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Crowds gathered on Main Street between 4th & 5th Saturday, Nov. 10 for the Main Event which featured food, libations and live music by Robert Earl Keen.

– Photo by Brian O'Shea

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Highlands Police Dept. Color Guard Master Officer Phillips and Captain Jolly and citizens at Monday's Veterans Day rainy day ceremony. Mayor Pat Taylor joined other speakers at the ceremony.

– Photo by Kim Lewicki

Businesses give HFW mixed reviews

It started more than a decade ago as a culinary event to increase business between the end of October and Thanksgiving and involved the sampling of restaurant fare, wine and attendance at various wine dinners and chef demonstrations.

However, the last three years, it's morphed into the Highlands Food & Wine Festival – big business with a \$550,000 budget – involving all the above as well as celebrity entertainers and various events at multiple venues.

For the first two years, the Chamber of Commerce was at the helm, but this year Highlands Festivals, Inc. – a 501(C)(3) was set up within the chamber to run the Food & Wine Festival.

“Having just completed the event on Sunday, final totals are not yet available but early numbers indicate that the event operated within its budget of \$550,000,” said Bob Kieltyka, president of the Chamber of Commerce. “Ticket sales covered approximately \$300,000. The balance was covered by spon-

sors and a grant from the Chamber of Commerce.”

The grant from the Chamber of Commerce is funded through room tax money which it is required to use to promote Highlands.

For the third year, Eleven Events, a full-service event company from Greenville, SC manned the event whose purpose is to introduce people to Highlands while bolstering local business. And from all accounts, the thousands who at-

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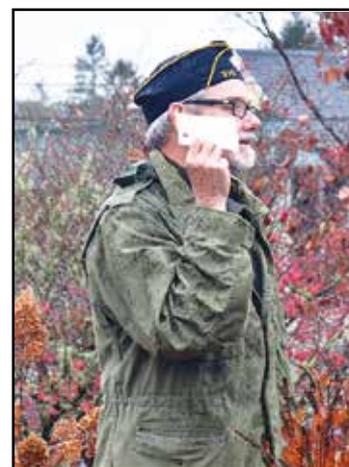


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Highlands honored Veterans on Monday

By Brian O'Shea

The steady drizzle of rain did not dampen the spirit of those present at the Walk of Honor in front of the Highlands Police Department on Monday morning. Veterans, family members, and

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Various topics to be discussed tonight

Last weekend was busy. The Highlands Wine and Food Festival was once again a great success. I also want to recognize Highlands' American Legion Post 370 and the Highlands Police Department for putting on a moving Veterans Day program despite Monday's pouring rain. New veterans bricks were dedicated at the Veterans Memorial. Phil Potts had also organized the placement of flags on the graves of veterans earlier in the week.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

It was a long Friday for me. I traveled with Barrett Hawks and Franklin's Mayor Bob Scott to Raleigh to meet with folks at the North Carolina Attorney General's office. It was a good two-hour meeting where we discussed issues about the conversion process and sale of Mission to Hospital Corporation of America.

We stressed to officials the importance of the rural hospitals in this region. I also brought up the concern about a buy back provision should HCA decide to close our hospital. We discussed the representation on the Dogwood Health Trust and the proposed 15 million dollar donation to our hospital foundation. I strongly advocated for that donation

to be made in full at the time of the sale.

The AG will soon decide whether to approve the sale as proposed. I hope he will set forth several conditions to the sale that address the concerns that have been identified. The petition that I wrote about last week is still available for signing at my Town Hall office.

Tonight is the November Highlands Town Board Meeting at the Highlands Community Building next to the ball field. It begins at 7 pm with a public comment period.

There are several important items on the agenda. The board will be briefed on the meeting staff had with DOT officials concerning planting trees on Main Street. Just to be clear, the DOT rejected the plan that the board had reviewed at the October meeting. On the other hand, DOT engineers proposed an alternative design that the board will review tonight.

There will also be a public hearing on rezoning the property across the street from the Community Building. The property is currently split-zoned with the front zoned B4 and the back part zoned R2. The rezone request is to make the entire property R2.

Another big item will be how to effectively manage the bears in town. The primary focus will be a decision about bear resistant street cans in the business and public areas of the town. I will also present to the board feedback and ideas that I received about bear management from the last Community Coffee with the Mayor.

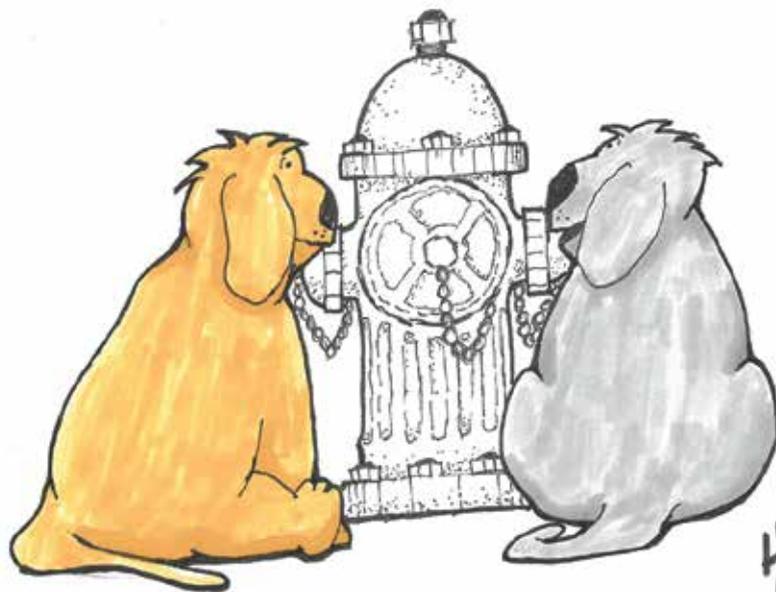
The street garbage can problem is just one part of a comprehensive approach to the problem. I believe we are at the point where the town must require bear resistant containers in both the commercial and residential areas. Highlands is not the only community dealing with this growing bear problem. The key to solving this problem is cooperation from everyone in the community.

