Love was in the air Saturday night

By Brian O'Shea

The Highlands Civic Center was packed with people clad in red on Saturday, Nov. 18 to show their emotional and financial support for Jackson Hall, a former Highlands School student fighting cancer.

Jackson Hall, son of Chuck and Jane Hall, is a graduate of Summit Charter School and a 2016 graduate. His family requested no public requests for donations be made but if someone has a wish list, please send it to: love4jackson@gmail.com.

Community helps police nab B&E suspects

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Saturday’s annual tree lighting summons in Christmas season

Hundreds of people are expected at the Annual Tree Lighting held in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street where the newly planted Christmas Tree will take center stage. Festivities begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be caroling, cookies, hot chocolate and of course Santa. After the lighting Mr. & Mrs. Santa will be in their Christmas hut to hear wishes.

– Photo by Kim Lewicki

Business owners turn out to hear and discuss proposed Main Street Plan

A social media diatribe about a proposed Main Street beautification design presented to the town by NC DOT, filled the community building last Thursday night with concerned citizens – some for the plan, some against.

For a few months now, at the suggestion of previous Town Planner Andrew Bowen, the town has been considering ways to green up Main Street without jeopardizing parking.

Once DOT announced it would be resurfacing Main Street beginning April 1, the Town Board realized that if something was to be done, it would have to be completed prior to April 1.

“We realized we needed to start looking quickly at this before DOT starting working,” said Mayor Pat Taylor.

At the September Town Board meeting, commissioners discussed

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The suggested Main Street Plan submitted by NC DOT was nixed at last week’s Town Board meeting.

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On becoming a ‘bear-smart’ community

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. It is a special day to be with friends and families, and copious amounts of food and beverage will be consumed in Highlands. There will be no garbage pickup on Thanksgiving, but on Friday both the Thursday and Friday routes will be run. Please have your garbage out and in secure containers early Friday morning. The bears will also be out looking for turkey carcasses and leftover dressing, which leads me to the next issue.

The bear forum at the October Community Coffee with the Mayor was very informative. The Town Board and I wanted to know what citizens felt about the current problem of bears in Highlands. I will report back to the board on what I learned and heard at our December 13 meeting.

I came away from the forum thinking it is time for Highlands to become a Bear Smart Community. We now need to implement policies and ordinances that help us coexist and live with the bears. Such a plan would be good for our residents, businesses, visitors and also for the bears. Let me outline several initiatives that need to be implemented as soon as possible.

First, the problem of bears rummaging through street trash cans has to be stopped. The board is already reviewing options. The bear resistant cans will be expensive and will have to be anchored to the sidewalks so the bears cannot overturn them. These containers will be heavy metal since they will be under assault by some 500-pound bears. I anticipate the board deciding to place these cans on all public gathering properties, for example, Main and 4th streets, K-H Founders Park, the small park at Harris Lake, the Recreation Center and at the ball field.

The second initiative should address the problem of shared dumpsters. Wherever possible, I believe individual bins for each commercial user works best to deter bears. For businesses where larger amounts of food waste is being disposed, additional protocols may be required. Some merchants point out people dump residential garbage in their dumpsters. This new bin system, along with signs warning violators, or even cameras, may greatly curtail this problem.

A third initiative would require bear-resistant containers in residential areas. Some folks do the irresponsible act of putting their plastic garbage bags on the roadside on pickup day. That is a bear magnet practice. While bear resistant containers would greatly curtail the bear problem in neighborhoods, they are not cheap, about $200 a piece. At the coffee forum I suggested residents could rent a bear-resistant toter from the town, or purchase their own.

Another part of being a bear-smart community is having ordinances concerning bear management. For instance, a residential customer who did not use a bear-resistant container would be warned, and their garbage would not be picked up. If that person continued to not use bear-resistant containers, citations and fines might be in order. The use of bird feeders and consciously feeding bears would also be areas where ordinances apply.

The most critical component of being a bear-smart community is education. As pointed out at the bear forum by Cynthia Strain of the B.E.A.R. Task Force, the town and community need to develop strategies to educate residents, businesses and visitors about proper bear management procedures.
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a plan involving triangular planters like the ones along the sidewalks, situated at the front of a few pull-through parking spots. This would render them closed to pull-throughs, but would preserve the space and be a place for a mature, tall tree to be planted.

“This is a continuation of last month’s discussion at which time we were instructed to follow through with DOT to seek permission to implement our plan,” said Commissioner Eric Pierson. “It didn’t meet DOT’s required setbacks, so their engineers came back with this other plan.”

According to the Town Engineer Lamar Nix, DOT dismissed the town’s plan without much discussion saying trees had to be a minimum of eight feet from the travel-way. The idea being that drivers could careen off the travel-way and hit a tree; an unlikely scenario said Commissioner Amy Patterson because drivers can’t speed down Main Street and the trees would be buffeted with the concrete planters.

Instead, DOT submitted a plan that was circulated on social media causing an uproar of negative responses.

“I was getting messages on Facebook and getting emails from people outraged that Main Street would be losing parking places; saying cars will be backing into each other, but it sounds like the majority of the public, without understanding the plan, said ‘Boom, cut it, we’re done,’” said Commissioner John Dotson.

The plan submitted by DOT – the one they could get behind – involved a 4-ft brick sidewalk down the middle of Main from 3rd to 4th street and from 4th to 5th street. Along the left side of each walkway, 24-ft. long parallel parking spaces were situated which increased the number of parking spots on the Main Street by 12.

