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## Macon County voters go **RED** in 2016 election

While the North Carolina Governor's Race was too close to call Wednesday morning, other races across North Carolina were decided early Tuesday with Republicans sweeping most elec-

tions in the state.

In the presidential race, Macon County voted solidly for the Republican candidate Donald Trump casting 12,035 votes or 68.40 percent, versus 4,841 votes

or 27.51 percent for the Democratic candidate Hillary Clinton.

Locally, the Macon County Board of Commissioners had two seats to decide this November and voters cast their ballots to re-elect

Republican Commissioner Paul Higdon to a second term as well as elect newcomer Republican Karl Gillespie, who will replace Kevin Corbin on the commission.

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## NC Forest Service issues burning ban for 25 WNC counties

RALEIGH – Because of increased fire risk, the N.C. Forest Service has issued a ban on all open burning and canceled all burning permits for the following counties in Western North Carolina: Alexander, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey.

The burning ban will take effect at 5 p.m., Monday, Nov. 7, and will be in effect until further notice.

Under North Carolina law, the ban prohibits all open burning in the affected counties, regardless of whether a permit was issued. The issuance of any new permits also has been suspended until the ban is lifted.

The ban on open burning is necessary because of the dry weather conditions and the potential for the increase in human-

caused wildfires in the region. "Fire experts with the N.C. Forest Service feel that with the current drought situation and the number of fires burning on federal lands, it would be best to be proactive about preventing human-caused wildfires. And I agree with them," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler.

Violation of the ban carries a \$100 fine plus court costs of \$180.

Here are a few facts about the law regarding the ban on open burning:

- The burn ban does not apply to cooking fires such as grills or outdoor cookers.

- The ban does not apply to a fire within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling. County fire marshals have jurisdiction over open burning within 100 feet of an occupied dwelling.

The N.C. Forest Service has advised county fire marshals of the burning ban and asked for their consideration of also implement-

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Late last week this photo of the fire at Cliffside Lake Recreation area off US 64 west near Highlands was taken from a residence on Hickory Knut Gap Road. There were two helicopters working the fire. One was dipping water from the Cliffside Lake and one was dipping from Lake Sequoyah. – Photos by Blake Sheffield and Ryan Perkins.

## Cliffside one of 14 fires; arson suspected

Since Wednesday, Nov. 2, the droning of helicopters and the smell of smoke from fires burning in the nearby Nantahala Forest has enveloped the Highlands plateau permeating homes, clothing and even hair.

Since late October, fires have

been burning in the forest's 239 square miles – which makes up more than half of Macon County's 516 square mile land mass.

Fall is historically forest fire season, but this year an extreme drought has made matters worse – that and the fact that state officials

now believe all but a couple of the 14 fires ravaging 6,305 acres in the Nantahala Forest were set by arsonists.

Highlands Fire & Rescue got involved at 9:20 p.m. Wednesday Nov. 2. A motorist travelling

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Search for Town Manager narrows

The town is in the process of searching for a new town manager. By law and protocol I can't, nor would I, reveal the names of those who have applied for the position. In this personnel matter confidentiality trumps the public need to know during this sensitive process.

Nevertheless, I can inform everyone about the process the Town Board is following. It began with a comprehensive effort to advertise the position in key professional venues. The board reviewed and approved the job description and our personnel director posted a call for applications in leading professional publications and websites. We were very successful and to this date have received over 25 applications. Overall, the applicants have been highly qualified with many having significant experience as town managers.

Several weeks ago I asked Commissioners Patterson and Pierson to serve as a screening committee to identify the best qualified applicants, those with experience and credentials that would be a good fit for our community. They carefully reviewed each application and selected 9 "candidates" for further review by the entire board.

This past week the board met in closed



Mayor Pat Taylor

session over a two day period and conducted interviews with the candidates by way of Skype. From the conference room at the police department where there is a large video screen, the board conducted face to face, realtime interviews.

These initial interviews were about 30 minutes each. The process gave the candidate the opportunity to elaborate on their experience and qualifications. They were all asked the same questions, and each candidate was given the opportunity to ask questions about the position and about Highlands.

The next step in the process will be to select about three finalists for the position. The finalist will be invited to Highlands for in person interviews with the board. After these interviews are completed a final decision will be made.

The board seeks to find a town manager that can operate the town on a daily basis, but we also want a person who can work with the various stakeholders in the community. The new town manager will have to work and communicate with the board in shaping and implementing the policies and vision the elected board sets for Highlands. That person will also need to manage, motivate and support town staff and workers in providing top notch service for residents. The new town manager will also have to establish positive working relationships with citizens and community groups, those folks that make Highlands so special. It's a big challenge, but we have interviewed people capable of meeting the challenge.

I want to thank the town board for the diligent work that they have put into the process. They have given the extra time and focus required to find the best person.

Hope to see everyone tomorrow at 9

am at the new monument park adjacent to the police department where new flags will be raised to honor veterans. Our veterans have done an outstanding job in service to our country.

## • LETTERS •

### We got what we deserved

Dear Editor

Well, it's over. Regardless of how you voted, America will get exactly what it deserves over the next four or eight years.

Most of the folks who read my stuff during the summer know I'm a retired veteran South Florida law enforcement officer.

But how many of you know my li'l missus spent ten years working for J. Edgar Hoover's FBI. She retired when our first child was born. Yes, she was an old fashioned "stay-at-home mom." How corny is that? But not back then.

We come from a true law enforcement family. And Maddy and I both agree that ole J. Edgar is rolling over in his grave.

**Fred Wooldridge**  
North Palm Beach, FL  
Highlands, NC

## • THANK YOU •

### Louisiana flood victims thank you

The coordinators of the Louisiana Flood Relief fundraiser at Highlands United Methodist Church, would like to thank the many generous donors, all who participated and the volunteers who made the event a success. We wish to give special thanks to the many restaurants, businesses and sponsors who provided a wonderful selection of Cajun cuisine, supplies and music. With their sponsorship, 100% of all donations go directly to those who have lost and damaged homes. Many of these individuals had no flood insurance because they were not in a flood zone. They have lost all of their positions, as well as their homes. Louisiana Flood Relief has raised close to \$7,000 at this time, which will help those in need.