Hope to see everyone tonight.

Town website has bear tracking map

The town has created a bear tracking map that everyone can use to show a bear sitting on the map. It can found www.highlandsc.org, click on GIS maps, then Bear Tracking Map. The map is used only raise awareness of bears in the area, NO animal control, or any protection, alerts will happen from using the map

• HIC'S VIEW •



"On one hand, I'm about to desecrate an iconic symbol of modern civilization. On the other hand, I don't care. I'm a dog."

• OBITUARIES •

Suzanne Calista Koeppe-Baker Hall

Suzanne Calista Koeppe-Baker Hall, 84, passed away Tuesday, October 23, 2018 at Skyland Care Center after a short illness.

Sue Hall was born in Des Moines, IA April 29, 1934. Her parents were Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Koeppe-Baker (Calista). Sue moved to Highlands with her parents in 1955. Her father, Dr. Herbert Koeppe-Baker was the new Rector at the Church of the Incarnation, where her future husband was a member.

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• WEATHER •

	Friday 11/16		Saturday 11/17		Sunday 11/18	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	52 F	24 F	54 F	29 F	54 F	32 F
RealFeel	57 F	21 F	57 F	23 F	58 F	53 F
Winds	5 g 9	4 g 6	4 g 6	3 g 5	3 g 6	5 g 7
T-Storms	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%
Rainfall	0	0	0	0	0	0
Snowfall	0	0	0	0	0	0

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HIGHLANDS COUNTRY CLUB

New construction with panoramic views of the 9th fairway and green surrounding both sides of the cottage and just steps away from the croquet court. Vaulted ceilings, a soaring stone fireplace, and reclaimed wood beams and railings. The kitchen features quartz counters, a dual fuel Wolf range, Sub Zero refrigerator, Bosch dishwasher, and a large island. Wrap around porch with open and covered areas and two fireplaces. Two private guest suites each with its own bath with quartz counters, tiled showers and heated floors. Large master with "his and her" baths with heated floors and quartz counters. His bath has a large steam shower while hers provides a wonderful soaking tub. The master suite also has a balcony that overlooks the golf course plus a cozy sitting area and a sleeping porch with a stone fireplace. Golf cart storage, eco-friendly permeable paver system, and whole house generator. Don't miss this one!

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MLS# 89378 | Offered for \$579,000



HIGHLANDS FALLS CC This great villa is in pristine condition. The beautiful stone walkway and steps lead to an open floor plan with vaulted ceilings in the great room and kitchen. The kitchen has been updated as well as both bathrooms. The great room opens to a covered deck which is the perfect spot for a quiet cup of coffee or enjoying the company of friends in the cool summer air. The master bed-room has a vaulted ceiling, a large walk-in closet and opens to the deck. Off the foyer are two guest bedrooms with a shared bath. You won't want to miss this opportunity!

MLS# 89625 | Offered for \$550,000



TURTLE POND This soothing retreat gives you the sense of tranquility and es-cape from the everyday rigors of life. Rustic coziness makes this contemporary style home a "must see." Large windows allow natural light to penetrate the living spaces and frame a ridgeline mountain view. The home has an open floor plan which makes it a great place for entertaining guests. With 5+ acres of property, there are boundless areas for relaxing, gardening, hiking, and walking the dog. Come take a look!

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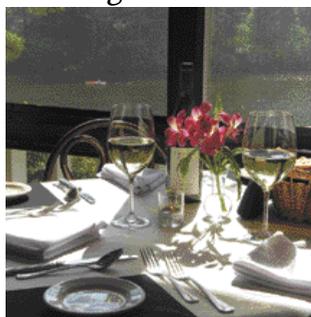


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Hall Family fundraiser set for Sat., Nov. 17

A fundraiser by the communities of Highlands and Cashiers along with friends of the Hall family to help offset travel and other expenses associated with Jackson's ongoing battle with cancer is set for Sat., Nov. 17 at the Highlands Rec Park.

Jackson is a graduate of Summit Charter School and a 2016 Highlands High School graduate, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2017.

Please join us at the Highlands Rec Park for dinner from 4:30 – 7pm, silent auction beginning at 4:30, cake walk from 6 – 7pm followed by a live auction at 7pm. Raffle tickets are also available for sale. Call Gina at 828-421-7645 for raffle tickets or more information.

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• LETTER •

Leave Main Street as it is

Dear Editor,

Someone out there is saying our town is ugly and it looks like a Walmart parking lot. The Town Board of Highlands has money to spend and wants to place permanent raised planters into the triangle portion of the pull-thru center parking spaces and plant trees to "soften the look of Main St. between 3rd to 5th streets.

The board claims it will cost only \$40K for the project to be completed. Planned are about 16 planters in the triangles staggering from side to side. The trees chosen would be in a mature state. The intent is to cool the street.

Being on Main Street as a retailer since 1980, there has not been the first person who said anything near, far, up or down that this Main Street is ugly. Everyone has always admired how beautiful the town has kept Main Street and have always enjoyed every asset of it. That's hard to beat. Not the first person has ever said the street is too hot. Only, "It is warm outside today."

The mature trees would look like sticks coming from the planters towards the sky and in doing so it will block visuals from one side to the other. The longer trucks and larger SUV cars would have issues sticking out into the travel lanes, the cars parking will constantly be hitting the raised planters causing damage to the cars and to the planters themselves. People would be falling over and into the planters. Trees drop sap, they house birds -- we know what they do -- trees require maintenance, water. Trees can ruin a car's paint job.