The issue that concerned people the most was the parallel parking spaces.

“Parallel parking scares most people,” said Commissioner Amy Patterson, “plus, the parallel parking is on the left side of the street not the right which is the opposite of how we are taught in Driver’s Ed.”

Patterson, and others in the audience wondered if 24-ft. spaces were long enough for drivers to negotiate.

“They aren’t long enough for a 22-ft vehicle to pull in to, so traffic will get congested while drivers try to figure out how to get in and out,” she said. “It would destroy the traffic flow down Main Street.”

In addition, Harry Bears and others said maneuvering out of the parallel spots would involve pulling out blindly; “having to look over your left shoulder.”

Commissioners Brian Stiehler and Donnie Calloway as well as several citizens said to leave Main Street as it is.

“As you know I am all for trees, but if it’s not broken, don’t fix it,” said Alice Nelson and Mike Bryson.

“People say we live in the most beautiful town they have ever seen. Why do we need to fix something? For the last 100 years, people who could go anywhere in the world chose to come to Highlands, so let’s leave Highlands as beautiful as it is. Leave it alone,” he said.

Commissioners Patterson and Dotson said they love the idea of more greenery on Main Street and shade but the problem with DOT’s plan is the parallel parking particularly on the left side.

In addition, David Wilkes and Jerry Moore said they didn’t like the
I t's doesn't take a holiday to make me thankful my Mum saw a last-minute Craigslis post about me. She scooped me up before I was taken to the Humane Society, and I've had a wonderful life ever since. For our Thanksgiving celebration this year, I don't know what Mum has planned, but I'm pretty sure she can't top last year's mountain trip. We started out with the usual suspects—Mum, Dad, the Royal Critter Sitter, and a few others.

Things got lively when Nurse Sarah-Anne, another favorite critter sitter, arrived with two friends. They got down on the floor with me, chattered away about my soft wavy fur, my big brown eyes, and how I'd perfected the Royal Belly Rub Position; and then they took me for a long walk in the cold crisp mountain air. I was in heaven.

Soon, the activity in the kitchen got frantic and loud. Folks called, “Can we put the veggies in the oven? Is the dressing warm enough? Is the gravy ready? Oh no, the rolls are burning!”

As if the noise level wasn't high enough, more guests arrived, bearing food and cocktails. My crew had already gotten into the wine, but suddenly, champagne and some kind of mule drink were on offer. I didn't know mules drank. We dogs don't, but we get a kick out of watching the antics of our peeps when they do.

Among the new guests were two boys, ages nine and six. Let me tell you; those boys didn't need cocktails to get them going, though they managed to remain calm at least through dinner. Seventeen people sat down for dinner, and in no time, it was over. The only problem I saw was that all the table scraps went into the garbage; none hit the floor where I might have been able to snag a few.

After dinner, folks got comfy in front of the roaring fire or returned to the table for games. The game contingent was amazingly lively, but that youngest boy took the cake. He jumped, ran, dove into a pile of pillows, and did it all again. He'd pet me, then dart away. When his Mom asked whether I was good with kids, Mum replied, “Yes, but I don't think he's ever met one like yours!” By the time his Granddad took him home, I was exhausted.

And, that's when I got in trouble. It wasn't my fault! The aroma of turkey scraps was too much for me so I snuck into the garbage. Boy, did that cause an uproar! Someone exclaimed, “Banjo's in the garbage,” while the hostess worried I'd eaten turkey bones. Mum couldn't help laughing as she shoed me away and cleaned up the mess. I'm smart enough not to eat bones; I just licked up all the turkey juice I could find. Umm, Umm, good.

By then, it was bedtime and was I ever ready. I was so worn out; I didn't move from the bedroom rug all night and Mum had to wake me up the next day. I've come to the conclusion rambunctious youngsters are better suited for puppies than they are for mature Royal Dogs.

When Mum and Dad loaded me into the car to go home, I settled down to snooze. It took me several days to recover, but I'm still keen to see what fun Mum has in store this year. As long as the day includes cold weather walks, belly rubs, and turkey scraps, I'll be a happy boy. May your Thanksgiving be as happy as mine is sure to be.

PS. Please join me and Mum in Franklin Saturday Nov. 24 for the Tree Lighting. I'll be at Books Unlimited 5-8 pm.

*Write Lord Banjo and his mum Kathy Manus Penn at inkpenn119@gmail.com, visit kath-manuppenn.com, and find “Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch” at Mountain Paws in Highlands and Books Unlimited in Franklin.

For more on Lord Banjo and Lucky the Royal Pooch, visit the DogSpeak website at dogSpeak.com.
Highlands Motoring Festival distributes proceeds

Organizers of the Highlands Motoring Festival presented proceeds of this year’s motoring festival to representatives of three charity partners. Net proceeds of $40,000 was divided equally among three local charities; Literacy Council of Highlands, R.E.A.C.H. of Macon County, and the Community Care Clinic. The festival committee is now working on the 2019 Highlands Motoring Festival which will be held on June 6-9, 2019.
graduate of Highlands High School and resident of Cashiers, NC. He is a freshman at Appalachian State University.

Hundreds of people from Highlands and Cashiers, and many of Jackson's high school friends who made the trip back from college to support him, attended the fundraiser over the weekend. Activities included a cake walk, live and silent auction, raffle tickets, and a dinner provided by On the Verandah. Businesses from all over the area donated items for the auction to raise money for Jackson's future treatment.