Many thanks to our sponsors: August Produce, Bistro on Main, Brick Oven Pizza, Bags on Main, Bake My Day, Buck's Coffee and Cafe, Cyprus International Cuisine, Colonel Mus-

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## • WEEKEND WEATHER •

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# • OBITUARY •

## Clyde Donald Fricks

Clyde Donald Fricks, born August 13, 1924, passed away on Sunday, November 6th, at his home in Franklin, North Carolina.

Mr. Fricks has ties to Highlands. He owns property in Highlands and lived there before moving to Franklin. He will be buried in Highlands.

He was the only child of the late Clyde and Vonnice Fricks of Rome, GA. He grew up in Rome where he graduated Rome High & Darlington Schools, followed by Georgia Tech, where he earned a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering.

After graduation from Tech he attended Navy Midshipman's School at Notre Dame University receiving his commission as Ensign. He served on active duty for five years in the Navy during WWII and the Korean War and retired from the Naval Reserve in 1964 as a Lt. Commander.

After WWII he was employed as a structural engineer by Southern Services, Inc. in Birmingham, AL. Work there was the design of steel and reinforced concrete structures for power plants. While in Birmingham he met and married Hope Davies.

In 1956 he took a job with Pan American World Airways at the Air Force Missile Test Range in Florida. He worked for Pan Am and subsidiary Pan Am World Services for approximately 30 years. He was at Cape Canaveral during the early days of the US missile program and was involved in various engineering and support operations over a period of four years. In 1960 he was transferred to southern Arizona where Pan Am supported US Army drone test operations and to safeguard missile sites in North Dakota. Back to Florida in 1965, he was supervisor of Civil Engineering at the Missile Test Range before being appointed assistant manager for Pan Am at Kennedy Space Center providing engineering services to NASA.

Later as engineering manager at World Services Florida office, he was responsible for engineering and construction contracts in the US and Middle East including Saudi Arabia, Oman and the Emirates. Marketing took him to other parts of the Middle East, Far East and Africa.

Clyde was a registered Professional Engineer. He participated in government and local organizations such as Jaycees, Lions Club, city planning and zoning, and National Contract Management Association. He was a member of the Episcopal Church where he liked to be involved in minor repair, construction and maintenance projects.

In 1984 he retired from Pan Am and later settled permanently in North Carolina, shortly after his first wife's death. He and Sarah Norris Goodwyn were married in 1997 and enjoyed life together in the beautiful mountains of western North Carolina.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by Hope Davies Fricks, his first wife of 42 years, and a grandson Kenneth Pell. He is survived by his wife, Sarah, his daughters Sharon Pell and Rebecca Fricks (Roger Molitor); son Richard Fricks (Jennie); stepson Alfred Goodwyn (Marcia); grandson Spencer Molitor; granddaughters Heather Watson and Joy Fricks; step grandsons Sam and Andrew Goodwyn, Richard and David Larson; step granddaughter Rachel Goodwyn and several great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, November 11, 2016 at 11 am at St. Agnes Episcopal Church in Franklin with The Rev. Fred Lindstrom and The Rev. David Webb officiating. Internment of ashes and military honors to be held at the Memorial Garden at Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, North Carolina at 3 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Rector's Discretionary Fund at All Saints Episcopal Church, 84 Church St. Franklin, NC 28734 or to a charity of one's choice.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Cremator is serving the Fricks family. Online condolences are available at [bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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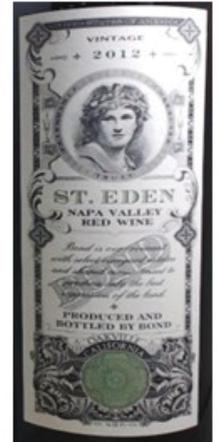
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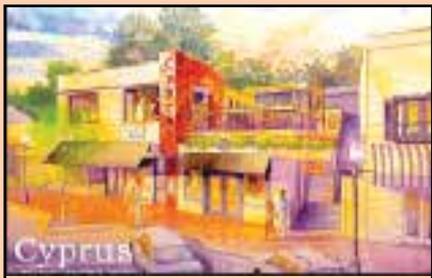
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down the Gorge Road saw a glow in the vicinity of Cliffside Lake Recreational area so the department was paged to check it out.

“We helped the Forest Service locate the fire, which was in the park, but since it was on Forest Service property they handled it,” said Fire Chief Ryan Gearhart. “We helped do some scouting around Flat Mountain and once we figured out that nothing was in danger the Forest Service decided to let it burn to the ground that night and the next morning they started putting lines around it.”

Gearhart said smoke in the area varied with the wind and also depended on where the Forest Service was considering setting its backfires and establishing no fire zones.

The main part of Cliffside that was burning was right in the park so the Forest Service came down from the Flat Mountain Road area that is behind the tract that was burning.

“They came in off Flat Mountain Road and put a dozer line down Skitty’s Creek and then one out the top of the ridge running down to Cliffside and then they tied in with a hand line down the rest of steep terrain digging it by hand [denuding the area around the line]. Then they started a

back fire, which began burning up the ridge [up in elevation] which made the main fire run out of fuel. Once that happens it is hard for a fire to go back down and then to go across the hand dug line below,” he said.

Gearhart said the one day the smoke was really bad was the day the wind was actually helping the firefighters.

“The day the smoke was coming right into town was when the wind was helping them push the fire up to the top to where they wanted it to go because that’s where there was nothing more to burn. That’s how they controlled it,” he said.

The last step involved putting a dozer line along Long Branch to protect a large tract of private property up there. The main concern of the Forest Service is to keep fires off private property, said Gearhart.