Winter does come along every year and so does snow. What a mess that will be. Where would it be piled? The streets are planned to be paved next spring and trying to pave around those planters that project will be ugly, too. We want everyone to come into the town and parking without the fear of damaging their vehicles. Damage will happen. People will fall. The site line will be lost. A friendly invitation could be lost. The repairs will have to be added to the budget. \$40K is just the beginning, with no end in sight. There are many other places to use \$40k. We could be more creative to encourage people to come into Highlands.

The Town Board meeting on the project is Thursday November 15th at the community center. We wish every person will come to express how beautiful Highlands is, as it is today.

Pros and cons? There are no pros, only cons

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...OBITUARIES continued from page 2

Sue married Tudor Gilbert Hall (known to everyone as Buddy) in 1956 at the Church of the Incarnation. They were married 35 years until his death in 1991. Together, they lived in Seattle, Virginia, Orlando and settled in Highlands where she was a teacher's aide for special needs children at Highlands School for many years. She was a member of the Highlands Women's Club, Rotary's Inner Wheel, and taught Sunday school at the Church of the Incarnation.

Upon her retirement, she moved to Cullowhee, NC. Sue was a devoted wife and mother and loved the many trips visiting Panama City Beach with her family. She enjoyed collecting stamps and coins, as well as watching sports on TV including football, baseball and golf.

Sue is survived by two sons, Herbert Nicholas "Nick" Hall (Debra) of Lake View, NY, Tudor Tucker Hall (Sandy) of Central, SC, and one daughter, Calista Anne "Tissy" Hall Fox (David) of Cullowhee; sister-in-laws Sue Koepp-Baker of CA, and Isabel Hall Chambers of Highlands, NC;

eight grandchildren: Tyler Hall, Brandon Hall, Austin Hall, Dylan Hall, Alyssa Hall, Samantha Hall Barto (Joe), Jordan Fox and Jacob Fox; one great-grandchild, Brooklyn Rose Barto. Also surviving are Sue's many nieces and nephews and friends.

Predeceased by her parents Herbert Koepp-Baker and Calista Koepp-Baker, her brother Nicholas Koepp-Baker, her husband, Tudor Gilbert (Buddy) Hall.

Services will be held Saturday December 15, 2018 at Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC. Arrangements are being made by Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva, NC.

Adair Bryant Simon



Adair Bryant Simon, age 68, born August 14, 1950, in Ocala, Florida, died suddenly on November 8, 2018 in Atlanta, GA.

Adair loved the performing arts and began a career in acting by playing the naughty Bottom in Shakespeare's "A Midsummer's Night Dream" in her senior high school year as performed by Bartram School for Girls in Jacksonville, FL. After two years at Hollins College, she graduated from Southern Methodist University in 1972. She worked in Dallas, then moved on to work for Congressman Lawrence Fountain of North Carolina at his Washington, office. There she met her Marine, David Simon, whom she married in the Riverside Methodist Church in Jacksonville in 1976 and by whom she is survived after 40 years. The two lived in Atlanta for many happy years. Adair continued her acting career, starting in a recurring role in the television series "In The Heat of the Night" and lead roles in the movies, "I'll Fly Away" and "Just a Friend." She had lead roles in "Cat on a Hot Tin Roof," "Picnic" and "Godspell." She taught advanced courses for the Dale Carnegie Training in Atlanta.

Adair and David moved permanently to Cashiers, NC in

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2001. She began a second life as a civic and performing arts leader. She was President of the Cashiers Friends of the Library and President of the Highlands Cashiers Players. She directed several successful plays for the Players including Neil Simon plays, and most recently, the "Rogers and Hammerstein Musical Revue." She wrote in September that the reasons she loved acting and directing were "the joy I get from challenging myself, not only to remember the lines I have in a play but to breathe life into a character. As far as directing goes, I love to see a project filled with disparate people come together to make an engaging show for others to enjoy."

She was a blithe spirit and a focused organizer and team builder as Social Chairman of the Cedar Creek Racquet Club. Her friends remember her as a vibrant tennis player and for her infectious laugh.

Adair was President of Video Progressions, Inc. She produced an award winning documentary about the life of her father, Gov. Farris Bryant of Florida entitled "The Age of the Mind" which has been shown on Public Broadcasting Stations and which is available online. She also produced a documentary entitled "China's Three Gorges Dam: A Flood of Controversy."

In lieu of flowers, donations would be welcome to the Adair Bryant Simon Endowment at the Cashiers Friends of the Albert Carlton Library, Inc., P. O. Box 2127, 249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers, NC, 28717, and to the Adair Bryant Simon Endowment at the Highland Community Players, Inc. at P.O. Box 1416, Highlands, NC, 28741.

Adair is also survived by her older sisters, Cecilia Bryant Lipsey and Julie Bryant Felter, by her nieces Lela Felter Kerley and Danielle Felter Sheldon, and by their daughters, Adyla Lovett Kerley, Arden Rae

Kerley, Collins Thia Sheldon and Bryn Farris Sheldon. Adair was the daughter of Gov. Farris Bryant and his wife, Julia Burnett Bryant.

A celebration of Adair's life will be held the Ortega United Methodist Church at 4807 Roosevelt Blvd, Jacksonville Florida, at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 17, 2018 followed by a reception.

Margaret 'Polly' Gaskin

Margaret "Polly" Gaskin, 88, of Greenville, wife of Boyd Henry Gaskin, died Saturday, November 10, 2018.

Born in Highlands, NC, she was a daughter of the late Jacob Oscar and Ruby Baty Anthony.

Polly was a member of First Baptist Greenville.

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friends honored all who have served, currently serve, or died in service of the United States military.

Veterans Day is Nov. 11 and is traditionally remembered on the eleventh day of the eleventh month at the eleventh hour, but in Highlands it was observed on Nov. 12 because of other events scheduled in town on Sunday, said Commander of the Highlands American Legion Post 370, Ed McCloskey.