Jackson, who is not one to relish the spotlight or be the center of attention, was “blown away,” at the show of support from his family and friends.

“This is amazing,” said Jackson. “It really shows how special this community is. To know that this group of people is here supporting me through all of this, I never feel like I’m alone. This has really been a good boost for me.”

In 2017, Jackson was diagnosed with a germ cell tumor of retroperitoneum and received treatment and later surgery at Wake Forest Baptist Hospital. In February 2018, there was evidence that the cancer had returned. After extensive treatment, cancer is still evident.

Jackson's mother, Jane, said that seeing the outpouring of support from the community has been incredible.

“It’s overwhelming,” said Jane. “To see the generosity and the love that has been shown to us by this community, it’s absolutely overwhelming.”

The fundraiser was spearheaded by Highlands High School math teacher Gina Billingsley, along with many other friends and volunteers. One of Jackson’s former basketball coaches, Bryan Dearth, said Jackson was always positive regardless of the outcome of a game.

“He’s super fun,” said Dearth. “He’s always in a good mood, always has a smile on his face, and he’ll give you 100 percent every day.”

Dearth added that since graduating from Highlands School, Jackson has occasionally stopped by the old gym to say hello.

“He comes back from time to time, and that really makes you feel good,” he said. “We obviously did something right because he still likes us. It’s nice when players come back to check on you.”

Highlands School reading and AIG teacher, Melanie Miller, remembers Jackson from his days in Highlands and how positive he was.

“He’s such a great kid,” said Miller. “Always smiling and always friendly.”

Miller added that once the idea for the fundraiser came to light it snowballed from there.

“All it takes is one or two people and we just go with it,” she said. “And I just think we live in a community that believes in giving and helping others. I love being part of that.”

Cord Strawn is a long-time friend of the Hall family and wanted to show his support. He said he was encouraged by the amount of people he saw in attendance.

“I think it’s awesome to see the community come together like this,” said Strawn.

If interested in donating, contact Gina Billingsley at 828-421-7645 or Andrea Chalker at 828-421-7121.

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**Highlands Area Events**

**Through October**
- The Bookworm is having a ½ price sale. Located at the Falls on Maingate, next door to the Highland Hiker, open Monday-Saturday 10a – 4p.

**First Mondays**
- Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men’s Mtg at 7p.

**Mondays**
- At the Rec Park, High Cardio First Mondays
- At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:15 p.m.
- 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., 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 10:30-11:30 in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library.
- The Highlands Writers Group meets to read, workshop, or to share their writing and have an open space for just to read, 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 11a.m to 3p.m until October 13 at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville next to Signal Ridge Marina. Go to www.glenvilleareahistoricalsociety.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 5:15 p.m.
- The Bookworm is having a ½ price sale. Located at the Falls on Main, next door to the Highland Hiker, open Monday-Saturday 10a – 4p.

**First Wednesdays**
- At the Hudson Library, The Modern Quilt Guild of Franklin NC challenged their members to create a wall hanging to demonstrate and highlight Modern Quilting. The challenge chosen by the members consisted of a landscape image of the Franklin area and a fabric palette of seven colors. Each quilter wall hanging had to use six of the seven colors and reflect the Modern Quilt movement. Eleven quilt are displayed in the Community Room showing each person’s answer to the challenge. Most interesting to see the differing results from each person even with the commonalities of color and reference.

**Through Dec 30**
- At The Bascom, interweaving Southern Baskets. The art of basketry, including examples of Native American works and fine art baskets.

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Nelson twins Christmas program is at PAC Friday

By Jenny King

How many of you remember the hit TV show, Ozzie and Harriet? Then you’re probably familiar with their handsome son Ricky, the heartthrob rock star. You know the adage about apples falling from trees? Well, in this case it is 100% accurate. Ricky’s twin sons, Gunnar and Matthew, are rock stars, television celebrities, and dedicated family men just like their dad.

On Friday, November 23 they will be performing a new show, Christmas with the Nelsons, at Highlands PAC. It is filled with traditional Christmas music, original songs, and lots and lots of reminiscing about their entire family.

Christmas with the Nelsons tells the story of three family Christmases in the lives of America’s Favorite Family – The Nelsons. This heart-warming multimedia live concert experience stars the third generation of #1 Nelson Family hitmakers, Matthew and Gunnar. They’ve been thrilling sellout audiences worldwide for the past decade with their high-integrity Ricky Nelson Remembered show and their enthusiasm for this new production is infectious.

In speaking with Gunnar he wanted to make sure everyone knows this is not a holiday show - it is a Christmas show. He and his brother have wonderful memories of that time of year when all the family came together. “Our dad was the hardest working performer you’ve ever met. He loved rockin’ and it wasn’t unusual for him to do 300 shows a year; but he always made sure he was home at Christmas,” he said.

They’re also eager to come back to Highlands where they’ve performed to a SOLD OUT audience in 2012. Calling it “God’s Country,” they may just have their whole crew with them this year. Gunnar and Matthew are big fans of PAC Executive Director, Mary Adair Trumbly, and count her as one of the biggest reasons they’re returning to Highlands.

Their Christmas show is one everyone will love with all new sets of Christmas classic songs. They’ll be introducing the newest generation of Nelson Family Kids who prove that, “Yes, we did in fact turn out to be just like our parents after all,” he laughs.

