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November's Town Board wrap-up

Street lights and string lighting the big items

The November Town Board meeting began with the Worksession at 6 p.m and segued to the Town Board meeting at 7 p.m.

During the Public Comment session of the Town Board meeting, Ann Wilson, who lives on the Dillard Road, spoke against the construction of the NC 106 sidewalk along the north side of

the road.

She said she hadn't been able to speak against it beforehand, but she wanted the board to know that she doesn't want it as planned.

"I don't want a sidewalk in front of my house," she said. "There isn't enough foot traffic to warrant a sidewalk; it will just be used by OEI employees. In ad-

dition, my house sits below the road which means water hitting the sidewalk will come into my yard instead of being absorbed. I also have an old crab apple tree I don't want cut down."

At the October Town Board meeting the board voted unanimously to pursue constructing the

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HS Swim Team beats Pisgah and Tuscola

By Steve Hott
Head Coach

On Wednesday, Nov. 29, the 1A Highlands Boys and Girls Varsity Swim Teams traveled to Waynesville to swim against 3A Pisgah, 3A Tuscola and the Trailblazers.

The Boys not only won, they more than doubled the score of all of the other teams, including the much larger 3A schools. Highlands 137, Asheville Trailblazers 65, Tuscola 52, Pisgah 41.

The one-person Highlands Girls Team of Tate Wilson finished 3rd, ahead of Pisgah by winning the 50 and 500 Freestyle (Free).

The Highlanders had three of the top scorers in the quad

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HS Homecoming King & Queen for the night!



Highlands School's annual Homecoming Dance was held Saturday, Dec. 2 at First Presbyterian Fellowship Hall. The King was Cooper Hall and the Queen was Brooke Fogarty. See more photos on page 11.

Photos by the Sunset Staff

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Commissioners Shearl, Higdon and Antoine want to change election method

By Brittney Lofthouse

The MC Board of Commissioners approved a resolution asking state officials to reconsider how commissioners are elected during their November meeting. The measure passed in a 3-2 vote, with commissioners divided on the best steps moving forward.

The resolution, introduced by Commissioner John Shearl, calls for state officials to consider a local bill that would only apply to Macon County. Though during discussion between board members Shearl said the resolution was only to ask state leaders to consider a change – though specifics weren't recommended -- the actual resolution that was approved and forwarded to Senator Kevin Corbin and Rep. Karl Gillespie called for a revision of the county commissioner election system to accommodate two at-large members. Chairman Paul Higdon, who has expressed a years-long interest in this matter, noted previous rejections of the

idea by past boards.

"This has been something I've talked about for a number of years. I've brought it up before previous boards and it was shot down," said Chairman Paul Higdon.

Election for County Commissioners in North Carolina are in November of each even-numbered year and commissioners are elected to either 2-year or 4-year terms.

County elections are held in conjunction with state and federal elections. To be eligible to serve as a county commissioner, you must reside in the county you wish to serve, be a registered voter and be at least 21 years of age.

By law, each county in North Carolina has a board of commissioners. These boards vary in size, term of office, method of election, method of selecting the chairperson, and administrative structure. Beyond those require-

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

State bills lingering in the legislature

At the end of November, the North Carolina General Assembly adjourned its long session. There were over 1,500 bills introduced. Our staff and I tried to track bills that could impact Highlands, especially bills dealing with short-term rentals (STRs), land use, housing, zoning, and utility management. We were not alone; the staff of the North Carolina League of Municipalities did the same. The league staff just published a 32-page report on the status of legislation in this past session that could impact towns and cities.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

In the upcoming weeks, I will give updates on the status of bills in the league's report. I have read the report and took copious notes concerning various bills.

Let's start with the two bills addressing short-term rentals that were introduced. Both bills were not passed but will most likely be revisited in the short legislative session in the spring of 2024.

Senate Bill 290-Short-Term Rentals would have allowed municipalities to enforce occupancy limits. It would have also required landlords to accurately represent the number of bedrooms in a given rental. Senate Bill

677-Regulation of Short-Term Rentals would have declared that towns and cities could not regulate short-term rentals. The bill would have affirmed the position that STRs are for residential use. It also states that towns could permit STRs to limit the number of occupants and vehicles. There was also a requirement for the owner or their agent to live within 50 miles of the STR.