This year is the centennial celebration of the American Legion, who with the Highlands Police Department, organized the ceremony to dedicate new bricks engraved with the names of veterans set in the Walk of Honor walkway leading to the flagpoles in front of the police department.

The Walk is paved with 1,000 bricks and twice a year newly engraved bricks are set into the walkway. The latest 75 bricks were acknowledged Monday.

Legion Vice Commander Bill Reese stressed the sacrifices made by all who have

served to protect this country.

"We are free Americans because of the military and this is a great way to honor them," he said. "When people go by the walkway, they will see the names of the people who have served."

The new bricks were dedicated by McCloskey, Reese and Legion member Bill Edwards who read off the names of those honored this year.

Town of Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor, a US Army Signal Corp veteran, spoke and thanked all veterans for their service. Holding a blank check to illustrate his point he said "Americans sign a blank check when they join the service, and some of them pay a terribly big price."

Edwards, formally active in the U.S. Coast Guard but who does not consider himself retired from service was glad to see so many turnout despite the weather.

"It's an important day and it's im-

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portant that we recognize those who have served the country in both war and peace time," he said. "Those who are deceased, those currently serving, and those who will serve in the future, they make it possible for us to sleep at night."

McClosky asked the public to pray and support veterans each day, not just on Veterans Day.

"Twenty-two veterans are killing themselves every day," said McClosky. "These service people need to be conditioned before deployment and when they come back they need help to transition into civilian life."

He added that treatment for veterans in the area has improved and that Macon County has some of the best veteran treatment facilities in the country and specifically mentioned Macon County Veterans Services Director, Leigh Tabor.

McCloskey contracted bladder cancer because of the Camp Lejeune water contamination issue and has recently started receiving disability compensation for his time spent at the base.

"The care in this area is great, but veterans coming back from duty suffering from PTSD (post traumatic stress disorder) need our help all over the country," said McCloskey. "Call your legislators and urge better care for our veterans."

Edwards assisted with reading the 75 names of those honored with bricks and said that veterans are always in need of employment, especially after returning from the service, and something needs to be done about the suicide rates of veterans.

"We're here in recognition of these men and women who have served," said Edwards. "A lot of them need jobs, and for those in trouble, we need to ID them and support them. I am so grateful to all of those people who protect us."

Macon County Veterans Services is located at 104 East Main Street in Franklin, N.C. For more information call 828-349-2151.

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Surviving in addition to her husband, Boyd, are her son, Boyd Samuel "Sam" Gaskin (Rebecca) of Greer, SC; daughters, Marlene League (Sam) of Chesterfield, VA and Jackie Waldrop (Brady) of Travelers Rest, SC; grandchildren: Stacey Gaskin (Ben Lloyd), Scott Gaskin, Emily Gagne (Kenyon), Erin Bradley (Chad), Charlee Owens (Landon), Shay Waldrop, Brian Waldrop (Jamie); great-grandchildren: Madalynne and Joplin Gagne, Charlie Bradley, Aiden Waldrop, Stetson and Brady Owens, and Autumn and Summer Lloyd; and her extended family: "son," Fred Wood (Sandy) of Piedmont, SC.

Funeral services will be 12 noon Friday, November 16, 2018 at Mackey Funeral and Cremations Century Drive, with Dr. Jim Dant officiating. The family will receive friends Friday one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Woodlawn Memorial

Park.

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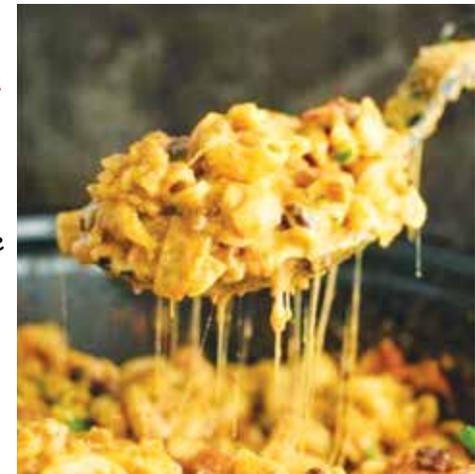
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- Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30-6:30 at the Rec Park. Tori Schmitt at 5:30-6:30 at the Rec Park.
- Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Mtg at 7p.

Mon. & Thurs.

- The Joy Program at HUMC 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a

free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more info, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

Mon. & Wed.

- Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:30. All levels welcome.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

- Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.

- Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

Mon., Wed., Thurs.

- Pickle Ball at the Recreation Department Gym 10:30am -1pm

Tuesdays

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

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

- The Highlands Writers Group meets to read, workshop, or to just share information on writing, every Tuesday, 3pm-5pm, in the downstairs board room at The Bascom, 323 Franklin Road, Highlands, For more information, call 828-526-3190.

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 to discuss topics related to raising backyard chickens. For more information please call 828-349-2046 or 828-369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays

- Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:15. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.

Wed. - Sat.

- At Highlands Inn on Main Street held in the dining room, Afternoon Tea 2-4:30pm. Royal Tea: \$45; Classic Tea: \$35. Call 828-526-9380 for more information.

Wednesdays

- The Glenville Historical Society Museum is open every Wednesday through Saturday 11am to 3pm until October 13 at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville next to Signal Ridge Marina. Go to www.glenvilleareahistoricalociety.com

First 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.

Wed. & Fri.

- Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.

Thursdays

- Live music in OEI's The Wine Garden on Main Street. Zorki from 7-9 p.m.

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

- NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15pm at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

- Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 6:30-7:30 at the Rec Park.

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

1st and 3rd Thursdays

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

Fourth Thursday

- At the Hudson Library, Kids Zone LEGO Club. Intended primarily for kids in grades 1-5, LEGO Club allows creativity and STEM skills to develop together as kids enjoy making LEGO creations.

Saturdays

- 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.

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tended the event had a great time.

