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On Tuesday, Macon County EMS crew members, hospital staff and county leadership gathered for the dedication of the new state-of-the-art ambulance purchased with funds raised from donors in the Highlands/Cashiers community. The ambulance will join the fleet that services Macon County. Most noted is the head room, the power lift and the arrangement of attendant seating in the back all which help the EMS crew better serve patients. Included in the picture are MC Commission Chairman Jim Tate, EMS Director Warren Cabe, MC Manager Derek Roland, President/CNO of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Jackie Medland and President of the HCH Foundation Walter Clark.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

Highlands helps make new ambulance for Macon County a reality

A successful collaboration between Mission Health and Macon County leadership, with extraordinary support from the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Foundation, the Mission Health Department of Philanthropy and generous community donors, has resulted in the fully-funded purchase of a much-needed, brand new ambulance for emergency patient transport in Macon County.

“When I learned about the

need to improve medical transport for Highlands and all of Macon County, I was pleased to make a significant contribution to this important cause,” said community donor Mark T. Mahaffey. “My intent was to expedite the project by making a challenge gift to complete the funding by year-end 2016. It was exciting to see so many good folks in Highlands come forward to meet the goal.”

A key factor in acquiring

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School bus driver arrested for sex crimes

A Macon County substitute bus driver was arrested Sunday night as part of an online undercover investigation based in Columbus, GA coordinated by the Georgia Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force.

William Pruitt, 48, was one

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MC law enforcement increases bike patrols

Sheriff Dept. and Franklin PD follows Highlands PD lead

In the summer months, traffic in Highlands moves considerably slower than normal and pedestrian traffic is heavy, often causing congestion that would make it more difficult for law enforcement to get from one end of town to the other efficiently.

One way the Highlands Police Department is addressing the issue

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Dressing up for the holidays!



Highlands town crew has been busy dressing up the trees in downtown Highlands in preparation for the annual Town Lighting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. The festivities are in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park Saturday, November 25 beginning at 6:30 p.m. Featured is free hot chocolate and cookies and a Christmas carole sing-along as the crowds wait for Santa and his helpers to arrive to light the Christmas Tree. Once Santa officially lights the tree, he will visit with children and hear their Christmas wishes. The ice rink in the park will also be open after the tree lighting.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

My job as Mayor



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

I want to thank the people of Highlands for allowing me to serve another term as mayor.

It has been an honor to serve as the Mayor of Highlands over the last four years. I believe that we have all worked together, the Town Board, staff and citizens to make Highlands a better place.

In my first campaign four years ago, I promised to have an open door to my office. I will continue to do so in the coming years. My daily routine is to drive around town to observe any problems and to check on work in progress. I arrive at Town Hall usually around 9ish. The first thing I do is to meet with the Town Manager for a daily update.

If people want to come by and discuss a town issue, or make a suggestion, I am always available unless in a meeting. So, drop by. If an individual or a group wants a more formal meeting, just call me to setup an appointment time.

My official town hall office number is 526-2118. But, I prefer folks contact me on my cell phone. My cell phone number

is (828) 506-3138. I usually respond immediately to cell phone calls. Some folks call the Town Hall number and leave messages. I notice a few calls are in the late afternoon which normally translates into a next morning response. The mayor job is not full-time, so I usually leave the office by noon.

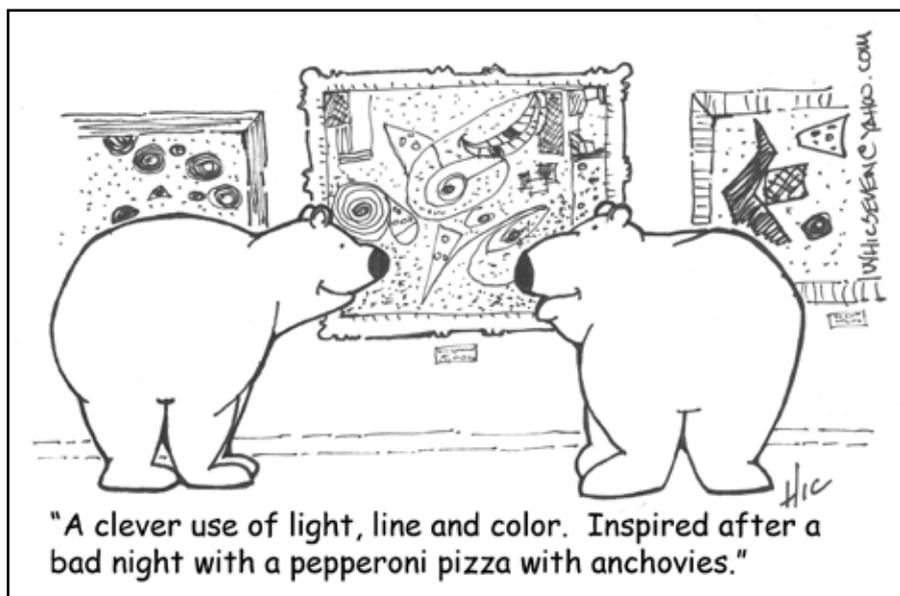
Josh Ward, our responsive Town Manager, came on board last year. Now I haven't gone off duty, but when possible, I adjust my schedule in an effort to regenerate my pottery business. Making pots demands commitment and focus at a level I haven't fully achieved in recent years.

