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Covid vaccines are readily available for all in Highlands and Cashiers

People continue to suffer from Covid, but accessibility to vaccines is ramping up in Highlands and Cashiers. County – the latest in the 25-49 age group. As of last week, there have been 74 Covid deaths in Macon County. •See VACCINES page 11

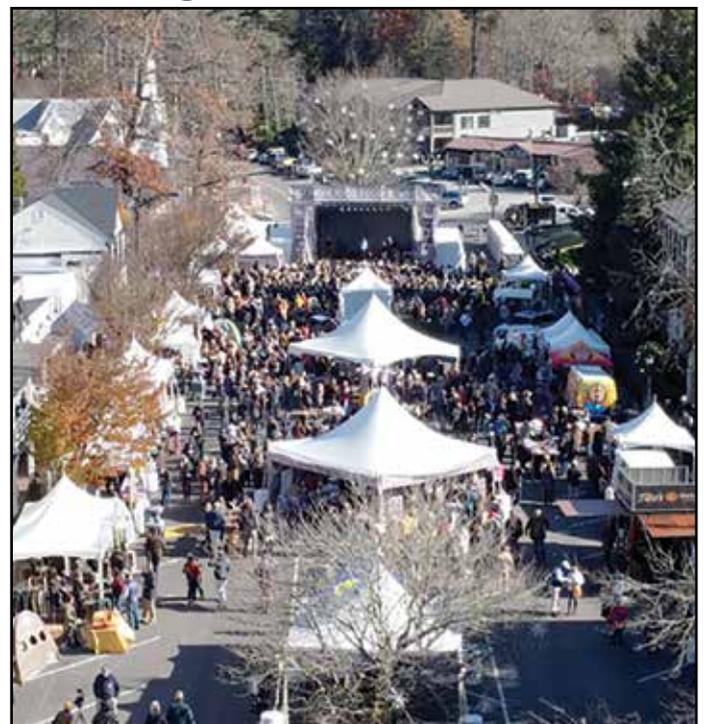
Police dogs alert to drugs in a vehicle at Highlands School

On Monday, Nov. 15, K9 Hope and handler Master Officer Kinsland of the Highlands Police Department and K9 Jax and handler Deputy Dereck Stamey of the Macon County Sheriff's Office were on-campus at Highlands School to conduct a K9 sniff of the student parking areas.

During this exercise, K9 Hope located a small amount of marijuana in a student's vehicle. The school administration then requested the student to come to the car. A subsequent search of the vehicle was conducted by Highlands Police officers, who then located a hunting rifle and handgun in the vehicle. The

•See DRUGS page 11

Highlands Food & Wine Festival brings hundreds to town



Folks flocked to Highlands last week to partake in food, libations and live music during the Highlands Food & Wine four-day event Nov. 11-14 during which 2,500 tickets were sold. The above photo is a drone shot of Saturday's Main Event on Main Street between 4th and 5th streets. To see photos, go to page 12
– Photo by Brian O'Shea

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Macon County is in a new Congressional District

Cawthorn to seek election in different district; Sen. Kevin Corbin considering a run

By Brittney Lofthouse

The 2020 Census added a Congressional Seat in North Carolina, which was recently approved by the North Carolina legislature.

In addition, the majority of western North Carolina residents who have historically been located in District 11 will now be considered District 14 – this includes Macon County and much of far Western North Carolina. A portion of Watauga County will also now be in the 14th District.

McDowell, Polk and Rutherford counties have been moved to the 13th District.

The name of the district is not the only thing that is changing. Representative Madison Cawthorn announced Thursday night that he will not be seeking election in District 14 (previously District 11) and will instead be running for election in the newly drawn Dis-

trict 13.

“I will be running for Congress in the 13th Congressional District,” Cawthorn said in a video posted around 7 p.m. on Thursday. “This move is not an abandonment. In fact, it’s quite the opposite. It is a move to take more ground for constitutional conservatism. In my heart, I represent North Carolina as a whole, not some arbitrary line that some politician drew this cycle. This was not an easy decision.”

Cawthorn’s announcement surprised the district, which already has a crowded field of candidates vying for the seat. The state filing period runs Dec. 6 to 17, with the primaries set for March 8.

“I believe we have a unique opportunity to increase conservative leadership from North

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Town Board meeting details

Tonight is the Highlands Town Board meeting at the Highlands Community Building next to the ball field. The meeting will begin at 7 pm with public comment as the first item on the agenda. The meeting can also be accessed on YouTube by way of the town website.

A public hearing for annexation of the Ellis property that is contiguous to the Ravenel subdivision was scheduled for this meeting. It has again been postponed until December's meeting.

Commissioner Hehn has asked that the board discuss the 2005 Stormwater Master Plan. Previous boards implemented major portions of the plans such as the filtering system that is under Founders Park. Commissioner Hehn is also requesting a reasonable accommodation for the printing of documents. A previous board decided to go paperless in the handling of board business over a decade ago. The board will review the current policy and his request.

The board will also go into closed session to review and approve previous closed



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

session minutes and to discuss confidentiality protocols. Our attorneys reviewing the STR issue and pending lawsuit will also brief the board. I anticipate the Town Board holding a joint workshop meeting with the planning board very soon. This meeting will be open to the public, but no public comment will be taken. Public response and comment will follow at subsequent meetings.