Three of this year's events were set up in K-H Founders Park, but also at The Bascom, on Main Street and at the various shops that participated in the Sip n' Stroll.

Tickets ranged from the VIP pass to five events for \$650, to \$125 for the Grand Tasting Thursday night, \$125 for the Truck-in' event Friday at The Bascom, \$125 for Saturday's Main Event on Main Street, \$55 for the Sip n' Stroll Friday or Saturday, \$150 for Sunday's Gospel Brunch and \$50 for the Generous Pour Saturday night whose proceeds benefitted area food pantries.

Though most businesses – restaurants, lodging establishments and merchants – are “pro” the event because they believe it introduces people to Highlands which means they will likely return, instead of making more money than usual, some actually made less.

“This does nothing for the merchants,” said Bob Mills of Nancys Fancys and The Exchange. “Business is always off during this type of venue. We would love to see it end. However, on the plus side, we would hope the attendees return to Highlands some other time.”

Management at The Spice & Tea Exchange echoed those sentiments. “We had low numbers all weekend. No one was

shopping much.”

Owner of Main Street Inn & Bistro, Debbie Garner said the event is no longer an event for the local businesses.

“Now it has become a music festival and an outside food truck event taking the people off Main Street. Our occupancy rate has not changed for the weekend, but the restaurant used to get the overflow for dinner from people not going to one of the wine dinners. Now those people are going to the music venues and eating from the outside food trucks,” she said. “This is incredibly frustrating that we allow outsiders to come into town on a weekend to take profits away from the local tax-paying businesses. When this was the Highlands Culinary Event, it was a much more profitable weekend. Sometimes bigger isn't always better.”

Garner brought to light a couple of issues. Per the town ordinance, outside food trucks aren't allowed in Highlands precisely because they take business from local restaurants. Also, she noted the strain on infrastructure which Mayor Pat Taylor believes should be subsidized with room tax money.

“I hope the outsiders are paying for the increased cost to the town for the additional services needed to handle this event,” said Garner.

Some merchants said it was unclear if their sales were due to shoppers who came in for the festival or for the long, three-day Veterans Day weekend.

Alan Mayer, owner of The Dry Sink, said it's likely the event was a plus for the restaurants and lodging.

“We had a busy day Saturday, but technically, it was down from last year's Saturday,” he said. “But in speaking to customers, I got the feeling that many were coming to Highlands for the first time, so it may lead to better awareness of the town in the long term. The event seems well run and well promoted, so that has to be a plus.”

Harry Bears of Southern Way said his business was definitely up compared to a normal Thursday through Sunday in November.

But Anna Herz of Annawear said November weekends have been getting better and better anyway...so who knows? “However, it seems like a really nice event overall.”

Michelle Bears of The Toy Store and Bags on Main offered mixed observations noting that last year was a prime year for the festival because Veterans Day was observed on Friday, not Monday. She said HFW needs to plan and be mindful of the next two years since it's likely lots of folks will be staying over Sunday, leaving Monday.

“Last year, three-quarters of Atlanta was off Friday, Saturday and Sunday. This year, and next year Veterans Day will be observed on Monday. When Veterans Day falls Tuesday-Thursday the numbers are way off since folks are off on the 11th and don't have a three-day weekend either way.”

This year, many merchants opted out of hosting the Sip n' Stroll where those who buy a ticket get wine and appetizers while in the participating shops.

Bears said they opted out of participating this year due to the price tag it costs merchants to participate. However, at the bag store, she said they do better when they host the Sip n' Stroll.

“Consequently, the sales on Sip n' Stroll Saturday reflected quite a downturn there,” she said.

As to who was in town for what, Bears said when she asked customers at checkout it was a mixed bag of Veterans Weekend Warriors and HFW patrons.

When asked their opinion about the festival, most businesses said it was good that it introduced Highlands to new people, but there were negative sides to the event.

“I do not see a benefit in sponsoring the event as it is not locals to a large extent seeing the event,” said one. “I was suspicious in the beginning about who was making out on this. Business wasn't as good as an October weekend, but I guess for mid-November it was pretty good. I would ex-

pect that the customer base was probably not great for the merchants, especially with some limited access.”

That limited access was felt by Highlands Inn and Paoletti Restaurant on the 4th to 5th street block of Main Street.

First the street was blocked off to set up the Main Event, and then once the event was over at 4 p.m., the street stayed blocked until 10 p.m.

“We are pro this event,” said Arthur Paoletti, “but we could have been busier Saturday night but the street was blocked off so people couldn't get to the restaurant to park.”

Sabrina Hawkins, owner of Highlands Inn on the same stretch echoed Paoletti.

“Saturday nights are our busiest nights but Highlands Inn went down with a few rooms not rented on Saturday night, when we would have otherwise sold out. The walk-ins we would have normally gotten that day were nonexistent, most likely due to guests not being able to access us because of the extended amount of time they kept the street closed,” she said.

Jackie Stevens of Jolies also on the stretch said they believe any event is good for Highlands.

“Getting new visitors helps everyone,” she said. “We had a terrific weekend, but we may not be a good indicator because word is out we are closing and having big sales. Having said that, many people that shopped with us did say they were participating in HFW events.”

Susan Young of Wits End made similar observations.

