So far no make-up days for Highlands School

While students in the Franklin-area and Nantahala area of the school system are making up snow days this Spring, Highlands is still on track to stick to the regular calendar. Winter weather earlier this month prompted school closings, but due to extra days built into the calendar, Highlands students can continue business as usual.

On Monday night, the Macon County Board of Education approved make-up days for the Franklin area (February 20 and March 10), Macon Early College (March 3 and May 30) and Nantahala School (May 5). Highlands School, which was able to operate on a delay, will not have to make up the one day missed.

Highlands school officials are responsible for making the call on whether or not to hold school in the event of winter weather, and with the help of the school board, law enforcement, and emergency services.

Corbin pledges to work for WNC

For the first time in decades, Macon County is home to representatives in both the House of Representatives and the Senate. Kevin Corbin was sworn into the House of Representatives on January 11, marking the beginning of his first term on the state level. At the same time Corbin was taking his first oath, Senator Jim Davis was reaffirming his oath to continue serving and representing Macon County.

“I see the opportunity to serve as being an honor and a challenge,” said Representative Corbin. “Having served in local government literally half my life, it has made me aware that I always need to be open to my constituents and be approachable all the time. I have always been that way and that will continue in this new role.”

Planning Board votes 2-2 on proposed renovation

Trying to get a viable, sustainable business occupant in the building at 221 N. 4th Street has proven to be almost impossible over the years. Once an occupant is found, the building is quickly vacated to await another.

Now the building is under contract and Michael Neiswander and Dominic Corsello, of Atlanta, want it to house a wine/coffee bar with light fare and two incidental apartments for vacation rentals.

The location is perfect – frontage on N. 4th St., backing up to Pine Alley and K-H Founders Park.

They want to build an apartment on the roof and one toward the back on the main floor and use what is considered the basement to house the restaurant.

Contact us today for a consultation on how your home can be marketed in Western North Carolina and around the world.
Sallie and I left for a Florida vacation immediately after the Thursday night Town Board meeting. We drove for four hours and stopped at Perry, GA to get some rest.

On Friday, Inauguration Day, we resumed our trek to the beautiful resort of Siesta Key which is just below Sarasota. We were on I-75 all day so we did not see or hear the ceremony in Washington.

Saturday morning Sallie and I got up to a beautiful view of the Gulf and began to read the news of the previous day. We read the inaugural address delivered by President Trump. Both of us were anticipating reading a speech calling for unity and reconciliation as our nation moves forward with a new administration. As one writer put it, there was hope that the new president would extend an open hand to all people. Instead, to us the speech was a continuation of a raised fist held high in defiance.

Sallie noted that there was a Women's March like the one in Washington scheduled for noon in Sarasota. Now we don't have a history of protest marching, but we both felt we had to participate. We drove to Sarasota and gathered with about eight thousand people.

The united group of diversified and cheerful people walked over the Sarasota Bay Bridge. As we walked, I thought to myself that it is better to build bridges rather than walls. I am glad we walked on this historic day.

Now I am not sharing our story to generate controversy, or to change folks' political views. I thought about whether I should even write this piece all weekend. My primary motivation is to be straightforward as an elected official. I want to be honest and let everyone in the community know what I did this past Saturday. My public actions, like participating in this march at an out of town venue, should be disclosed to the public.

I have concerns about equal rights, an economy that benefits all, accessible healthcare, the environment, education, and America's leadership role in the world. I hope our President will reach out to everyone with an open hand as he tackles these daunting issues. For instance, perhaps the new administration and Congress will improve the nation's healthcare system and embrace policies that truly strengthen the economy.

Nevertheless, I am glad I participated in the march. Citizen engagement is the cornerstone of a democratic republican form of government.

On another note, I issued two mayoral proclamations last Thursday. One was expressing appreciation for all the community work that Skip Taylor has done over many years. Skip and Mary Ann are moving this week to Tryon. They will be greatly missed.

The other proclamation was to honor the many years of service in law enforcement of Master Officer Ronnie Castle of the Highlands Police Department. Ronnie is retiring after many years of distinguished service to Macon County and to Highlands. We all wish him the best in retirement.

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Mayor Pat Taylor

Dear Editor:

On Sunday, January 22 Facebook was alive with quite a bit of commentary, mostly about the women's marches.

Certainly, some pretty bold and frank comments.