Christmas with the Nelsons will be held on Friday, Nov. 23, 8pm at the Highlands Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in downtown Highlands. For ticket information visit highlandspac.org or call (828) 526-9047.

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ways strive to make things better”

Bill Edwards, a 75-year-old resident since 2002 said he doesn’t parallel park because he doesn’t do it well and suspects there are others just like him.

“Beautification is one thing, but parallel parking is a disaster waiting to happen. Don’t vote for this NC DOT plan. It’s not a good one,” he said.

Mayor Pat Taylor said he heard what people were saying and parallel parking is a non-starter.

In the end, the Town Board decided to do two things: resubmit the town’s original plan to DOT and perhaps request a variance, and to have the town’s Land Use Committee consider the ideas put forth by David Young and Bob Mills.

Initially, Michelle Bears was for more trees on Main Street, but said she has changed her mind.

“When we left the meeting in September, we turned right onto Main Street and there was something pleasant about seeing the storefronts lit up because we had a wide range view.”

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**After the parade, it’s the annual Food Pantries Christmas**

By Bill Lee

When Santa has passed and the Highlands Christmas parade is over, you're going to realize that it's lunchtime and that you and the family are hungry.

Not to worry. There's an easy solution — the third annual Food Pantries Christmas.

Just stroll on down to the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation at 5th and Main for a barbecue lunch. You'll be helping out Highlands' two food pantries at the same time.

The parade this year is on Saturday, Dec. 1. The BBQ lunch will be served in Jones Hall at the church from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

For a $10 donation per meal, you'll get a box containing a barbecue sandwich, beans, slaw and potato chips, plus a drink — soda or water.

Every dollar raised at this event is split between the Highlands Food Pantry, affiliated with the International Friendship Center, and the Highlands Emergency Council Food Pantry. Last year, more than $7,000 was raised.

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Middle school basketball play Cullowhee Valley this week. The middle school boys lost 27-18 after a strong comeback. The girls also lost with a score of 25-0.

Their next home game will be on Monday, November 26th. They will play Blue Ridge starting at 4pm. The girls will play first with the boys following directly after.

Highschool teams have both played a scrimmage to warm them up for their seasons. Both boys and girls played well. This helped them both prepare for the upcoming season. They will play their first game on November 28th in Hayesville. Their first home game will be on Friday, November 30th. They will play Franklin for their homecoming game where homecoming court will be recognized. Their games will start at 4pm with JV girls, JV boys following, them varsity girls, and finally varsity boys.
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Thanksgiving

By Bentley Manning
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation

According to a New York times article published a few years back, “Walmart, Kmart, Macy’s, Target, RadioShack and many other major retailers are proclaiming that they will be open on Thanksgiving Day to make shoppers happy.” In that same article a Walmart spokeswoman is quoted as saying, “We’re in the service industry, and we’re just like airports and grocery stores and gas stations that are open on Thanksgiving, so they can provide what customers need.” The spokeswoman goes on to say, “We’ve been open on Thanksgiving for 20-something years.”

Surely one of the things that binds people of faith together is a conviction that human beings are not first and foremost to be understood as consumers. Surely it isn’t the decision of Walmart, Kmart, Macy’s, Target, and RadioShack to remain open on Thanksgiving Day that makes us thankful but rather we are a people whose hearts are made glad in the knowledge that we are created in the image of God. And maybe it is just this, this knowledge that we are first and foremost creatures before consumers, that we are drawn together to give thanks with all our being. To give thanks because we understand our very lives, our very existence, to be a gift from God - and not just our lives along but all of humanity and the whole of creation. Everything is gift.

But how do we keep this truth before us? The truth that all that we have, our families, our Thanksgiving meals, the air we breathe, the earth we inhabit, the wheat and barley, the pomegranates, our very lives, everything, has been given to us by a good and generous God. How do we not forget this truth amidst the shopping, the cooking, the football, the preparations? How do we not forget the Lord God?

Over and over again, Scripture seems to suggest that thanksgiving is the key to not forgetting the Lord our God.

“Know this: The LORD himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his Name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.” says the Psalmist. Give thanks to God, urges Saint Paul, “give thanks to God the Father at all times, and for everything - in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.”

St. Paul’s conviction to give thanks at all times is pressed over and over again. Over and over again, Scripture seems to suggest that thanksgiving is the key to not forgetting the Lord our God.

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**Proverbs 3:5**

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Highlands Chamber of Commerce hosts Annual Autumn Ovation

Each year, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce celebrates the successes of our business community with the Annual Autumn Ovation. During this celebration, guests are educated on the activities of the Chamber over the last year and are also given a taste of what is to come.

Additionally, three prestigious awards are given out to members and businesses, acknowledging their significant contributions to Highlands.

This year’s event was hosted by Old Edwards at the newly renovated Fairview House, formerly The 4½ Street Inn.

Proprietor Greg McMullen was on tap to welcome guests and spoke to the construction and renovation of the historic property.

This year’s award recipients were: Duke Power “Volunteer of the Year” Phil Potts; Del Roberts “Outstanding Business” Kay & Thomas Craig of The Ugly Dog Pub; Robert B. Dupree “Outstanding Community Service” Susan Smith and Bonnie Potts of the Literacy Council of Highlands.