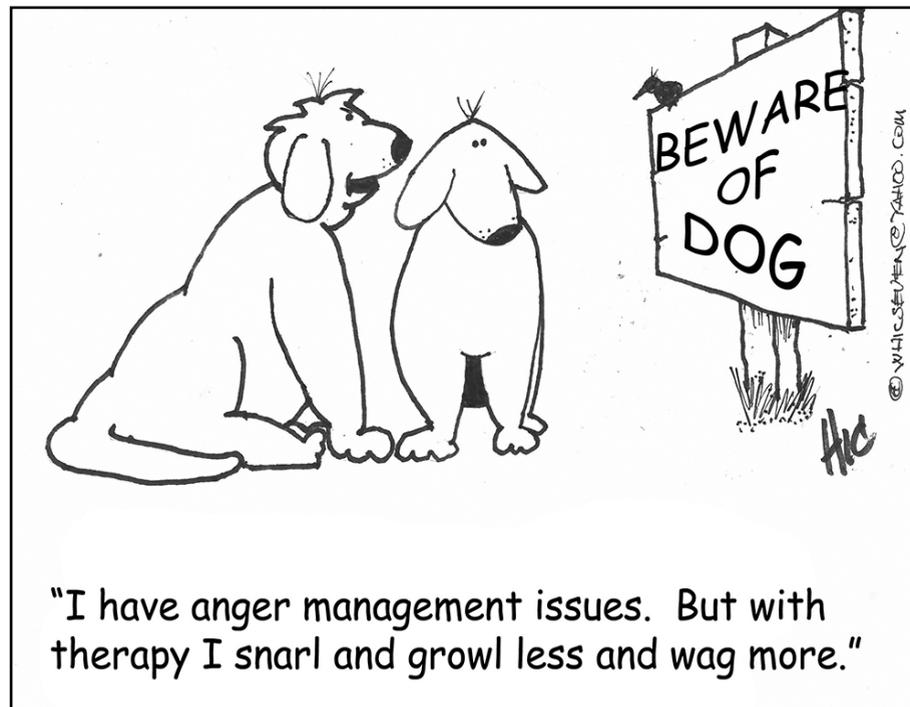
Paving contractors should be rapping up the paving of Upper and Lower Lake Roads. Those two roads were the last in the scheduled town roads to be paved this year. The town maintains a list of roads that will be paved in the future. The priority list may be adjusted from year to year, based on the deterioration of certain roads especially over a harsh winter period. For the past several years the board has implemented a vigorous town street paving program. That program will continue for several years.

I want to congratulate the folks involved in putting on the Highlands Food & Wine Festival that took place this past weekend. It was well organized and had a tremendous response. There are some issues that the town will review with the organizers of the event in order to make improvements. We now look forward to the holiday festivities, the Town Lighting at Founders Park and the Christmas Parade.

On Monday night I represented the town in the Highlands ABC Store check distribution ceremony. Each year the ABC board distributes store profits to town departments and nonprofit groups. This year the total distribution was \$75,000. The police department, the recreation department and the general operation of the town received almost \$54,000. As I have said in the past, if you consume alcohol, purchase it here at our ABC store. These profits made in Highlands stay in Highlands.

I want to thank the ABC employees and ABC board members for the work and effort that they have put into the operation of the store. There has been a steady growth in sales and profits over the past several years.

• HIC'S VIEW •



• WEATHER •

Thu, 18-Nov	Fri, 19-Nov	Sat, 20-Nov	Sun, 21-Nov
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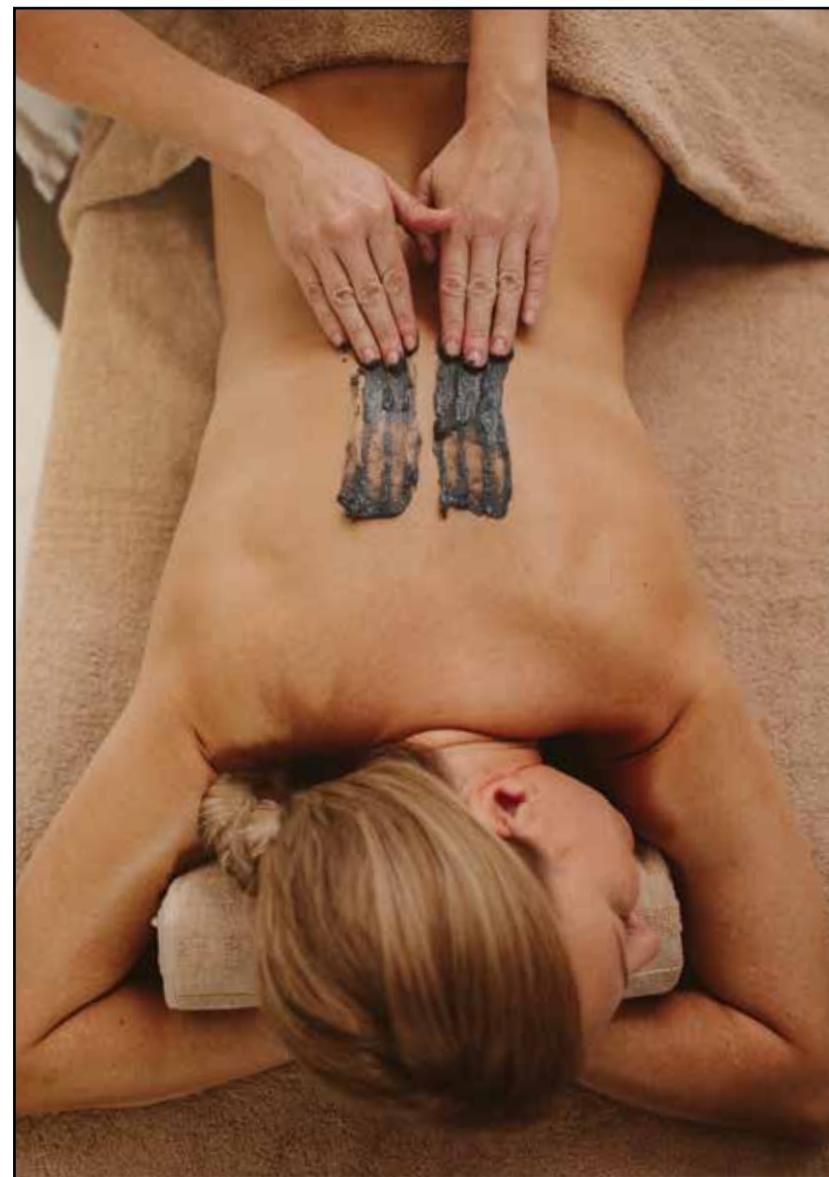
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The Thankful Season

