Committee suggests requiring registration of short-term rentals

It may not be what some people want to hear, but it looks like the only protection the town and residents have against the short-term rental industry is a registration requirement or possibly protection under a Home Owners Association.

Annual Town Lighting is set for Sat., Nov. 30 in K-H Park

The Annual Town Lighting in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street is at 6 p.m. Sat., Nov. 30 with Silly Ridge Roundup performing. Cookies, hot chocolate and glow stick necklaces will be given out. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be on hand to hear Christmas wishes and pose for photos from 7-9 p.m.

Highlands Town Board gets look at HF&R department new plans

By Brian O'Shea

At the Town Board's November meeting last Thursday, Highlands Board of Commissioners were given a brief breakdown of the new Highlands Fire & Rescue facility planned across from the Highlands Post Office at 149 Franklin Road.

Plans for the new 2-story facility include barracks, a large bay to house HFR's emergency vehicles, office, IT room, and a firepole on the approx. 2.5-acre property.

Jane Woodruff sold the land (two parcels) to the town for $1.5 million instead of the $3.7 million listing price.

An increase in the fire tax from one cent per $100 valuation to three cents will bring in the money needed to buy the property and build the building. Even with the two-cent increase, Highlands still has the lowest fire tax in the county.

Mayor Pat Taylor said this project is just one of several that shows Ms. Woodruff’s love and support for Highlands.

The town will borrow $5.5 million for the purchase of the property and the construction of the new complex.

The loan will be with BB&T for a 15-year term and be paid by the fire tax.

HF&R Chief Ryan Gearhart said state requirements dictated what a new fire station complex needed in terms of land.

“In order for the fire department to get full credit for training through the ISO system, the state requires the training facility to be on 2+ acres,” he said.

Thursday night Chief Gearhart presented the plans to the Board instead of Randy Baker of Pinnacle Architecture, who was unable to attend the meeting.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services today announced that because the NC General Assembly did not take needed action, managed care implementation and open enrollment for NC Medicaid must be suspended. The General Assembly adjourned last week without providing required new spending and program authority for the transition to managed care. Managed care will not go live on Feb. 1, 2020.

With managed care suspended, NC Medicaid will continue to operate under the current fee-for-service model administered by the department. Nothing will change for Medicaid beneficiaries; they will get health services as they do today. Behavioral health services will continue to be provided by Local Management Entities/Managed Care Program.

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My mother thought Thanksgiving was the most important holiday of the year, and she believed this holiday allowed families to gather and pay tribute to the Divine Creator who gave us all the blessings in life. She would always tell her children that they could host all the other holidays, but just give her Thanksgiving.

At our house once again this year, Sallie and I will honor that tradition with a family gathering of almost 30 family members. Like all the families and friends in Highlands and across the country, we will take time to give thanks for all that we have. We all embrace that giving thanks begins with a simple appreciation of life itself. For me, it is mindful gratitude for the ability to think, feel and love one another because we have that divine spark within us; that we also have the gift, the wonder, the miracle of life and consciousness. What a tremendous blessing for all.

In recent Thanksgivings this happens to me every time. I have the honor of saying a few words to our family gathering before the blessing and dinner. It’s an honor for me in that my late father-in-law, Buck Trott, used to do the same. I look out over the assembled family and see the very old, like me, the folks in the middle, and the very young. Before my little homily, I tell myself to get it together and hold my composure. “You’re the mayor, you have to speak in public, even under some pressure, all the time. You can sail through this, don’t embarrass yourself in front of your family.” But I do it every time, in the middle of what I’m saying I will begin to tear up, choke on my words, as I try to communicate how we as a family should take time to be thankful for the love we have for one another. I suspect, I’m not the only person in our wonderful community that will experience a similar situation. I hope everyone will have a joyous and thankful holiday.

As a town we have a lot to be thankful for also. At last week’s board meeting the auditors reported we have a strong financial position, which is also reflective of a strong local economy.

We are making very good progress in the building of a new fire station that will help protect the township for decades to come. Our broadband network should be completed later in the coming year. We saw the sale of the hospital to HCA this year with a condition that it will remain open and operational for at least a decade. There is new leadership at the Highlands Chamber of Commerce that will bring new initiatives and changes. The town will have changes in December as a new Town Board is sworn in.

So, I am thankful for what has been accomplished in the community. Nevertheless, improvement can always be made and challenges lie ahead.

See you at Founders Park, Saturday at 6pm for the town lighting.
We couldn’t wait to wish you a Happy Thanksgiving!

May the Thanksgiving holiday bring you good things in abundance that stay with you all year long!

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NEW ON MARKET: The entry, living room, and sun porch of this home combine the best features of a cozy Highlands cottage with an original granite fireplace, high ceilings, and golf course views. The owner’s bedroom is ensuite with den, private deck overlooking the golf course, bath with double vanity, jetted soaking tub,steam shower, walk-in closets, heated slate floor and heated towel rack. There is a separate bedroom/bath den area with its own heat pump and water heater. OWNER/BROKER

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MLS# 91376 | Offered for $1,050,000

HIGHLANDS FALLS CC With handsome wood floors throughout the common areas, a stone fireplace, and vaulted ceilings, this home has a terrific floorplan. A new kitchen features an oversized island, granite countertops, and SS appliances. The large master suite opens to the covered deck and features lots of windows. The lower level boasts three bedrooms plus a family room with wet bar. A huge end-to-end covered deck provides ample space for outdoor living.