All the while helicopters were dipping buckets into Cliffside Lake and Lake Sequoyah to douse the flames.

As of Tuesday, Nov. 8, the fire at Cliffside is pretty much contained. “All that’s burning now, is the new leaves that have fallen,” said Gearhart.

The Forest Service reports that Cliffside is 85% contained and is maintaining the lines with blowers and two engines, with a 3-man crew per engine, which is standing guard.

“So all they are doing now is monitoring the 101 acres that were on fire, walking the perimeter that was burning two or three times a day,” said Gearhart.

Meanwhile, given the drought conditions and the threat of arsonists, Highlands Fire & Rescue has been instructed to pay attention to big areas that have tracts of government land, namely Blue Valley, Horse Cove and the Walkingstick area.

With no relief in sight Monday night, the NC Forest

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ing a burning ban. In addition, other local ordinances and air quality regulations may also impact open burning.

- If a fire within that 100-foot area escapes containment, a North Carolina forest ranger may take reasonable steps to extinguish or control it. The person responsible for setting the fire may be responsible for reimbursing the N.C. Forest Service for any expenses related to extinguishing it.

- Open burning includes burning leaves, branches and other plant material. In all cases, it is illegal to burn trash, lumber, tires, newspapers, plastics or other non-vegetative materials.

- Outdoor burning is also prohibited in areas covered by Code Orange or Code Red air quality forecasts.

Local fire departments and law enforcement officers are assisting the N.C. Forest Service in enforcing the burn ban.

As of Nov. 6, there had been 2,829 wildfires affecting more than 18,158 acres on state-protected lands across North Carolina this year. More than 1,000 of those fires were in the mountains and burned 3,375 acres. State-protected lands include state- and privately owned properties.

Fire Prevention Education Team deployed to region

In addition to putting the burn ban in place for the state's most western counties, the N.C. Forest Service has also deployed a Fire Prevention Education Team to Western North Carolina in an effort to decrease the number of human-caused wildfires there. The team is expected to arrive this afternoon and work out of the Montreat Conference Center Assembly Hall, which is located east of Asheville.

In addition to assisting with the information delivery for wildfires occurring in the mountains of Western North Carolina, the team will also engage directly with communities, distribute information and work with the media to help raise public awareness about the current fire danger. For more information regarding the mission of the N.C. Fire Prevention Education Team, call 919-218-3179 or by email at [ncfsregion3F-pet@gmail.com](mailto:ncfsregion3F-pet@gmail.com).

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## Veterans Day Parade and the USO 75th Anniversary

Once again this year, my husband will march in the Georgia Veterans Day Parade with members of the Atlanta Vietnam Veterans Business Association (AV-VBA), and that evening we'll attend the Freedom Ball. The parade kicks off on November 12 at 11:11 hours in Downtown Atlanta. Though Veterans Day is always on November 11, the parade typically occurs on the nearest Saturday.



Kathy Manos Penn

port our troops, it also supports their families. For example, "[t]he USO partners with the Comfort Crew for Military Kids to send motivational speakers on tour to promote self-confidence and resiliency in military children ages 6 to 15 years old." The Comfort Crew helps these children deal with issues such as bullying and adjusting to life during and after deployment. And, of course, supporting military children helps their parents to feel confident that their children

are getting the best care.

I was touched when I read about the United Through Reading program which allows parents to read aloud stories to their children. The USO records story time on camera and mails the DVD and book home so that children can watch and listen to their parent anytime. The caring circle is complete when families send back a photo of the child or children watching and listening to the DVD. In 2015, USO delivered over 14,000 recordings.

I've described just a few of the services the USO offers our military families, and you can learn more at <https://www.uso.org/75>. You can also donate there or visit the North Carolina site to give directly to your state: <https://uso-nc.org/>. When you volunteer or send a donation, you too support our troops.

Here in Dunwoody, Georgia, many residents donated multiple times this summer when VFW and AVVBA members collected funds outside the local Kroger, helping the Dunwoody group to raise \$10,000 and win the district competition for the third year in a row. The fact that the Dunwoody gang beat the second place location by \$6,000 is a testament to the generosity of our community. Hats off to our USO supporters!

To read more of Kathy's columns and blogs, visit her website [theinkpenn.com](http://theinkpenn.com) where you can also purchase her just published book "The Ink Penn, Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday."

Last year's ball honored Vietnam Veterans, and this year's honors the USO as it celebrates its 75th anniversary. What does the USO do? Many of us recall seeing Bob Hope and more recently Gary Sinise and the Lt. Dan Band entertaining the troops, but that's just one small part of what this organization does for the members of the military and their families. The mission of the USO is to "strengthen America's military service members by keeping them connected to family, home, and country, throughout their service to the nation."

Established in 1941 before our country entered WWII, the USO was created by bringing together several service organizations into one entity to support our troops. Those service groups included the Salvation Army, Young Men's Christian Association, Young Women's Christian Association, National Catholic Community Services, National Travelers Aid Association and the National Jewish Welfare Board.

Today's USO operates over 180 centers in countries on every continent except Antarctica. Those centers are operated by staff and volunteers and are located at or near military installations, even in combat zones. Airport centers like those at the Atlanta and Charlotte airports provide a space where service men and women can connect with friends and family via Internet or phone, play a video game, watch a movie, have a snack or just plain relax.

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Higdon was challenged by Bobby Kuppers, who he out-seated to win his first term. Higdon secured his second term with 10,069 votes to Kuppers' 6,913. Gillespie was challenged by Charlie Leatherman, a veteran of the commission. Gillespie defeated Leatherman after securing 10,538 votes to Leatherman's 6,381.

The Macon County Board of Education seats continue to be held by Stephanie McCall, Melissa Evans, and Jim Breedlove because each of those races were run unopposed.

Macon County Soil and Water Conservation had a seat up for grabs, which was won by Matt Mason who secured 9,075 votes to Jonathan Anderson's 4,934.