Today is one of four Thursdays in the month of November 2021. Every Thursday in the calendar year has become known as Thankful Thursday, and November happens to have the thank-fullest Thursday of all,

Thanksgiving Day. This year, I want to encourage everyone to be thankful every day, and to get in the habit, a fun way to start

is to have a countdown to Thanksgiving, like an advent calendar, but for Thanksgiving. If you're reading after Monday, November 1st, then you will have some catching up to do. Each day, write something down on a small sheet of paper for which you are thankful and put it in plain sight. If you can get your whole family on board, keep all the papers in one place, but don't discuss them with each

other...yet. On Thanksgiving Day, read all the items aloud (even if you live alone, take each paper out and read aloud, "I am thankful for...")

After Thanksgiving is over, if you want to continue the practice, let Thankful Thursday be the day you recite them.

No, this newspaper didn't mess up or confuse the pages with another type of column, this Realtor chose to write a different kind of Investing at 4118 this week, that's all. If there's anything the last two years have taught us, it's the act of reflection and intention. If we start out each day being thankful or grateful for what we have, we are less apt to dwell on the things that are wrong, or things we don't have.

As far as Chambers Realty & Vacation Rentals goes, I am going to jump ahead and share 24 things for which I am thankful. These are in no certain order, but there is no way we could do our business without these people/ things on a daily basis. We take so much for granted.

1. Sales listings (not only ours, but all the listings in our area, but especially OUR listings)
2. Rental listings - vacation rentals AND annual lease listings.
3. Buyers and sellers - especially the loyal ones, and some repeat over and over
4. Renters (Renters=short-term renters, long-term and annual renters)
5. Real Estate Commission, Assoc. of Realtors (National + NC) VRMA
6. Highlands-Cashiers Board of Realtors and Multiple Listing Service and Tom Roberson
7. Property owners willing to share their home with STRs/vacation renters and those rental owners who often realize much less income and use of their home, but willing to rent to long term/annual renters who live and work here year-round.
8. Our new office printer (replaced our dinosaur, finally) AND local printers.
9. Non-licensed people who work in our office and those who have worked in the past.
10. Licensed Realtors in our office (current and past)
11. Vendors we count on (housekeepers, firewood providers, plumbers, HVAC, mold/remediation specialists, landscapers/yard maintenance, appliance repair, etc.



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12. Highlands calling, com and the people who help us keep it going

13. Facebook, Instagram + Twitter which helps keep us in the know /being visible to others.

14. Our office building, built by Tudor Hall and family (Isabel's father/Tucker's grandfather, and has been in the family since 1931. (+ those current + past who help keep the old boiler going. The struggle is real.)

15. Software used in our business (rental software, accounting software, MLS soft-

ware)

16. Highlands Police, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Fire Department/EMTs and volunteers.

17. Local Doctors, hospital and clinics.

18. Local media outlets (newspapers, magazines and all the photographers, writers, editors, and everyone involved who make it happen)

19. Coffee

20. Our Town Board and County Commissioners (even though we may not agree with everything they do or say), we need them to guide our way in our business.

21. The beauty of our area and all the volunteers who organize and keep it that way.

22. Community (the people in it as well as the businesses in town (Reeves Hardware is a godsend,) as well as our restaurants, and the places like Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center, Highlands Historical Society, Hudson Library, The Literacy Council, Peggy Crosby Center, The Bascom, PAC, banks and ATMs, to name a few.

23. Real estate attorneys and their paralegals - they do so much.

24. Churches, non-profit and support groups in our area, I appreciate them all and am happy to be associated with several.

You see? Here is a sampling of things/people for which I am thankful just to keep our business going. My personal/family life would be a different list, but it all overlaps. Susan Mallery wrote a book 'A Million Little Things' and ABC has a series by the same name. Both quote something like, "Life/friendship isn't about one thing, it's about a million little things." That's the way I feel about things/people for which I should be/am thankful. What's on YOUR list?




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• INK PENN •

Is now a good time for a mystery?

What a silly question! For me, it's always the right time for a mystery, and this time of year, a rocker on the porch is the perfect spot for reading. Add a fleece throw, maybe a cup of coffee or tea, and I'm in heaven. In the last two weeks, I've read three very different mysteries and enjoyed them all.

All the Beautiful Lies

by Peter Swanson

Not long ago, I read Swanson's "Eight Perfect Murders," another literary mystery in which the main character, a bookshop owner, lays out the books he thinks contain perfect murders. This book features yet another bookshop owner, but he's already dead when the story begins. Set in coastal Maine, its chapters feature the headers "Then," and "Now." The chapters about the past provide the background on the widow Alice, with the present-day chapters more focused on the relationships that resulted in either the suicide or death of the dead man. Which was it, and why, and who form the crux of the mystery with plenty of clues



Kathy Manos Penn

and red herrings to go around.

The School of Night

by Louis Bayard

Don't you love it when you stumble across a book at a library sale? My local library held its first sale since the advent of the pandemic, and I was champing at the bit to check it out. This novel was one of three I brought home.

