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## Hotel proposed for Bank of America site

By Kim Lewicki

In the first step in a two-step process, the Planning Board unanimously approved a Special Use Permit request submitted by Ross Hotel Partners for a 73-unit

hotel with seven privately owned, incidental apartments at 424 Pine Street – the old Bank of America parcel – which is zoned B2.

All 96 parking spots for Highlands House hotel will be on-site –

95 spots are required – most under the building and 15 on street level.

According to Planning Director Michael Mathis, from a design standpoint, the proposed project

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## Thanks to Bryson Family and donor, scholarship fund skyrockets

Recently, the proceeds raised from the 2025 Scholarship Golf Tournament at the Cullasaja Club in the amount of \$162,000 was presented by the committee to the town. Initially, since the Bryson Family covered all the expenses, the amount of the check was \$72,000, but one sponsor, who would like to remain anonymous, increased their initial amount from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Pictured is Mike Bryson, HS Principal Sara Holbrooks, Mayor Pat Taylor, Chairman Brian Stiehler, Jim Bryson and Cullasaja Club General Manager, Chris Conner and Border Collie, Happoldt Stiehler. Missing from the photo is event co-chair, Rebecca Shuler. This event would not be possible without the support of the Bryson Family and the generosity of Cullasaja Club. 2025 marks the 50th year of the Town's Scholarship Fund. For more information, please call Town Hall at 828-526-2118.

## Amended 'solicitation' ordinance is now in effect

By Kim Lewicki

For years, business owners, residents and visitors have complained to the town administration, the Town Board, and the Chamber of Commerce about aggressive sales techniques by two businesses

• See SOLICITATION page 19

## Highlands School gets a 'C'

By Kristin Fox

The North Carolina Department of Instruction (NCDPI) recently released its accountability

report for the 2024-2025 school year. For the second year in a row, Highlands School received a grade

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## Two accidents required two airlifts at the same time

Saturday afternoon, Highlands Fire & Rescue transported a victim of a motorcycle accident on Buck Creek Road to the station in town where they were met by a Life Line helicopter. Another rescue was taking place at the same time for a victim of an accident on Shortoff Road. The MAMA helicopter met HF&R at the hospital. Calls to the department continue to increase. As of Sept. 23, there were 92 more calls than the same time last year after Helene hit. Photo by Jim Lewicki

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## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

## • SNAPSHOT •

### Preparing for the unknown

In the 2024 election, there was a remarkably close race for a North Carolina Supreme Court seat. Only about 700 votes separated the candidates in this major statewide race.

During the recount, the candidate with the fewest votes challenged the registration of about 65,000 voters. He contended that these registrations did not have the complete registration information required by a recent North Carolina registration law.

I will not go into the particulars of how this controversy was resolved. Needless to say, it was a surprisingly long court battle.

But it left many voters wondering whether their registration was among those challenged by the candidate in the state Supreme Court election. The problem with those registrations was that they either lacked the voter's driver's license number or the last four digits of their Social Security number.



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

When I went to vote in the municipal election on Friday, I asked a board of elections staff member whether a voter might be flagged if they were one of the people with that incomplete information. He told me that if the person who lacked that information came to vote, they would be asked to provide it. They would cast a provisional ballot, and their registration would be updated so they would have no problem in the upcoming 2026 midterm elections.

tions.

So, voting in this municipal election has an added benefit. If you are one of those unknowing 65,000 North Carolina voters with incomplete information, now is the time to update your information by voting in this election. Also, you can contact the board of elections to confirm that your registration is complete and up to date. I hope everyone will do this before the midterm elections, when large turnouts and long lines are possible.

We are coming to the end of this beautiful fall season and will face several months of harsh winter temperatures. Our town crews will be preparing by stockpiling salt for the roads in case we have major snowstorms. They will begin rigging their truck up for snowplow equipment in the coming weeks.

Last year, we were fortunate not to have major storms, but we can never predict what lies ahead, like the big December freeze a few years ago. Hopefully, our new third electrical circuit, which we have been installing this fall, will help address any heavy electrical demand in the winter months.

I have been tracking several winter predictions. Most weather services predict a warm, dry winter with little snow for North Carolina. That sounds good to me, but with Highlands sitting at 4,118 feet above sea level, we could be the outlier or the exception.