Macon County Senator Jim Davis will serve another term representing Senate District 50 as he once again defeated his Democratic challenger and Haywood County candidate Jane Hipps. Davis won 62.48 percent of the votes in Jackson, Swain, Macon, Graham, Clay, Cherokee, Transylvania, and Haywood counties compared to Hipps' 37.52 percent.

Macon County native Kevin Corbin was confidently elected to the North Carolina House of Representatives District 120 to replace Roger West, who will be retiring at the end of his current term. Corbin defeated Randy Hogsed after getting 72 percent of the votes cast in the district.

"I am looking forward to representing Macon County on the state level and hope to be a strong voice for western North Carolina," Corbin said at a victory party in Franklin on Tuesday night. "I am looking forward to working with Senator Davis to ensure the rest of North Caro-

lina knows just where Macon County is and what we stand for."

Republican incumbent Congressman Mark Meadows was re-elected to this third term serving Western North Carolina in Washington DC after defeating his Swain County Democratic challenger Rick Bryson. Meadows secured 64.09 percent of the votes cast in his 17-county district.

"I often say that I have the best job in the world in representing the people of Western North Carolina, and today, I am overwhelmed with gratitude that the voters of this district placed their confidence in me to continue serving them in Congress. It is a tremendous honor," Congressman Meadows said in a statement. "I want to thank all of the volunteers, supporters, staff, and friends who worked extremely hard and dedicated their time and energy to make this possible. I also want to thank those that serve our communities every day - our law enforcement, fire fighters, first-responders, school teachers, and our medical personnel.

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This victory belongs to you. More importantly, my seat in Congress belongs to the people of Western North Carolina. Moving forward, I remain fully committed to fighting for conservative principles and to giving my constituents a voice in their government, regardless of the consequences."

The 2016 election saw record numbers of ballots cast across the country, including Macon County. One-stop voting came to a

close on Saturday afternoon, and according to the Board of Elections, 11,182 Macon County voters took part in total. That accounts for just over 43.5 percent of all 25,702 registered voters in Macon County. In total, 9,985 early ballots were cast at the Board of Elections office, and 1,193 were cast in Highlands.

More Republicans than Democrats

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• Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team is open to all levels of swimmers ages 6-18. Contact Coach Steve Hott at 828-421-2121.

## First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Meeting at 7 pm

## Mondays

• The Food Pantry of Highlands is located behind Highlands United Methodist Church and is open every Monday, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. Donations may be dropped off in the drop box at the Methodist Church (Monday to Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., and Friday, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.).

• At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:25 p.m.

## Mon. & Wed.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from noon to 1p. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

## Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more information, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30am at the Rec Park.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

## Tuesdays

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

• The Beyond the Walls Book

discussion group meets at 4 PM at The Ugly Dog Public House. Each week a short story discussed.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library,

## First Tuesdays

• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. For info call 369-7385.

## 2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the Jackson County Justice Center. For more information, visit [www.occupy-wnc.org](http://www.occupy-wnc.org) or call 828.331.1524

## Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets in Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public of all ages. The meetings are held at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights rd. For information call 828-369-3916.

## Tuesday and Thursdays

• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5.

• Pickle ball from 11:30a to 1p in the gym at the Rec Park.

## Wednesdays

• 49ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 8:45 a.m. Be seated by 8:30.

• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

## 1st Wednesdays

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

## 3rd Wednesdays

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

## Thursdays

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• Zahner Lecture Series at 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center. Free

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 5 pm at Christ Church of the Valley. Call Lisa 828-506-3555.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness: depression, bipolar, schizophrenia, etc., and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15 pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's Funnel Home. 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: from 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

• Kidney Smart Classes in Sylva: from, 7:30am-9am, DaVita Sylva Dialysis Center, 655 Asheville Highway, Contact Sue 828-631-0430

## Friday-Tuesday

• Movies at Highlands Playhouse, 2, 5, 8 p.m. SUNDAYS, 2 & 5 ONLY.

## Fridays

• 99ers Bridge Club at the Rec Park at 9 a.m. Be seated by 8:45 a.m.

• Open Duplicate Bridge at 1 p.m. Be seated by 12:45 a.m.

## Third Fridays

• Senior Dinners will start back on Friday, November 18th at 12noon. The Senior Dinners are held the third Friday of each month at 12 noon November through April. November will be the traditional Thanksgiving meal with Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Pumpkin Pie for dessert.

toes, Green Beans, Salad, Roll and Pumpkin Pie for dessert.

## Saturdays

• At MountainTop Wine Shoppe on Main Street, free wine tastings from 1-3 p.m.

• At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.

• Highlands Marketplace at K-H Park 8a to noon.

• The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon. In event of cold/rain, meet downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

## Thurs., Nov. 10

• The November meeting of the Western North Carolina Woodturners Club, Inc. will be on Thursday at 6PM at the Blue Ridge School in Glenville, NC. The School is located at 95 Bobcat Drive, Cashers NC. This is the last meeting for 2016.

## Tues., Nov. 21

• Community Thanksgiving Dinner at the Rec Park at 6 p.m.

## Fri., Nov. 25

• At PAC, Retro Rock: The Drifters at 8 p.m. Call 828-526-9047 for tickets.

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## 'Hamlet' is Live via Satellite at PAC Saturday, Nov. 12



The Highlands Performing Arts Center presents the National Theatre of London's Encore Production of Shakespeare's HAMLET starring Benedict Cumberbatch, Saturday, November 12 at 1pm. Academy Award® nominee Benedict Cumberbatch (BBC's Sherlock, The Imitation Game, Frankenstein at the National Theatre) takes on the title role of Shakespeare's great tragedy. As a country arms itself for war, a family tears itself apart. Forced to avenge his father's death but paralysed by the task ahead, Hamlet rages against the impossibility of his predicament, threatening both his sanity and the security of the state. Tickets are available online: [highlandspac.org](http://highlandspac.org), at the door or by calling 828.526.9047 Highlands Performing Arts Center 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands

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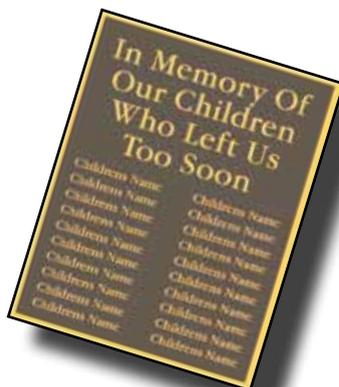


Thanks to early voting, lines were basically non-existent at Highlands' polling place at the Highlands Civic Center. The 2016 election saw record numbers of ballots cast across the country, including Macon County..