The Town of Highlands will be monitoring possible STR legislation in the coming year.

Any changes in our STR ordinances will comply with impending state requirements. One major question is whether current STR ordinances that municipalities have passed would be grandfathered with new state preemption legislation.

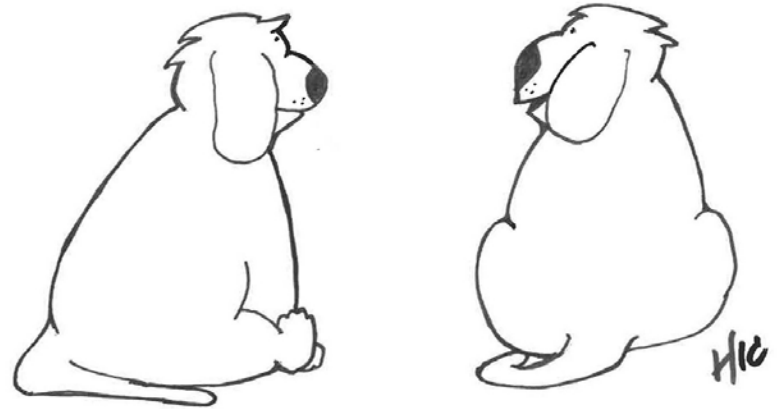
Another bill of interest was HB 409/SB 374 Regulation of Accessory Dwelling Units. It passed the House but not the Senate. This proposed law would allow accessory dwelling units in all residential zones. The concept behind the bill was to alleviate shortages in workforce housing. The bill could override many existing zoning requirements established by towns, such as setbacks and some building codes. The North Carolina League of Municipalities and mayors like me expressed concerns that without a prohibition against the dwelling units being used as STRs, the intent of providing more workforce housing would be compromised.

Another interesting bill was SB 635-Orphan Roads. Over decades, developers installed nonconforming roads in many developments. These roads are neither state nor town roads. We have several of these private "orphan roads" in Highlands that are in decline and disrepair. Unless homeowner associations do not maintain these roads, no one does. SB 635 stated that if these roads were brought up to state standards by property owners and the contractor doing the work posted a 20% performance bond, the state would take over the roads upon completion of the upgrade. Highlands has a similar policy. The bill failed to pass the State Legislature.

What is amazing to me is how many bills are proposed in a legislative session and how few are actually passed and become law. It is a burdensome process, but such rigor in creating new laws is, in many cases, beneficial.

Next week, workforce housing legislation.

• HIC'S VIEW •



"You ever ponder what they do with those little bags of poop? The whole thing is a bit creepy."

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Those negative ads!

It's probably no secret that Realtors sometimes embellish things a bit, both with words and sometimes with photos using those wide-angle photos that make rooms appear larger than reality. That's because we want to create the best possible impression of the properties we market. And we happen to be enterprising people, prone to a little exaggeration, which we don't always see as exaggeration, but after all, we are in sales!

So, we write these glorious ads, expounding on the positive attributes of homes. I've always thought it would be fun to do an opposite kind of ad and extol the negative aspects of homes. As a joke, of course!

The following is intended as entertainment only. None of the following descriptions have anything to do with reality, but at the moment I've run out of serious ideas and would like to give you and myself a reason to laugh.

Original Ad: Far from the madding crowd is this picturesque cottage with 3 bedrooms and baths, living room with cathedral ceiling, stone fireplace, and shiplap walls. All on one level, it features a renovated kitchen, formal dining room, and separate primary bedroom and guest rooms. Outside is a cozy firepit to enjoy the night sky.

Redone Ad: Say goodbye to civilization and maybe to all of mankind as you traverse narrow, winding gravel roads for miles on end to find this place. Don't expect your family to visit you here, though if they did and they were old, they might need to bring an oxygen tank for the stairs going up to this home. If they survived, they would enjoy being all on one level and they could sleep far away from you. Be sure to bring a flashlight to find the fire pit. It is down the hill a bit and you might want to light it while there's still daylight. Still, what a great place!