ABC Store distributes funds

By law, each year North Carolina ABC stores must give proceeds to nonprofits in their towns or counties. This year the Highlands ABC Store distributed $75,000 to five organizations. The Town of Highlands General Fund got $32,411.12; the Highlands School Scholarship Fund got $15,022.13; the Highlands Recreation Dept. got $16,452.81; the Highlands Police Dept. got $4,630.81 and Counseling and Psychotherapy of Highlands got $6483.14.

From left: Officer Breedlove, Kevin Vinson-ABC Store General Manager, Mayor Pat Taylor, Rec Director Lester Norris, ABC boardmember Andy Chimar, Ann Koenig, boardmember Leslie Cook, and president of the board Rick Trevathan. – Photo by Kim Lewicki
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Highlands Police entries from Oct. 10. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Oct. 10
• At 10 p.m., officers received a report of damage to radios, tvs, vcrs, and dvd players at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

Nov. 1
• At 3:44 a.m., Bryan Dunn, 32 of Scaly Mountain, was arrested for DUI and possession of .5 grams of cocaine. He was issued a $3,500 secured bond. This report which appeared in the Nov. 15 edition, was resent by the Police Dept. On the original report, the amount of cocaine listed was incorrect. The police originally listed it as .5 oz, and it has since been amended to .5 grams.

Nov. 9
• At 10 a.m., officers responded to a call of a breaking and entering at a residence on Wyanoak Road where a Husquavana chain saw valued at $750 was taken.
• At 11 a.m., officers received a report of a missing vehicle from Main Street.

Nov. 10
• At 2:30 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

Nov. 11
• At 8:42 a.m., officers received a report of larceny and damage to property at the Highlands Biological Station where numerous computers and accessories were taken, in addition to a 5-seat ATV and cameras valued at about $20,000.

Nov. 12
• At 8 a.m., officers received a call about a flat bed trailer being stolen from the parking lot on Helen’s Barn Ave.
• At 7 p.m., Kendra Morgan Noland, 26 of Waynesville, was served an outstanding warrant for larceny charges and probation violation.

Nov. 14
• At 11:50 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on NC 28 near Church Street.
• At 11 a.m., Christopher Scott Flowers, 33, of Highlands, was arrested on an outstanding warrant and for resisting arrest. He was issued at $5,000 secured bond. His trial date is Dec. 4.
Division and Anger

I
t sometimes seems our nation has never been as divided as it is today. Now, the Civil War notwithstanding, America in late 2018 is, in fact, extremely divided, and extremely angry. I’m more concerned with the anger.

These days, many Americans on both sides of the political spectrum wake up angry at one thing or another. There isn’t, it seems, any middle ground to be found.

It’s head-shaking stuff. Why can’t we disagree on something without it leading to the end of a relationship?

And, why are so many of us so angry?

Psychologists tell us human beings often are angry at conditions over which they feel they have no control.

Change, of course, and the pace of change, is a big reason people sense a loss of control.

About 20 years ago, I refereed a public discussion involving what it means to be liberal or conservative. The panel contained avowed, smart, doctrinaire people from both sides of the conversation. I came way with the distinct feeling that, when it’s all boiled down, the underlying difference between liberal and conservative thinking involves comfort or distress regarding change. Liberals, progressives, as they like to be called today, seemed more willing to embrace change. Conservatives seemed much less comfortable with change. At least regarding that session, all six of those involved, plus the moderate moderator, weren’t consumed by anger. I fear the same would not be the case if we tried a similar exercise today.

A friend of mine reminded me that America experienced a change of enormous magnitude in 2008 when, for the first time in our history a man of color was elected president. My friend also suggested the prospect, or fear, of a woman being elected right on the heels of a person of color, was simply too much change too fast for a large swath of us to even consider.

But, when you think about it we’ve always been divided. We haven’t always been quite as angry as we are today, but that may be more a function of how we communicate, how we obtain information, and the relative veracity of that information.

We were extremely divided during both Obama administrations. There was enormous division over wars in Iraq and Afghanistan during George W. Bush’s administrations. The Clinton administrations were a laboratory of divisiveness, resulting in his impeachment by an angry House of Representatives.

These days, the anger and division in our country feel to me more like the late 1960s. There was highly organized, angry resistance to the Vietnam War. Battle lines were drawn over civil and women’s rights.

In case you weren’t there, it wasn’t pretty.

The early 1970s gave us Watergate, which gave us the resignation of Richard Nixon. Other finger-pointing exercises occurred over long lines at gas stations, hostage taking in Iran, arming the Contra rebels in Nicaragua, our invasions of Grenada and Panama … the list is long.

I remember those days. Most of us lived through all or part of those days. Those were not ‘good old days.’

So, here we are, again … angry and divided. Is it different? Not that much. Perhaps the tone and polarization are greater than events from our tumultuous past, but not that much.

Granted, dishonest and disingenuous political demagoguery feeds this anger, as does hyper-partisan cable “news,” and the impersonal nature of social media, which has impacted our lives only for the last decade.

Regardless of what one attributes it to, anger and division in America today is as real as it ever was. An otherwise off-handed comment or remark can easily result in an angry shouting match, or something much, much worse.

Some division, difference of opinion or perspective, but without all the anger, is necessary in a healthy, functioning democracy. If we all thought the same about everything we’d be living boring lives, or we’d be living in North Korea or Saudi Arabia. No one wants that.

Change is, and always will be with us. We can regulate the pace of it in our society but it’s always with us.