On the other hand, the Old Farmer's Almanac predicts a winter with surprisingly larger snowfalls in November, December, and into early January. My grandfather, who was a farmer, always relied on the almanac, and its prediction success rate has been

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Photo by Robert Keller

### Indian Pipes 'Ghost Flower'

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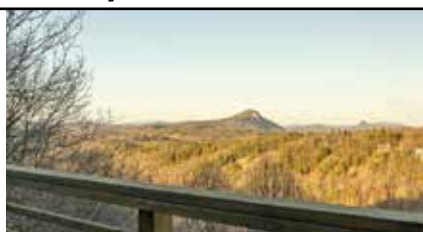
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## • INVESTING AT 4,118 Ft •

### Trick or Treat: Don't let buying a home freak you out

As autumn paints our mountain peaks in gold and crimson and the scent of wood-burning fireplaces drifts through the air, Highlands comes alive with that small-town sparkle we all adore. The dogs wear costumes, led by children and adults unrecognizable one day a year, while children's laughter echoes down Main Street, and every shop promises a little treat. Maybe even chocolate!

Buying a home here can feel a bit like trick-or-treating too — full of excitement, mystery, and a few surprises behind the doors. The key is knowing how to tell the tricks from the treats!

Picture this: crisp mornings on your deck with mist rolling over the mountains, afternoon hikes to Glen Falls, and evenings spent by a crackling fire while your pup snores at your feet. That's everyday life here. Highlands is more than a postcard town — it's a community of kind folks, creative souls, and people who wave when they pass by.

But just like a haunted house, not everything you see at first glance tells the full story. That's why it's important to have the right people by your side:

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(and not your neighbor's).

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Whether you're looking for a cozy cottage tucked in the rhododendrons or a grand mountain estate overlooking the clouds, Highlands offers treats galore. With the right team guiding you, you can unwrap the sweetest surprise of all — a home that fits your heart.

So, this Halloween, if you're dreaming of a new front porch to decorate with pumpkins and pups in costume, remember: in Highlands, there's nothing spooky about finding your forever home. Just make sure you've got your “treat team” of trusted experts to lead the way.

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## Voter turnout speaks volumes: Citizens are apathetic about upcoming election

Early voting for the Municipal election will be open all week from 8 am to 6 pm. We will also be open this Saturday, November 1st, from 8 am to 3 pm Saturday will be the last day for early voting.

As of Monday night, only 102 of the Town of Highlands' 986 registered voters have voted early — 31 Democrat, 19 Republican, and 52 unaffiliated.

In Franklin, only 143 of the town's 2,922 registered voters have voted early — 50 Democrat, 46 Republican, and 46 unaf-

filiated.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 4th. Voting for the Town of Franklin, is at Franklin Town Hall and for the Town of Highlands its at the Highlands Civic Center. Both polling places will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The polls close at 7:30 pm.

Filing for the 2026 elections will begin on December 1st at noon, per GS 163-106.2, and end on December 18, 2026, at noon.

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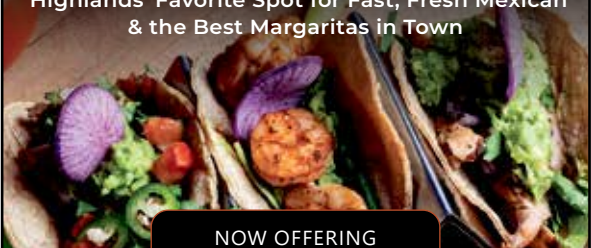


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Dear Editor,

My mother, a beautiful-brunette-product of the (19)30s, was not known for her genius or great rhetoric. She never wrote a book, quoted Chaucer, mastered Calculus or led a revival. She would “rather die” she told me, than “stand up in front of people” to speak. Mother, however, could speak rather convincingly, and she reserved her best speeches just for me!

Mother was a right or wrong, black or white, no gray person. Her gifts at “private” not public speaking filling my early years of instruction, seemed to be accompanied by the soundtrack from an Alfred Hitchcock movie. She instilled “good fear.”

“Never look down on anyone. Speak truth with words of edification. Get over yourself, and put others first. Find unity, do right” was her repeated refrain.

When mother spoke with crisp, bass enunciation within inches of my face, I snapped into ATTENTION, like a soldier ready for war.

When Mother spoke even God listened.

I was rather precocious, with a definite mind of my own. The good news was all instruction and correction were respectfully delivered to an audience of one, ME, NOT by megaphone to the audience of fellow shoppers.

One summer we flew to Hawaii for a business meeting my father attended. I was a typical sixteen-year-old girl, so I loved it when my parents arranged to sit in a different part of the plane. I saw mother’s head “rise and spy” followed by a rather smooth but subtle approach to my seat several rows behind her.

