into the USFS lands. Offered at $1,900,000 MLS #72825.

Offered at $399,000. MLS #76607.

Beautiful and secluded 3BD/3BA 3,000 +/- heated and cooled sq ft. Deck looks over 1.2 +/- acres of wooded lot bordering the Nantahala National Forest. Open floor plan with new pine wood floors on main level, new carpet on lower level. Updated kitchen, huge master suite with updated bath and 2 great rooms. Vaulted ceiling, wood-burning fireplace, expansive deck, attached 2-car garage, fenced yard, W/D, HVAC. MLS #82491. Price $489,000.

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Original home was built in the early 1900s with beams from the old mill on Mill Creek. 3BD/2BA, two fireplaces, two patios, deck off a bedroom upstairs and a detached garage. Within walking distance to town. Offered at $389,000.00 with a furniture package available. MLS #81852.
you hope are blocked off – how do you know someone isn’t going to go around the barricade?” he said.

According to Lamar Nix, public service administrator, when it snows, the town puts up a barricade on Fifth Street just before the entrance of Monkey Hill with cones on either side that says “Road Closed.”

“It’s at the lower end of Fifth Street at the bottom of Hickory Street so vehicles can’t turn up Monkey Hill,” he said.

The parts of both Fifth and Hickory (Monkey Hill) streets that are blocked are streets that only have seasonal residents on them – residents who don’t typically come to Highlands in the winter.

Commissioner Donnie Cal-

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who serve others every day of the year – and stand with them in their quest to heal, to educate, to preserve, and to better the quality of lives. Think through which local nonprofit organizations and churches you would like to support with your time and treasure and pledge to give your vital sup-

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Are You Lingering in the 'Half-Light'?

By Gary Hewins
Community Bible Church

The night that Jesus was arrested is a fascinating study of human motivation. Peter and John made their way to the High Priest's courtyard to see what had become of Jesus after he was abruptly arrested. In the courtyard there was not a wood fire, but a charcoal fire, the same type of fire on which we Americans grill our burgers. As you know, charcoal fires do not put off a great deal of light at night, but they do a pretty good job of cooking things. One could say they provide a "half-light", something in between darkness and being able to clearly see. As John moved upward to pursue the Light of the world, Peter chose to linger down in the "half-light."

In the "half-light" Peter remained covert and scared. After all, he had just removed an ear of a soldier and his personal source of confidence and purpose was being interrogated. Peter didn't do well in the "half-light". The coals strangely warmed Peter as he was being raked over him. In the glow of the courtyard Peter himself was being flipped like a burger, He began to wonder what exactly was up and what exactly was down. The "half-light" was insufficient to truly see, discern, and act as his heart so wanted him to do. Soon the timer rang to end the grilling session. The rooster crowed, now Peter was sufficiently cooked.

The risks in the warmth of the "half-light" appear to be fewer than in the interrogation chamber, but that just isn't the case. We each have to make a daily decision as to whether we are to live beneath our holy potential in the "half-light" or in the fullness of our personal potential in the upper Light. Are you serious about the calling of Christ in your life or are you rolling your dice in some sort of spiritual game? Is your love for him deeper and stronger that the pull of the world that tugs on your heart to hide him in the "half-light"?

There is a greater price to pay in the "glowing comfort" of the "half-light" than we realize. Disciples of Christ are called to walk in the light as he is in the light and fellowship one with another as the blood of Christ purifies us of all sin" (1 John 1:7). Walking in the Light is very different than standing in the glow. Disciples are called to get in the game - not remain on the sidelines.

Christ desires that we love him with all of our hearts and all of our souls and all of our minds and all of our strength. (Mark 12:30). That is a lot of "all" isn't it? Now is not a time for "half-light" Christianity. We Christians in America would be well served to observe the level of zeal that exists in the darkness of our culture so as to make sure it doesn't supersede our Zeal for Christ, the Light of the world. The colder our society gets the further from the charcoal we will be for the warmth of Christ is in us not in the courtyard. The double-mindedness of the "half-light" is dangerous, confusing, unstable and worrisome. The fullness of speaking the truth while one's beliefs are under scrutiny is nothing less than liberating, resilient and effective.