This story moves back and forth between Elizabethan England and modern times, with a literary mystery central to the plot. Of course, I loved it. Take

book collectors who will stop at nothing to own a previously unknown manuscript; add authors and noblemen in the 1600s who meet secretly; stir in a hint of the supernatural, and the result is an intriguing tale. Christopher Marlowe and Sir Walter Raleigh are among the names you'll recognize. And don't forget murder!

Reading this book reminded me that I'd enjoyed Bayard's "The Pale Blue Eye" and prompted me to reserve another of his books, "The Black Tower" at the library.

A Dream of Death

by Connie Berry

The first in the Kate Hamilton Mysteries, this book features an American antiques dealer visiting a remote Scottish island. The setting is beautiful and unsettling at the same time. I was intrigued, not only because Kate Hamilton is an American widow, like Leta Parker in my series, but also because the plot revolves around a book. Are you sensing a theme here? I DO love mysteries that involve books.

With an antique dealer as the main character, the story blends history in the time of Bonnie Prince Charlie, mysterious relics from that era, and, of course, a modern-day murder. Throw in a widowed British detective inspector vacationing on the island, and the stage is set for Kate Hamilton to turn amateur sleuth. And, yes, there's a book about an unsolved murder from Bonnie Prince Charlie's day. Once again, I was prompted to add yet another book to my library hold list—Book II in the series, "A Legacy of Murder."

While I await my two new library holds, I'm reading an Ian Rankin standalone mystery also discovered at the library sale. Who knows? You may read my take on it in a future column. I hope you're enjoying your fall reading as much as I'm enjoying mine. And—hint, hint—my cozy mystery "Pumpkins, Paws & Murder" is perfect for the season!



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Veterans are memorialized at Highlands cemetery



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• LETTERS •

Veterans Day was extra special this year

Dear Editor,

I am a veteran formally in the United States Marines and this Veterans Day was made special by a Highlands resident that wants to remain anonymous.

The resident worked with the Blue Bike Café to give any veteran, their spouse, or family member a free meal including tip on Veterans Day. W

While larger corporate restaurant chains do this, and I'm not diminishing their great gesture, this anonymous resident paid out of their own pocket to make this happen. The words grateful and amazed are just the start for this great gesture. I am new to Highlands and this example of genuine kindness, and Blue Bike Café joining the cause makes me feel that I have found my home.

I have heard the anonymous person behind all of this reads the papers, so I wanted to say thank you and salute from this Marine. Happy blessed and peaceful Veterans Day.

Gabriel Van

Two children and a dog

Dear Editor,

This could be the first letter of thanks you've read that begins with two children and a dog. But that's the way The Literacy and Learning Center rolls.

Third grader Jason Ott and fifth grader Miley Zagal, who received the 2021 Excellence in Reading awards, and Ben Crenshaw, our Reading Therapy Dog, greeted 186 people at Wildcat Cliffs Country Club on October 17. It was TLLC's third annual "Celebration of Education" and all proceeds from the evening went to support the free programs offered to our community.

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Patti Callahan Henry, author of the newly published *Once Upon A Wardrobe*, enchanted listeners when she described the importance of fairy tales and reflected on the origin story behind C.S. Lewis' treasured series *The Chronicles of Narnia*.

The evening was possible because of the passionate and hardworking Celebration of Education Committee: Lisa Richards, Chairman and her team: Dawn and Bruce Van Fleet, Kay Neslage, Chesley Garrett and Jane Jerry. Kudos all around to the valiant Wildcat Cliffs Country Club staff, especially Jeff Blais, CEO and GM; Will Bysztrzycki, Executive Chef and Allen Dermody, Clubhouse Manager.

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The Basic Chick – Chicken salad on wheat bread/croissant. **\$10**

Leslie's Gobbler – Turkey, Havarti dill, shredded lettuce, cucumber, mayo on sub roll. **\$12**

Raw & Flawless – Spring Mix, avocado, hummus, red pepper, red onion, cucumber, Fermenti pickled carrots on wheat bread. **\$14**

The Godfather – Sopressa salami, shaved ham, pepperoni, red onion, smoked provolone, tomato, shredded lettuce, banana peppers, onions with Italian dressing on baguette. **\$13**

The Muff – Turkey, Sopressa salami, ham, cream cheese olive spread, smoked provolone cheese and shredded lettuce on sub roll. **\$13**

The Porker – Shaved ham, Jarlsberg cheese, DJs pickles with homemade honey mustard on ciabatta. **\$12**

The Hudson – Turkey, Provolone cheese (Have it your way--cucumber, lettuce, onion, banana peppers, black olives, DJs pickles). **\$13**

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Carolina,” Cawthorn said. “I have every confidence in the world that regardless of where I run the 14th congressional district will send a patriotic fighter to DC. Knowing the political realities of the 13th district I am afraid that another establishment ‘go along to get along’ Republican would prevail there. I will not let that happen. I will be running for congress in the 13th Congressional District.”

According to Cawthorn’s video statement, his decision to run in District 13 was made primarily because his residence is close to the border between District 13 and 14.

Rep. Cawthorn lives in Henderson County and while the entirety of Henderson County remains in District 14, the county borders Rutherford County which is located in the newly drawn District 13.

Although candidates do not have to live in the Congressional District they run in for election, in February 2020 while seeking office in District 11 and facing half a dozen opponents from outside of WNC, Cawthorn said, “I grew up and live in the 11th district. This is my home. You shouldn’t be allowed to represent the district if

you don’t live in it. How do you know what’s best for the district if you don’t even live there?”

In Cawthorn’s video statement, he also claimed that half of the counties now in District 13 are counties he currently represents in District 11. Polk and McDowell counties and a slice of Rutherford County will move from District 11 to District 13 and accounts for around 100,000 residents. The remaining area of District 13 includes Burke, Cleveland, Gaston, and a slice of Mecklenburg County which will all be new territories for Cawthorn.