MLS# 89562 | Offered for $950,000

HIGHLANDS FALLS CC The living room of this pristine home boasts a stone fireplace and wood floors and opens to an expansive screened porch. The kitchen keeps the conversation flowing with high island seating. The master suite has “his and her” closets, “his and her” vanities, high-end fixtures in the bath, and it opens to the deck. The lower level has an office area with a view, two lovely guest suites plus a large family room with wet bar and bookcase/wet bar built-ins.

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Thoughts on articles in last week’s paper

Dear Editor,

I write to comment on two matters featured in your November 21, 2019 edition.

A letter writer complained that your newspaper caused “confusion and misunderstanding” about the town election held on November 5th, in part by declaring the three winners to be Brian Stiehler, Marc Hehn, and John Dotson. Since the three winners were indeed Brian Stiehler, Marc Hehn, and John Dotson, it seems any confusion was actually only in the writer’s mind.

Elsewhere in her rather prolix letter, much is made of how difficult it is to complete the vote count, apparently thinking that her “15 years” experience somehow adds to the credibility of this claim. The three winners of the election received a total of 356 votes. There are innumerable high schools across our nation whose student council presidents were elected by far more votes than this and whose victories were able to be declared the very same day as their supporters voted.

Then we have the Mayor of this metropolis expressing in his welcome weekly column his “thanks” to the Chamber of Commerce “for presenting the Town of Highlands the Del Roberts Award” for supporting the Chamber’s various events over the year. This is rather embarrassing since one would ordinarily expect the Town to support the Chamber as a matter of course. No award need be given by the Chamber to the Town for the Town supporting the Chamber. In the absence of such support, perhaps the leadership of one or both of these entities should change.

Since our illustrious House of Representatives in Washington has seen fit to redefine bribery to its liking, one cannot be certain if the word applies here. But the obsequious, self-congratulating backslapping is unbecoming and does nothing to add to the reputation of Del Roberts, whoever he is or was.

Brian L. Buckley
Highlands

Article is lacking in information

Dear Editor,

I was disappointed by the article on the front page (no less) of your November 21 issue which claimed that “HCA’s for profit status saved H-C Hospital.” This headline was based on a number of statements which were either not clarified or not substantiated in the body of the article.

The writer says that as a result of HCA’s purchase of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital local residents are poised to save “millions of dollars and protect what few medical options the Highlands community has.”

Why will we be saving millions? How and from where do these savings come? Are we just to accept this statement at face value without any explanation or corroborating details? And as far as protect our medical options, where does the fact that HCA is moving Robyn Restrepo to Franklin and is not replacing Drs. Duncan or Thomas play into the equation?

The article goes on to say that “Had HCA not bought the not-for-profit system Mission Health, and transitioned it to the for-profit company, HCA” the Highlands Cashiers hospital could be facing shutdown.

Why does it stand any better a chance under HCA than it did under Mission? I’m not fully versed on the details of the agreement under which HCA bought Mission, but I, for one, am under no illusion that HCA won’t seek a loophole under which it can close our hospital at its earliest convenience if it can. After all, it is a for profit health system.

Then, in the second to last paragraph, the writer states that “Harris Regional Hospital
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The Bascom is open Friday - Monday 10am-5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm). Visitors are welcome to enjoy the newly updated Story Walk Trail throughout the week.
• At the Highlands Recreation Dept. pool. Public Swim Monday-Thursday 11a-7p Friday and Saturday 11a-6p and Sunday 1-6p.
• Fibber Magee’s Clothing Thrift Store on Laurel Street is open Tues.-Friday 10a to 4p and on Saturday from 10a to 2p.

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

Mondays
• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30pm.
• Mon.-Wed.
  • Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt 5:30-6:30.
• 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 Kristy Lewis at 526-3376.
• Mon. & Fri.
  • Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:15-10:15 a.m.
  • Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.
  • Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

Mon., Wed., Thurs.
• 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.

Wednesdays
• At Community Bible Church, 5-5:30p - Dinner – Free (Donations Appreciated) 5:45-7p - G.R.O.W. Get Real on Wednesdays – Classes offered on money management, addiction, discovering your spiritual gifts and personality type, studying the bible, evangelism, parenting, marriage, grief, and more. All are welcome! Visit www.cbchighlands.com.
• Power Flow Yoga with Nalicia Allio a certified Yoga Instructor 12-1pm and 6:30-7:30pm.

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.
• Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous “Open Meetings” are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Highlands @ the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107, Cashiers. For meeting times in Cashiers go to website www.aawnc80.org or call (828) 349-4357.
• Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.

Thursdays
• At the Nature Center. Free. Exploration Hike 2:30pm. Visit forests, streams, and other spots across our campus, experiencing unique habitats and honing your observation skills.
• Storytime at Hudson Library, 10:40 am. Open to the public
• NAMI Support Group for individuals deal-
LEGO creations. The 32nd Annual ‘Hard Candy Christmas “Arts and Crafts ShowA Mountain Christmas Tradition is coming the Friday and Saturday after Thanksgiving, Nov. 29-30. Hours are 10-5 each day. The Western Carolina University Ramsey Center in Cullowhee, NC is the location and features original art and crafts at great prices. 100 local and regional artisans will be selling their handwork.