Apparently, lots of good women in this town feel they are NOT discriminated against and have never been.

Another comment was for all those whiny women to basically “get an education and then you would not be in that pitiful position”.

Interesting.

So, from a woman who was blessed to get an education with the help of a loving supportive family I can say -- discrimination is alive and well and lives here.

Medical School at UNC was generally quite good. I was in my third year of medical school doing a rotation in the neonatal intensive care unit. I worked hard. On the last day of my rotation, my attending or doctor in charge of that rotation, rode the elevator down with me. He told me I would make a good WIFE someday! Well, we all know that wasn’t correct.

Residency was fabulous. In Asheville – a forward thinking place even then. I still see my residency program director regularly, Dr. Richard Olson. He grounds me. He reminds me who I really am.

Moving to Highlands brought a bit of adjustment. A tiny hospital- only 4 doctors. Even after my divorce, I worked hard. I was asked by a hospital administra-
Joan “Punkin” Edwards Pieper

Joan “Punkin” Edwards Pieper was born to Dick and Judy Edwards on February 26, 1968 in Greenwood, SC. She grew up in South Carolina and Wetumpka, AL.

In 1986 she graduated Edgewood Academy. She attended Huntington College, but joined the USAF in 1988 as a computer systems operator. She was stationed in Minot, ND where she met and married the love of her life, Paul Pieper, in 1989. Soon after they were stationed in Germany and finally moved back to Alabama where Punkin completed nursing school and in 2000 she graduated from Auburn University at Montgomery with a BS Microbiology.

Once graduated, she and Paul and their two sons, James and Robert, moved to Wisconsin where she worked for the University of Minnesota before moving back again to Alabama.

After James and Robert graduated from high school and joined the service themselves, Paul and Punkin moved to Palmer, Alaska for Paul’s work.

Punkin was a great communicator. She loved to talk and keep up with everyone. If she asked you how you were she meant it, and she really wanted to know. She was also a singer. She didn’t do it near enough, but she had an incredible set of pipes. She loved to sew and quilt, and she was really, really good at that too! She was also good at making cakes, cooking, and countless other things.

When she left this world on January 11, 2017 at the age of 48, she left a hole in many hearts and they are as follows: her husband, Paul, her two sons, James (Ali) and Robert. Her mother Judy Ford (Pete), sisters Gay Rienartz, Jamie Loeb (Ricky), Jeanie Edwards-Bozeman (Greg) and brothers Daniel, Joey (Jamie), and Pete Ford (Deanna). She also will be missed by her in-laws Robert and Ellen Pieper, brother-in-law Perry (Traci). There are many nieces and nephews as well, Nathaniel (Jamie), Caitlin, Dani, Drew, Carrie, Case, Clay, Ransom and Paige.

She will join in heaven her Daddy, Dick Edwards, both sets of grandparents, Dr. James and Joan Mracek and Dan and Hazel Edwards and several uncles and aunts.

We all miss you Punkin, and give Daddy a hug for us.

The service will be held at 10 a.m. January 28, 2017 at Highlands First United Methodist Church with internment at Horse Cove cemetery following a short reception in the Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers you may make gift donations to the Highlands United Methodist Church.

Dear Editor,

With the start of a new year, 2017, Hudson Library begins its 4th year of Community Coffee.

Those of you who have gathered past two years ago. No surprises, no lists.

Finally, accusations and rumors of me screaming and throwing things at hospital staff led me to leave the campus and disassociate myself. I WITNESSED my male counterparts doing exactly that and yet NO discussion, no significant repercussions for them. I was also NOT included in the generous compensation package of the hospital when everyone else was “put on staff”.

I have learned to survive – as so many women do – I have tried hard to “land on my feet” even at significant emotional cost and constant work on myself.

I have recently been excited to be valued by the Mission Health System, even though there remains some local distrust toward them. They, too, are trying to navigate an ever-changing climate. I can certainly appreciate and identify with that!

The truth – Mission is trying to do exactly what they promised two years ago. No surprises, no lists.

Finally, to the middle aged man who said “if you don’t like it get an education” I’ll say even THAT does not level the field. Several people ask why I stay, God sent me and, so far, hasn’t told me to go- even though it has been hard.

So, be aware that statements you make on Facebook—judging the recent women’s march.