Corbin may enter race

With the news the Rep. Madison Cawthorn will not be seeking election in Western North Carolina, a familiar face has said that he is considering a run in District 14 — which comprises the majority of the current District 11.

“Soon after Rep. Cawthorn made it public that he wasn’t going to run for re-election in our district, my phone started ringing. I have told people that I am considering it. At this point, I will tell you I’m giving it a very, very serious look,” said Sen. Kevin Corbin (R-Franklin).

Sen. Corbin said the he is happy working in the North Carolina General Assembly and after one term serving in the Senate, a run for Congress may be in the near future.

“My first thought when people asked if I was considering running, was, ‘No, I’m very happy at the Senate,’” said Senator Corbin. “Right now in this capacity, I am in a place to do a lot of good for my district,’ and that’s important to me,” said Corbin. “But, I have had a lot of response from across the district asking for me to step up and a lot of people offering to help me in that endeavor, so it is a possibility.”

Sen. Corbin is currently serving his freshman term in the North Carolina Senate, but is no stranger to Raleigh. Sen. Corbin made the move to the Senate after serving two terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives serving NC District 120.

The filing period for Congress opens Dec. 6 and continues until December 17, with the primaries set for March 8. The election for Congress would be in November 2022.



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Optum is offering Pediatric Pfizer for 5-11 year-olds today, Thurs., Nov. 18 at the Highlands Rec Park. The Pfizer vaccine for adults and teens as well as the booster for those who have received the first two shots is also available. The hours of operation are 9a-5p.

The Optum clinic will be closed on Thanksgiving but will be extending its commitment to Highlands through December.

A FEMA crew will be offering a Covid-19 drive-through vaccine clinic at the Cashiers Rec Center on Friday, Nov. 19 and Friday, Dec. 10 from 10a-6p to provide the Covid-19 vaccine. They will offer all three vaccines – Moderna, J&J, and Pfizer for adults and teens as well as boosters and the Pfizer pediatric vaccine. No appointments are necessary.

Vaccines for 5-years and older are also available at the Macon County Health Dept.

A legal guardian of those under the age of 18 must be there for them to receive the vaccination. To schedule an appointment, call the Call Center at 828-524-1500 – there is no waitlist. The Macon County Vaccine Call Center is open Monday – Friday, from 8am to 5pm.

In addition, on Tuesday night, parents of Highlands School students got a call

from the administration letting them know about the free Pediatric Pfizer Clinic for children ages 5 to 11 set for Friday, Nov. 19 from 4-6 p.m. at the school.

The school emailed three documents regarding the vaccine – one is a permission form, one is the pre-vaccination screening form and the other is an informational piece. A link to the forms was included in the email sent to parents from the school.

The CVMS Data Request registration form needs to be completed and submitted online or dropped off at the school prior to the clinic on Friday to register the student.

Second is the Pre-vaccination screening form. It, too, needs to be completed and emailed or taken to the school at the time of the clinic. The doctors will need this form prior to vaccination.

Third, is the Covid Vaccine for Children Fact Sheet which doesn't need to be returned to the school.

Parents or guardians must be present and consent to their child receiving the vaccine. After the shot is given, there is a wait period of 15-30 minutes for observation. MC EMS and physicians will be on-site.

A second Pediatric Pfizer Clinic for children ages 5 to 11 is planned for Dec. 10 at Highlands School.

– Kim Lewicki

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16-year-old male student told officers that the hunting rifle and handgun were left in the vehicle after returning from a hunting trip over the weekend; items of hunting equipment found in the vehicle were consistent with this statement.

The Highlands Police Dept. seized the hunting rifle, handgun, and marijuana.

According to the Highlands Police Department School Resource Officer, there have been no threats or indicators of violent behavior from this student and no suspicions of violent intent.

Since the student is under the age of 18, the Department of Juvenile Justice was

contacted, and juvenile petitions have been submitted to the Juvenile Court System in this matter.

“The Highlands Police Department and Highlands School administration maintain an ongoing partnership to promote community safety,” said Highlands Police Chief Andrea Holland. “One aspect of this partnership involves bringing trained K9 teams to the Highlands School campus to perform open-air sniffs throughout the school grounds and around student vehicles parked on campus. These exercises are designed to enhance school safety and also serve to provide additional training to our K-9 teams.”

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Best of all, the generosity of all in attendance help us meet our event goal! This is a tremendous endorsement of the work Bonnie Potts, Executive Director, Anna Norton, Senior Program Manager and Jenni Edwards, Marketing Manager, do on a daily basis to raise literacy rates on the Plateau.

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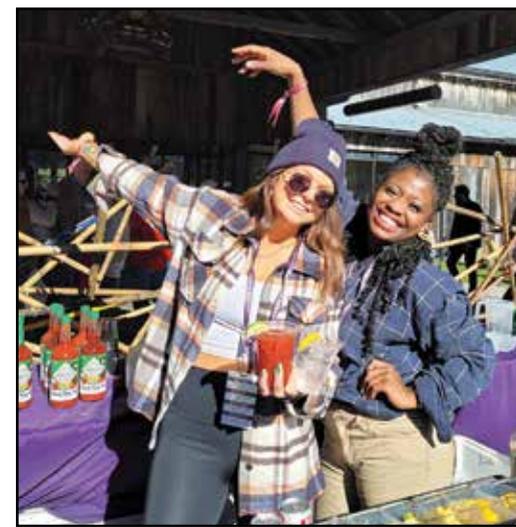
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Rec Pool Schedule:

• Call ahead to make sure the pool is open for Public Swim due to staff shortages. 828-526-1595.