Original Ad: This lake lot is the perfect place to build your dream home. The topography is perfect to take advantage of a mountain view from the top and lake access from the bottom. Though in a neighborhood of other homes, the lot is large enough to feel private. Wildlife abounds on this gently sloping lot which is a must-see for the money.



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Redone Ad: Calling all mountain goats! And experienced builders of homes on exceedingly steep lots! The key to this lot is the builder who has success with homes not falling off the mountain. Once in your dream home you will enjoy the lake view but probably not travel down to the water unless you want to break a leg or confront the black bear and family who live at the bottom. Just think how pretty they'll look in the pictures, though, and you can impress all your friends with the "wild life" you are living.

Original Ad: If you like living in a community of like-minded people, this carefree condo is perfect for you. Leave the upkeep to the Association for a small fee and spend your time enjoying your vacation home instead of doing all the work of maintaining it. Two bedrooms and two baths with galley kitchen, living room with fireplace, and large deck looking into the woods complete the picture. Some stairs required.

Redone Ad: If you are a single person who's afraid to be alone, look no further. You'll never feel lonely in this carefree condo. The people downstairs have a dog that whines from morning 'til night. The upstairs couple have a great stereo system for the disco dancing contests they often participate in. You can feel the love coming from all directions! And if you feel overwhelmed by all the attention, don't worry—it's only for 6 months a year. The whole complex was not built for wintertime use and closes in the winter. You can take all your possessions and find a new place to live!

Original Ad: Have a place in the mountains for a small slice of what an entire home would cost. Fractional ownership offers you both prime time and off-season time to visit the place you love. This is an ideal situation for those still working and having limited time to spend on vacation. This 3 bedroom home will hold your entire family. Think of all the special memories you can make together and not worry about it when it's not your time to visit.

Redone Ad: Do you have an affinity for blind dates? Like sitting with people you don't know for dinner? If you have an adventurous spirit, you'll love sharing a



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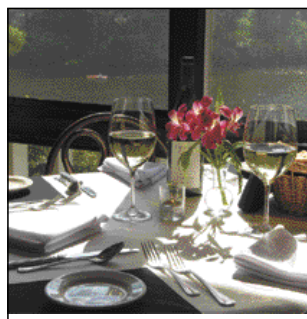
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• OBITUARIES •

Mary Peareson Greig

Mary Louise Peareson Grover Greig, peacefully and gracefully departed this life on November 9, 2023.

Mary was born in Houston, TX on August 16, 1926 to Hallie Kelley Peareson and Philip Edward Peareson. She grew up in Richmond, TX, a small town near Houston where generations of her family had lived.

After graduating from Richmond High School, she attended Hockaday Junior College in Dallas and the University of Texas in Austin where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. She graduated in 1946 and in July of that year she married Robert Spencer Grover of Los Angeles, CA and they moved to Los Angeles to begin their life together.

After Bob died in 1963 Mary married Ben Wayne Greig, from Austin, TX whom she had dated while at the University of Texas. While living in Fort Lauderdale, they bought a home in Highlands, NC where they spent half of each year after Ben retired and they moved to Houston.

Mary continued living in Houston and Highlands after Ben died in 2005.

To know Mary Greig was to love her. She was a wonderful wife, mother, a grateful friend, a loving supportive grandmother and a completely delighted great-grandmother. She was a lifelong Episcopalian, and her deep faith guided her life especially as she experienced the grief in losing her 2 husbands and her daughter.

Mary was preceded in death by her beloved husbands, Robert Grover and Ben Greig, beloved daughter, Christine Estes, cherished parents, Hallie and Phillip Peareson, much loved sister Kelley Moore, and Kelley's two sons Hilmar Moore Jr and Philip Moore.

She is survived by her daughter Carol Taaffe (Peter), son-in-law, Robbie Estes and Ben's children, Brian Greig (Jane), Betsy Greig, Bruce Greig (Lisa), and Ginna Hall. She is survived by many grand- and great grandchildren.

Mary's family would like to thank all the people who made Mary's life so comfortable and happy. In Highlands her "wonderful helpers" as she liked to call them include her kind and loving team of caregivers, Lou Rogers, Christina Joiner, Tina Kehoe, Kim Ledford, Kimberley Ferrell, Cheryl Huskins and Genise Humphrey, her doctor Dr. Patti Wheeler, Tina Rogers, Mary Rounds, Cedar Chan, Cindy Oliver and her team at the Four Seasons Hospice.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that contributions in Mary's memory be directed to The Highlands Emergency Council, The Highlands Community Child Development Center or the Hudson Library Highlands.