Fri., Nov. 29
Maureen McGovern to perform at PAC at 8 p.m. Tickets are available online at highlandspac.org or highlandsperformingarts.com or by calling 828.526.9047.

Sat., Nov. 30
Annual Town Lighting in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street at 6 p.m. with Silly Ridge Roundup performing.
Santa in K-H Park on Pine Street 7-9 p.m.

Sat. Dec. 7
Annual Old Towne Christmas Parade 11a to noon on Main Street Highlands.

Maureen McGovern to perform at PAC, Friday, Nov. 29

The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present, live in concert the legendary Maureen McGovern on the Friday after Thanksgiving, November 29 at 8pm.

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Other hits include, Can You Read Penny Opera with Sting, and Little Women, among others. The multi-Grammy nominee is known as The Stradivarius Voice. Tickets are available online at highlandspac.org or highlandsperformingarts.com or by calling 828.526.9047. Happy thanksgiving

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Her Broadway credits include the Pirates of Penzance, Three Penny Opera with Sting, and Little Women, among others. The multi-Grammy nominee is known as The Stradivarius Voice. Tickets are available online at highlandspac.org or highlandsperformingarts.com or by calling 828.526.9047. Happy thanksgiving

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I believe one of the single worst decisions our country has ever made was, in 1973, to eliminate the draft. That decision, to me, seemed to dampen what before was an almost innate sense of duty or responsibility on the part of young Americans.

I know our leaders lied to us, repeatedly, regarding the misguided, Vietnam “conflict” in which we sent nearly 60,000 young, mostly poor, American men to die, and many times more than that to be physically maimed and psychologically damaged.

I know our involvement in Vietnam was sold to us as necessary to stem the spread of communism, and that if Vietnam were allowed to fall, dominoes—countries—would continue to fall until the whole of southeast Asia was under communist domination.

I also know that our Vietnam experience undermined, perhaps permanently, any trust we might have had in our elected leaders. We were lied to by at least eight congresses and at least five presidents, of both parties.

I believe, as a nation, we have yet to recover from that awful experience. That said …

I believe a federal law should be enacted requiring every young, able-bodied, sound-minded American to give at least two years of service to his/her country, state or county. In exchange for this service, to be provided between a person’s sixteenth and twenty-sixth birthdays, individuals would receive some minimal compensation, educational credit, real-world, on-the-job training, or a federal income tax exemption, deduction, or credit upon successful completion of his/her obligation. In the case of military service, compensation would be provided under existing Department of Defense guidelines.

I believe this can include active military, national guard or reserve service, plus civilian service in publicly supported healthcare or long-term care facilities, national or state parks, forests and preserves, publicly operated environmental or recycling facilities, schools, criminal justice programs and facilities, public sector funded infrastructure construction, and recognized local, state, and national non-profit service organizations.

I believe up to 75% of the non-military service applications can be performed within literally every city or county in America, allowing participants to live at home during their commitment. I believe even disabled Americans can participate and would benefit from serving his or her country or community.

I believe the individual participant will benefit on at least two levels. First, by performing the service itself, the individual will be imbued with a sense of giving, even though he/she will be minimally compensated.

Second, there’s the tangible experience he/she receives, which could result in entry and advancement in his/her chosen career.

I believe society would benefit on several levels. First, the entities impacted by the service, both military and non-military, would be able to plan for future projects secure that there would be human resources available to execute and complete these projects. Second, participants would have two additional years beyond mid-adolescence to obtain the confidence and experience necessary to compete for job and career opportunities in an increasingly competitive employment environment.

Third, since much of this service could impact otherwise disadvantaged urban and rural communities, I believe society could see significant reductions in poverty-related crime, drug use and abuse, and domestic violence and abuse.

Fourth, I believe many service sector jobs currently provided by undocumented immigrants (in healthcare, public sector funded construction and low-paying public works, etc.) could be transferred to national and community service program participants, serving as a disincentive to illegal immigration.

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It surprises me that there are people out there in the world who aren’t cat lovers. I mean, what’s up with that? I find it acceptable to be both a cat lover and a dog lover, but don’t understand those who aren’t “ailurophiles.” That’s my new word for the week.

Doesn’t it just flow off your tongue . . . eye -LOOR-uh-fyl? It means cat lover. When I hear it, I picture a cat stretching and rolling. The word for dog lovers, on the other hand, is Cynophilists. I’m not sure why it’s capitalized and ailurophile isn’t—seems like some kind of discrimination to me. Regardless, I find that dog word to be harsh. It simply does not roll off the tongue.

Mum taught me this new word after receiving it in her Word A Day email, and the email also contained more lovely cat news. I especially love this quote:

“It’s said in publishing that no cat book ever loses money. Maybe it’s true: bibliophiles tend to be ailurophiles, and both are tenacious breeds.”

Emily Toth; Meow mix; Women’s Review of Books (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania); Jul 1, 1995.

In that Mum is working on a mystery with a talking cat as a character, I think the book is bound for the bestseller list. Of course, in future, I think Mum should give careful consideration to working with me to produce a Princess Puddin’ book—just me, no mystery involved. After all, Lord Banjo pretty much had his first book all to himself. I and Tinker, his predecessor, each contributed one small story, but the rest was all Milord.