Photo by Kim Lewicki

took advantage of early voting - of the 11,182, 4,726 were registered as Republicans, while 3,111 were registered Democrats. In addition, 3,318 were unaffiliated and 25 were registered as Libertarians.

According to Board of Elections Director Debbie George, in 2012, one-stop voting accounted for 9,325 one-stop votes cast.



## Families invited to donate to memorial fireplace at K-H Founders Park in memory of children lost

Highlands co-founder Truman Kelsey's monument at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park has taken on new meaning.

At the site - which will include the fireplace and a welcoming arm walled plaza - a plaque has been designed to list children lost to area families.

For Highlands families who have lost a child and make a donation in his or her memory, the name of their child will be included on a plaque in the fireplace area of the park.

The plaque is 11 inches wide and 14 inches deep and there is room for 20 names.

To make a tax deductible donation to remember the child, make checks payable to Friends of the Park and mail it to PO Box 1703, Highlands, NC, 28741. Please include the name of the child you would like to honor so it can be included on the plaque. Space is limited. For more information, please contact Nick Bazan at [nicholas.bazan@gmail.com](mailto:nicholas.bazan@gmail.com). or 828-371-2653.



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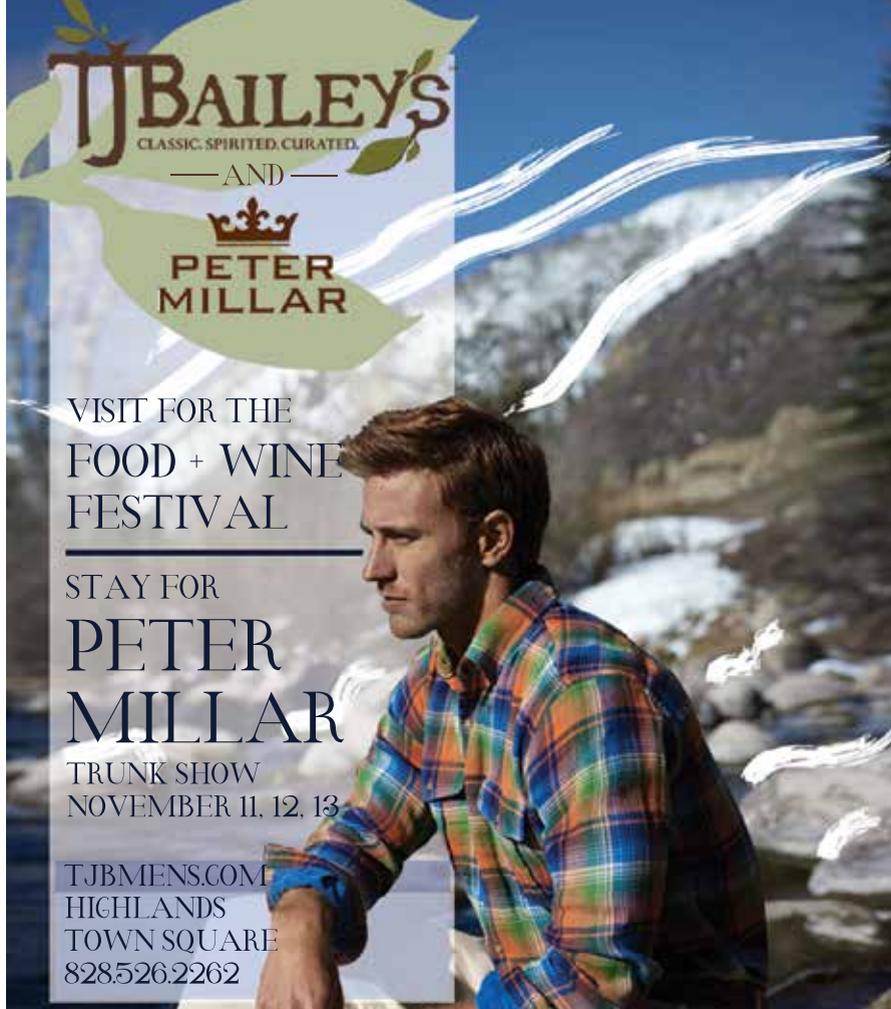
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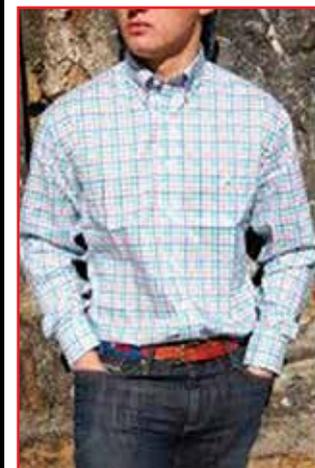


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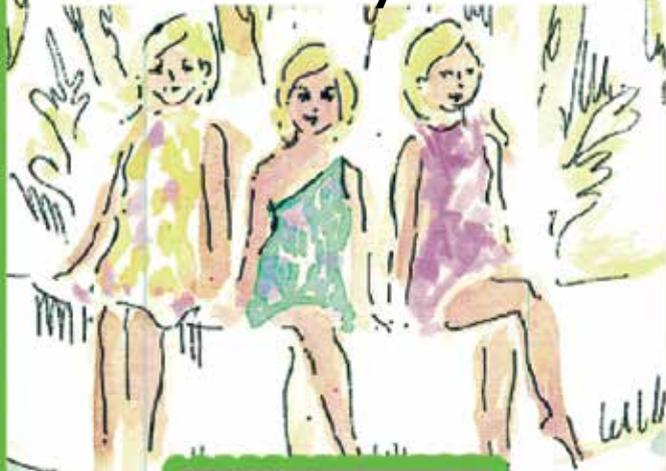
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## Smart Strategies for Year-End Investors

*"An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."*

~ Benjamin Franklin

As we prepare for the grace of the holiday season, it is also a time of unique opportunities for savvy investors. While others may be distracted, the steady, methodical investor looks for year-end buys that either complement his or her portfolio or begin one. Even if you are a seasoned pro, there are several strategies you can leverage to maximize your profit and enjoyment potential. Let's dive in!