A memorial service for Mary will be held on Thursday, December 7 at 11 A.M. at the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands, NC with a reception following in Jones Hall at the church.



Morris Godwin Caye

Mr. Morris Godwin Caye, of Marietta, Ga passed away Monday, November 27, 2023. Morris was born in Augusta, Ga. December 28, 1957, to the late Charles G. Caye, Sr. and Dorothy Godwin Caye. He worked and retired as vice president from W.C. Caye & Company. Morris was a loving father, son, brother, and uncle. He was an avid football fan, golfer, loved going to the Casino, and playing billiards. Morris loved Highlands and he never met a stranger.

Survivors include his life partner, Beth Gutzweiler; two daughters, Lindsay Caye Gilliland, Adrienne Caye Chamberlin (Tray); three grandchildren; a sister, Melinda Caye Bernt; and a brother, Charles Giddings Caye, Jr.

A private funeral service was held Friday, December 1, 2023, in Highlands for family and friends.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Highlands Food Pantry, 348 South 5th St. Highlands, NC 28741.

Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrant-funeralhome.com Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Caye family.



Greta DeCourcy

When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.

Greta DeCourcy passed peacefully on November 29, 2023. Before relocating to Sarasota, she was a Highlands resident for over thirty years. She enjoyed mountain hikes and gardening. Her yard was a potpourri of rare blooms and an exquisite dahlia collection. Greta always had a suitcase packed and was ready for another adventure. She enjoyed preparing food as a way of cultivating relationships with friends and family.

She will be missed dearly by her family and friends.

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Saturday, December 2

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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

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"This recognition really belongs to my clients, friends, and colleagues who make selling real estate in this area a passion and delight. I cannot express enough gratitude for your support and friendship," said Jody Lovell, Broker-Owner of the firm.

'Wreaths Across America Day' is Sat. Dec. 16

Wreaths across America Day is on Saturday, Dec. 16 beginning at noon from the Rec Park from where volunteers will be shuttled to and from before and after placing wreaths.

Wreaths can be sponsored for \$17 and order forms can be printed from the Facebook page at <https://bit.ly/donate-highlandswaa2023>. Forms are also available at Highlands United Methodist Church, Highlands Rec Park or Highlands Decorating Center. You can also sponsor online

at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/.../167634/Overview/...>

This is Highlands' 7th year honoring veterans on national Wreaths across America Day. The 2023 theme is "Serve and Succeed." The goal is to have 575 wreaths to be placed at cemeteries in Highlands, Scaly Methodist, Scaly Mountain, Baptist, Horse Cove, Macedonia (Satolah), Clear Creek, Buck Creek, Mt. Moriah (Goldmine) and Miller. Wreaths will also be available for some family cemeteries in the area.

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...INVESTING from page 4

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• *Betty Holt is a Highlands native with over 40 years' experience in the Highlands market. She deals with both Buyers and Sellers, and occasionally resorts to tomfoolery in her writing of more serious subjects. She can be reached at 828-526-4218 or Betty@bhbsmmr.com.*

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sidewalk from the post office to Cobb Road on the north side of NC 106 after Shelby Place nixed plans to have it on the south side. Funding will be pursued through grants and construction plans are in the works.

In addition, the Chamber of Commerce's year-long lease was massaged for finalization, Mountain Top Rotary got permission to have its two 2024 shows in KH-Founders Park on Fridays and Saturdays instead of Saturdays and Sundays.

Over the last couple of

months streetlights have caused problems in neighborhoods - some people want them and others don't - while putting the town in the middle. This instigated the town adopting a "Town Street Light Policy."