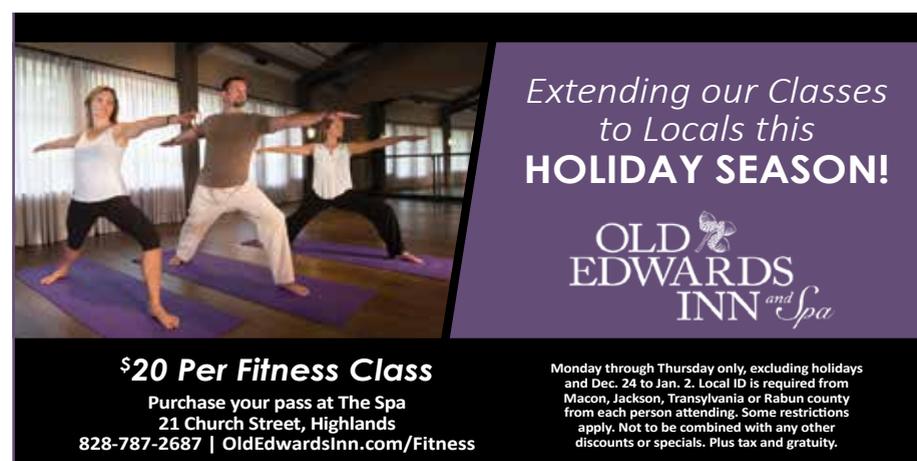
“Business was good but it's hard to compare numbers from last year to this year since this event has been ongoing for years. “However, it is a huge boon for Highlands and no doubt we picked up some new customers. I think it is a great event and good for all in this town.”

Another issue was the pre-selling of tickets early on which meant many events were sold out months and months ago.

Hawkins said sold-out events affected her business both at Highlands Inn and Highlands Lodge.

“It's hard to book rooms if they sell out tickets to certain events very early on. While we were busy, we lost quite a bit of business because people could not get tickets. Our guests book a year in advance and then when they call to get tickets and they are sold out, they end up cancelling their reservations. That happened to about a third of our bookings this year,” said Hawkins. “It looks like in the future, if something cannot be worked out, I'll be forced to look at buying the tickets up front to resell so that I know I can sell my rooms.”

– Kim Lewicki



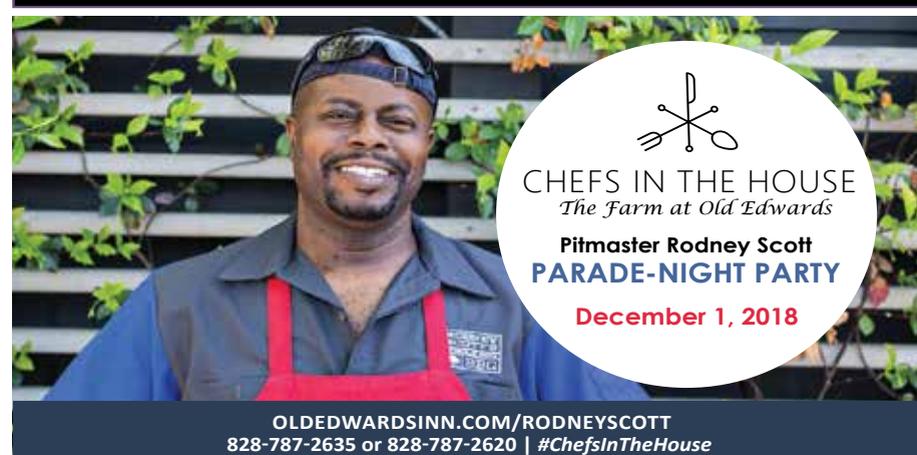
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Tale of A Divided America

There was a little something for almost everyone in last Tuesday's midterm election. The headlines, as expected, had Democrats taking control of the U.S. House of Representatives, Republicans tightening their grip on the U.S. Senate, and the president claiming a HUGE victory over his critics, largely Democrats and the media.

The only real losers were, well, us. The American people.

This is not me being cynical, although when fewer than half all registered voters choose to participate in our nation's most important civic duty it's hard to be even a little enthusiastic about the results.

A slightly stronger Republican majority in the Senate bodes ill for those hoping for more moderation in judicial selections to the federal bench and the Supreme Court. A predictably conservative judiciary typically signals an increase in harshness in criminal sentencing and an unwillingness to hear appeals of lower court decisions. It also typically signals a willingness to de-regulate business and ignore environmental concerns.

A Democratic House, especially one led by expected Speaker Nancy Pelosi, can be expected to initiate a litany of hearings into allegations of both misconduct and outright criminal behavior on the part of President Trump and certain members of his staff and administration.

Another aspect of the crass, partisan divide in the Congress is that the requirements of politics will surely continue to take precedence over the needs and legislative concerns of the American people. Don't look for "bipartisan" bills to fix our nation's crumbling infrastructure, bolster public education or put the healthcare of Americans ahead of partisan considerations.

For his part, the President will doubt-



Bud Katz

less spend the next two years raising money and running for re-election in 2020. He hadn't been in office two months in the aftermath of his 2016 win before beginning to run for re-election, so no one should be surprised at him continuing down that road.

If there's a single overriding bumper to come out of the midterm elections it involves voter turnout.

While the 2018 midterm drew higher numbers of voters than many previous midterm elections, on average, only 49% of eligible registered voters participated nationwide. With an eye on this particular dynamic, big "winners" for Democrats were apathy and cynicism. This does not bode well for them as the eyes of the nation look ahead to 2020.

For Republicans, the President's coattails have been shown to come with some significant limitations. He's solid with rural voters, business, and wealthy families. He has a problem with women, especially in suburbs, minorities, and younger voters, when they actually vote.

It says something about our nation - I'm not sure what - that Republican voters in Buffalo, NY and San Diego, CA, re-elected Congressmen who are facing federal criminal charges. They also elected a brothel owner in Nevada, the only problem being the guy was already dead.

It also says something that Democrats couldn't get a sufficient number of voters in Florida and Georgia to vote, despite sizable advantages in registration, to win open seats for Governor.

If the 2018 midterm elections have a single major take-away it's that, in my opinion, the political divide in our nation is in sharper focus than at any time since the late 1960s. More on our "Tale of A Divided America" another time.