She smiled and nodded hello to my seatmate. She then motioned with her finger for me to join her in the washroom. Her rather strong grip on my arm signaled verbal instruction on the horizon!

“You are not talking nicely to your seatmate, Mary Diann” — my name when I was in real trouble. “Mother he has brown stuff all over his teeth,” I whispered. She came even closer to my face. With staccato speech and a touch of spit, she breathed: “That young man has fought a war for you. He is a soldier returning from Viet Nam. You are the first young American he has encountered. Now, you sit up, put on your big girl pants, and show him the respect he deserves. Many will die in that war. Who do you think you are?”

She led us back toward our seats, pausing to speak. “Thank you for your service young man, and welcome Home!” My now adjusted attitude flew back with the brave young soldier I will never forget.

Today we read screaming letters to the editor complaining about “No Kings.” Nonsense! Stop the vacant diatribe, lay down your inverted flags and support our country. Tell your Democrat leadership the same. Public servants suffer no pay, while you embarrassingly shut down OUR country! Self-monikered dividers “Indivisible,” you and your Democrat leadership need to put on your big girl pants, get over yourselves and support America!

And Mother said AMEN!

**Diann Catlin  
Highlands**

## Reminiscent of ‘Sophie’s Choice’ ... food or health care

Dear Editor,

The Trump Administration has maneuvered Americans into an impossible situation. If you have been following the news, the Democrats are boycotting Trump’s Big Beautiful [budget reconciliation] Bill because it cancels tax credits and health insurance subsidies for the millions of Americans who could not otherwise afford health care.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture maintains a \$6B reserve fund to supplement SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, “food stamps”) if the annually budgeted money cannot cover the need. Because of the budget impasse, SNAP funds will cease on November 1.

In September the USDA submitted a shutdown plan that stated “Congressional intent is evident that SNAP’s operations should continue ... during a Federal Government shutdown.” (Heather Cox Richardson, October 26, 2025)

On Friday, the Administration said USDA would NOT use any of these supplemental SNAP funds during the shutdown AND, if any state uses state funds to provide food benefits, that state will not be reimbursed. More than 42 million Americans rely on SNAP. It is likely that these citizens are also the ones who will have to forego health care if the budget reconciliation bill goes into effect. With a reserve fund of \$6B, this makes no sense unless the Trump administration is using it to make the Democrats cave on the Big

Beautiful Bill. Which it is.

Here is the proof, taken from USDA Food and Nutrition Service website: “Senate Democrats have now voted 12 times to not fund the food stamp program.... Bottom line, the well has run dry. ... [T]here will be no benefits issued November 01. ... Senate Democrats... can continue to hold out for healthcare for illegal aliens and gender mutilation procedures or reopen the government so mothers, babies, and the most vulnerable among us can receive critical nutrition assistance.”

Trump refuses to negotiate with Democrats and has gone to Asia for a week. The House remains in recess, leaving the Democrats no one to negotiate a compromise. The only humanitarian solution is to end the shutdown so people don’t go hungry. But ending the shutdown means that health care subsidies will cease. Leaving America with Sophie’s Choice – you can have food or health care, but not both.

Are we really this cruel? Where is our humanity? Is this wealthy Christian nation not willing to share with those of us who are less fortunate? (The facts of this letter are from Heather Cox Richardson, Letters from an American, October 26, 2025).

**Karen Patterson  
Highlands**

## ...MAYOR continued from page 2

rather reliable.

Our town electric crews will begin installing the new Christmas decorations that the chamber bought for the town around the beginning of November. Our recreation staff will start installing the ice-skating rink at the park so it will be ready for operation

during the food festival weekend. Last year, it was very warm in November, and they had a challenge in making and keeping ice; fortunately, conditions improved after November.

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From left are Bonnie Potts, Craig Nixon, David Moore, John Baumrucker, Jerry Wise, Faviola Olivera, Steve Ham, Cindy Trevthan, Steve Mehder, Jennifer Turner-Lynn, and Mary Adair. Pictured are the two most iconic cars of the 1960s. On the left is the 1967 Corvette Stingray roadster owned by Ricky Siegel. The car on the right is a 1963 Jaguar E-type (XKE) Coupe' owned by Jack McCulloch

### Proceeds from Highlands Motoring Festival go to local charities

The 2025 Highlands Motoring Festival® was very successful by every measure including financial support to local human needs charities.