Mum probably thinks I’ll be appeased because of this new book she’s writing. Never mind that; I believe I deserve my own book, where I’m the star. If Grumpy Cat can be a star, surely I, who am paws down much better looking, can be one too.

Still not convinced this Princess is deserving? Consider what renowned authors have had to say about cats. Charles Dickens asked, “What greater gift than the love of a cat?”

And Mark Twain was even more effusive: “I simply can’t resist a cat, particularly a purring one. They are the cleanest, cunningest, and most intelligent things I know, outside of the girl you love, of course.” I’m sure my Dad would wholeheartedly agree with Mr. Twain.

As if that weren’t enough, Twain went on to compare cats to dogs: “If animals could speak, the dog would be a blundering outspoken fellow; but the cat would have the rare grace of never saying a word too much.” Mr. Twain was such a wise man.


Enough said; authors, cats, and readers go together. Surely that means there’s a book in Puddin’ Penn’s future—a hugely popular book, of course.

Princess Puddin’ Penn resides in Georgia with her dad, her mom Kathy Manos Penn, and her canine brother Lord Banjo. Please send comments, compliments, and questions to inkpenn119@gmail.com. She appears in “Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch,” a book that can be found on Amazon, at Books Unlimited in Franklin, and at Mountain Paws.
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Gavin is survived by his parents, Sam Johnson and Holly Henry of Franklin, NC; Parents, Michelle Provencal and Michelle Bailey of Donalds, SC. Two sisters, Rylee Johnson and Bryce Henry. Paternal grandparents, JC Johnson (Penny) and Frankie Beck (Butch); maternal grandparents, Joyce Hendrickson (Robert). Gavin leaves behind his lifelong friend Joshua Henry and his fishing buds, Jared, Christopher and George. Many aunts, uncles and cousins. Gavin is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Roland Rogers.

Gavin leaves a void in our hearts that can never be filled but the memories we have will forever be cherished. Gavin has given life to 6 other people through Organ Donation.

A Celebration of Life for Gavin will be held at 1pm Saturday December 7, 2019 at Lake Glenville Public Beach. The family request that everyone wear your favorite casual outfit in loving memory of Gavin.

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Andrea Gabbard is one of the top 25 Real Estate Brokers in 2018. Highlands Sotheby’s International Realty is the top selling firm in Highlands since 2013 as per HCMLS Navica. Andrea Gabbard teaches at the university there.

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**What Matters Most...**

As the year comes to a rushing end and Thanksgiving is upon us, I always reflect on life’s lessons in my many years and the things for which I’m truly thankful.

When 9/11 occurred, and changed the world forever, I felt compelled to put my thoughts on paper and wrote a book titled: “911 Things Money Can’t Buy...What Matters Most in Life.” I went to the core of my soul and visited that place frequently, allowing me to appreciate things and look at life differently.

I am thankful, as a little girl, to have grown up on a country dirt road where I only wore shoes to to school and church every Sunday. My view was a forest and I learned to climb trees – with my skinny little legs – and the strong tree limbs were my friends. I loved the animals that called the woods their home and it taught me to appreciate the beauty of nature. I am thankful that I had a mother who insisted that people, whose skin color was different than ours, come in our front door. This taught me that everyone should be treated the same and that has carried over into my adult years. I am thankful that I grew up in a family that struggled financially as this taught me that it doesn’t matter how much money you have the greatest gift is love around the table.

I am thankful that I learned as a teenager that my brother – who was 10 years older - was gay. I watched my mother cry, seeing her son being berated by haters, knowing what a sensitive and caring man he was. He spent his life helping people in need and taking care of stray dogs and cats. This taught me that gay people are genuine and loving and deserve the same opportunities and happiness that we have. This is not a lifestyle choice they make – it’s made for them.

My brother’s last Thanksgiving was spent cooking for a homeless man and taking food to him where he was living under a bridge. I am thankful I was holding my brother’s hand when he passed away two years ago and knew the pain he had incurred throughout his life.

I am thankful that the father of my children was a kind man and good father and finally understood that I needed to move on with my life, having married too young. I am thankful that three years later I met my sweet husband of 33 years who taught me what real love is and was a great stepfather. I am thankful that I was with him when his life ended unexpectedly in my car. I was able to hold him in my arms one last time and tell him how much I loved him.

I am thankful to have a daughter who is beautiful inside and out. Having been an occupational therapist at all three Mayo Clinic’s, her compassion for others is felt by all who meet her. Her love for animals is so very strong that she literally will not hurt a mouse. She has bought safe cages and has trapped seven field mice in one of our seller’s home. She goes over in the mornings to check her traps and then takes her little “captures” to a wooded area and sets them free so they can live. She would rather do this than have poison and sticky traps set by exterminators!

I am thankful to have a sensitive and caring son who was determined to earn his PhD and did so in London where he now teaches at the university there.

I am thankful that I have great friends and have learned the difference in those.

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who were put in my life to be a blessing or a lesson. We all go through pain and need to share with others at various times in our lives. Some remain friends for life, but others move on to find someone who better suits their needs. Sometimes it hurts but later we learn to understand the reason we enter into and out of each other’s lives.

I am thankful to live in what I refer to as my little “Hallmark Town.” Such great and compassionate people, beautiful scenery as its backdrop, wonderful restaurants and fabulous wine dinners, the best boutiques, and sidewalks filled with water bowls for your dogs, church steeples that beckon you, and culture-filled activities that allow creativity to flourish.