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Fri., Nov. 16

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Let's Be Thankful Dance", Friday night, November 16th, at the Robert C Carpenter Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Richard Smith from Gainesville, GA will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call: 828-787-2324, 828-332-0001, 706-746-5426

Sat., Nov. 17

• At PAC, King Lear by Shakespeare at 1 p.m., Live via Satellite Series featuring the National Theatre (London.) with a pre-opera discussion 30 minutes prior. Tickets are available online: www.highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling: 828.526.9047.

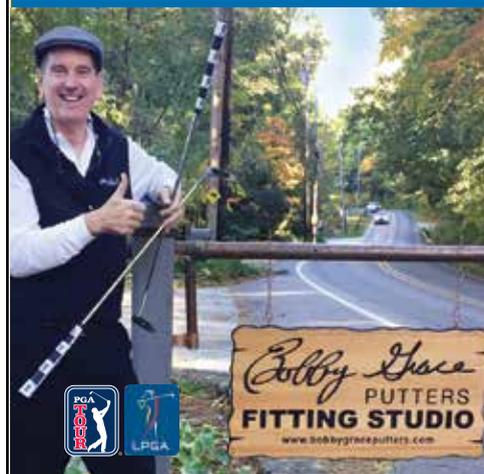
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The Times... They are a Changing!

When I moved to Highlands 24 years ago, this lovely little town would basically shut down for the winter. My late husband and I opened a bed and breakfast in October and I was excited to stay open for the winter! I think I had one guest in January and had to change their room because of a frozen pipe and subsequent leak in the ceiling! Hardly any restaurants or shops were open so why would people come to Highlands or Cashiers?



Pat Allen
Broker-in-charge
Pat Allen Realty Group
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My, have things changed! This was never more apparent than the crowds we saw here last week attending the Food and Wine Festival! People traveled from various states to attend, making it an annual tradition, three years in a row now.

All restaurants were open as well as shops. People were literally dancing in the street...that would be Main Street, with wonderful bands entertaining on a temporary stage set up at the end. The street was filled with food vendors and wine distributors, with Bloody Mary's included!

It all began Thursday Night with the Grand Tasting event with the band, Lyric, and ended Sunday afternoon with the Gospel Brunch and the soul-filled songs of Mavis Staples! Pat Allen Realty Group -- my firm -- was delighted to sponsor both events. The energy and comradery felt by all who attended was priceless. All of the Food and Wine Festival events were won-

derful and many restaurants offered fabulous wine dinners!

Our next events will be a traditional Thanksgiving feast at most restaurants, our tree lighting that is such a family affair and brings a magical glow to our little Hallmark town, followed by an old-fashioned Christmas parade that is reminiscent of days gone by. If in luck, camels will return this year! It is a special event and will be well attended. Many come to see the annual entertaining dance performance by the Mountain Garden Club.

Those ladies give it their all!

We now have an ice-skating rink that attracts locals and visitors as we await our first fallen snow usually in December, with more in January, February, March and sometimes April.

A few restaurants will close for about 6-8 weeks during January and February for a much needed rest while others will remain open.

Most shops stay open and the Playhouse will show movies and the Performing Arts Center will still entertain.

The Old Edwards Inn offers many events including great wine dinners during the winter months. Just pack your heavy coats and boots and come on up to our great escape!

As you can see, unlike 24 years ago, Highlands has changed from a sleepy little town in the winter months to a travel des-

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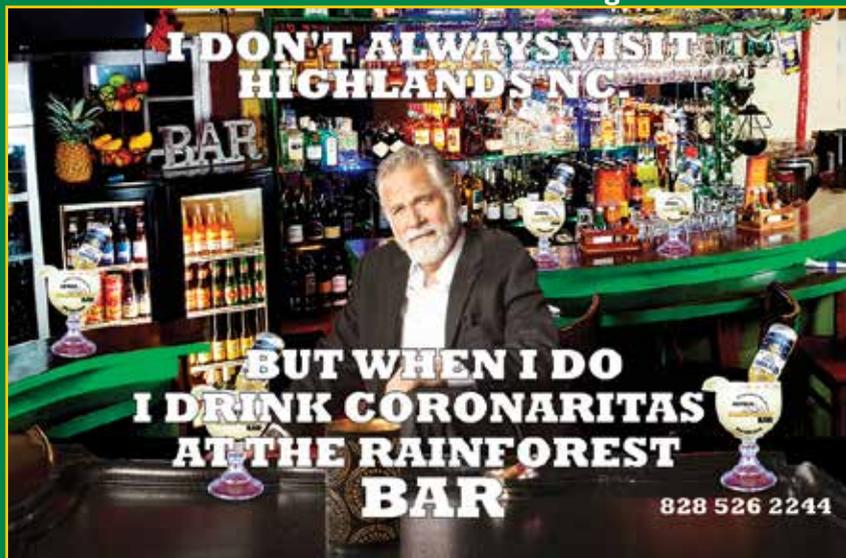
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Finding Joy in Troubled Times

By Margaret Howell, Chaplain,
Holy Family Lutheran Church, Highlands

I don't know about y'all, but I'm suffering from "bad-news-itis." Don't get me wrong, I know how lucky I am the my house hasn't burned down or flooded and nobody is taking pot-shots at me. (Yet)

But this unceasing deluge of disasters, shootings and politics we are bombarded with on a daily basis is enough to make you say, well, you know...

Winter has sneaked in on us and caught us un-awares.

Frankly, I like the winter here. Everything slows down here in the mountains in winter.

Traffic is light. The quiet of a frosty night out walking the dog and watching your breath

come out in puffs that vanishes into the crisp air so clean it almost crackles is like a little miracle every time.

You go out on a winter's evening and it is quiet and still. No motorcycles (I ride, so no mail, please) roaring up the road, no lines of tourists (bless their hearts) everywhere in town. Fewer people and fewer obligations---it is as though the mountains are sighing with relief. It is a time of peace.