To commemorate this accomplishment, there was a presentation of the funds to three local human needs charities. Representatives for the Literacy and Learning Center of Highlands, REACH of Macon County, and the Community Care Clinic of Highlands and Cashiers along with HMF volunteers were on hand for the official check presentation.

The festival's net proceeds of \$105,000 have been distributed equally between the three charity organizations.

Over the past eighteen years, the festival has given a total of \$750,000 to local charities. Highlands Motoring Festival® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and is powered by an all-volunteer team of classic car enthusiasts.

The 18th annual Highlands Motoring Festival® was held on June 12-15, 2025. Amazing collector cars could be seen on town streets during the four-day festival which consisted of two days of driving tours, an evening gathering, a Main Street Parade of classic cars, and two car shows.

The centerpiece of the motoring festival was Saturday's "Classics in the Park" juried car show that attracted thousands of people to experience eighty-five classic cars. The motoring festival has grown significantly in stature over the years, raising the quality level of the cars by going to an invitational

entry process. Increasing the number of show cars is not feasible due to the limited space in Kelsey Hutchinson Park.

Over fifty volunteers joined the fifteen-member planning committee to stage the events. The Highlands Motoring Festival® Committee would like to thank the entire Highlands community, including citizens, volunteers, businesses, organizations, and Town officials and staff, without whom none of this would have been possible.

The 19th annual Highlands Motoring Festival® will be on June 11-14, 2026. Along with other classic cars, the featured theme for 2026 will be Corvette verses Jaguar in recognition of the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War. Registration opens in early January 2026 at: [www.HighlandsMotoringFestival.com](http://www.HighlandsMotoringFestival.com)

### Highlands Motoring Festival® 2026 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

#### Thursday June 11

"One Lap of the Mountains

#### Friday June 12

"One Lap of the Mountains - Speciale"  
Main Street Parade of Classic Cars 5:30pm

#### Saturday June 13

"Classics in the Park" 9:30am to 4pm  
"HMF Dinner Party" at WCCC  
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#### Sunday June 14

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## Local family loses home to fire; needs help

By Kim Lewicki

When Amanda Barnes Keith and her two girls returned to their Flat Mountain home after work and school Monday, they found their home engulfed in flames.

At 4:32 p.m., Highlands Fire & Rescue, Scaly Mountain Fire Department, Cashiers Fire Department and Squad 4 responded to a call of a structure fire on Flat Mountain Road.

According to HF&R Chief Ryan Gearhart the old, double-wide was “pretty much a total loss.”

Gearhart said the cause of the fire is under investigation.

Amanda, a graduate of Highlands School and an alumni of The Girls Club-house, has worked at Highlands Community Child Care Center (HCCDC) for about 10 years. Her girls, Sophie, 12 and Emerson, 8, whose birthday was Monday, attend Highlands School.

For now, HCCDC is accepting donations of clothing and cash or checks – once

they find a new place to live, home goods and food will be accepted. Checks made out to Amanda Barnes or cash can be taken to HCCDC or deposited in the account of Amanda Barnes at First Bank.

Amanda and Sophie wear Women's 2x and Emerson wears Girls 14-16. The girls had their backpacks with them but nothing else.

There is a GoFundMe page at [https://www.gofundme.com/f/tjcnkv-help-amandas-family-rebuild-after-fire?attribution\\_id=sl:6d927e19-0827-4ff0-b538-b35eb65cdb09&lang=en\\_US&ts=1761647430&utm\\_campaign=man\\_sharesheet\\_dash&utm\\_content=amp17\\_tc&utm\\_medium=customer&utm\\_source=copy\\_link](https://www.gofundme.com/f/tjcnkv-help-amandas-family-rebuild-after-fire?attribution_id=sl:6d927e19-0827-4ff0-b538-b35eb65cdb09&lang=en_US&ts=1761647430&utm_campaign=man_sharesheet_dash&utm_content=amp17_tc&utm_medium=customer&utm_source=copy_link)

Monday night, the family stayed in a hotel in Franklin. A citizen has paid for a hotel in Cashiers until next Monday.

Amanda is frantically looking for a place to live.

## Bingo for 'Shop with a Cop' is Thurs., Nov. 6

It wouldn't be Christmas without Shop With A Cop Rotary Bingo. SWAC Rotary Bingo will be on Thursday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:30, at the Community Building next to the Ballfield. This is a guaranteed night of fun for a wonderful cause.

Shop With A Cop is celebrating its 32<sup>nd</sup> year helping children who would have little or no Christmas.

It provides a positive experience with police officers letting the children understand that Cops are not the bad guys.