So as of the November Town Board meeting, town-owned and maintained streetlights will be considered primarily in areas that have sidewalks or other pedestrian paths on public streets; though it's happened in the past, the town will no longer place streetlights on private streets; exist-

ing town-owned and maintained streetlights on private streets may remain at the discretion of the Town Board or the Town Manager. Complaints from adjoining or adjacent neighbors to the light will determine whether the light stays; streetlight placement on private streets will be the responsibility of the developer in future subdivisions; existing properties may place street lighting on their property at their expense and maintenance; all private lighting must comply with the Town of Highlands Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Sec. 6.3.3; exterior residential security and

area lighting must be on private property and; approval of all adjacent property owners and/or homeowners associations, if applicable, must be obtained prior to submitting an application for installation of a town streetlight.

A public hearing to change verbiage in the UDO regarding Exterior Commercial Lighting will be held at the Dec. 14 Town Board meeting.

The purpose of the Exterior Commercial Lighting section of the UDO is to provide direction

in controlling exterior lighting to enhance the areas being lit and not adversely affect motorists, pedestrians, and adjacent properties.

The changes to the ordinance primarily deal with "string lighting" and the fact that they can only be used as accent lights for dining areas and private property walkways; only allowed over one dining structure like a deck, pavilion, or porch, per commercial parcel and they may not be

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• LETTER •

People make Highlands special

Dear Editor,

Why do I love Highlands? Let me count the ways. Having lived here for 35 years I could count 35 ways, but the latest was when my husband was involved in a single-car accident.

After calling 9-1-1, Officer Mike Jolly was there within minutes directing traffic. Before I could get there another good citizen, Bob Sutton, stopped to help and direct traffic from the other direction. And a neighbor of ours, Tracy Foor, also stopped to help and calm my husband down.

My husband was so distraught that Officer Jolly sent him home with me and stayed until the tow truck arrived. He then came to our house to let us know where the truck had been towed. Only in Highlands ...

Thank you Officer Mike Jolly, Bob Sutton and Tracy Foor.

Marsha Shmallo, Highlands

'Community Coat Drive' is underway all over town

There are 12 locations to drop off coats, gloves and warm winter wear: 1st Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church, 1st Baptist Church, Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, First Bank, the Highlands Civic Center, the Performing Arts Center, Don Leon's restaurant, Community Bible Church, and Dauntless Printers.

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PLANET
by Lauren G

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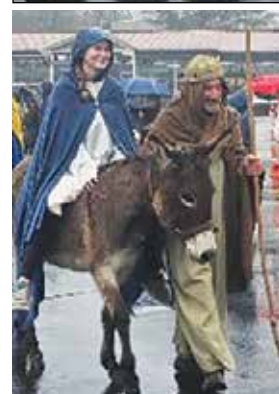
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Highlands Christmas Parade Dec. 2 '23

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Paolo McRae, Tate Wilson, Jack Sumner, Aniah McKim, Chase Kenter, Conner Hughes, Jesus Mendoza and Finneaus Garner.

meet. In addition to Wilson, Finneaus Garner won the 50 and 100 free, and Chase Kenter won the 500 free and the 100 backstroke (back). All three scored 18 pts. Garner qualified for WNC Regionals in February in both of his events, and Kenter in the 500. Wilson qualified for consideration for Regionals in her two events and Kenter in the 100 back.

The boys won eight of the 10 events that they entered.

Kenter, Aniah McKim, Jack Sumner, and Garner won the 200 Medley Relay and qualified for Regionals. Sumner won and qualified for Regionals in the 200 IM (Indi-

vidual Medley) and consideration in the 100 Breaststroke (Breast). McKim swam consideration times in the 100 Breast and the 100 Butterfly (Fly).

The relay team of Paolo McRae, Sumner, Conner Hughes, and Aniah McKim won the 200 Free Relay. Hughes also won the 100 Fly qualifying for Regionals and swam a consideration time in the 50 free. McRae swam Regional Consideration times in the 200 IM and the 100 Free.

In the 400 Free Relay the team of McRae, Hughes, Kenter and Garner won and swam a Regional Consideration time.

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located on or over publicly owned property.

The lights must be commercial grade and hard wired; only on during a businesses operating hours; no more than 2-inches in diameter; with no more than two lines of LED string lights which must be a minimum of six feet apart and no higher than 15 feet and no lower than eight feet above the floor; only white or clear lights are allowed

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NOTE:

As of Monday, Dec. 4, Mayor Pat Taylor terminated both the burning ban and mandatory water reduction declaration.