**Proverbs 3:5**

**Places to Worship**

**Blue Valley Baptist Church**
Rev. Oliver Rice, Pastor (706) 782-3965
Sundays: School:10 a.m., Worship:11
Sunday night services every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 7
Wednesdays: Mid-week prayer meeting 7 p.m.

**Buck Creek Baptist Church**
828-269-3546 • Rev. Jamie Passmore, Pastor
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11

**Chapel of Skyy Valley**
Sky Valley, GA • 706-746-2999
Sundays: 10 a.m.; Worship
Holy Communion 1st Sunday of the month
Wednesdays: 9 a.m. Healing and Prayer w/Holy Communion

**Christ Anglican Church**
Rector:Jim Murphy, 252-671-4011
464 US Hwy 64 east, Cashiers
Sun.: 8:30a Traditional (Quiet) 1928 Prayer Book Service; 9:30a Sunday School; 10:30a Family Service w/Music
Mon.: Bible Study & Supper at homes - 6 p.m.

**Christ Church of the Valley, Cashiers**
Pastor Steve Kerhoulas • 743-5470
Sun:10:45am, S,S 9:30am. Wed. 6pm supper and teaching.
Tues. Guys study 8am, Gals 10am.

**Clear Creek Baptist Church**
Pastor Jim Kinard
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11 a.m.
1st & 3rd Sunday night Service: 7p.m.
Wednesdays –Supper at 6 p.m.

**Community Bible Church**
www.cbcchighlands.com • 526-4685
3645 Cashiers Rd, Highlands, NC
Senior Pastor Gary Hewins
Sun.: 9:30am: Sunday School
10:30am: Middle & High School; 10:45am: Child. Program, 10:45am:Worship Service
Wed.: 5pm Dinner ($7 adult, $2 child), 6pm CBC University

**Episcopal Church of the Incarnation**
Rev. Bruce Walker • 526-2968
Sundays: Holy Eucharist (chapel) at 8 a.m.
Education and choir rehearsal, 9 am,
Holy Eucharist Rite II, (sanctuary), 10:30
Wednesday: 10 a.m., Morning Prayer
Thursdays: Holy Eucharist, (chapel), 10 am

**First Baptist Church Highlands**
828-526-4153 • www.fbchighlands.org
Dr. Mark Ford, Pastor
220 Main Street, Highlands NC 28741
Sun.:Worship 10:45 am; Sun.: Bible Study 9:30 am
Wed.:Men's Bible Study 8:30 am; Prayer Mtg 6:15 pm;
Choir 5 pm

**First Presbyterian Church**
Curtis Russell & Emily Wilmuth, pastors
526-3175 • fpchighlands.org
Sun.:Worship: 8:30a and 11 a.m.; School: 9:30
Mondays: 8 a.m.:Men's Prayer Group & Breakfast
Wednesdays: Choir:5:30p

**Goldmine Baptist Church**
(Off Franklin/Highlands Rd) • Rev. Carson Gibson
Sunday School:10 am, Worship Service:11 am
Bible Study:6 pm

**Grace Community Church of Cashiers**
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242 Hwy 107N, 1/4 miles from Crossroads in Cashiers
www.gracecashiers.com • Pastor Steve Doerter: 743-9814
Services: Sundays 10am - Wed. - 7pm; Dinner - Wed. 6pm

**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, 6p.
Wednesday: Bible Study, 6:30p; Prayer Mtg., 7:30p.

**Highlands United Methodist Church**
Pastor Paul Christy 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 );
1pm Intercessory Prayer Ministry

**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 Satolath
Pastor Troy Nicholson, (828) 526-8425
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11; Choir:6 pm.
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg.; 7pm.

**Mountain Synagogue**
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828-524-9463

**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 & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.;7 p.m.

**Scaly Mountain Church of God**
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Jerry David Hall • 526-3212
Sun.:School:10 a.m.; Worship:10:45 a.m.; Worship: 6 p.

**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. Douglas E. Remer
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 6-Oct 25-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.