First, schedule a meeting with your Buyer's Agent and review your objectives. Remind your agent of your investment priorities and your identified strike zone of where you want to put your real estate dollars. If you haven't formulated your investment strategy, do this first! You don't want to start out of the gate not knowing where you want to end up. Work with your local professional and co-create your plan.

Next, once you and your



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agent are clear about what it is you want to have happen, ask for detailed market research. Ask your agent to provide you with statistics on properties in your areas of interest that match your parameters. Include in the data the complete array of potential matches and how long those properties have been on the market, the condition of each, and any special circumstances with the Seller. (Remember, at year-end, Sellers' interests may be more focused on a selling/closing timeline than solely on price.) Further, inquire if there are properties with incentives to close prior to year-end.

Consider if you would like to rent the property (either on a vacation rental program or to a year-round tenant). If such properties are in your desired portfolio, request properties that enable you to leverage rental dollars and give you positive cash flow are added into the mix. NOTE: if there are fixer uppers on your list, ensure you obtain timely estimates for all work required. Understand fully

the costs for your renovation vision. Ask your agent for recommendations for contractors, designers, subs, landscapers, and the like. This is not a time to skip doing your homework.

Review your finances. Are you going to seek a loan? If so,

be very mindful of your lender's timelines for completing the loan process and giving you the clear to close. This can take 30-45 days, so if you have an investment strategy that includes a loan (and you want to close prior to year-end), you need to act now. In ad-

dition, if it is not already super tidy and easy to find, gather every scrap of paper your lender is going to seek. Create PDFs of your financials/data that are easy to email and have everything ready to send. Regardless if you are le-

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## • REAL ESTATE SNAPSHOTS •

### Walk to Main Street



This 3BR/2.5BA getaway is the perfect blend of rustic and contemporary. Features include multiple decks, hardwood flooring; stone, wood-burning fireplace in the living room; spacious kitchen; single garage (with workshop); fenced yard; and paved access. Walk to Main Street from this paradise..

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veraging cash or a loan, the holidays will add time to your deal. Therefore, ensure you and your agent map everything out before the offer is submitted. What are the inspectors' schedules? Lend-

er's schedule? Attorney's schedule? Contractor's schedule? Make sure your Due Diligence period is lengthy enough to properly and thoroughly cover your investigations, but is still sexy to an eager

Seller.

As regular readers will attest, I am bullish on the Highlands-Cashiers market and have witnessed scores of investors win the game. With a professional partnership

with your agent, prudence, organization, thoughtfulness, and clear strategies, you can wisely invest at year-end and reach your real estate goals in the New Year and for decades to come.

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### Cute Bungalow with Mtn. Views

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### The Prettiest One Level in HFCC

This beautifully remodeled home has an open floor plan complete with vaulted ceilings, lovely hardwood floors, spacious kitchen with granite countertops and stainless appliances and a huge master suite with a lavish bath and extra large closet. Massive deck affords views of the golf course and mountains. **Offered for \$595,000. MLS 82811**



### Renovated Lock & Leave Condo

This charming and updated 2 bedroom unit has a new and exquisite master bath and spacious and private master bedroom suite. An open floor plan with stone fireplace opens to a sunroom. The newly updated kitchen features marble countertops and stainless appliances. Affordable and Adorable! **REDUCED and now Offered for \$213,000. MLS 83830**



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## Bob Jones Invitational nets \$493,000 for HCH Foundation



On Sat., August 6, a full field of 24 Walker Cup players and Guest Captains were joined by teams of four golfers for a one-day competition, similar to a pro-am tournament. This year's tournament through entry fees, and donations netted a \$493,000 donation to the Highlands Cashier Hospital Foundation. Bob Jones helped to develop the course, designed by Donald Ross, which is known today as Highlands Country Club. Jones christened the course by hitting the first ball when it opened in 1928.

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Woodland Hills. Well maintained mountain home close to town, 5br/3 ba. Large open deck off main level, lower level covered deck and a wonderful rear yard. Walk to community lake. \$495,000. MLS #84874



Flat Mountain with long mountain views from this 3br/2ba home featuring floor to ceiling stone fireplace, vaulted ceilings and a private setting. \$494,500. MLS #84634



Highlands Mountain Club. Great mountain view from this 2br/2ba condo. Both open and covered porches. \$209,000. MLS #84913



Scaly Mountain...3br/3ba located on a wonderful knoll alongside a babbling spring. So sweet and peaceful. \$426,000. MLS #84912



Little Bearpen Mountain. This 3br/3b has old cabin charm and just 3 minutes to Main Street! Updated kitchen and baths, double carport. \$697,000. MLS #84941



Close to town this 3br/3ba home with decks and porches galore and a hot tub. There are three master suites and a Summer kitchen on lower porch. \$475,000. MLS #84133



Highlands Country Club with long range mountain views. Timeless mountain estate with 6br/7 1/2ba featured in House Beautiful. This country French retreat has magnificent grounds with endless gardens, stone paths, waterfall & pond. \$3,950,000. MLS #84860



Wildwood Mountain beauty! Well maintained 3br/3ba home in a popular neighborhood with hardwood floors, granite countertops and large covered and screened back deck. \$439,000. MLS #84283