And lastly, I am so thankful for my brokers at Pat Allen Realty Group. They are professionals and their honesty, integrity and willingness to go the extra mile to help their clients, whether buyers or sellers makes me proud that they are part of my team. We share our life experiences and are there for each other to help in every way. I am truly blessed with the best!

All of us at Pat Allen Realty Group wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving filled with what matters most.

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hear what commissioners John Dotson and Donnie Calloway and Town Manager Josh Ward, Asst. Planning Director Michael Mathis and Town Clerk Gibby Shaheen would discuss concerning the issue.

Since there are state laws already on the books allowing short-term rentals, they can’t be prohibited, but if the town moves quickly, it can at least require owners of short-term rentals to annually register them at Town Hall.

Registering short-term rental properties would give the town the information it needs to contact the owner if the police are called regarding noise or activity taking place at the home.

There is a huge short-term rental lobby, and so far, it has gotten much of what it wants which is mainly protection against prohibition, requiring a business license and requiring registration

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Two musical events at First Presbyterian Church after the parade

Everyone is cordially invited to a Christmas Carol Sing at Highlands First Presbyterian Church at 1pm on Saturday, December 7 after the Highlands Christmas Parade. Stell Huie will be the song leader with Angie Jenkins at the piano. If you enjoy singing familiar Christmas Carols, you will definitely want to make this a part of your Christmas tradition.

Later that afternoon at 4pm, the award-winning Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet will present a concert. The group is based at Western Carolina University. Since its founding in 1993, the Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet has entertained audiences in nine countries on three continents in venues such as Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall and Shostakovich Philharmonic Hall. This concert of holiday favorites is sure to delight.

The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Fifth Street and on Church Street.
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The plans for the new facility are not finalized. Gearhart said the plans presented to the board are approximately the fourth rendition and more tweaks will be made.

Gearhart answered commissioners’ questions regarding communications, exhaust systems, bay doors, an elevator, and future training.

Still under consideration is using the new facility’s bay as a training area, including anchors on the ceiling for rappelling and rope training. Commissioner Eric Pierson said being able to train indoors would be a big benefit.

“It’s easier to set up training indoors than it is to get everyone together outdoors,” said Pierson. “Plus, being able to train indoors lets them train in inclement weather.”

Gearhart also said HF&R could get by without installing a firepole because the second floor of the facility is not a public area. However, after visiting other fire departments in the area, he said department chiefs would take the liability of having a firepole over having firefighters run downstairs after waking up at 3 a.m. for a call.

Commissioners asked if an elevator was necessary considering the cost, but Gearhart said building the facility with the option of installing an elevator in the future is advisable.

Gearhart said once all the tweaks have been made the project will be put out for bid.

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Managed Care Organizations. All health providers enrolled in Medicaid are still part of the program and will continue to bill the state through NCTracks.

Open enrollment had begun for part of the state in July and launched statewide in October. The Medicaid Managed Care Call Center (833-870-5500) will stay open through Dec. 13, 2019 to answer questions but will no longer enroll beneficiaries in a health plan. Beneficiaries can continue to contact the Medicaid Contact Center (888-245-0179). Notices will be sent to beneficiaries informing them to continue accessing health services as they do now, rather than through new health plans.

The suspension of work and the wind-down process will begin tomorrow. Once suspended, managed care cannot easily or quickly be restarted. The department will not decide on a new go-live date until it has program authority within a budget that protects the health and safety of North Carolinians and supports the department’s ability to provide critical oversight and accountability of managed care.

Both the conference and transformation mini budgets passed during this year’s legislative session and vetoed by Governor Roy Cooper left the department vulnerable to an unprecedented cut that would have had a crippling effect on its ability to provide services that protect people’s health and safety and moved the department out of Raleigh to Granville County. In addition, neither expanded Medicaid so that hard-working North Carolinians could afford access to health coverage.

Background
In 2015, the NC General Assembly enacted legislation directing DHHS to transition Medicaid and NC Health Choice from fee-for-service to managed care. Under managed care, the state contracts with insurance companies, which are paid a predetermined set rate per person to provide all services. The department was on track to go live Feb. 1, 2020. New funding and program authority was required from the General Assembly to meet this timeline.

— Submitted
Town Manager Josh Ward said he and staff have researched the issue across the state and beyond and the issues are pretty much the same.

Owners of homes in residential neighborhoods resent the fact that strangers are moving in and out of houses thereby changing the nature of the neighborhoods and potentially decreasing property values.

Lila and Slocum Howland, who live on the Bowery, have been very vocal about short-term rentals which they say have invaded their neighborhood.

"Don't citizens have any say? We bought into a residential area, we pay taxes and we have no say?" asked Lila.

However, owners of residential property who rent their homes out on a short-term basis also pay property taxes just like those who don't rent out their homes, and Ward said he hasn't seen any proof of property values decreasing due to the practice.

Realtors in the area see the issue differently; in fact, they suggest short-term rental homes increase property values.

They say in many cases, people are buying homes that have been sitting on the market for a long time – perhaps the home needs work or it has been sitting in a family trust. They say often these homes are being fixed up which means the owners are spending their money in the community and providing jobs, and, the home's value increases because it has been updated. In addition, when they go to sell it, owners can often demand a higher price because the home has income-producing history.