Besides, when it comes to the daily operation of the town, Josh is our "go to guy." If you see a problem around town feel free to call Josh at Town Hall. Josh has direct supervision of town staff that can respond and correct problems. I am still happy to take these kinds of calls, but I always direct them to our Town Manager for appropriate action.

The other promise I made in the past campaign was to keep citizens informed. I have discovered three effective ways to communicate. First, I have been amazed and humbled by the tremendous feedback I receive from writing this column. I will continue to write this weekly column in order to provide updates about our local govern-

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• HIC'S VIEW



"A clever use of light, line and color. Inspired after a bad night with a pepperoni pizza with anchovies."

• LETTERS •

Small schools are better than meg-schools

Dear Editor,

As the English as a Second Language teacher at South Macon Elementary School, I would like to share my insights regarding the proposed expansion of this school. Like the Title One Reading and Math teachers (who pull students of all backgrounds), I pull small groups of students from their regular classes throughout the day for intensive lessons. I have over 60 children to pull every week.

At South Macon, we currently have five sections each of five grades, K-4th. I have so many students to pull and set blocks of time to pull from each grade. One result of our large population is that I pull some students twice a week who I should pull five days a week, and some in such short blocks as 25 minutes. This is short-changing our children

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •

	Friday 11/17		Saturday 11/18		Sunday 11/19	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	55 F	33 F	55 F	30 F	42 F	17 F
RealFeel	61 F	30 F	53 F	34 F	34 F	15 F
Winds	3 g 6	3 g 5	6 g 11	6 g 13	14 g 26	5 g 9
T-Storms	0%	1%	3%	5%	0%	0%
Rainfall	0	0	0.03	0.56	0	0
Snowfall	0	0	0	0	0	0

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• OBITUARY •

Jane Funsch



Jane W Funsch, 80, passed away peacefully, Monday, November 6, after a brief illness.

Jane was born in Kinston, NC, to Odie Leon and Martha Goshorn Wilson. She often joked that friends called her a "Damn Yankee" because she was born in "North" Carolina.

She moved to St. Petersburg as a child, graduated from St. Petersburg High School in 1955 and the University of Florida with a degree in Education in 1959. She taught fourth grade at Azalea Elementary for a number of years, was a member of Delta Gamma Sorority, The St. Petersburg Debutant Club, The Junior League of St. Petersburg and The St. Petersburg Yacht Club.

For more than 30 years Jane divided time between her homes in St. Petersburg,

FL and Highlands, NC. A devotee of European soccer, she rejoiced and suffered along with the fortunes and misfortunes of her favorite team....Manchester United.

Jane was a true people-person, who loved to stop, meet and greet....friends and strangers alike. An avid reader, she would love nothing more than spend time listening to light classical music, a good book on her lap and a glass of Glenlivet Single Malt close at hand.

Jane is survived by her husband of 54 years, Dick, son Mike and wife Lisa, son Kevin, and grandchildren Alec, Caleigh and Colin. Services were held at Blessed Trinity Catholic Church Monday, November 13In lieu of flowers the family suggests a donation to their favorite charity in Jane's name.

Anderson McQueen Funeral Home was in charge of funeral arrangements.

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and our community.

For the same reason, our children no longer have physical education classes every day. This is bad not only for children but also for regular classroom teachers. They only get 30 minutes per day, from 7:30a to 3:30p, without teaching or supervising students on some days. This does not allow teachers enough time to plan, coordinate, contact parents, enter grades, or take bathroom breaks if they have no teacher assistant. In over 25 years of teaching, I have never seen stress levels this high.

Further, expansion must include more parking, buses, time for parent pick-up and drop-off, and hall congestion, and our single counselor cannot meet the needs of 500 children, though she works non-stop during and after hours. The economy of scale has become stretched beyond the breaking point. They are young children, many with unique needs, not widgets on a factory line.