The children are given a \$200 gift card to shop with at Walmart with the assistance of police officers or other personnel.

Many times, the children only buy necessities for the home because the need is so great. This program helps children in

Macon County, including Highlands, Otto and Franklin.

Shop With A Cop Rotary Bingo is a great way to support SWAC. The night of the event Rotary members sell Bingo Cards for \$15 for the players to play 15 games that are played. There will be times of excitement as the players get closer and closer to winning. Rotary Bingo is an evening of fun for the whole family, bring your children and grandchildren.

This being a special Bingo there may be a surprise visitor or two.

There will be plenty of refreshments for all to enjoy.

Bingo is sponsored by The Rotary Club of Highlands and is licensed by the State of North Carolina.



# • UPCOMING EVENTS •



From left: Cast members Todd Lipphardt, Craig Eister and Bet Hunter rehearse a scene from *Deathtrap*.

## HCP's 'Deathtrap' is on stage Oct. 30-Nov 9 at MLT in PAC

Highlands Cashiers Players present *Deathtrap*. Highlands Cashiers Players will present *Deathtrap*, a comedic thriller by Ira Levin, October 30, November 1 & 2 and November 6-9 at the Martin Lipscomb Theater in the Highlands Performing Arts Center.

The play is directed by Michael Lanzilotta. April Getz is the apprentice director, Cathy Myers is the stage manager and Jayne Pleasants is the line coach.

*Deathtrap* holds the record for being the longest running comedy-thriller on Broadway.

It is the story of playwright Sidney Bruhl, who is struggling after going years without a hit play.

When an aspiring playwright who has attended one of Sidney's seminars writes

what is sure to be a hit, Sidney may just let his ambition and greed get the better of him.

The cast includes Craig Eister as Sidney Bruhl and Bet Hunter as his wife, Myra. Todd Lipphardt plays novice playwright Clifford Anderson. Emily Wright returns to the HCP stage as attorney Portia Milgrim, and Diandra Mundy plays Dutch psychic Helga Ten Dorp.

Thursday and Friday performances are at 7 pm, Saturday pre-dinner shows are at 5 pm and the Sunday shows are 2 pm matinees.

Tickets are available at [HighlandsCashiersPlayers.com](http://HighlandsCashiersPlayers.com), or by calling 828-526-9047. The Highlands Performing Arts Center is located at 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands, NC

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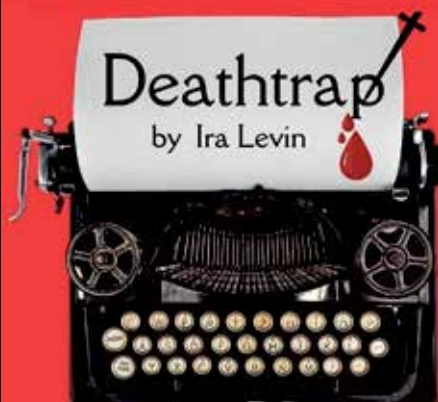
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In addition to shopping, enjoy holiday-themed workshops, a Santa Letter Writing Station, Kids Make-and-Take Ornaments, Fun in the SmART Space, and a holiday photo selfie station. There's something for everyone to enjoy!

## Key Market Dates

- Nov 7-8** Kate Furman  
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Friday, 1 pm - 5 pm  
Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm
- Nov 22** Letters to Santa  
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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### The Bascom's Holiday Market returns with artful gifts and creative traditions

This November, The Bascom: A Center for the Visual Arts invites the community and visitors alike to step into a festive wonderland as it launches its second annual Holiday Market. From November 4 through December 27, the art center's retail space will be transformed into a seasonal destination filled with handcrafted treasures.

Shoppers will discover an array of unique gifts thoughtfully created by local and regional artists. From ceramics and textiles to jewelry, woodworking, and playful pieces for children, the Holiday Market showcases the work of artists including Frank Vickery, Ester Lipscomb, Christine Smith, Olga King, Virginia Fisher, Eva Hoke, Backyard Bees, Priscilla Galloway, Madison Minus, Bianca Mitchell, Gwen Greenglass, Anna Scarpa McCauley, Donna Pollock, Art from Empties, Rebekah Webb, Jack Barnes, and Bascom Studio Members, among many others. Every purchase supports both working artists and The Bascom's Creative Community Initiative, making art accessible to all.