For decades, the idea of being able to live in Highlands partially and earn income by renting a home has been a very attractive scenario. Short-term rentals also enable people to enjoy Highlands even if they can't afford a home here.

There is also the argument that short-term renters shop and dine in Highlands which adds to its economic viability.

During the legislative short session coming up in April, representatives are expected to amend the law on the books to make it even less strict; that is more in favor of the short-term rental industry.

Ward believes a registration requirement as a zoning matter won't be prohibited and expects it to be grandfathered if in April the law is amended further in favor of short-term rentals.

To navigate the situation, the town solicited the help of AirBnB which Ward said wants "a level playing field."

"AirBnB representatives were very cooperative and put us in contact with the southeastern policy division of AirBnB who recommended that if we proceed with an ordinance requiring registration, we use the Nags Head model," said Ward.

As said by Commissioner Donnie Calloway much of issues outlined in the Nags Head documentation are already covered by the town's ordinances – with non-compliances being complaint-driven.

"A lot of stuff in here is covered in our ordinances, except for the short-term rental registration. So maybe we should require everyone to register at Town Hall," he said.

The committee tossed around requiring a registration fee of $25 annually and...
Summit Charter School gets grant from Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation to fund school nurse

Summit Charter School, a tuition-free K-10 public charter school in the Cashiers-Highlands plateau, today announces it has received a grant from the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation to fund a full-time school nurse for one year. Zandra Wingfield has fulfilled the full-time position and started on October 16. This is the first time the school has had the funding capacity to hire a nursing position. Summit strives to graduate students who are academically prepared, engaged in the community, healthy, and strong in character.

“We are extremely grateful for the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation’s generous support of our whole-child focus at Summit,” says Kurt Pusch, head of school. “For the first time in our school’s history, Summit is able to staff a full-time school nurse to directly serve student and staff wellness on our campus. We believe that as a community school, being able to provide this level of care on campus is an important service to our families, students, and staff, resulting in long-term benefits to our students’ growth and development. This would not be possible without the generous support of the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation.”

Zandra Wingfield graduated from the University of Florida with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and is a Registered Nurse. During her time at the University of Florida, she received the UF College of Nursing Alumni Council Book Award, the UF College of Nursing MSC Patriot Award, and the LT Fouke UF Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC) Leadership Award. Her previous work experience includes roles at the Pediatric Cardiac Intensive Care Unit at UF Health, Bayada Home Health, Lifepoints Corp, and Highlands Family Medicine. She is married to Eric Wingfield and has a three-year-old son named Samuel who attends Cashiers Valley Preschool.

“I feel tremendously honored and grateful to be joining the Summit Family! In the four years that my family and I have lived in the area, we have grown to love the unique bond that our small community shares and cannot imagine living anywhere else,” explains Zandra Wingfield, Summit’s new school nurse. “It is a huge blessing to work with an incredible team of people who truly love and care for these students, all while getting to continue pursuing my passion for pediatric nursing in this beautiful town we call home. I have been welcomed with open arms, had some laughs and sweet moments with students so far, and love hearing and watching the vision of Summit’s leadership and staff come to life on a daily basis. I’m very excited to grow in my role as Summit’s school nurse, and to play a small part intending to and watching these future leaders grow up to bring change to our world!”

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, a school nurse has a crucial role in the seamless provision of comprehensive health services to children and youth. Not only do school nurses have the expertise to provide proper care, they help keep children in class and allow faculty to focus on their core missions. A 2014 Kaiser Health study determined that without a school nurse on campus, teachers spend 26 minutes a day each on health-related matters. With a school nurse around, that number drops to six minutes a day.

“A child’s health is an invariably important factor in their learning,” continues Pusch. “Providing a school nurse for our Summit students will improve student access to health professionals, student attendance, and the overall well-being of our student body.”

Robin Tindall, executive director and CEO of the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation, says, “Our Foundation is pleased to support Summit Charter School’s commitment to nurturing the health of its student body. This initiative directly aligns with our focus areas of improving access to healthcare and support for education. We wholeheartedly congratulate them on putting our grant funds to use in fulfilling this important need.”
The Bascom welcomes new board members

The Bascom: A Center for the Visual Arts is pleased to announce the addition of six new members to its Board of Directors. Volunteers are a valued part of The Bascom family and it is with the most sincere appreciation that the organization thanks members of the community who lend their time, talents, and leadership to direct The Bascom’s future.

Board Chair Bill Reeves said, “We are extremely fortunate to have attracted six new outstanding directors from the greater Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. Each new director offers unique talents and experiences from professional pursuits and prior board experiences. Planned rotation and the orderly addition of new board directors is invigorating for any organization. The Bascom is well positioned for continued success as a vital visual arts center for the region.”

The newest members of The Bascom’s Board of Directors are Myron Mall of Memphis, TN and Highlands, NC; Tim Hughes of Charleston, SC and Highlands, NC; Sandy Killion of Birmingham, AL and Highlands, NC; Kathy Young of Atlanta, GA and Cashiers, NC; Heath Massey of Highlands, NC; and Ann Wrobleski of Charleston, SC and Cashiers, NC.