- Kim Lewicki

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Sunday, December 17, 5 pm

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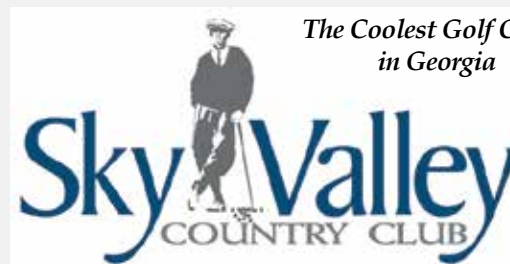
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Through March 3

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Through Dec. 31

The Artistic Work of John Robert Mack at the Macon County Library in Franklin on Siler Road..

Dec. 9, 16

• Santa in the Park at K-H Founders Park.

Thurs., Dec. 7

• Lighting of the Menorah in K-H Founders Park at 5:30 p.

• Rotary Bingo at the Community Building at 6:30-8:30 p.m. to benefit Shop-with-a-Cop.

Dec. 8-24

• "Home of the Holidays" at Mountain Theatre Company now in residence at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street. Tickets go to www.mountaintheatre.com

Tue, Dec. 12

• Rabun Gap Local Artisan Christmas Market in the Bivins-Jones Family Art Gallery on campus, featuring unique Christmas gifts curated from local artists and makers in Rabun and Macon counties 9:30 AM-noon and 6-8 PM. The Bivins-Jones Family Gallery is located on the second floor of the Arts & Technology Building at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. For questions about the event, email Artistic Director Joshua Miller at jmiller@rabungap.org.

Fri. Dec. 15

• At The Learning & Literacy Center, a Gingerbread Decorating Extravaganza! For toddlers, preschoolers and their caregivers at 11 a.m. It's Free and no registration is required. 675 S. 4th Street.

Sat. Dec. 16

• Wreaths across America Day is Saturday The ceremony will be at 12 noon at Highlands Rec. Park, 600 North 4th Street. Volunteers are needed to place wreaths. Volunteers will be shuttled to and from Highlands Cemetery afterwards.

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ADVENT III

Sunday, December 17 at 10:30am
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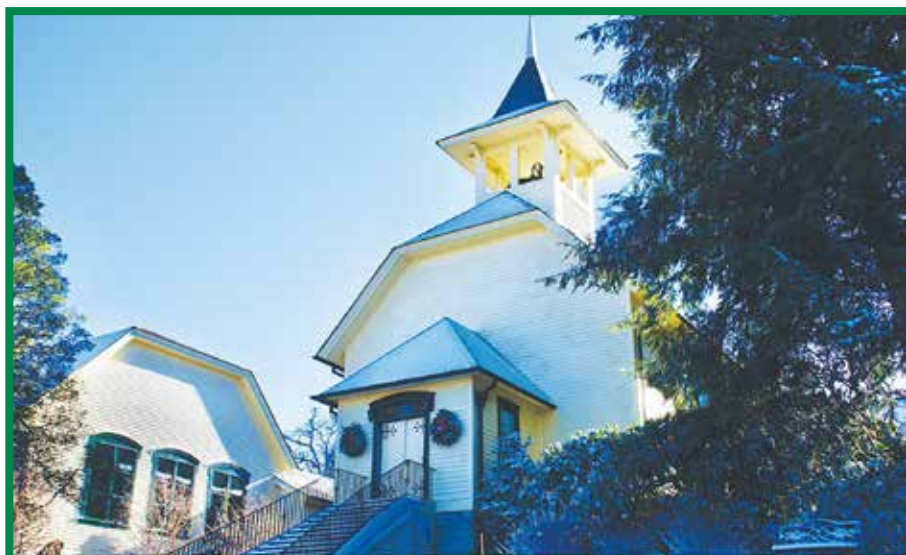
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Sunday, December 24	11:00am	Sunday Celebration: We Hope
	4:30pm	Harp Prelude by Jillionna Plemmons
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• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



God with us, our only hope

Pastor Mark Ford
First Baptist Church
Highlands

During Advent we wait. Just as Israel longed for Messiah in His first coming, we yearn for His second coming. During Christmas we rejoice that His Light has come into the world and remains with His people. On the first Sunday of Advent, celebrated this past Sunday, we celebrate that God broke in on creation to redeem us through His incarnational birth, life, and death on the cross. It was Augustine who noted that His first coming was in relative obscurity while in the second it will be witnessed by the whole world. He came into obscurity to be judged for our sins, but the next time to be the judge.