Beyond shopping, the Holiday Market invites guests to embrace the spirit of the season through creative experiences. Visitors can sip hot chocolate, explore current exhibitions, stop by the SmART Space to craft make-and-take wooden ornaments, or register for one of The Bascom's festive seasonal workshops. The lineup offers opportunities for both children and adults, including the beloved Gingerbread House Workshop, a family favorite that blends art, architecture, and confectionary whimsy.

On Saturday, December 6, The Bascom will host a full afternoon of holiday celebration following the Olde Mountain

Christmas Parade presented by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce (10 am–12 pm). Beginning at 2 pm, guests are invited to choose from a variety of creative and community-centered experiences. Families can participate in the Youth Clay Workshop: Pinch Pot Snowmen (2–4 pm), where young artists will sculpt personalized snowmen in clay; finished pieces will be fired and available for pick-up approximately three weeks later.

At the same time, adults can enjoy the Holiday Paint and Sip (2–4 pm), an afternoon of creative camaraderie in a relaxed, social setting inspired by the season. Concurrently, The Bascom will host a Holiday Market Reception (2–4 pm), a free community event inviting all to warm up with the Hot Cocoa Bar, explore the Holiday Market's selection of handcrafted gifts, and share in the joy of art, community, and cheer.

With its festive atmosphere, community spirit, and array of handcrafted works, The Bascom's Holiday Market offers something for everyone, whether you are seeking a one-of-a-kind gift, an afternoon of creative fun, or simply a moment to pause and celebrate the season on the Plateau.

The Holiday Market runs November 4 through December 27. For details about workshops, events, and other seasonal offerings, visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

• About The Bascom: The Bascom creates visual art experiences that inspire and empower individuals and communities through seeing, thinking, and doing. For more information about The Bascom's events, exhibitions, and classes, please visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org).

### Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to host free Veterans Day Luncheon

In honor of Veteran's Day, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and Eckerd Living Center will host a free lunch in the hospital cafeteria for all veterans on Tuesday, November 11, from Noon to 1 pm. The luncheon will honor our veterans and their

service to our country. There will be a brief presentation at 12:30 pm. The hospital is located at 190 Hospital Drive, Highlands.

For more information, call 828-526-1345.

### Main Street between 4th and 5th streets will be closed to traffic Nov. 4-5

During the evening of Tuesday, Nov. 4 through Wednesday, Nov. 5, both sides of Main Street will be closed from 465 Bistro on Main Street to the traffic light on 5th Street. The large tree on the old Wolfgangs parcel is coming down on Wednesday, November 5th.



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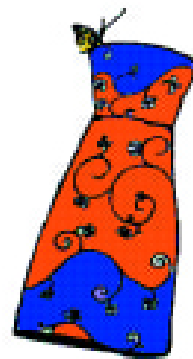


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## • UPCOMING EVENTS •

### Holidays in Highlands

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The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC invites residents and visitors to celebrate the season with a festive lineup of events. From ice skating under the stars to the annual Christmas Parade and Lighting of the Menorah, Highlands offers holiday traditions that bring warmth and wonder to the mountains.

#### Ice Skating in the Park

Thursday, Nov. 20 through early March

Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park will once again host ice skating, managed by Highlands Parks and Recreation. The rink opens on Thurs., Nov. 20 and continues into early

March, weather permitting. Regular hours are Thursdays from 3:30 to 8pm, Fridays from 3:30 to 10pm, Saturdays from 1 to 10pm, and Sundays from 1 to 5pm. Special holiday hours include extended skating during Thanksgiving week and Christmas break, with a festive New Year's Eve skate running from 1pm to 1am. Admission is just \$8, with or without skates, and hot drinks will be available for purchase.

#### Small Business Saturday Holiday Stroll

Saturday, Nov. 29, 11:30am-4pm

Downtown Highlands will come alive with holiday cheer during this community-wide celebration of shopping local. The festivities begin at 11:30am with Storytime at the Hudson Library. Enjoy lively bluegrass tunes from Southern Highlands between noon and 2 pm and stop by The Bascom for face painting from 1:30 to 2:30pm. At 2:30pm, The City Carolers will stroll along Main Street, filling the air with festive songs as shoppers explore special offers from local businesses. Adding to the fun, the Highlands Police Department will spread holiday cheer by handing out candy canes.

#### Light Up the Park

Saturday, Nov. 29, 6-8pm

As evening falls, the community will gather at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park to welcome the holiday season. Guests will enjoy songs by The City Carolers, a special reading of "Twas the Night Before Christmas and tasty holiday treats. The highlight of the evening comes when Santa arrives atop a firetruck to help usher in the lighting of the park and Main Street, transforming Highlands with thousands of sparkling lights that remain throughout the holiday season.