At the root of things, though, the only way out of the polarizing times in which we find ourselves is for all of us to stop believing anger is an answer for anything.

A better solution is for all of us to demand that our leaders do something they’ve not done for a while; negotiate, compromise, and in so doing, LEAD us out of these angry and dangerous times.
If you are preparing to change jobs, do you know what your choices are for managing the money in your current employer’s retirement plan? Although many people choose to take a cash distribution, there are other options that may benefit you more.

**Uncle Sam Loves Cash Distributions**
Taking a lump-sum cash distribution may trigger an immediate 20% federal withholding tax. In addition, a 10% additional tax may apply if you are younger than age 59½. Taking your money as a cash withdrawal also means that you’ll no longer enjoy the potential benefits of tax deferral that a qualified retirement plan offers.

Depending on your circumstances, you may have several options (or a combination of options) that will allow you to maintain the tax-deferred status of your retirement plan assets:

- **Leave the money in your former employer’s plan.** Your former employer must allow you to leave the money where it is as long as the balance exceeds $5,000. You’ll no longer be able to contribute to the account, but you’ll still decide how the existing assets are invested.

- **Roll over the money to your new employer’s plan.** By “rolling” the money directly to your new plan, you may avoid the taxes that could eat away at a cash distribution. You’ll also have only one set of investments to monitor. Even if you’re not immediately eligible to contribute to the plan at your new job, you may still be able to roll over the money right away.

  - **Roll over the money to an IRA.** If your new employer doesn’t offer a retirement plan or you aren’t yet eligible to participate, you might roll over the money directly to a traditional IRA. Again, you might avoid taxes that you’d incur if you took a cash distribution and still enjoy the potential benefits of tax deferral. Experts advise against commingling your retirement plan assets with other IRAs you may have set up. Instead, consider opening a separate IRA account, known as a “conduit IRA,” which may allow you to move the funds to a new employer’s retirement plan at a later date.

**Research Your Options**
If you plan to change jobs, don’t just take the money and run. Since rules vary from company to company, find the time to explore your alternatives. If you have specific questions about your retirement plan distribution options, contact your employer’s benefits coordinator or a qualified financial consultant.

**Source/Disclaimer:**
If you’re age 55 or older and separate from service, the 10% additional tax might not apply for certain periodic withdrawals taken from an employer-sponsored retirement plan. Keep in mind that the 10% additional tax may be incurred on distributions taken from an IRA prior to age 59½.

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Thanksgiving is a time to give thanks. Our American ancestors gave thanks for survival in a harsh new land with the help of native Americans who taught them how to grow corn and survive off the land. We have celebrated this success for generations with family, friends and feasting.

If you are over ages 50,60,70 or in your 80s and are healthy you can give more than just thanks for the success of our food bounty in this great land. You can give thanks for the life extending miracles of modern science which have given us the opportunity to live longer and with more comfort than every preceding generation of Homo sapiens who have preceded us on Earth.

A powerful way to give thanks is to be proactive in maintaining your health through a healthy life style. Utilizing Thanksgiving to reinforce an already health promoting lifestyle or as a brand new start is a powerful way to be thankful.

This can be done by incorporating the following principles: 1. utilize your cardio vascular system intensely on a regular basis with activity in your life that requires you to moderately challenge your breathing. Walk briskly, ride a bike, dance, use a treadmill etc.

2. Fatigue your muscles and bones with physical activities or strength train and maintain your muscle mass.

3. Enjoy the holiday feasting but use this time to eat in moderation instead of waiting for the holidays to be over to start. Instead of over loading on food on Thanksgiving Day, enjoy reasonable and moderate portions of food and then ask your children and grandchildren to go for a walk with you.

About 20 years ago one of my first clients was an older gentleman of great wealth, success, wisdom and financial knowledge. At the time I was just starting out as a fitness professional.

He was a frail man unable to walk on his own. He had a personal assistant who drove him to the fitness center and I would meet him out front. He did not want to use his walker to come inside so his assistant and I would each take an arm and laboriously escort him into the building. There was very little he could do physically as he had a heart condition and extreme kyphosis which curved his upper spine and shoulders terribly forward, along with painful hip issues and more. I was reluctant to work with him but decided after approval from his physician that limited movement was beneficial for him, especially for his mental attitude. It gave him something to regularly look forward too. At the end of our first year working together he said to me, “Hank, I would give every dollar I have to have what you have.”

As a recently divorced father sharing a little rental home with my teenage daughter things were very tough financially. Here was a billionaire telling me he would trade everything for what I had. I asked him, “What do I have that he could possibly want?” He said, “You have your health. I would give everything for the chance to sit on the floor and play with my grandchildren. I would love to dance with my wife and I would really love to swing a golf club again.”

At that moment I realized that I was extremely wealthy.

I was grateful for having met this man. I was grateful for my health. This Thanksgiving I am going to honor his memory and my great blessing of physical health by taking care of myself with moderate eating and exercise before, during and after Thanksgiving. I am recommitting to promoting these ideals in my clients, family and friends through example and encouragement. Please join me by being proactive and taking care of your most valuable asset. Happy Thanksgiving.

• Hank is a local fitness trainer specializing in the age 50 and over population. He is certified by the American College of Sports Medicine as an Exercise Physiologist, Certified Cancer Exercise Trainer and is a licensed NC Massage therapist specializing in Therapeutic Stretching. Email: hank@thebestexercis-
Dana Smith and Don Reynolds are pleased to announce the formation of Clearpath Business Brokers and Advisers in Highlands, NC.