We live in a world that marginalizes God more and more. Even in the Church, His body, He appears absent from our lives as we operate out of a prosperity driven self-confidence, technologically inebriated, and a narcissistic invincibility. God is kept quietly on the margins of our lives. Yet we celebrate Christmas, singing to Immanuel, God with us. But Advent is a time to reflect and revive the need for God to "break in on us" once again and give us HOPE!

Isaiah mourned his day of neglect of God, and it resonates with our own (Isaiah 1:4, 11-18). The people were in deplorable circumstances given that their lives, homes, nation, families, wealth, and governmental stability were all threatened by impending political disasters – in successive waves the Assyrians, Babylonians, and Persians were headed their way to destroy them. Adding to their woes was that their worship of God had been greatly abandoned and worship – when it occurred – was a redundant, mediocre practice of ritual. Liturgy without life. Wells without water. But as the prophet will preach, their hope was in a returning to God and seeking His renewed presence and power among them.

But for that to happen, we like Isaiah will need to repent (Isaiah 6:1-8). Again, Advent begins with the Hope of God once again breaking in on us and restoring His people. It might be hard to believe, but Christmas Hope begins with contrition and repentance. Immanuel, "God with us," starts with heart preparations if we want to witness His throne and presence, and there receive grace, forgiveness, and restoration. This is, after all, the real message of Christmas.

But one more thought. Isaiah then experienced hope for a better day. A day of ultimate deliverance (Isaiah 7:14; 9:6-7; 60:1-3; 65:17-18). The promise of the coming of God into our darkness and despair came with a job description. First, He will take over the governance of the world. Second, He will rule as a wonderful counselor, giving wise guidance to the world. And third, He will rule as the mighty God that He is, as father and regent of peace. And there will be no end. For all the bluster and anger over the political scene today, let us turn to the God who is with us in Christ, for that is our only real hope. Celebrate Christmas, but during the Advent season, repent of those sins that He came to die for the first time, and rejoice in the HOPE we have in a new day coming in His second coming!

Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Nov. 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Nov. 27

• At 8 a.m., officers responded to a call of destruction to property valued at \$800 at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

• At 4:15 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east at Sherwood Forest Road.

Nov. 29

• At 9:25 p.m., officers responded to a medical call for help at a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

Dec. 3

• At 2:59 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 west and

Rock Hill Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Nov. 28.

Nov. 28

• At 9:24 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on N. 4th Street.

• At 10:42 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a tree down on the Walhalla Road.

Nov. 29

• At 9 a.m., the dept. was called about open burning at a location on Mt. Lori Drive.

• At 12:34 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Lane.

• At 5:02 p.m. the dept. responded to a call of a possible gas leak at a location on N. 4th Street.

• At 7:43 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Horse Cove Road.

• At 9:26 p.m., the dept.

was first-responders to a residence on Cullasaja Drive.

Nov. 30

• At 3:37 p.m., the dept. investigated the cause of smoke at a residence on N. Cobb Drive.

Dec. 1

• At 5:56 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on the Cashiers Road.

• At 6:12 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on the Walhalla Road.

Dec. 2

• At 4:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Ridge Lake Circle.

• At 11:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on the Walhalla Road.

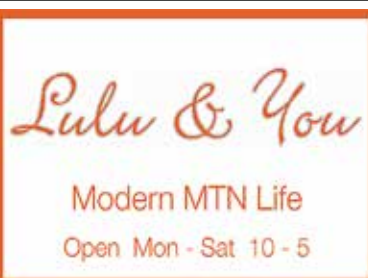
Dec. 3

• At 11:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 5th Street.