In conclusion, I believe the money proposed to expand South Macon would be better spent going toward a new elementary school. Until completion, redistricting should move children toward less-crowded schools, and pre-K classes should move to portables.

In my experience, no more than 4 sections of each grade level should be at an elementary school. Young children need a coordinated community of caring adults to serve their needs. Young children do not thrive in mega-schools.

Dan Kowal
Franklin

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ment.

The same can be said about the weekly local radio program I do, "Ask the Mayor." I frequently kid Chris Dufy of WHLC that I have "breaking news" before we do the show. I will also continue to hold the monthly community coffees at the Hudson Library. I really enjoy the direct interaction with fellow citizens.



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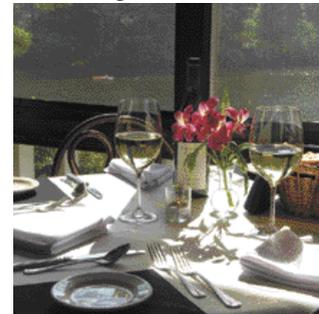
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Highlands swimmer qualifies for Junior Olympics

Qualifying times secures spot in 2018 Junior Olympics

On Saturday, October 21st, the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team hosted the Jackson County Swim Team (JCST) from Sylva and the North Georgia Rapids (NGR) from Gainesville, GA.

The Hurricanes outscored them both with 442 points. NGR came in second with 288 points and JCST in third with 52 points.

The team of 28 Highlands Swimmers swam a total of 119 races. They set 65 personal records (PRs), won 103 ribbons (24 Blue), set seven team records, earned five pool records, and set four Junior Olympic qualifying times.

In a team effort, every swimmer that competed for the Hurricanes contributed to the overall score.

The Hurricanes were led by Savannah Byrd, Chase Kenter, and Elias & Jelehna McKim.

Savannah Byrd, 3rd Grader at Summit Charter School, led the Hurricanes with 35 points. Byrd had five PRs, two pool records and a team record.

Junior Olympic Champion, Chase Kenter scored 33 points, had one PR, two team records, and two pool records. Kenter also had four Junior Olympic Qualifying times that secure him a spot in the 2018 Junior Olympics in Des Moines, Iowa next summer.

Elias McKim scored 31 points, had three PRs and set three team records. Jelehna McKim scored 26 points, had three PRs and one team record.

Junior Olympian, Finneas Garner scored 29 points and had two PRs. Vivian Kennedy scored 27 points and won the 100 freestyle. Ben Halldin scored 24 points and had two PRs. Dasha Halldin and Junior Olympian, Conner Hughes, both scored 23 points. Halldin had four PRs. Maddy Jolly scored 21 points and won the 100 backstroke and had four PRs.

Jordan Powell scored 19 points and set four PRs. Junior Olympian, Jack Sumner, scored 16 points and had one PR. Aubrie Potts and Blake Kenter both scored 14 points. Potts had three PRs and Kenter had one. Chloe Stiwinter had 13 points and three PRs, while Lauch Young, Brady Jolly and Ellie BySura each earned 11 points. Young and Jolly set four PRs with BySura setting one. Ansley Hughes scored 10 points and set three PRs. Max Justin scored nine points and broke three PRs. New Swimmer, Henry Couch, scored eight points as did Justin Powell. Sadie BySura scored seven points by winning the sprint freestyle and setting a PR. Andre Halldin scored six points and set four PRs. Mia Kaylor scored five points, Asa Garner four points, Peyton Kaylor three points and Haydon BySura scored one point.

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I first heard of Done & Done (www.doneanddone.us) when a reader recommended them after I wrote in a column that I wished I could wave a magic wand and see my Christmas decorations neatly packed away after the holiday. Wondering what other services the business provided, I sat down with owners Beth Edwards and Amanda Thrasher to hear more. They are an amazing duo with an amazing team.

As her kids entered their teen years, Beth wanted to return to work and use her interior design experience. Together with her longtime friend Amanda, who was in RE, she started helping folks with decorating for parties and holidays or simply running a few errands. They considered themselves a concierge service, and what they enjoyed most about the work was helping to take some of the stress out of people's lives. It was fun to relieve people of a few of the burdens that threatened to overwhelm them.

As they helped more and more folks with a variety of tasks, it was Amanda's husband who came up with the name. What do you call a business that gets stuff done? Done & Done for you is what came to mind. Initially, the bulk of their business was in holiday shopping, wrapping, and decorating as well as organizing. Who couldn't use some help cleaning out and organizing the office, bonus room, or garage?