A LOT OF WOMEN STRUGGLE day after day and year after year. If you haven’t you are most fortunate. That is NOT the way of the WORLD unfortunately and not my experience here. Respectfully...

Patti Wheeler MD

Community Coffee starts back soon

In last week’s article “Excursions soothe the body and soul,” we reported that Justin Kingsland fought in the Falkland War. He did not. His regiment did, but at that time he was fighting in Northern Ireland.

We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

To see the entire article go to www.highlandsinfo.com, click on News and then click on the Jan. 19 edition.
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...years in the Hudson Library meeting room on the last Friday of each month, we thank you for your participation.

You may be curious as to its history. Community Coffee began as a Hudson Library goal of becoming a community center.

When we found our goal overlapped Mayor Patrick Taylor's desire to keep the people of Highlands abreast of the issues, the collaboration began.

Pat has invested a great deal of time and effort in Community Coffee by furnishing the topics and/or guest speaker while facilitating the discussion.

Along with Pat, we wish to thank the guest speakers he's introduced to the community, Franklin Mayor Bob Scott and former Town Manager Bob Fry.

The next layer was a host organization (a different non-profit group each month) who furnish refreshments.

Our host groups for this past year deserving a warm thank you for their collaboration are the Bear Task Force, the Bookworm, Hudson Library Board of Trustees, the Rotary Club of Highlands, the Land Stewards of Highlands Plateau (CNIPM), Appalachian Humanist Group, Studio Alive, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Highlands, and Mountain Top Rotary.

The Hudson Library Staff thank all for their collaborative investment in Community Coffee. The first Community Coffee of 2017 is Friday, February 24 from 11-12.

On behalf of the Hudson Library,

Karen Hawk

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The subsequent discussion evolved largely on the layout and use of the various floors—a discussion that was needed for possible future amendments to the UDO, said Town Manager Josh Ward later, because the Planning Board does make recommendations to the Town Board regarding possible amendments.

But the appearance was the real subject for the board.

As described by the applicants, “The wine/coffee bar will feature a rustic, modern design with local and Japanese influences...The intent is to draw passers-by through the unique architecture which will draw people to the shop.”

The rendition depicted a modern façade with a mullioned glass, garage-type door which could be opened for outside dining set back from the sidewalk—similar to the set up seen at Bardo on Main Street.

Though the materials would be dark, rough-sided, rustic wood, it couldn’t hide the “modern” look under it all and that bothered half the Planning Board in attendance.

“Though I think it would be a great addition especially that close to the park, the design doesn’t look like historic downtown Highlands,” said member Glenda Bell. “It doesn’t fit at all.”

Member Chris Boltz agreed. “It is out of character with the village atmosphere.”

They agreed that adding a gable structure on the roof to allow for an apartment on the third floor could possibly soften the look, but that wasn’t in the plan presented and wasn’t really something the applicants wanted to do anyway. Their plan was to basically build a third floor.

Adding a gable, but one without any new exterior walls as per UDO, would be the only way an apartment could be made on the third floor—which is actually the existing roof.

The town’s UDO says in the B1 district, retail space isn’t allowed on a third floor, but apartments are as long as they are within an attic space. The building doesn’t have an attic—the roof is flat so an addition to the building was planned.

Member Steve Abranyi, who later voted for the proposed façade design, said “regardless of the appearance, the plan is not in
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personnel, the school staff travel the roads around Highlands to determine if it is safe for travel to school.

In hopes of better informing the community of the process, the district works to determine whether to hold school during inclement weather. Dr. Baldwin held a meeting with members of the media earlier this month to outline the process officials go through.

Dr. Baldwin emphasized the importance of safety when making the call, which is a decision that often causes backlash for the school system.

“Last year it started snowing around 11 a.m. and we made the decision not to let school out at that time,” said Dr. Baldwin. “If we would have released school, students would have been on the road while it was snowing, which would have been dangerous. We decided to wait, and the snow quit and it warmed which meant it was safer.”

Throughout the entire county, 2,200 students use yellow school buses to get to and from school. The district runs 52 buses each day that travel a combined 2,932 miles all over Macon County. With so many different roads and routes, making the call to hold school can be challenging. While Main Street in Highlands may be clear, the roads buses travel to pick up or drop off students may not be safe, prompting a delay or school closing.