Highlands Country Club with Expanded and architecturally redesigned by acclaimed Atlanta architect, Norman Askins. This 4br/4ba home features wrap around decks and mountain views! \$895,000. MLS #84686



Highlands Falls Country Club located along the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway. Great one level home with 3br/3ba (two master suites plus another guest room). Remodeled and stylish. \$449,000. MLS #84601



Highlands Falls Country Club 3br/3ba condo with a great fairway view and in great condition. Two master suites, stone fireplace, sun-room and vaulted ceilings. \$295,000. MLS #73808



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Whiteside Estates. This furnished 4br/3ba home features beautiful hardwood floors and pine wood walls with vaulted ceilings, attached garage with an office/bonus room above. \$299,500. MLS #82461



Cullasaja Club. Great view of Whiteside Mountain from the 5 br/5ba and remodeled throughout with new kitchen and baths. \$1,050,000. MLS #79794



Lovely and immaculately maintained 3 br, a bonus guest room and 4 baths located in Highlands Falls Country Club. Wood floors in the main living area and vaulted ceilings. Lower level family room with gas fireplace, and 2nd full kitchen....great for guests or mother-in-law suite. \$590,000. MLS #84161



Flat Mountain beauty with 3br/3ba plus 2 half baths. Mountain views, lots of glass, outdoor fireplace, two master suites with lower level family room with fireplace, garage has guest quarters. \$795,000. MLS #81533



Rocky Knob with long range mountain views. 3br/2ba with guest kitchenette in a great gated community with a private 17 acre lake. \$355,000. MLS #81329



Highlands Falls Country Club. Very attractive private 3br/3 1/2ba with raised ceilings in the upstairs living areas, a 3 car garage plus golf cart storage and the possibility of a great golf course view make this a fantastic opportunity. \$777,000. MLS #81880



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Service issued a burning ban for 25 of the state's mountain counties and the county has issued a state of emergency.

According to Gearhart, the reason the state held off issuing a ban is because none of the fires are from debris burning – most all of them were fires set on purpose.

“The state is telling us that

arsonists did this,” he said. “One or two campfires may have been involved but to the best of their knowledge they were set by arsonists.”

According to Gearhart, there are telltale signs including the placing of the fires where there aren't houses and in places that aren't easy to get to by foot. In addition,

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they are lighting them right at dusk or dark when the humidity is coming up, so the fires burn slowly.

“This means they are hard to see until it's too late and they are a pretty good size. So whoever is doing this knows what they are doing,” said Gearhart.

Meanwhile work continues on the other 13 fires.

Boteler and Boteler Peak near Hayesville's 1,961 acres that started Oct. 25 is only 10% contained. Buck Creek's six acres that started Nov. 6 is 25% controlled. Dick's Creek 709 acres burning northwest of Sylva that started Oct. 23 is 80% contained. The 115 acres in Jones Gap, northwest of Highlands that started Oct. 29 is 80% contained. Knob's 664 acres that began Nov. 2 is only 28% contained. May Branch Sheep Mountain northeast of Cullowhee has 175 acres burning since Nov. 3 and is 50% contained. Moses

Creek has 30 acres burning since Oct. 28 and it's 80% contained. Tellico, northwest of Franklin in the Nantahala Mountains has 1,855 acres burning since Nov. 3 and it's only 25% contained.

Burns that are under control are Whitewater's 10 acres, Wine Spring's 92 acres, Grape Cove's 35 acres, and Ferebee's 545 acres.

Due to the ongoing fire in Tellico in the vicinity of the Queens Creek communities – along with the predicted weather forecast for the area over the next 24-48 hours – MC Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe is advising residents in those areas to stay vigilant and alert for updates. He said no evacuation orders are in place but residents should be prepared should conditions change that warrant an evacuation.

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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Truth

By Pastor Sam Forrester

Whiteside Presbyterian Church, Cashiers

When Jesus was taken before Pilate, the Roman Governor, he told him "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." Pilate sarcastically asks "What is truth?" That is a question everyone ought to seek an answer to.

The first thing you must see about truth is, it is the one and only way that leads unto salvation. This truth that saves is revealed by God in his word. This truth comes to us from God's word. It teaches about God, Jesus, regeneration, faith, and holiness, which are all parts of this truth that saves. John 17:17 says "... your word is truth." Ephesians 1:13 tells us "You were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation."

There is only one way into salvation. If you miss this one way you will be eternally lost. Anything that stands opposed to this truth from God's word is a lie. It comes from the devil. This devil, as John 8:44 says, who was "not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies." It is these lies that are the grounds for the religions of men. Only in God's word, the Bible, can this truth be found.

The real truth that undergirds this world is the truth of the sovereign Almighty God, who created heaven and earth and everything in them. The Bible is the source of that truth. If you want to know how this world was made and why it was made, you have to go to the Scripture and study. To gain insight into this truth you also have to align yourself with a church that preaches and teaches this truth without apology. God gave his church the commission to proclaim and confess his truth. Paul in speaking of the church in I Timothy 3:15 says "The church of the living God, is the pillar and foundation of the truth." He explains in Romans 3:2 that the church has "been entrusted with the very words of God."

The most important aspect of this glorious truth is its connection to your salvation. This truth is the seed of regeneration. In other words, the truth is the means God uses to draw men from the darkness of sin into the light of salvation. James 1:18 "He chose to give us birth through the word of truth." I Peter 1:23 "For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God."

If you don't know nor have the truth, you cannot be saved. If you are not regenerated, and know Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, all of your religious talk is nothing. If you are devoid of the truth of the gospel, that God sent his one and only Son into this world to make known his truth, then you are lost and without hope. But, as long as you have breath in your lungs, there is opportunity. Open your ears and listen to this glorious truth. This is the answer Pilate needed to hear. "For God so loved the world that he sent his only begotten Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." Here is the truth, salvation is found only in Jesus Christ and the revelation he brought into the world. Hear it, and receive it, for it alone can open heaven's gate for you.