Eventually, they connected with Lenbrook in Atlanta, a senior living community. Seniors who were downsizing and moving into Lenbrook needed help. Imagine downsizing from your 4-6 bedroom house to a two-bedroom apartment. What do you keep? What do you discard? Done & Done can assist you soup to nuts. They'll help you downsize, distribute, and



Kathy Manos Penn

design: determine what stays and what goes, determine what to gift and what to sell, and design/space plan your new home using your favorite treasures or selecting new ones.

Perhaps that's all you need, but there's more. Done & Done will handle the move by hiring movers, packing up, unpacking, organizing, even stocking the fridge, and hanging your pictures. They still offer holiday decorating, but moving management has become the bulk of their business.

I loved their story of a family selling their home, and the parents going on a two-week European vacation while the kids went to summer camp. Amanda, Beth, and their team handled the entire move—packing, unpacking, and set-up. Upon the family's return, their new home was ready, down to the toothbrushes in the toothbrush holder.

For one client moving to Pennsylvania, they packed her up, put her on an airplane, and then drove Wilma the cat to her new home, where they met the movers and worked their magic. They seem like angels to me, and therein lies the joy in what they do. They love reducing the stress in people's lives.

They are hand-holders, not just moving managers. Because of their special touch, they now have surrogate grandparents and sisters and plenty of repeat business. I don't know about you, but I'm putting them on speed dial: Amanda, 404-819-0374 and Beth, 404-966-2346 I can't see myself letting anyone else pack away my Christmas decorations, but when the time comes to downsize, I know whom to call.

PS. These ladies are happy to travel hither and yon to help you out. They're just back from a project in Sea Island and will happily help my Carolina readers, too.

Find Kathy's new book "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" and her collection of columns, "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday," locally at The Molly Grace in Highlands and Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

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By Angel Joy

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•HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CONCEPTS•

Big Questions Answered: What's The Big Deal About Bone Broth? Part 2

If the latest articles about bone broth being America's newest health craze have left you bewildered as to why people are paying up to \$10 for a cup of watered down soup stock, you may have figured out that you don't have the whole story- and you are right! For starters, contrary to what you may have heard, bone broth is not the same as what we call "stock," and certainly not the same as bouillon cubes or paste!

Here is where we pick up from last week.

A gift from the wisdom of our ancestors, today's bone broth, made with only the highest quality organic ingredients and prepared properly, is incredibly rich in the building blocks of protein and healthy fats that we need to rebuild our bodies, allowing them to heal and begin to function prop-

erly. Bone broth that has cooked for 48-72 hours with a natural acid like wine or raw apple cider vinegar, allowing the marrow and bones to release their nutrients, will be chock full of numerous amino acids, fatty acids, vitamins, and minerals. Bone broth contains calcium, magnesium and phosphorous, which are all essential for bone health, but more importantly contains large amounts of collagen that strengthens bones, tendons, joints and ligaments. Collagen is the best beauty secret, making skin strong and supple and helping to reducing wrinkles and cellulite. The high levels of glycine and proline, two very important amino acids, in bone broth are also



Medea Galligan
MS Nutrition, CHHC, AADP

known to inhibit over activity of the immune system, reduce inflammation, and promote healthy digestion by healing the lining of the gut. Whether you are trying to heal from an infection, address an auto-immune disease, or reduce inflammation, bone

broth provides a delicious way to improve those conditions.

In the words of Sally Fallon Morrell, founding president of the Weston A. Price Foundation, what America needs, written January 1, 2000:

"A 'Broth' in Every Town

Peasant societies still make broth. It is a necessity in cultures that do not use milk because only stock made from bones and dairy



products provides calcium in a form that the body can easily assimilate. It is also a necessity when meat is a luxury item, because gelatin in properly made broth helps the body use protein in an efficient way.

Thus, broth is a vital element in Asian cuisines—from the soothing long-simmered beef broth in Korean soups to the foxy fish broth with which the Japanese begin their day. Genuine Chinese food cannot exist without the stockpot that bubbles perpetually. Bones and scraps are thrown in and mineral-rich stock is removed to moisten stir-frys. Broth-based soups are snack foods from Thailand to Manchuria.

Asian restaurants in the US

are likely to take shortcuts and use a powdered base for sweet and sour soup or kung pau chicken but in Japan and China and Korea and Thailand, mom-and-pop businesses make broth in steamy back rooms and sell it as soup in store fronts and on street corners.