One of my chief pleasures in the winter is to come home, put on my slippers and a favorite ratty old sweater and sit beside my little wood stove, my elderly and very ladylike church dog sleeping in her bed nearby.

My birdfeeder is standing room only as our winter birds and other small creatures like chipmunks and flying squirrels chow down. Have you noticed how much more beautiful birds are in the winter drabness? We have a cardinal that is THE most SPECTACULAR red. One of my antidotes for all the bad stuff on TV this time of year is to watch Hallmark Christmas movies. Happy ending every time, and haven't we had so few of those in real life lately? Try it, you'll like it.

You might be asking about now, "What is so spiritual about all this?"

I counter with, "Anything that gives you genuine joy and peace is SO spiritual.

We can't do anything about the BIG picture right now. Elections are over, and that bad stuff on the news just keeps on coming. It's out of our control, so don't let it TAKE CONTROL. Take a lesson from the mountains----rest, sleep, slow down and take joy in the things that make this season so special. Christmas and all its rushing about is still a ways off. The babe is coming, but not yet. Advent is a time of gentle anticipation.

Go outside tonight and watch your breath whirl away as you look at the winter

Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Nov. 1. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Nov. 1

• At 3:44 a.m., Bryan Dunn, 32, of Scaly Mountain, NC, was arrested for DUI and possession of 1/2 oz of cocaine

in the Highlands Plaza parking lot. He was issued a \$3,500 secured bond.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Oct. 30.

Oct. 30

• At 8:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Carolina Way.

Oct. 31

• At 4:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Carl Chastain lane.

Nov. 1

• At 12:37 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on NC 106.

• At 2:17 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Hillcrest Dr.

• At 4:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Spring Street.

Nov. 3

• At 1:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Log Cabin Lane.

• At 7:36 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Big Bear Pen Road.

Nov. 5

• At 7:49 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

• At 12:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible brush fire on Cold Mountain Road.

• At 9:45 a.m. the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

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• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a-noon, Saturday. If you are interested in participating, please email highlandsgreenway@nctv.com or leave a message at 828-342-8980.

• A fundraiser by the communities of Highlands and Cashiers along with friends of the Hall family to help offset travel and other expenses associated with Jackson's ongoing battle with cancer is set for Sat., Nov. 17 at the Highlands Rec Park. Jackson is a graduate of Summit Charter School and a 2016 Highlands High School graduate, who was diagnosed with cancer in 2017. Please join us at the Highlands Rec Park for dinner from 4:30 – 7pm, silent auction beginning at 4:30, cake walk from 6 – 7pm followed by a live auction at 7pm. Raffle tickets are also available for sale. Call Gina at 828-421-7645 for raffle tickets or more information.

Tues., Nov. 20

• Community Thanksgiving Dinner at 6 pm at the Highlands Rec Park.

Fri.-Sat., Nov. 23 - 24

• At The Bascom. Gingerbread House Workshop 10a-12 and 1-3p. All Ages. Gingerbread designers will find a world of all the sweets and confections needed to decorate imaginative gingerbread houses. Participants may enter their creations in a contest to be judged by popular vote. The winner will receive a Bascom gift certificate! \$50/house (The whole family can work on one house). Please note that due to changes in our suppliers product line, the gingerbread houses are smaller for 2018. This leaves more room for creative landscaping!

Sat., Nov. 24

• Annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Caroling in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street beginning at 6 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 1

• Annual Olde Mountain Christmas Parade on Main Street beginning at 11 a.m.

• Christmas Caroling at First Presbyterian Church at 1 p.m.

• At PAC, Mozart's The Magic Flute at 2pm. Live via Satellite featuring the Metropolitan Opera (NYC) with a pre-opera discussion 30 minutes prior. (After the Highlands Christmas Parade) Tickets are available online:

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• At First Presbyterian Church, Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet Christmas Concert @ 4pm (admission is free)

• Chefs in the House at The Farm at Old Edwards. Parade night party with Pitmaster Rodney Scott.

Thurs., Dec. 6

'King Lear' Live via Satellite at PAC



The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present, Live via Satellite, the National Theatre of London's production of King Lear by William Shakespeare on Saturday, November 17 at 1pm. Broadcast from London's West End, see Ian McKellen's extraordinarily moving portrayal of King Lear on the big screen. Jonathan Munby directs this nuanced and powerful contemporary retelling of Shakespeare's tender, moving and shocking play. Considered by many to be the greatest tragedy ever written, King Lear sees two aging fathers — one a King, one his courtier — reject the children who truly love them. Their blindness unleashes a tornado of pitiless ambition and treachery, as family and state are plunged into a violent power struggle with bitter ends. Ian McKellen gives a hugely acclaimed performance as Shakespeare's great King. While he is more widely known for his roles in blockbuster films, McKellen's acting career began on the stage and he has given iconic Shakespeare performances throughout his career. King Lear is a chance to see one of the finest actors of the twentieth and twenty-first centuries performing live. ALL Students will be admitted FREE of Charge. Tickets are available online: highlandspac.org, at the door or by calling 828526.9047. Highlands Performing Arts Center, 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands NC

• Highlands School Winter Concert at 6 pm in Highlands School Old Gym. K-8 students will perform a mix of winter and holiday music.

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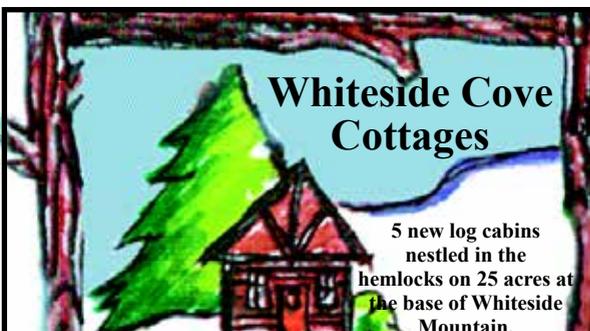
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