**Whiteside Presbyterian Church**
Rev. Sam Forrester/Cashiers

**Whiteside Presbyterian Church**
Rev. Troy Nicholson, (828) 526-8425
Wed: Bible Study and Youth Mtg.:7 p.m.
**Police & Fire Reports**

The Highlands Police log entries from November 2. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

**Nov. 5**
- At 6:05 p.m., officers responded to about a suspicious person loitering around shops in the Mountain Brook Center.

**Nov. 15**
- At 6:15 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 west.
- At 8:55 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident in the Post Office parking lot.
- A little past midnight, officers got a call about a bear getting into a vehicle at a residence on Sagee Drive.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Nov. 15.

- At 9:05 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.
- At 9:25 p.m., the dept. stood by at the hospital for the MAMA helicopter.
- At 9:39 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cullasaja Drive.
- At 9:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106.
- At 9:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Sequoyah Point Drive.
- A little after midnight, the dept. responded to a Co² alarm at a residence on Flat Mountain Road.
- At 8:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Oak Street.

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Rotary honors ‘Students of the Month’

Front: Emily Craig Elementary; Back: Brooklyn Houston, Middle School, Colin Weller, High School, Christy Kelly, President, Rotary Club of Highlands, and Nicole Lui, Highlands School Guidance Counselor. The November Students of the Month were recognized by members of the Rotary Club for their outstanding leadership, teamwork and friendship – qualities highly valued by Rotary Clubs around the world.

Greenway crew nearly completes Coker Trail

Except for a railing and the parking area, the Highlands Plateau Greenway has basically finished the Coker Rhododendron Trail extension, re-opening a beautiful connection of the Greenway through primeval forest between the Nature Center and the Bowery Road. Greenway volunteers during the November work day who completed the stone steps to the Bowery Road are (L to R) Kevin Gates, Emily Wilmeth, Brian Egler, Hilllie Quin, Drew Weigner, Tom Claiborne, John Akridge, and Ran Shaffner (not shown).

Trip to Iran subject of talk

From left: Christy Kelly, President, Rotary Club of Highlands with Dr. Thomas Claiborne who spoke at the November 17th meeting of the Rotary Club. Dr. Claiborne described a recent trip to Iran he and his wife Ruth took with 25 other people as part of a group sponsored by the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Traveling throughout the country over 2 1/2 weeks, the Claibornes were warmly welcomed by the people of Iran who noted “We are friends with Americans as people. It is our governments that have had problems.”
Isn’t there some major grilling going on today? Should you decide to linger in the “half-light”—listen closely for the “sizzle” and while you listen for the sizzle—listen too, for the eerie sound of an alarm sounding—it’s a rooster alerting us to wake up, letting the church know that the nation we call home has been thoroughly cooked as many stood by to warm themselves in glow and “comfort” of the “half-light.”

What are you going to do about it? Is your pastor calling you to a depth of love, insight and action? If so—let’s respond in faith.

If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. (James 1:5-8)
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County courthouse, the decals on the patrol cars are funded using private donations and no tax dollars will be allocated for the move. According to Holland, he never received any funding for the decals, but rather, an anonymous donor paid for the decals specifically at the shop where they were printed.

County and town governments across the country have been joining the movement of adding the phrase to government buildings and patrol cars, but there has been controversy.

“...In God we trust...” as a national motto and on U.S. currency has been the subject of several unsuccessful lawsuits over the last 60 years. In 1970, the motto was first challenged in Aronow v. United States at which point the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit ruled: “It is quite obvious that the national motto and the slogan on coinage and currency ‘In God We Trust’ has nothing whatsoever to do with the establishment of religion. Its use is of patriotic or ceremonial character and bears no true resemblance to a governmental sponsorship of a religious exercise.”

Additional court rulings since 1970 have also reaffirmed the phrase as the national motto and have made it clear that legally, governments wishing to display the phrase, can do so legally.

In addition to the decals being added to patrol cars, Holland has also printed stickers for the public to display on their personal vehicles that feature the national motto as well as expressed support for the sheriff’s department.
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