What America needs is healthy fast food and the only way to provide this is to put broths in every town, independently owned broths that provide the basic ingredient for soups and sauces and stews. And broths will come when Americans recognize that the food industry has prostituted itself to short cuts and huge profits, shortcuts that cheat consumers of the nutrients they should

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this new ambulance has been the proactive partnership between Mission Health System Regional Transport Services and Macon County EMS. Their collaborative work and detailed analysis of peak utilization and emergency transport response times for transfers in Macon County drove this decision. That analysis demonstrated a 29% increase in out-of-county patient transfers from Highlands-Cashiers and a 46% increase from Macon County. When an ambulance must transport a patient out of the County, local coverage suffers. This new Quick Response Vehicle will strengthen 911 coverage in the area by offering greatly increased availability for residents.

As part of this ongoing partnership, both Mission Health System Regional Transport Services and Macon County EMS have added new resources to address and improve coverage in the county. Mission Health and Macon County have worked closely to ensure that Mission Health System Regional Transport Services are available to serve the community five days per week, 24 hours a day double

the previous coverage of five days a week for 12 hours per day. Macon County EMS has provided modified staffing that includes the addition of 3 new positions, an important increase in resources to provide necessary back-up staffing. This expanded coverage is significant for those who deliver or receive emergency care.

Response time, new technology and expert EMS caregivers are the most valuable elements when it comes to providing critical, rapid response treatment to patients experiencing a health emergency or are involved in a serious accident.

“The time saving element alone that we’ll see from the addition of this new emergency vehicle combined with related staffing changes will translate into significantly more accessible and enhanced care for patients in the Macon County area,” said Macon County Director of Emergency Services Warren Cabe. “To be direct, the service we are able to provide to our customers will be greatly improved.”

The new, state-of-the-art vehicle is outfitted with truly ad-

vanced features that essentially make it an “Intensive Care Unit on wheels”, including a Zoll X series monitor defibrillator, a Newport HT 70 Ventilator, a Stryker Powered stretcher and Stair Chair, and specialized Pediatric Resuscitation System, as well as a highly sophisticated Kenwood 2-way radio system. Importantly, this new vehicle is ideally equipped to meet the MAMA landing site for patient air transport to the hospital.

Kathy Guyette, MSN, RN, NEA-BC, Senior Vice President, Patient Care Services and President, Regional Member Hospitals, Mission Health, sees the addition of the new ambulance as not only a benefit to Macon County residents, but a valuable resource for the entire region.

“This new emergency vehicle will immediately and measurably improve the level of care we can offer patients, and those who must be transferred to Mission Hospital to receive so they continue to receive the best pre-hospital arrival treatment available to further unify our services region-wide,” she said.

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Highschool boys soccer lost in their third round of state playoffs 4-0 to Starmount. The boys played well and had a wonderful season. They are now onto basketball.

For the first time in years, both high school boys and girls will have JV and Varsity teams this year. They have played a few scrimmages and will have their first game on Monday, November 27th.



They will play in Hayesville. Middle school basketball has also begun for boys and girls. They have been practicing for several weeks and played their first game at home against Blue Ridge Wednesday, November 15th.

All basketball teams have started practicing and are fast approaching full swing season. All the teams are ready for the season to be fully underway



Jake Billingsley carry the ball up the court.



From left:Varsity Volleyball All Conference Varsity Volleyball players,Abby Olvera, Hannah Holt, Maddison Lloyd, Kedra McCall, and Jordan Carrier

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of 21 people – mostly from Alabama and Georgia – arrested and charged with the sexual exploitation of a minor.

A release from the Macon County School System Tuesday morning said that the district was aware of the arrest, that Pruitt was terminated on Monday, Nov. 13, and the district is cooperating fully with the Macon County Sheriffs Department.

In addition to working in Macon County, Pruitt was employed with the Jackson County School System as a custodian and bus driver for Smokey Mountain Elementary School. Both Jackson County and Macon County said that at this point, neither district is aware of any local incidents within the respective school districts involving Pruitt and a child. Jackson County also terminated Pruitt on Monday.

Pruitt was arrested during "Operation Hidden Guardian," a five-day proactive effort centered in Columbus, GA. The operation took several months of planning and resulted in the arrest of 21 individuals

ranging in age from 22 to 55 who all traveled from areas around Columbus with the intent to meet a child for sex.

During the course of the investigation, officials in Columbus said that investigators had more than 600 exchanges on various social media and internet platforms with the individuals who were ar-

rested.

Pruitt, who resides in Franklin, was the only North Carolina resident to be arrested during the sting. The other arrests included individuals from Alabama and Georgia.