With gratitude, The Bascom would also like to thank our retiring board members, including past Board Chair Mike Campbell, past Board Treasurer Mark Quick, and members Bill Mathews, Irv Wells and Bill Broyles. During their leadership, they were an instrumental part of The Bascom’s success and The Bascom’s 2019 Strategic Planning Initiative, which was awarded pro bono by The DeVos Institute of Arts Management.

The 2020 year surely looks to be an exciting year for The Bascom, due in large part to its collective leadership, both past and present.
Thanksgiving Prayers

She folds her hands in prayerful pose with dimpled smile and wiggling toes and prays a simple, thankful prayer with nary a doubt that God is there.

Holding his walker so he won’t fall shuffling to the cafeteria hall and with his rest home friends today again he’ll take their hands, and pray.

She cradles her newborn tight to her chest and though she is tired and sure needs some rest her heart is full, there is so much to say overwhelmed by pure love, she weeps as she prays.

A slave of addiction for 22 years oft riddled with doubt and long-plagued by fears but somebody’s been praying for him, praying hard and now they are mailing a handwritten card.

There’s somebody now, somebody somewhere whose speaking the words of a deep heartfelt prayer maybe innocent and cute like the prayers of a child or the most high church prayers you can hear and now they are mailing a handwritten card.

Whatever the case, circumstances or words if we pray with pure heart, surely we will be heard so with joy, hope and gratitude, let’s faithfully pray and give glory to God, this Thanksgiving Day.

Happy Thanksgiving!

**Thanksgiving Prayers**

Proverbs 3:5

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Wed.: 5pm Dinner ($7 adult, $2 child), 6pm CBC U.

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Wed.: Men’s Bible Study 8:30 am; Prayer Mtg 6:15 pm;
Choir 5p

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Wed.: Choir:6p

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Sundays: Worship:11

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 Pastor Dan Robinson
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**HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
Pastor Randy Lucas 526-3376
Sun: School 9:45a.; Worship 9:09,10:50.; Youth 5:30 p.
Wed. Supper: 5:15; youth, & adults activities: 6; Handbell rehearsal, 6:15; Choir Rehearsal 7. (nursery provided ); 7pm
Intercessory Prayer Ministry

**HOLY FAMILY LUTHERAN CHURCH: ELCA**
Chaplain Margaret Howell • 2152 Dillard Road • 526-9741
Sun: School and Adult discussion group 9:30 a.m.; Worship/Communion:10:30

**HEALING SERVICE on the 5th Sunday of the month.**

**MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH**
8 miles south of Highlands on N.C. 28 S in Satolah
Pastor Zane Talley
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11, Choir:6 p.m.
Weds: Bible Study and Youth Mtg.:7 p.m.

**MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE**
at St. Cyprian’s Episcopal Church, Franklin • 828-524-9463
**MOUNTAIN BIBLE CHURCH**
743-2583 • Independent Bible Church
Sun:10:30 a.m. at Big Ridge Baptist Church,
4224 Big Ridge Road (4.5 miles from NC 107)
Weds: Bible Study 6:30 p.m.; Youth Group 6 p.m.
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Mass: Sun: 11 a.m.; Sat. at 4p
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Rev. Marty Kilby
Sundays: School –10 a.m.; Worship –11 a.m. & 7
Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.:7 p.m.
**SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD**
290 Buck Knob Road; Pastor Donald G. Bates • 526-3212
Sun.: School:10 a.m.; Worship:10:45 a.m.; Worship: 6 p.m.
**SHORTOFF BAPTIST CHURCH**
Pastor Rev. Andy Cloer
Sundays: School:10 a.m.; Worship:11 a.m.
Wednesdays: Prayer & Bible Study;6 p.m.
**COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH OF SKY VALLEY**
706.746.3144• 696 Sky Valley Way #447, Pastor Gary Hewins
Worship: Sun. 9 a.m., with Holy Communion the 1st & 3rd Sun.; Tues: Community Supper 5:30 followed by Bible Study.

**THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**
1448 Highway 107 South, Office: 743-2359 • Rev. Rob Wood
June-Sept. Sunday Services: Rite I, 8a, Rite II, 9:15 & 11a
Nursery available for Rite II services
Sept 6-Oct 25-Informal Evening Eucharist-5:30 p.m.
Thursdays: Evening Holy Eucharist Service with Eucharist.
**UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP**
85 Sierra Drive, Franklin • uufranklin.org
Sunday Worship - 11 a.m.
**WHITESIDE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**
Rev. Sam Forrester/Cashiers
Sunday School:10 am, Worship Service:11 am

Happy Thanksgiving!
that homes be registered by April 1. Like
in Nags Head, failure to register within 30
days, would result in a civil penalty $100
with a $50 penalty per day until the prop-
erty is registered.

The Howlands likened short-term
rentals to Bed and Breakfasts and Tourist
Homes and asked how they were different
than short-term rentals.

Ward said in Highlands BnBs and
Tourist Homes are regulated by zoning dis-
tricts – they are only allowed in R2 – and
they are controlled by the state. Short-term
rentals are allowed in all Highlands resi-
dential and commercial districts.

“Tourist Homes and Bed and Break-
fasts are totally separate according to our
attorney,” said Ward. “Tourist Homes and
BnBs are regulated like a motel. Plus, only
up to four rooms can be rented, meals must
be provided, and the owner/operator has
to live on the premises.”