#### Santa in the Park

Nov. 28, Dec. 6, 13, 20

Santa Claus will make special appearances in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park on select dates from 11am to 3pm (a little later after the Christmas Parade and 12/6). Children will also have the opportunity to share their holiday wishes with a designated mailbox in the park. Santa will collect letters during his visits.

#### Highlands Christmas Parade

Saturday, Dec. 6, 10am

The longstanding Highlands Christmas Parade will bring Main Street to life with marching bands, llamas, camels, creative floats, and, of course, Santa himself. Community members are invited to participate by submitting an application to the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC no later than noon on November 15. Applications are available online at [www.highlandschamber.org/chamber/christmas-parade/](http://www.highlandschamber.org/chamber/christmas-parade/).

#### Lighting of the Menorah

Sunday, Dec. 14, 5:30pm

Hanukkah will be celebrated in Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park with the Lighting of the Menorah. On the first night, we will gather at the giant menorah where one candle will be illuminated. An additional candle will automatically light at the same time each evening until the menorah shines in full on the eighth night, symbolizing the triumph of light over darkness.

For more information about the Holidays in Highlands, call the Highlands Welcome Center at 828-526-2112 or visit [www.visithighlandsncc.com](http://www.visithighlandsncc.com).

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## ...HOTEL continued from page 1

complies with the UDO and the Community Design Standard in scope, materials and color. Additionally, the Town's Public Works Director, Lamar Nix, has confirmed that there are adequate utilities surrounding the project area.

Local consultant on the project was Jeff Weller of Summit Architecture, project architect is Nishi Patel and the owner is Butch Ross.

Planning Board member Christian Haberkern asked most of the questions – was the parcel the best and only place for a new hotel, if it fit the scale of the surrounding area, if the colors and materials fit “Highlands Style,” and would the ingress to the property cause traffic problems coming off N. 4th Street.

Weller said according to the 2022 Comprehensive Plan which the town uses as a guide, the B2 zone is part of the downtown support district which should cater to mixed uses – commercial, hotels, offices, retail and residential – with expansion of the pedestrian district.

As to scale, the building will be 35 ft. tall, which is the limit in town, and the footprint is only 419 sq. ft. larger than the current Bank of America footprint.

Haberkern was concerned about traffic congestion off N. 4th Street as people enter the property, but Weller said the entry to the parking garage under the hotel is almost 50 feet from N. 4th Street and people checking in will enter farther up the property closer to First Bank and would likely make use of the valet parking.

Expansion of the pedestrian district will be done by extending the brick sidewalk from the corner of N. 4th Street onto Carolina Way and up the street where it will meet the brick sidewalk in front of First Bank.

The curb cut from the park will be eliminated and instead, a green lawn will extend along the park side not only to look aesthetically pleasing but for functionality.

“This space could be used during park events as an additional space,” said Weller.

Haberkern asked if this was the right and only possible location.

Weller said, yes, to both questions because there is a moratorium on building new or expanding hotels in the B1 district and hotels aren't allowed in the B4 district so, B2 and B3 districts are the only option.

“The Comprehensive Plan favors B2 for hotels and it is considered a transition between zoning districts,” said Weller.

Debi Bock, owner of the shopping center across the street from the proposed hotel, expressed concern about hotel guests using her shopping center parking as temporary parking and asked if the hotel or the town would consider putting up a gate to keep hotel patrons out.

“Could you help us with parking, with a gate? In case they want to park and run into the hotel?” she asked.

Both said no, and Weller said he didn't see why hotel patrons would not use the hotel parking.

“They have a designated spot for their room and there are 15 spaces on street level for quick, temporary parking,” he said.

Board member John Muir said he liked the lawn area along the park, the town needs another hotel and he thought it is a good addition to the town.

Next the project goes to the Zoning Board for the Special Use Permit. If approved, Weller said site work will begin before the end of the year with project completion hopefully in two years.



Artist's rendition of the Highlands House hotel at 4th St. and Carolina Way.



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## • CHHS NEWS •



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Haskel is known as the cat in his cageless playroom with the sad eyes. But he's really not sad, just shy. Haskel just turned one year old, and he would love a home with another cat or a small dog. With time, a little space and patience, Haskel will give some lucky human a lifetime of unconditional love. For more information visit [chhumanesociety.org](http://chhumanesociety.org) or call (828)743-5752.