“Our goal is to provide parents with accurate information as soon as possible,” said Dr. Baldwin. “Bus drivers need to be notified prior to 5:15 a.m. Parents also need time to arrange for someone to be home for small children. Finally, buses are on the road for up to two hours per route. We are not always going to be accurate, but our goal is to err on the side of safety.”

Dr. Baldwin stressed that determining whether to have school is more complex than just monitoring weather reports. While the district does check weather forecasts such as the Weather Channel, the final call is usually made on what is happening at the time. When snow is predicted, the decision to delay or cancel school will be made prior to the time that buses are scheduled to depart. Once buses are on the road, officials must weigh the dangers of travel against leaving students at bus stops, or at home unattended.

Dr. Baldwin said sometimes, if inclement weather arrives while students are in school, the safest place for students to be at the time, may be in a school building rather than on the road.

For students and teachers wanting to know as soon as the district makes a call, the school system posts all closings on the district’s website, on Facebook, and it notifies local media outlets.

To help school system staff understand the weather delays, an inclement weather guide is posted on the school system’s website that explains the various options for school closings or delays.

Option A: School is closed to students and the day is designated as an Optional Workday for all personnel.

Option B: School is closed to students and building level staff. Central services staff, principals and 11- and 12-month personnel should report to work.

Option C: School is closed for students and all personnel.

Option D: School is delayed one/two hours.

Option E: School is closed early for students.

In addition to each option for staff, the staff guide outlines how and who are affected by each option.

Quilts of Valor wrap recipients in love and gratitude

On Dec. 15, 2016 the Blue Ridge Lodge of Highlands along with Mountain Valor Quilters, who are a part of the Quilts of Valor Foundation, honored eight veterans and Masons. Each veteran was awarded a quilt wrapped with love and gratitude for their service to our country.

Each quilt is constructed of three layers. The top of the quilt with its many shapes, colors and fabrics, represents the communities and its many individuals.

The batting, the filler, is the center of the quilt and represents hope that the quilt will bring warmth, comfort, peace and healing to the individual who receives it.

The backing is the strength that supports the layers. It represents the strength of the recipient, the support of family, communities and the nation.

Each stitch that holds the layers together represents love, gratitude and sometimes the tears of the maker.

Liz View, Linda Maddox, and Mary Keener of the Mountain Valor Quilters were present to award the quilts.

For information about nominating a Veteran, or making a contribution please contact Liz View at 828-526-9743

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compliance with the code.”

He and Chairman Thomas Craig liked the modern design, though.

“The building was cutting edge when it was built [in the '60s] – it’s always been a contemporary building,” said Craig.

One of the problems is using the lower floor – the basement – as a habitable space. In the B1 district there can only be two habitable floors with a third habitable floor as a residence if it is an attic.

“The fact is every basement in town is being used for something other than just storage and mechanicals – they are being used and provide some sort of service to that business,” said Craig.

As per the UDO, using the basement isn’t a problem as long as the basement isn’t being used by the public.

Craig suggested a proposal to the Town Board to rethink what constitutes a basement.

“Right now, downtown is vibrant and compact and we want people living downtown. We need to promote that compactness to keep people downtown,” he said.

Interim Planning Director Randy Feierabend said in lieu of the way the building currently looks it’s a great improvement while piggybacking on the original architecture.

In the end, the motion the board voted on was “for the appearance, knowing that it may not fit with the current ordinance but that it is within keeping and in scale with the area where it is located.”

The vote was 2-2 with Bell and Boltz voting no and Craig and Abranyi voting yes.

That said, since there were numerous issues to contend with prior to requesting a Special Use Permit or even a possible variance from the Zoning Board of Adjustment – something that would likely not be issued – as well as meeting county building codes, Town Manager Ward talked to the applicants Tuesday morning and suggested more work on the plan was needed.

Kim Lewicki
**MC Commissioners participate in Legislative Goals Conference**

Macon County Commissioners Karl Gillespie, Ronnie Beale, and Gary Shields, and Macon County Manager Derek Roland attended the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners’ 2017 Legislative Goals Conference as a voting delegate when it was held at the Raleigh Marriott Crabtree Valley Jan. 12-13.

The Legislative Goals Conference represents the culmination of a thorough, deliberate and inclusive process to set the Association’s legislative agenda for the 2017-18 Legislative Biennium. The complete set of Association legislative goals is available at http://www.ncacc.org/620/2017-18-Legislative-Goals.