Unfortunately, the incident involving Operation Hidden Guardian is all too

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Not only did our wonderful local chefs create fantastic dishes but we also had Dickie Brennan (yes, a real Brennan) and Susan Spicer from New Orleans! Other traveling chefs included Steven Satterfield, Steven Musolf, Steve Goff, Scott Crawford, Mehrwan Irani, Joe DiMaio, Jesse Roque, Gary



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I was proud to sponsor two of the events that benefit our local food bank. After all, we should all give back to the community that contributed to our success. I hope you all will plan to attend next year's Food and Wine Festival. Get your tickets early!

• Pat Allen is owner and BIC of Pat Allen Realty Group located at 295 Dillard Road in Highlands. She has been a top broker consistently for 14 years. She may be reached at Pat@patallenrealtygroup.com or at 828-200-9179 or 828-526-8784. Visit their website at Patallenrealtygroup.com.

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By Rev. Dr. Francis Xavier Arockiasamy, B.Th., M.Ed., Ph.D.(Physics).

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Highlands
Measurement is one of the important aspects of our human life. In our world we measure virtually all things. Measurement helps maintain accuracy in business dealings. It helps us get clothes that fit, and without it we could not know how long it will take to get to any destination. Medical treatment depends on measurements obtained through physical instruments, and medicines could not be safe and effective without measurement. There are countless other ways we depend on the concept of measurement; it plays a vital role in our lives.

In Physics, Measurement is the assignment of a number to a characteristic of an object or event, which can be reliably compared with those of other objects or events. It is a cornerstone of trade, science and technology. In Physics, we use what is called the “International System of Units”. Without this system, or another like it, science and technology could not operate.

In the Bible, there are references to measurements. Ancient weights in the Old Testament, for example, are given in the following units.

Unit	Biblical Equivalent	Metric System (Approximate Equivalence)	US System (Approximate Equivalence)
talent	3,000 shekels	30 kg	66 lbs
mina	50 shekels	500 g (or 0.5kg)	1 lb
shekel		10 g	1/3 oz
pim	2/3 shekel	7 g	1/4 oz
beka	1/2 shekel	5 g	1/6 oz
gerah	1/20 shekel	0.5 g	1/60 oz

In the New Testament, we also have references to weights

Unit	Biblical Equivalent	Metric System (Approximate Equivalence)	US System (Approximate Equivalence)
talent	125 libra (Latin)	41 kg	90 lbs
pound <i>litra</i> (Greek)	1 libra (Latin)	327 g	12 oz

The basic unit of weight in the ancient Holy Land was the “shekel”. It was also used in the Babylonian and Canaanite systems. As we see above, the shekel was equivalent to about one third of an ounce. It’s precise weight also varied from place to place and sometimes changed according to the type of the goods. The Hebrew root for “shekel” means “to weigh”, which also means in English “to pay”. In the Book of Genesis, 23:16, we have the evidence on the shekel: “Abraham accepted Ephron’s terms; he weighed out to him the silver that Ephron had stipulated in the hearing of the Hittites, four hundred shekels of silver at the current market value”.

The Bible is very specific in many places concerning measurements. For length (cubit - ca. 18 inches) see, for example, the specifications for the ark (Genesis 6:14) and

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those for the Ark of the Covenant (Exodus 25:10-17).

Measurement alone, however, does not ensure truth. We must depend on human honesty, that is morality, for that.

In the book of Deuteronomy, 25:13, there is the passage on measurements which speaks about honesty of the person using them. In the book of Leviticus, 19:35-36, God commands the Israelites; "Do not act dishonestly in using measures of length or weight or capacity. You shall have a true scale and true weights, an honest ephah (ca. 3/5 bushel) and an honest hin (ca. 5.5 qts). I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you out of the land Egypt." God speaks about using common measurement as universal, and the necessity of honesty that the measurement may be useful. In the Book of Amos, 8:4-6, the prophet Amos speaks about honesty in measuring things. In the book of Proverbs, 20:10 and 11:1, we have the passages on honesty of measuring things which belong to God.

In the New Testament, Jesus speaks about measurement. For example, in the Gospel of Luke, 6:37,38, Jesus speaks

about judging others with an example of measurement. Jesus says, "Give and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." In the Gospel of Mark, 5:24, Jesus adds, "... and still more will be given to you." He speaks in the context of the Kingdom of God.

We know that in the realm of our relationship with Almighty God, a great deal is not measurable: God's power, his glory, and how much he loves us are only a few of the immeasurables. We see, though, that there is a spiritual aspect of Measurement: it is God's requirement of a life of honesty, having a common measurement, and creating justice for the welfare of the people in selling and buying.