Sun. - Wed.

• COVID Testing 9a to 5p. Sun. & Wed. in Highlands at the Community Building. Mon. & Tues. at the Village Green in Cashiers. To register go to <https://lhi.care/covidtesting>. For information, call 877-562-4850.

Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women

who want to return to school or further their education and have a financial need, meets at 10 a.m. If interested, please call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004 for meeting places.

Mon.-Fri.

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10:15-11 a.m.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a to 6p.

Mon. & Wed.

• Cardio Kickboxing with Crystal Corbin 5:30-6:30 p.m. A full body workout that engages every muscle in the body. With the many benefits of cardio, kickboxing is also a great stress and frustration reliever. We will be making contact with pads. If you have your own gloves and pads, please bring them. Kickboxing combines cardio and strength training to tone

muscles and burn fat.

Mon. & Thurs.

• Drive-thru flu clinics at the public health center located at 1830 Lakeside Drive in Franklin Mondays and Thursdays from 1-4 p.m. The cost for the regular dose is \$36 and the high dose (recommended for those 65+) cost is \$73. Insurances will be filed; please bring your insurance card with you. For additional information call 828.349.2081.

Mon., Wed., Thurs.

• Indoor and outdoor Pickle Ball 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30am-9:30 a.m. \$25 a month. The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9 a.m.

• 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 at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Mon. at 5:30 p.m. and on Wed. & Fri. at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107. For exact meeting times visit our website www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828) 349-4357.

Tues. & Thurs.

• New Zumba class from 4:30-5:15p.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30pm. This will be a combination class with many different type of exercise.

Tuesdays

Tuesdays

• Strength Training 8:15-9:15. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone. Learn proper form and range of motion to safely target all muscle groups for a metabolic boost and feel great.

2nd Tues. thru December

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health, held the second Tuesday of each month through December. This series is aimed particularly at older adults and will focus on mental health issues of particular interest to them. Reservations are required and masks will be required. Register online at vayahealth.com/calendar (click on the desired class to register) or call the library at 828-526-3031.

First Wednesdays

• Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is featuring Walk-in Wednesdays Hiring Event.

Interviewing for RNs, CNAs, Allied Health Professionals and Support Services Professionals. 1-3:30 p.m. 190 Hospital Drive front entrance. On the spot offers. Sign-on bonuses offered for select positions. Bring updated resume. Casual wear.

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15 a.m. An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout. Learn the proper form and technique to execute jabs, hooks, uppercuts, and front and side roundhouse kicks in a non-contact setting. No martial arts background necessary.

• Free Covid vaccination clinics – 9 a.m. to 5p.m. at the Rec Park. (Closed for a half-hour lunch break) Note: The clinic will be closed on Thanksgiving Day. Location subject to change, please check <https://myspot.nc.gov/> for the latest location information. Walk-ins are accepted however we encourage residents to pre-register and schedule an appointment at <https://myoptumserve.com/covid19>, or by calling (877) 505-6723 if you do not have internet.

• AL-ANON Meetings. The AL-ANON Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope in order to solve their common problems. An In-Person meeting is held each Thursday at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., Highlands. An AL-ANON Zoom Meeting is held each Saturday @ 10:15am. ID:889-3772-7928 Password: EasyDoesit or to speak with a member call 828-342-6866.

• Free ESL classes at the Presbyterian Church 5:30-6:30 p.m. There is no registration required; students can just show up and participate. Anyone who wishes to learn English is encouraged to participate. For any questions, visit www.maconcliteracy.org, call (828) 526 – 0863 or email info@maconcliteracy.org

Fri.-Sat. Nov. 7-28

• At the Highlands Playhouse, Foodie Film Series with a different episode of Rob Brydon and Steve Coogan eating their way across the globe in four brilliant films 3 and 6 p.m. Visit www.highlandsplyhouse.org for ticket information and detailed showtimes.

Nov. 27-Dec. 24

• Santa in the Park

Sat. Nov. 27

• Chamber event: Lighting of the Park 6-8 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 4

• Old Mountain Christmas Parade 10:30a-noon on Main Street.

National Theatre of London's 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' airs Sat., Nov. 20 at PAC



The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present the National Theatre of London's encore screening of *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time* on Saturday, Nov. 20 at 1pm. Christopher, 15-years-old, stands beside Mrs Shears' dead dog. It has been speared with a garden fork, it is seven minutes after midnight and Christopher is under suspicion. He records each fact in the book he is writing to solve the mystery of who murdered Wellington. He has an extraordinary brain, exceptional at math while ill-equipped to interpret everyday life. He has never ventured alone beyond the end of his road, he detests being touched and he distrusts strangers. But his detective work, forbidden by his father, takes him on a frightening journey that upturns his world. This production was a Multi-award winner – seven Olivier Awards and five Tony Award – including "Best Play." And was Critically acclaimed for its moving script and incredible technical aspect of the show. Directed by Marianne Elliot (director of *Angels in America* and *War Horse*.) Tickets are available online: www.HighlandsPerformingArts.com, 507 Chestnut Street Highlands NC 28741

• ROTARY NEWS •



Mark Chmar, pictured here with Rotary president Tom Graham, was the presenting speaker and spoke about the guidelines for Rotary presenters. Rotarians are given an opportunity about every eighteen months to either speak on a topic of their choice, or to invite a guest to speak.

Recently, Rotary President Tom Graham presented a check to Derek Taylor for the proceeds from Rotary sponsored 5- and 10-K races, which will be used in support of the AHEC program for Highlands School.



The October 26 Highlands Rotary meeting opened with the induction of new Rotary member, Robert Baxter. Baxter, who was proposed for membership by Rick Trevathan, has a background in banking and as an executive coach.