Every county in North Carolina has the opportunity to send a voting delegate, and many others attend this important event for the Association. More than 200 county officials from across North Carolina attended this year.

“There are 100 counties in North Carolina and 82 were present at this conference,” said Shields, who attended the conference for the first time. “To see a body of individuals and leadership move through a process where the end result is that a packet of goals are voted on in a professional manner to present to our legislatures is impressive.”

North Carolina’s newly elected Governor Roy Cooper addressed commissioners during lunch on the opening day of the conference. Cooper spoke with the group about his commitment to finding ways to help with issues important to counties including school construction, internet access and economic development.

Beale, who serves as the vice chair for the Macon County Board of Commissioners and a past president of the NCACC, believes Macon’s involvement in the legislative goals conference is crucial. Beale was elected by his fellow commissioners to serve as the voting delegate during the legislative goals process.

The NCACC goals-setting process begins in August of each even-numbered year and consists of five stages, beginning with the solicitation of proposals from counties and ending with the adoption of the legislative agenda at the Legislative Goals Conference.

“It very important to be involved at this level since there is a very good chance a large number of these goals will become law if passed by the legislature and signed by the governor and anything that passes in Raleigh will affect Macon County,” said Beale.

An important goal that the NCACC supported statewide that could have long-standing implications for Macon County surrounded broadband and increased access.

“I felt a number of goals approved would be beneficial to all 100 counties,” said Shields. “Under general government, the goal to ‘Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the un-served and under-served areas of the state’ is just one of those goals.”

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.

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Corbin was elected overwhelmingly to serve in the House District 120 in last November’s election. As the representative for District 120 he will serve the 85,000 citizens in Cherokee, Clay, Graham and Macon counties.

Corbin has served the citizens of Macon County for over three decades. He began his service to Maconians on the Macon County Board of Education. He served 20 years on the school board, 16 of which were served as chair of the board.

Following his service to the school board, Corbin served as a county commissioner for the last six years serving as chairman for the last five years. Corbin leaves behind a legacy of many accomplishments for the benefit of Macon County citizens.

While serving as commissioner, he maintained his commitment to public education in Macon County working to help meet the facility needs of the school system including the construction of several new schools. He also remained dedicated to improving the quality of life for Maconians by meeting their recreational needs with the complete renovation of both the Highlands and Macon County recreation pools and the construction of the Parker Meadows Recreational Complex.

“Knowing every day that I am representing some of the best 85,000 people in the state of N.C. is what I am looking forward to the most,” said Corbin. “Every legislator represents approximately the same number of people per district. Just because we are rural does not minimize needs here and I will work every day to make sure Western North Carolina has a voice in Raleigh. I have come to realize that I am the only voice those 85,000 people have.”

Even before being sworn in, Corbin started to reach out to his fellow legislators to ensure his first two years in office are spent working for people in Macon County. Continuing his commitment to education, Corbin is already working to secure funding for Highlands and Nantahala schools, two of the state’s last three K-12 schools.

“I plan to introduce legislation to bring increased funding to small K-12 schools that have small populations, like Highlands and Nantahala in Macon County. Honestly, as a freshman, it is difficult to get legislation through committee and passed on the floor. It is almost impossible some say. I have already begun to ‘grease the skids’ and have had conversations with the Speaker of the House and other leaders in the House and Senate, so we will see.”

Corbin has the support of Senator Davis, who has worked for several years to try to get additional small school funding for both Highlands and Nantahala.
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Tuesday: Made in-house Italian sausage lasagna and a large house salad.
$21.95 serves four

Wednesday: Chicken or steak pot pie and a large salad.
$21.95 serves four

Thursday: Roasted meatloaf with mashed potatoes, gravy and a large salad.
$21.95 serves four

Friday: Wild caught fried shrimp, baked potatoes, fush puppies & coleslaw.
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Saturday: In-house smoked bbq, coleslaw, apple and bacon-baked beans, and yeast rolls.
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There is a method to working with real estate agents and upon your first meeting you will be asked to sign a pamphlet that explains their role and defines the agency.

When a broker shows a property he/she represents the seller – even if it's another broker's listing. Most potential buyers aren't aware of that. If you are in their car and they show you property it is logical to think the broker is working on your behalf…not true.