The firm focuses on facilitating successful exits or acquisitions of profitable companies which are located in SE US resort markets.

These businesses are unique and quite different from typical main stream markets.

A successful exit or acquisition is a dream and/or a life time of equity accumulation being transferred. The management of such transactions requires a great deal of industry knowledge, confidentiality, along with professional relationships.

“Dana and I saw a real need in this unique Resort Segment to offer business brokerage services and consultation, and decided to build a firm that works exclusively and full time within it. We are pleased to be located in Highlands, a true resort community and community where we have experience,” said Reynolds.

Dana Smith brings over 35 years of relevant business experience, with a emphasis on the service sector and retail to the firm. Dana also owns BCNC Investments, which brokers smaller business in traditional markets. Dana also has interest in other small businesses in WNC.

Don Reynolds, most recently served as Managing Partner for Mountain Fresh Grocery in Highlands, NC, and helped to facilitate the successful exit of the company. He brings over 35 years of business experience, concentrated in the Hospitality and retail segments to Clearpath, and holds interest in real estate ventures.

The firm’s contact information is: www.clearpathbrokers.com; PO Box 2378, Highlands, NC 28741; 828-342-4819

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“The essence of the Highlands Police Department’s Mission Statement, “To provide a safe environment for all citizens through the collective contributions of the community. Pride and integrity reflect our dedication to community values” could not have been more prevalent than over the past few weeks,” said Harrell.

Harrell said his officers and the Highlands community collaborated regarding the B&Es at the Highlands Biological Station on Horse Cove Rd and 6th Street.

“Information from the community provided sustainable leads that were developed and relentlessly investigated by officers, followed by numerous interviews leading to the identification of two suspects, Adam Paul Green 31, and Joan Beck Hobbs, 49, (who as of press time is still at large).

Other persons of interest are still being hunted and investigated which may lead to more persons being directly involved, said Harrell.

Current charges include multiple counts of B&E, felonious larceny, possession of stolen goods, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, aid and abetting larceny.

Happily, most of the stolen properties have been recovered.

“It is unfortunate that every case cannot produce such results, but I’m certainly proud of this investigation and to serve the Highlands community effectively, especially with the conviction and collaboration of its citizens on this case,” said Harrell.

• See this week’s police report on page 18.

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Let us give thanks, then, not first and foremost as customers and consumers made happy by enticing deals and an ever-expanding Black Friday but as a people created in the image of a good and generous God.

Everything is gift, even life itself, and nothing could be more important or pressing than to name those blessings and to offer joyful thanksgiving to our Lord God. Indeed, all of life is a gift.
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My husband, Wood, I live full-time in Highlands leaving the Atlanta rat race behind 18 years ago. We love this paradise more each year. Come for a visit and stay for the season or a lifetime. Welcome to the most special place on earth! We give thanks for finding and belonging to such a wonderful community.

Jody and her husband, Wood, Lovell own Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty with three office locations across the Plateau with more than 30 brokers who can attend to your real estate needs. Call them at (828) 526-4104 or (828) 526-8300.

Thank you dear friends and clients for your support and friendship!

We wish you and yours a blessed and joyous Thanksgiving!

– From all of us at Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty
5 Bedroom 5 bath home located at HCC. Usable lot with lovely landscaping. Seller has golf membership. 45 KW Generator. Sophisticated irrigation system which allows full property irrigation and a 19 station window and deck flower box irrigation drip system. Offered at $1,495,000. mls #85242

Immaculate home with granite counters and custom cabinets in the kitchen, updated tiled bathrooms, large sunroom, hot tub room double garage. A lush green lawn and landscaping with creeks, fences, and fire pits, a 30X36 Morton barn complete with workshop. Offered at $695,000 MLS #85747

Located on the 5th Fairway, this great family home has an open floor plan and updated finishes. 3 bedrooms on main level with lower level finished area giving an additional family room and two additional bedrooms. Wonderful covered porch and an excellent value in Highlands Country Club. Attached double garage. Offered at $595,000 mls #88444

Step into your own charming world with this civilized yet totally private compound of 7 plus acres located off Flat Mountain Road. High quality finishes great scales and exceptional taste, 1 bedroom, 2 baths, a perfect cozy getaway! Offered at $625,000. mls #89730

Located in Scaly Mountain, this great starter home sits on over 3 acres, and has residential or commercial possibilities. Sub-dividable with multiple wells. The possibilities are endless! Offered at $110,000. MLS#89581

This rustic style cabin on the creek is sold completely turnkey with everything you need to begin living your mountain dream! Includes attractive furniture, dishes, towels, sheets, tv and much more! The home is in excellent condition. Easy lock-and-leave, private well, easy paved access in a safe, quiet neighborhood. Offered for $139,900. MLS#89697

Check out this great condo in VillageWalk. This unit has exceptional finishes as it was the model unit and has been owned by 2 designers. 3 bedrooms, 3 baths with great screened porch. It is also not in the flood plain so it is excluded from needing flood insurance. Offered at $799,000. mls#88576

This family house is located on the 5th green. Golf course view from the wrap around deck with a mid-century modern feel. Open living room with fireplace. Stone patio off back side with small yard. Kitchen and butlers kitchen for great entertaining. Master and guest on main level. Lower level has spa area, living room, bedroom and bath. nice storage and workshop. Offered at $995,000. mls #84068