Bobby Grace discussed his lifelong love of golf, talked about golf and his famous putters used by many pro golfers. Taking up golf at a very young age, Bobby quickly became a champion junior golfer, winning many titles and even competing in the US Amateur and the British Amateur. Grace was introduced by Rotarian Tom Graham.



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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox drop-off sites are open

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox gifts prepared by donors and filled with toys, hygiene items, and school supplies may be dropped off now during National Collection Week, Nov. 15-22. The locations and hours for sites in Highlands and Cashiers are the following:

First Baptist Church of Highlands
(828) 508-7466 or (828) 508-2695
220 Main Street, Highlands, NC

Thu, Nov. 18: 1 - 5 PM
Fri, Nov. 19: 1 - 5 PM
Sat, Nov. 20: noon - 5PM
Sun, Nov. 21: 1 - 5 PM
Mon, Nov. 22: 10 AM - noon

Cashiers Baptist Church
213 US Highway 64 E
Cashiers, NC

Thu, Nov. 18: 1 - 4 PM
Fri, Nov. 19: 9 AM - noon
Sat, Nov. 20: 9 - 11AM
Sun, Nov. 21: 1 - 3 PM
Mon, Nov. 22: 10 AM - noon



From left: Linda Edwards, Community Care Clinic, Steve Mehder, HMF, Cindy Trevathan, REACH, Bonnie Potts, Literacy Center, Mark Chmar, HMF, and Knight Martorell, HMF.

Nonprofits are recipients of 'Motoring' proceeds

the check from Highlands Motoring Foundation to representatives of the three local human needs charities we support. Briefly, the total this year is \$81,000, double our best in the past. So \$27k per charity. Those charities are

The Literacy and Learning Center, REACH of Macon County, and the Community Care Clinic of Highlands and Cashiers. In the photo are, from left to right, Linda Edwards, Community Care Clinic, Steve Mehder, HMF, Cindy Treva-

than, REACH, Bonnie Potts, Literacy Center, Mark Chmar, HMF, and Knight Martorell, HMF.

HMF has distributed a total of more than \$300,000 over the years to local charities.

WNC AgOptions grantees receive \$219,000 for farm projects

Farmers in western North Carolina are receiving support to expand, diversify and modify operations in the midst of a pandemic. WNC Agricultural Options awarded 38 farm businesses a total of \$219,000 in \$3,000 and \$6,000 grants. Funded projects reflect the resiliency of WNC farmers as they adapt operations and respond to the dynamics of a world changed by COVID-19.

Three of the farm business received \$3,000 and 35 received \$6,000. N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission has been WNC AgOptions' sole funder since the program's first grant cycle in 2004.

"The WNC AgOptions program has proven success stories," said Bill Teague, Chairman of the N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission. "We continue to be amazed at how these producers utilize these funds to ensure their

family farms grow and remain profitable, even in the face of a global pandemic."

Since 1997, Daniel and Lori have operated The Flower Company Farmer and Florist in Otto, NC. As a full-service florist, the Cabes specialize in local grown specialty cut flowers including dahlias and uncommonly found cut flower varieties such as zinnia, cosmos, larkspur, lily, yarrow, sedum, hydrangea and others. They service weddings, events, restaurants, country clubs and churches, while taking daily orders online from their website, including delivery services. A 2020 grant allowed the farm to expand to meet the extremely high demand of dahlias and specialty cut flowers in all their markets. A 2021 grant helped them even more as they were able to purchase a walk-in flower cooler for their retail display. Specially designed to keep

flowers at the ideal temperature and humidity to maintain peak freshness for an extended time after harvesting, the cooler provides much-needed efficient storage that will enable the farm to increase production, decrease loss and cut power expenses in half. With these grants, they anticipate becoming the largest and most successful flower farm and florist in western North Carolina.

"N.C. Cooperative Extension is excited to be a part of a program that is making such impressive impacts in the agricultural community," said Ross Young, Madison County Extension Director and WNC AgOptions steering committee leader. "Agriculture is a thriving and ever-changing economic engine in western North Carolina with new enterprises and creative ideas

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emerging daily. WNC AgOptions plays a crucial role in helping many of these farmers fulfill a dream that may not be attainable otherwise."

Members of the WNC AgOptions steering committee include: representatives from N.C. Cooperative Extension, N.C. Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services' Marketing Division, WNC Communities, Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project and other leaders in agribusiness. For more information, see the following: WNC Agricultural Options: www.wncagoptions.org; N.C. Cooperative Extension Centers: www.ces.ncsu.edu; N.C. Tobacco Trust Fund Commission: www.tobaccotrustfund.org; WNC Communities: www.wnccommunities.org.

MC Community Foundation awards more than \$13,000 in local grants

The board of advisors of the Macon County Community Foundation recently announced \$13,990 in local grant awards from the community grantmaking fund.

The board granted:

- \$2,500 to Macon Program for Progress for Project Love of WNC
- \$2,010 to Vecinos, Inc. Farmworker Health Program for the Uninsured Patient Diagnostic Labs
- \$1,500 to Macon Program for Progress, Inc. for Community Car Seats
- \$1,500 to Macon County Humane Society, Inc./DBA Appalachian Animal Rescue Center for shelter renovation
- \$1,000 to Macon County Care Network for general operations
- \$1,000 to Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc. for the Literacy Council's Community Education Programs
- \$1,000 to Pisgah Legal Services for the Plateau Poverty Law Initiative
- \$750 to Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Cashiers and Highlands Advisory Council for the Big Little Match Growth Initiative
- \$600 to Veteran Smiles Foundation for VET SMILES program
- \$600 to Highlands Community Theatre Inc. dba Highlands Playhouse for Live Theatre Production Equipment Upgrades
- \$500 to HIGHTS for Healthy Foods for Inside Out Program

- \$500 to Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for Kinds in Nature 2022

- \$500 to Meridian Behavioral Health Services for Macon County Consumer Support

For further information, contact Colby Martin, NCCF community leadership officer, at cmartin@ncccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at ncccommunityfoundation.org.