## Proverbs 3:5

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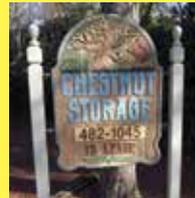
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**The Highlands Police log entries from Oct. 24 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## Oct. 24

- At 1:35 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in Wright Square.
- At 3 p.m., a shoplifting incident was reported a Potpourri 2 where a pair of sunglasses were taken.

## Oct. 28

- At 1:30 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Farmers Market parking lot.

## Oct. 27

- At 5:30 p.m., officers received a call about someone obtaining money under false pretenses at Buck's Coffee Shop.

## Oct. 31

- At 3:30 p.m., a shoplifting incident was reported at Wits End where a \$400 cashmere sweater was taken.

## Nov. 5

- At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on US 64 west near Third Street.

## Nov. 6

- At 12:15 p.m., vandalism to property was reported on Carolina Way where an emblem from the front of a parked vehicle was taken.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Nov 1.**

## Nov. 1

- At 10:33 a.m., the dept. was first-responder to a residence on White Clover Lane.
- At 12:34 p.m., the dept. investigated smoke ion Horse Cove Road.

- At 4:15 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

## Nov. 2

- At 8:27 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

- At 8:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a brush fire on US 64 west.

## Nov. 4

- At 3:35 a.m., the dept. responded to a possible brush fire on Ravenel Ridge Road.

## Nov. 5

- At 11:03 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Falls Village Court.

- At 12:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Maple Street.

- At 1:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

## Nov. 6

- At 10:37 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Satolah Fire and Rescue.

## Nov. 7

- At 8:14 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Spring Street.

- At 8:46 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Old Edwards Inn.

## Note:

The state has issued a burning ban until further notice. Chief Ryan Gearhart said the Highlands Fire Dept. will be enforcing the ban. If caught burning the charge is \$100 plus \$180 in court costs.

In addition, Mayor Patrick Taylor urges citizens to begin taking water conservation measures.

He said Highlands is now 21 inches below normal rainfall and extreme drought conditions continue.



## Highlands Handiworks is open for business

Students following the Occupational Course of Study track at Highlands School have opened their "store" Highlander Handiworks – as a part of their classroom enterprise project.

It is a requirement for the students to create and maintain a school enterprise until graduation, however, several other students have contributed as well.

Handmade items are on display and ready for purchase. Right now it's all about Christmas ornaments. The kids have worked hard and are very excited to be open for business.

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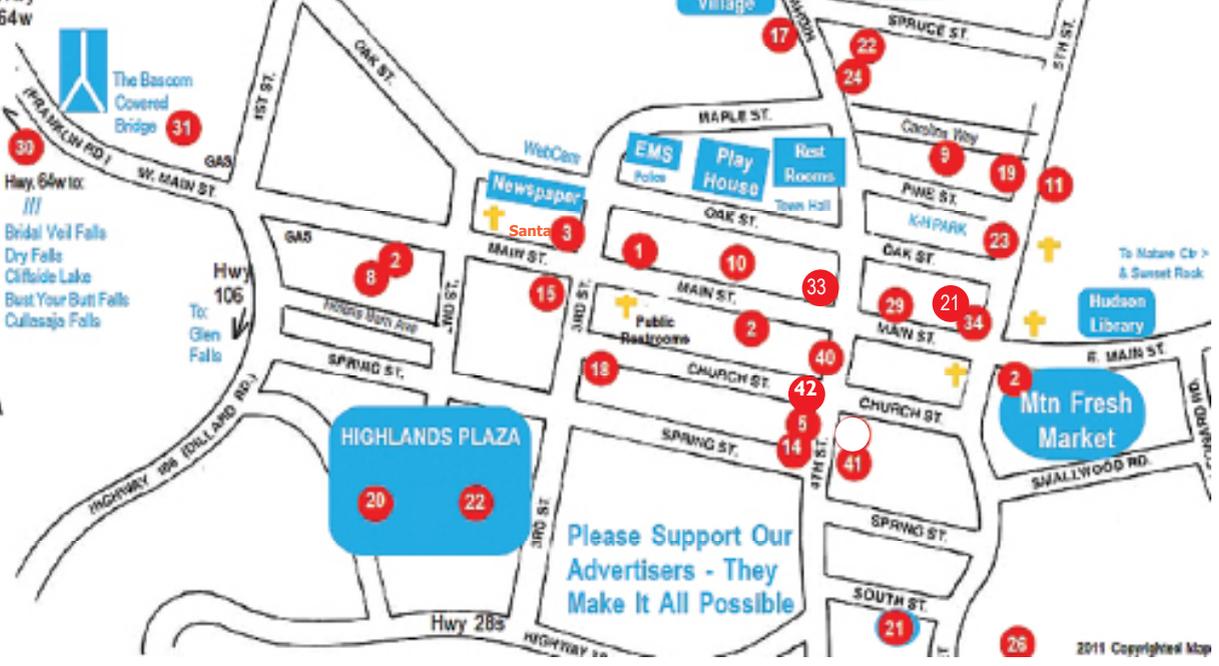
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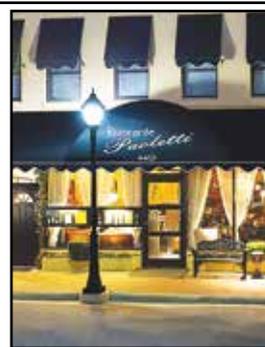
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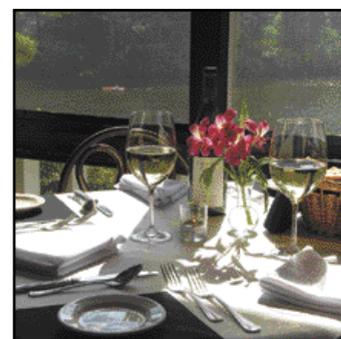
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