• Biblical references for the units of weight:

Talent - Mt. 25:14-30; Mina - 1Kings 10:17; Shekel - Gen. 24:22; Pim - 1 Sam. 13:21;

Beka - Gen. 24:22; Gerah - Ex. 30:13; Pound/Litra Jn.12:3,19:39.

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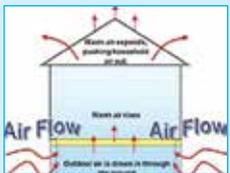


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Mon., Wed., Fri.

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Mon.-Fri.

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• Water Aerobics Monday-Friday 10:15am-11:15am and Monday-Thursday 5:15pm-6pm (sharing pool with lap swimmers) and Saturday mornings from 11:15-noon.

Tuesdays

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

• 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 7PM in the Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights Rd., Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. 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.

• Exercise Class with Tina Rogers are held Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15p.m.

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.

Wednesday-Saturday

• The Highlands Historic Village is open June-October. It's free. Visit the Highlands Historical Museum, the Prince Houe, Bug Hill Cottage, Furman Vinson's Boat, The Old Jail while taking a break in the peaceful setting that commemorates Highlands' past.

Thursdays

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

• 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 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

2nd and 4th Thursdays

• Indivisible Highlands, a non-partisan activist group meets weekly at the Hudson Library at 5p. For more info call 770-823-0601

Thurs., & Sat.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from 11a to noon. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

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Fridays & Saturdays

• Art's at the Lodge. Live Music 4-8 p.m. Cocktails in Art's or on the lawn at the Lodge. On Spring Street.

Saturdays

• Farmers Marketplace in K-H Founders Park from 8a-12:30p.

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

• Scrabble at Hudson Library from 1-4 p.m. Bring board if possible. All are welcome. 727-871-8298.

• The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon or downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

Nov. 13-20

• The First Baptist Church in Highlands is the Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child drop off place. It is hoped that Highlands residents will transform empty shoeboxes into gifts of hope filled with fun toys, school supplies and hygiene items. After being dropped off, Operation Christmas Child will deliver these shoebox gifts to children living in poverty overseas.

Thurs., Nov. 16

• The Molly Grace will have Melanie Couch from HouseDressing Interior Design on Thursday from noon to 4pm giving us Christmas Decorating tips for our homes. Drop by for lunch hosted by The Molly Grace and Black Friday deals a week early.

Fri. Nov. 17

• Medea Galligan, MS Nutrition, CHHC, AADP is teaching a Bone Broth Workshop at the Library in Cashiers from 2-4pm.

Sat., Nov. 18

• At PAC, Met Opera live via satellite "The Exterminating Angel" at 12:55 p.m. The pre-opera discussion, led by Beverly Wichman, begins at 12:30pm. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling 828.526.9047.

Tues., Nov. 21

• Highlands Community Thanksgiving dinner will be at 6pm at the Highlands Rec. Park. This meal is free and all in the community are welcome!

Fri., Nov. 24 or Sat, Nov. 25

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Sat., Nov. 25

• Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carols in K-H Founders Park beginning at 6 p.m.

The Exterminating Angel at PAC Saturday



The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present the MET Opera's (Live via Satellite) American premiere of Thomas Adès's *The Exterminating Angel*, on Saturday, November 18 at 12:55pm. Inspired by the classic Luis Buñuel film of the same name. Hailed by the New York Times at its 2016 Salzburg Festival premiere as "inventive and audacious ... a major event," *The Exterminating Angel* is a surreal fantasy about a dinner party from which the guests can't escape. Tom Cairns, who wrote the libretto, directs the new production, and Adès conducts his own adventurous new opera. The pre-opera discussion, led by Beverly Wichman, begins at 12:30pm. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling 828.526.9047.

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is by establishing a bicycle patrol unit specifically trained in maneuvering a bicycle while carrying out their duties as law enforcement officers.

"We have seven very well trained officers on our bike unit for the Highlands Police Department that has been formally established since 2007," said Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell. "They go to nationally recognized training workshops with hundreds, if not thousands of agencies every year to learn cutting edge tactics and community services that can be executed from their bikes."

Harrell said that the unit, which has been active for the last decade provides numerous benefits to Highlands residents.

"Improved communities relations, cost savings, faster officer response times and environmental benefits are just some of the reasons we put officers on bikes," said Chief Harrell.