BOE agrees to keep masks optional

During Monday's Board of Education meeting, the Macon County Board of Education unanimously approved to continue with optional face coverings for students and staff.

As required, the Board of Education will revisit the face covering policy each month.

Face coverings remain a federal mandate while on all public transportation, including school buses.



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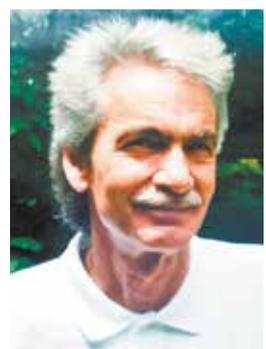
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Pastor Dan Robinson
Highlands Central Baptist Church

I am working on another book. The working title is listed above. The format is rather simple. It consists of some 25 (or so) "Letters" written to those who have been a vital part of my life and who are now in heaven.

The chapters will be rather brief vignettes addressed to these people. I anticipate some four to six pages per chapter. In these pages I will say what I wish I would have said to these people while they were still living. Hence the title: "I Wish I Could Tell You."

I hope that you will pray for the Lord's blessing and favor on this project, and that it will be an encouragement to many people.

In fact, That's what I want to do now. I want to encourage you to be very deliberate and specific in telling others what they mean to you. You don't need to be elaborate or wordy. The heart does have its own communication and language.

For example: You might sit down and draw up a tentative list. It may include family members, business associates, teachers, students, mentors, spiritual leaders and more. In today's world we have unlimited means of communication. Use these and make the contact.

I think that you will be surprised how others are surprised and deeply blessed when they hear from you. Most of us don't do what we do in order to be recognized or even thanked. We do what we do out of love, commitment and honor. Many will be elated when they hear from you and even humbled.

This practice certainly characterized the Apostle Paul in most of his letters. The final chapters of Romans and Colossians are especially noteworthy. Paul understood so very clearly that his "success" was due inculcably to countless others. Some are named, many (probably most) are not.

As you think about what you want to say to these special people in your life, consider this question: "What would I be (or what may I have become) without them?" No man is an island. We all stand on someone else's shoulders. Don't you agree that we ought to tell them?

This is the Thanksgiving season. Indeed, God has blessed America. We have more than any other nation in history. Therefore, we ought to begin our "Thank-Yous" with Holy God Himself. No one knows you better. No one loves you more. Jesus Christ gave His very life on your behalf on the Cross. And frankly, if we started right now giving thanks to Him we still wouldn't be through doing so even in ten million years.

"I thank my God every time I remember You" (Philippians 1:3). So, Paul said to the Church in Philippi. It's a good practice and one which I hope will increasingly characterize all of us.

A blessed Thanksgiving to you and yours!

Proverbs 3:5

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Oct. 31. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Oct. 31

• At 9:47 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east.

Nov. 2

• At noon, officers were called about someone swindling another of \$2,000 at a residence on Split Rail Row.

• At 4:40 a.m., Austin Posey, 26, of Franklin was arrested for assault on a female and resisting arrest at a residence on Wingina Place. He wasn't issued a bond. His trial date is Dec. 9

• At 4 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Church Street.

Nov. 9

• At 5:23 p.m. Nathan James Smith, 32, of Franklin, was arrested for possession of a handgun, and three warrants for offenses committed in another jurisdiction. He wasn't issued a bond. His trial date is Dec. 9.

Nov. 10

• At 10:50 a.m., Tammy Baty St. Germain, 58, of Highlands, was arrested for possession of meth and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was issued an \$800 unsecured bond. Her trial date is Nov. 18.

Nov. 13

• At 9:02 p.m., officers responded to a call for service about a man threatening suicide at the public restrooms on Pine Street.

• At 3:37 p.m., officers were called about a

shoplifting incident at Potpourri where clothing was taken.

Nov. 14

• At 1:50 a.m., Maggie Rogers, 33, of Highlands, was arrested for DUI when she failed to maintain lane control on NC 106. She was issued a \$1,500 unsecured bond. Her trial date is Jan. 5, 2022.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Nov. 8.

Nov. 8

• At 3:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Country Club Drive.

Nov. 9

• At 12:47 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a brush fire on Main Street.

Nov. 10

• At 1:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Crescent Trail.

• At 6:46 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Clear Creek Road.

Nov. 11

• At 11:02 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Worley Road.

Nov. 13

• At 11:35 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

Nov. 15

• At 8:38 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on View Point Road.

• At noon, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.



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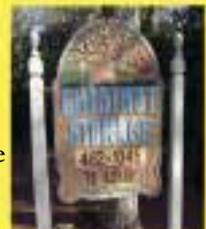
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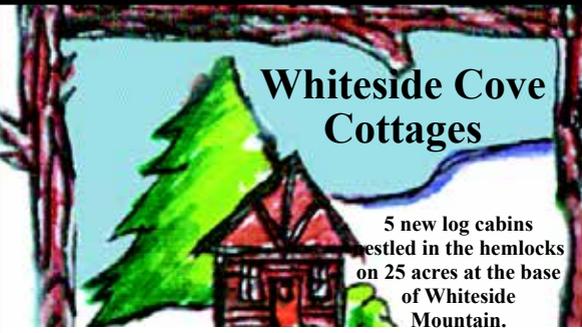


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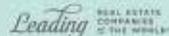


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