However, if you are a buyer, there is a separate agreement you can sign that allows the broker to represent you and ultimately work on your behalf. This is called a Buyers Agency Agreement. There typically is no fee paid from you but it is paid from the commission portrayed in MLS – namely the seller. This allows confidentiality of any information you reveal to the broker and allows the broker to research every detail of the property on your behalf as well as guide you on the home’s value and where the offer should begin.

The bulk of the work is in the broker's hands as far as advising on a home inspection and survey if so desired.

Time spent with a broker is valuable, can be over weeks or months, and research on properties in MLS or otherwise, emails, texts and phone calls really do add up – especially for top brokers.

In other words, by signing a Buyers Agency Agreement, the broker knows you are committed to each other and the end result will be beneficial to both parties.

Being resort towns, Highlands and Cashiers attract many first-time visitors who fall in love with our charming towns…understandably so as I did 23 years ago.

Some walk into a real estate office or pick up a Buyer's Guide and call about ads that attract them. This can result in calling several different brokers and possibly meeting with various ones. Each broker then feels they have a new client and their involvement begins. This is why it is better to engage and work with one broker who can show you anyone's listings and with a Buyers Agent Agreement you will be guided and advised by one broker to a successful closing.

In our small town, many times different firms feel you are their client and this causes confusion and disagreements among brokers. This shouldn't happen. A Buyers Agency Agreement eliminates any confusion. You should read it in full before signing and keep a copy showing the dates of the agreement.

As you can imagine, when many visitors go home and reality sets in they decide they don't really need or can't afford a home here or maybe the timing is not right. The broker has spent hours setting up appointments, driving many miles, preparing paperwork to show listings and prepared the homes for showing with lights on, temperature controlled, and possibly asking homeowners to leave while showing. There is a lot of work involved but that is our role.

A buyer’s role is to select a broker they trust, who knows the market, and who they will enjoy spending time with. It should always be a win-win situation with good results for all.

You can visit Pat and her agents and brokers at Pat Allen Realty Group, 295 Dillard road or call Pat's cell at 828-200-9179, at the office at 828-526-8784 or by email at pat.f.allen@gmail.com

Rotary Club of Highlands honors teachers

On January 18, the Rotary Club of Highlands presented $100 to each teacher at Highlands School. The money can be used for classroom materials not furnished by the school or for any purpose that helps the teachers enrich the education of the students. Pictured receiving their gifts from Rotary President Hank Ross are teachers Chris Green and Francie Jetter. Rotary members Brian Egler (far left) and Cynthia Dendy (far right) also attended the presentation.
For my article this week, I want to use in part the blog of Michael Svigel and his article “Peanut Butter Christianity: Is Yours a Cheap Imitation or the Real Thing?”

His said that one day he went to the store to buy peanut butter – specifically natural peanut butter. Simply, the real stuff with no additives or unnatural elements. But when he got to the store, he was confronted by the multitude of “peanut butters” – everything from natural to creamy, chunky, extra chunky, honey flavored, jelly-filled, low fat, no sugar and organic! And these were in countless sizes, shapes, brands and prices! Enough to make your head spin.

He stood paralyzed with indecision, and overwhelmed with a desire to snap up the cheapest jar and run to the checkout. But due diligence forced him to look for the natural peanut butter amidst the chaos of types and brands. Finally, he saw one – it had the keyword “natural” on it. But when he got home, feeling a sense of success, he read the label closer only to find out that it wasn’t what he would call “natural.”

The brand he picked up had roasted peanuts, but also sugar, palm oil and salt. All natural in their own way, but not what he was thinking about when he wanted natural. He wanted just roasted, pure peanuts and nothing else! What he wanted was no salt, no oil, no emulsifier, no sweetener, no chemicals added to preserve freshness or enhance flavor. Just plain peanuts. His only comfort was that no words like monosodiumtriglyceraticidipropyl were on the label. His conclusion was that by and large, junk food peanut butter – specifically natural peanut butter. Simply, the real thing?

Churches today have become accustomed to a less than “natural” expression of Christianity. They have, instead, become victimized by additives from non-Christian ingredients meant to enhance the faith. More to the point, churches have fallen into the trap of making the gospel more convenient, more palatable, and even more marketable so that customers will grab up what they have to offer, thinking they are getting the genuine expression of Christianity and faith. More additives, less gospel. More ingredients, and less genuine expressions of heart-felt worship.