Off Bowery Road. Master bedroom has double baths, that meet through a connecting shower, and a large walk-in closet. Upstairs has two guest bedrooms with a connecting bath. The massive decks boast some of the best views in the area. On over 3 aces with a water feature and manicured grounds. Offered at $1,995,000. mls #88886

Brand new and walk to town from Wilson Road this 3 bedroom including 2 master suites 3.5 bath home complete with garage, outdoor porch and lovely stream. Still time to pick your own color choices. 2018 Completion. Lots of storage over garage and inside climatized storage off upstairs master suite. Separate upstairs and downstairs HVAC. Foam insulation. Fully enclosed crawl space with concrete floor, creek in back yard. Offered at $999,000. mls #87193
Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty is pleased to announce the addition of Wanda Klodosky to its growing team of top-producing brokers on the Highlands/Cashiers Plateau. A well-respected and high-performing producer, Wanda has established herself as a highly motivated professional with a keen eye to detail providing an exceptional experience with all of her transactions.

Wanda Klodosky has loved the Highlands area since her first visit with college friends in 1971. Her permanent move here with her family in 2009 has only increased her affection and appreciation for the area.

Wanda began her real estate career in midtown Atlanta in 1999 and has been working as a respected real estate professional since. Before her real estate career, her experiences as a National Sales Manager and Customer Service Supervisor gave her a solid background in creating her career as a caring and knowledgeable client advocate and negotiator and fostered the attention to detail that she utilizes daily while working with her valued real estate clients.

The holder of several Realtor designations including Accredited Buyer’s Agent and Resort and Second Home Specialist, Wanda is constantly striving to provide the best and most complete service possible to her clients.

Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty spans the Plateau from Highlands to Lake Toxaway with a team of thirty brokers and are the top-producing firm in Highlands based on results from the Highlands/Cashiers Multiple Listing Service. The firm will exceed $100 million in sales in this current year alone.

You can reach Wanda at Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty by email at wandak@highlandsmtnre.com or mobile at 404.550.4364. She is ready and waiting to be your partner in buying or selling your mountain property.
$969,000 • MLS #88948

$2,799,999 • MLS #88351
This mountaintop estate is sited on 7.22 acres bordering USFS with panoramic mountain views. Custom built 6 bedrooms, 5 baths, 2 half baths – main and guest house, plus a 4-car garage. Being sold furnished with a few exceptions. Paved and gated access. 224 Knob Hill Road Highlands. Cathy Garren 828-226-5870.

$949,000 • MLS #87952
Flash sale: The million dollar view for less than a million if under contract by 12/31/18. Furnished. Across from all the amenities of Cullasaja Club. 158 Overlook Villas Way, Jody Lovell 828-526-4104.

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In-town with a creek in the backyard. Virtually new with open floor plan and many desired features. Two-car garage with level entry. And best of all: WALK-TO-TOWN. 134 Laurelwood Lane. Bert Mobley 828 200-0846.

$330,000. MLS #89478
One level living in town on 1.24+/- acres with public utilities. Perfect cabin in the woods with long range mountain view. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, and den or office space. Covered private porch joins living room with ample kitchen and single carport. 665 Hickory Hill Road, Highlands. Molly Leonard 828-371-1155.

$1,349,000 • MLS #89742
This in-town 5 bedroom, 5 bath home is sited on 1.65 acres with panoramic mountain views. Some of the many features include 3 fireplaces, antique hardwood floors, Pennsylvania style floor stencils, exposed antique pine beams, large covered screen porch, backyard patio with waterfall, and a bocce ball court. 7 Worley Road, Highlands. Cathy Garren 828-226-5870.

$2,400,000 • MLS #89293
Gorgeous home in prestigious Wade Hampton is sited on 8 acres and positioned to enjoy the panoramic mountain views. 5 bedrooms, 5 ½ baths on 3 levels with 3 living room areas, 2 decks, open floor plan, a screen porch, 2 fireplaces and firepit area. Being sold furnished with a few exceptions. 191 Sassafras Trail (Wade Hampton), Cashiers. Cathy Garren 828-226-5870.

$905,000 • MLS #89642
This beautiful 4 bedroom, 3 bathroom home has loads of charm and curb appeal and is located less than one mile from the downtown. Finished basement with a great room, fireplace, kitchen, large bedroom and full bath. 72 Zermatt Circle, Highlands. Sheryl Wilson 828-337-0706.

$2,795,000 • MLS #89437
Downtown Highlands, steps from Main St. Totally renovated (flooring, paint, lighting, HVAC) two-level retail space with front deck, two large display windows, attractive display space and parking space ownership. Carolina Way, Highlands. Nancy Plate 828-226-0199.

$695,000 • MLS #89751
Nestled in a private setting in the heart of Trillium Links, this upper level 3 bedroom, 3 bath town home has an open floor plan with a large living and dining area. Covered back deck. 125 Springhouse Drive, Unit 311B, Sheryl Wilson 828-337-0706.
view, they hear them calling and waving back and forth to each other.

“So, that is nice. I’m not so sure we need the trees anymore.”

Commissioner Patterson wants to push for the original design because it takes care of everything: more trees, no loss of parking, which like the parallel parking design is a non-starter for merchants, and there will still be plenty of pull-through spaces left.

Mayor Taylor said the town will make its decision based on the feedback at the land use meeting which as always is open to the public. The date will be advertised.

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