While Highlands has an established bicycle unit, the Macon County Sheriff's Office is working to grow its bicycle presence. MCSO deputy and School Resource Officer Scott Nelson has utilized his personal bike to patrol the Little Tennessee Greenway in Franklin as well as during pedestrian heavy events such as Halloween in the Park, PumpkinFest, and this year's Solar Eclipse.

"I started because I saw a need for it, especially on the Greenway and special events," said Nelson. "It is a great way to get out and talk with the community and get to know about what is going on. Patrolling by bike on the Greenway or special events, you are more approachable to the public, Kids love seeing a cop on a bike, they can relate better with the officer."

Nelson spent last week at Pitt Com-

munity College in Winterville, NC for an International Police Mountain Bike Association class.

"IPMBA is the leading agency that certifies Police Cyclist around the world," said Nelson. "The class was a very intense 40+ hours and was the physically most demanding class I have taken."

The Franklin Police Department also has two officers who utilize bicycles for patrol downtown and along the Greenway in Franklin.

Chief Harrell said the decision to grow his department's bike unit was based on various proven benefits like "bikes are less threatening than patrol vehicles."

"The novelty of a police officer on a bike is often enough to start overcoming the negative perceptions that some members of a culturally diverse population have about law enforcement," said Harrell. "Unlike patrol vehicles, which often reinforce these perceptions, bicycle patrols give an opportunity for a new impression. Most of the negative attributes associated with vehicle patrol officers - flashing lights, double parking and a noticeable wait time between arriving on scene and attending to the issue - are not associated with bicycle officers. As a result, those who come in contact with bike officers may be more cooperative and willing to listen."

Bicycle patrols result in more than twice as many contacts with the public than vehicle patrols

The community is more likely to talk about legal matters, directions, parking information, or ask for information from a bicycle patrol officer. These positive contacts help counter stereotypes of police officers as "out to get you" and reinforce efforts to establish relationships of trust between the

community and the department.

In addition, bike patrols can go where traditional patrol vehicles can't, and with the geography of Macon County and unique demographic of the tourists heavy months in Highlands, bike units are ideal.

"One of the biggest advantages to bicycle patrol is its ability to navigate swiftly around a traffic jams, avoiding obstacles and hazards that would stop a patrol vehicle in its tracks," said Harrell. "The influx of our seasonal population with limited vehicle access and parking, events of all kinds, even texting pedestrians. Responding to business district calls in a motor vehicle can take a great deal of time, and often the car can't access a remote location or is blocked by pe-

destrians or other barriers. As for events, whether the situation, concerts, bicycle police have the unmatched ability to be in the center of crowds with the means to get to other areas quickly."

In Highlands, the bike units often double as experts on bike safety, often teaching the kids the ins and outs of bicycling.

Deputy Nelson also plans to start a similar program for the county.

"The Sheriff has given me this opportunity, to start a Bike Patrol Program and I would like to see it grow," said Nelson. "I receive a lot of compliments while riding the Greenway, the community has been so supportive."



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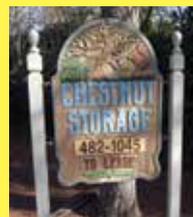
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Oct. 16

• At 11 p.m., officers were called about vandalism to a vehicle parked near The Molly Grace.

Oct. 29

• At 3 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east near Riverwalk.

Oct. 31

• At 9:20 p.m., officers were called about a simple non physical assault on a male in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

Nov. 5

• At 3 p.m., officers were called about someone

communicating threat concerning forgery and a credit card at a residence on Wyanoak Road.

Nov. 6

• At 2:48 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on South Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Nov. 8

Nov. 8

• At 4:15, the dept. assisted with a search in the Morewood Circle area of Highlands Country Club.

• At 7:35 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD.

• At 8:29 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on the Cashiers Road.

Nov. 9

• At 7:38 a.m., the dept. assisted with a search at Highlands Country Club.

Nov. 10

• At 5:04 p.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

At 7:56 p.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

Nov. 11

• At 6:51 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.

Nov. 13

• At 6:33 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on NC 28 south.

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prevalent. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Children's Bureau report Child Maltreatment 2010 found that 9.2% of victimized children were sexually assaulted. Studies by David Finkelhor, Director of the Crimes Against Children Research Center, show that:

One in five girls and one in 20 boys is a victim of child sexual abuse;

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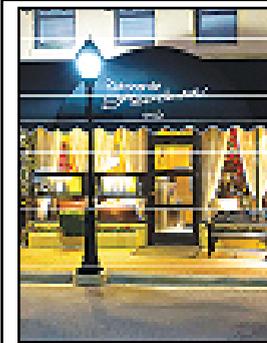


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