Realtor Pat Allen suggested a commu-
nity’s HOA could add a layer of protection
to homeowners who feel overrun by short-
term renters in their neighborhoods but the
Howlands and others in the room said the
terms of their HOAs, which usually run for
30-40 years, had run out.

As in Nags Head, the committee agreed
a short-term rental could be a partial home
or whole home and as per Highlands ordi-
nance, two parking spaces per whole dwell-
ing unit is required or three if it’s a partial
home rental.

Rosemary Stiefel suggested the town
was allowing businesses in residential zones
by allowing short-term rentals.

“Is renting not a business?” she asked.
“They collect taxes, money changes hands,
so that means these enterprises in R1 dis-
tricts are a business.”

Ward said that renting short-term in the
R1 zone is specific and likened it to renting
a home year-round. “Rentals are viewed dif-
ferently than a retail office space and people
who rent out their homes long-term don’t
have to pay sales or room tax. Only short-
term rentals under 30 days are required to
pay the room tax.”

Ward warned that several people at the
state level said in April rules will be adopted
that will preclude any prohibiting of short-
term rentals.

“Legally, if we tried to prohibit them
at this point, we wouldn’t be grandfathered.
Nor can we legally limit the number of
short-term rentals allowed in an area. The
only thing we can do is require registration
because we wouldn’t be prohibiting it,” he
said.

Ward and the commissioners said pub-
lic comment will be solicited at the Town
Board meeting prior to any decision or adop-
tion of a registration ordinance, but
legally, there isn’t much the town can do to
prohibit short-term rentals.

The Land Use Committee will present
the Town Board with its recommendations
and if the Town Board agrees to the regis-
tration ordinance, it could go into effect Jan.
1, 2020.

– Kim Lewicki

‘Operation Zero Tolerance’ nabs 20; 3 on the run

On November 20th, 2019, in a county
wide operation targeting many who have
been involved in the sales and/or distribu-
tion of narcotics and absconding fugitives,
officers with the Macon County Sheriff’s
Office, NC DPS Probation, NC State Bu-
reau of Investigation and Department of
Homeland Security conducted searches
of residences, traffic stops and executed
search and arrest warrants resulting in the
arrest of 20 individuals within Macon
County for narcotics related offenses and/
or outstanding warrants.

In addition to these 20 suspects, three
others are being sought and continue to be
listed as “Wanted Fugitives.”

Arrested were James Homer Taylor,
Megan Thomas, Rita Lynn Webb, Crystal
Ledbetter, Ian Thomas Spies, Ryan Finn,
Rita Morgan, Byron Blue, Travis Zepeda,
Dustin Hathcock, Ashley Vasallo, Sheldon
Bateman, Cameron Lee Holland, Melissa
Heard, Donald Justus, George Bell,
Kaz Heaton, Kelly Walker, Melissa Barnes.
Kaitlin Fitzgibbons:
(CAPTURED) 11-21-2019

Felony Escape from Custody, Fitzgib-
bons was Immediately transported to Cen-
tral Prison to begin her active sentence of
four months. Upon her release from DOC
she will be transported back to Macon
County to face multiple pending charges
including escape.

At the conclusion of “Operation Zero
Tolerance,” numerous individuals have
been entered as “Wanted Fugitives.” Any-
one with knowledge of the location of any
of these below listed suspects whereabouts
are encouraged to call 911 and provide ad-
ditional information.

Those are, Reyna Garcilita, Jeremy
Sanders, Shawn Casey.
IMMEDIATE FULL-TIME ON-SITE GRAPHIC DESIGN AND LAYOUT PROFESSIONAL needed to join marketing department of Old Edwards Hospitality Group in Highlands, NC. At least two years of print layout and design required. Keen eye for design, detail-oriented and proficiency in formatting for scannable content a must. Experience in CRM, email marketing, website updating and/or social media is a plus. Must have high integrity, sense of humor, consistently positive nature, interpersonal skills and work well as part of a close team. Full benefits. Possible subsidized housing. Position is 100% onsite in Highlands, NC, no exceptions. Please provide cover letter, resume and samples. References will be required.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

Highlands Police entries from Oct. 25. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Oct. 25
• At 10 a.m., officers received a report of a female being stalked and harassed with text messages.

Nov. 10
• At 5:27 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east at Sherwood Forest.
• At 7:02 p.m., officers received a report of a person communicating threats and a hit & run and failure to stop in front of the Ugly Dog Pub on S. 4th Street.

Nov. 16
• At 5:40 p.m., officers received a report of a larceny of trash can from a property on Sagee Drive.

Nov. 12
• At 4:10 p.m., officers received a report of destruction and damage to property when two men fighting at the Farmers Market pushed one into the front passenger side door causing a dent.

Nov. 17
• At 11:04 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Jessamine Lane. • At 10:04 p.m., the dept. responded to a miscellaneous fire at a residence on Billy Cabin Road. • At 11:46 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD.

Nov. 12 • At 8:37 a.m., the dept. responded to a medical alarm at a residence on Pine Point Road. • At 3:04 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106. • At 5:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hillcrest Drive.

Nov. 13 • At 12:12 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Churchwood Dr.

Nov. 14 • At 1:06 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Horse Cove Road.

Nov. 15 • At 1:15 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Happoldt Road. • At 1:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cherrywood Dr.

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