Churches today are offering positive thinking, self-help, and behavior modification. In Svigel’s exact words, “We are lured in by self-esteem best-sellers, do-it-yourself Christianity, and countless authors presenting the spiritual

SHOPPING FOR THE REAL THING

By Dr. Mark Ford
First Baptist Church Highlands

Proverbs 3:5

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life as an ascending ladder: seven steps to this, three keys to that, the one prayer that will revolutionize your world, expand your influence, fulfill your desire for happiness.

Let’s just be honest. Much of the garbage stinking up the shelves of Christian bookstores is passed off as Christian Living, but it’s mostly psychobabble or practical proverbs no better than what we find in the secular self-help or generic spirituality sections of our online bookseller.”

Christians and churches who have become accustomed to this trendy, diluted form of Christianity have forgotten what the pure, “natural” faith actually tastes like! And because of the tasty nature of the additives, many exposed to this kind of faith are disgusted by the original, pure flavor of authentic Christianity! It is almost foreign and inferior to their spiritual palates. This is because this purer form of Christianity is the authentic faith where the whole Word of God is proclaimed, the ordinances rightly administered, discipline properly maintained, evangelism and discipleship emphasized, repentance preached—and there is nothing really fancy about these things.

In fact, these “ingredients” are so simple to identify and maintain that churches focusing on these fundamentals and refusing the frills of things like eye-candy media presentations appear to be washed-out has-beens or incompetent wannabes to most big-production glitz-and-glamour churches.

Many forms of Christianity and our churches have been so colored with dyes, so mixed with artificial ingredients, or so drenched in sugar that they are in danger of becoming cheap imitations that serve merely to distract from—not point to—the essential ingredients of the historical faith. Too many Christians shop for me-centered feel-good church experiences rather than Christ-centered worship, discipleship, the Biblical faith proclaimed, and authentic community. They would rather keep dabbling in the artificial than adjust their tastes to the real thing that is more nutritious.
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**Pianist Wanted for Sunday Services at Holy Family Lutheran Church, Highlands.** One service per week, easy liturgy and 3 hymns, piano only. No choir, so no extra rehearsals. (keyboard available). $85 per week. Please contact Pastor Margaret Howell at 704-516-7893. Students welcome! (st. 12/1)

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**First Baptist Church of Highlands, NC, is seeking a part-time director of music, salary DOE.** Musical training and experience required. Resumes, including references, may be sent to FBC Highlands, POB 625, Highlands, NC 28741 or emailed to info@fbchighlands.org 828-526-4153 (st. 8/4)

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**Rec Park News**

The pool will be closed Tuesday, January 31 and Wednesday, February 1 for scheduled maintenance.

2) The ice rink will remain open until the end of February instead of mid-February as originally scheduled. We will continue to monitor long range weather predictions and may be open even later than the end of February.

**Ice Rink Schedule:**

- Thursdays: 1-8pm
- Fridays and Saturdays: 1-10pm
- Sundays: 1-5pm
- Mondays 5-8pm (Ice Hockey only)

Admission is $5, skates included.

Water, coffee and hot chocolate are available for sale.

For more information contact Lester Norris or Maxine Ramey at 828-526-3556.

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**Art Events**

Double Exhibition Reception

Western Carolina University Masters Students: ‘The Magic Starts Here’ and Bascom Winter Resident Artist, Teisha Holloway. Public Reception with Refreshments: Friday, February 10, 2 – 4 pm. The third annual group exhibition of graduate art students from Western Carolina University brings novelty and cutting edge contemporary practice into The Bascom’s Bunzl gallery. Curators and mentors, Tom Ashcraft and Morgan Kennedy, showcase the students’ accomplishments in this eclectic show.

**Sunday at Sotheby’s**

Jordan Krutsch, Western Carolina University Masters Candidate

Director of Community Outreach, at wbarclift@thebascom.org, 828-787-2897.

Next on the calendar is the March painting exhibit by Bascom Community Artist in Residence, Kristina Rose Baker. Stay tuned for more monthly exhibits by local and regional artists in the Sotheby’s storefront. 2017 featured artists include Bascom Resident Artists, the Art League of Highlands-Cashiers, Mayor Pat Taylor, Highlands High School students, and more.

For a complete listing of Sotheby’s exhibits, visit www.thebascom.org or contact Will Barchift, Director of Community Outreach, at wbarclift@thebascom.org, 828-787-2897.
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