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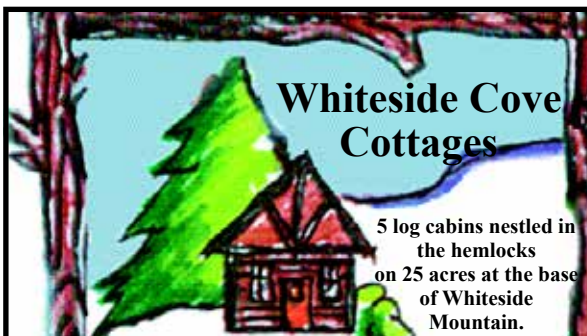
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ments, how many and by what method commissioners are elected is largely left up to individual counties. There are no other formal requirements, and there are no limitations on how many terms a commissioner can serve.

The typical county board in North Carolina consists of 5 or 7 commissioners, although some counties have as many as 9. Boards generally meet at least two times per month at the county courthouse or administrative building. Different counties have different methods for electing their county commissioners. Some commissioners are elected at-large, some are elected at-large with residence requirements, while some are nominated and elected by district.

Since 1978, the five-member board in Macon County has been elected from three districts. District one comprises Ellijay, Flats, Highlands, and Sugarfork, with one member elected.

District three includes Burningtown, Cartoogechaye, Cowee, and Nantahala, also electing one member.

District two encompasses Iotla, Millshoal, North Franklin, East Franklin, South Franklin, Union, and Smithbridge, electing three members with staggered terms.

This structure allows potential candidates from District two to file for election every two years, while candidates from single-member Districts one and three can only file every four years.

For example, if John Smith runs for the county board of commissioner in District two and loses, he can run again in another two years, however if Jane Doe runs for the county board of commissioners in District three or District one and loses, she cannot run again for four years.

"In order to provide equal opportunity to all eligible citizens of Macon County to run for commissioner every two years, the Macon County Board of Commissioners believes that the best method would be for the election of one member from each of the three districts, with two at-large members with staggered terms,"

the resolution reads.

North Carolina allows the composition of the board to be changed by one of two ways. The method Shearl proposed was to petition state representatives to change the board via a local bill through the North Carolina General Assembly.

The other option would be for the board to pass a resolution to call a special referendum on the question of adoption of the alterations. The referendum would be held and conducted by the county Board of Elections.

Macon County Commissioner Gary Shields said that he didn't see a need to change the way the county has operated for the last 45 years therefore he didn't support the resolution. Commissioner Josh Young said he agreed with the desire to ensure the elections are fair, however he did not want to see a change without first seeking public input.

"Before we print a bill and sign it to Raleigh, I feel like it's my

duty to at least ask for public involvement and get consideration from the public before I pass this thing," said Young. "I do see where you're going, and I do like that. So, I want to make sure it's clear I'm not trying to run off the rails here, but I feel like I want to really go through this."

Commissioner Shearl advocated for the resolution arguing that the current method is unfair, however, despite an individual being able to run for office every two years currently, there is no instance of that happening in recent history in Macon County.

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners consists of five members elected for staggered, 4-year terms. Each Commissioner is elected county-wide, but must reside within the boundaries of one of the four districts. One Commissioner is elected for each district, with the exception of the Chairman.

In Haywood County, Commissioners are elected to serve

four-year staggered terms. All five commissioners are elected at-large. Commissioners take office four weeks after they are elected in general elections every two years, on the first Tuesday in November.

In Clay County, there are five elected Commissioners. Each are elected at-large with residence requirements. All county commissioners are elected at the same time as members of the General Assembly and other state officers, which take place in elections held in the month of November in even-numbered years. Because the board members have staggered four-year terms and two-year terms, two of the county commissioners are elected at each general election.

The Graham County board consists of five members who are elected at-large on a partisan basis.

County Manager Derek Roland to send the resolution on to the General Assembly.

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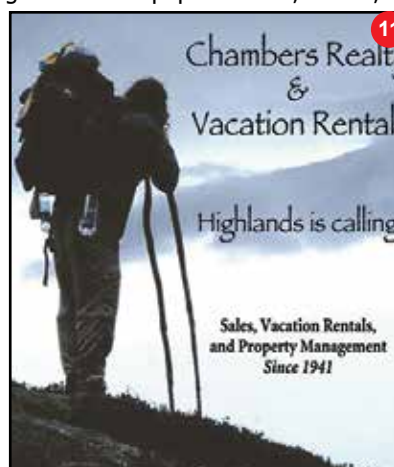
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