## • HS SPORTS WEEKLY RECAP •

### Championship runs, playoff victories, and undefeated seasons

This period was marked by championship runs, playoff victories, and undefeated seasons for Highlands Athletics.

#### Undefeated Season for MS Boys Soccer

The MS Boys Soccer team completed a perfect 14-0 season with a dominant 7-0 win over Cherokee on October 14th. Their scheduled final game the following day against Murphy was canceled by Murphy.

#### HS Boys Soccer Advances Despite a Late Loss

The HS Boys Soccer team had an exciting week:

- October 15th: The team avenged an earlier loss to Murphy with a thrilling 2-1 overtime victory. Blaine Dendy netted the decisive winning goal.
- October 20th: They traveled to Andrews and lost 2-1.
- October 24th: The team received a forfeit victory from TCEC due to a lack of players.
- October 27th: Their scheduled home game against Swain was postponed due to inclement weather and rescheduled for October 30th.

#### Varsity Volleyball's Historic Playoff Run

The Varsity Volleyball team had a deep and memorable post-season:

- October 15th: They played an intense, five-set battle for the conference championship against Hiwassee Dam, ultimately losing 3-2 with set scores of 20-25, 25-23, 23-25, 25-21, and a close 19-17 final set.
- October 18th (NCHSAA Playoffs, Round 1): The team opened the state playoffs with a demanding 3-0 win (25-22, 25-12, 28-26) over Summit Charter.
- October 21st (Round 2): They secured a decisive 3-0 victory (25-19, 25-18, 25-21) at Thomas Jefferson Classical Academy, advancing them to the 3rd round.
- October 23rd (Round 3): The winning continued with a 3-0 sweep (25-13, 25-15, 25-21) against Jackson Day in Charlotte.
- October 25th (Round 4): The team's historic run ended in Burlington at Clover Garden School with a heart-breaking 3-1



Brett Lamb  
Athletic Director

loss (20-25, 20-25, 25-21, 25-27). This was one of the deepest runs in Highlands Athletics history; a win would have placed them in the NCHSAA West Regionals, a feat only achieved by the '81 Girls Basketball and '05 Boys Soccer teams.

#### Cross Country Success

Claire Worley and Francisco Gooch represented Highlands in the Smoky Mountain Conference and Regional Cross Country

Championships:

- October 18th (Conference): Claire Worley finished 11th in the Smoky Mountain Conference Cross Country Championship, which qualified her for the regional meet. Francisco Gooch also competed.
- October 25th (Regionals): Claire Worley competed in the 1A West Regional Cross Country Championship at The Tryon Equestrian Center. Her 11th-place finish secured her advancement to the State Championship on October 31st at the Ivey Redmon Sports complex in Kernersville, NC.

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of C for performance and growth. This year, the school received a performance score of 58 compared to last year's score of 68. However, Highlands School did meet academic growth with a score of 73.

"I wanted to clarify the recent report card data for Highlands School," said Principal Sarah Holbrooks. "Based on our history with online report cards, this is not the first time the school has received a performance grade of a 'C.' For example, in 2024, we narrowly missed a B grade — our performance score was a 68, just shy of the 70 cutoff for a B. Had we scored two points higher, we would have achieved that next level."

Holbrooks said the scores are helping them plan for the future.

"This data has been instrumental in guiding our school improvement efforts, particularly in math. As a result, we've implemented changes to our math curriculum and are exploring the possibility of providing small group math interventions through our Title I program this year," she said.

In North Carolina, the report cards provide performance and growth data for the school year based on analysis of all end-of grade (EOG) and end of course (EOC) tests. School grades are based on each school's achievement score — 80% on standardized test grades and 20% on students' academic growth.

Highlands School's achievement score for 2024-2025 accounting for 80% of the school grade was 54% down from the prior year score of 66.5%. The school's growth score, 20% percent of grade, of 73% was slightly down slightly from the prior year of 75.6%.

The grade designations are set on a 15-point scale: A = 85-100, B = 70-84, C = 55-69, D = 40-54, and F = 39 or less.

"I don't believe anything specific 'happened' to cause this shift; rather, I see it as an opportunity for continuous improvement," said Holbrooks. "Each year presents its own challenges. For context, last

year we navigated Hurricane Helene — the Scaly Road closure and ongoing construction and renovations on campus and in the school — all while maintaining our focus on education. It's truly remarkable how Highlands staff, teachers, students, and families persisted through those hurdles with resilience and dedication."

For years, Highlands School has been considered the shining star of the MC School System.

"I continue to believe that our school community are shining stars," said Holbrooks. "They are doing an exceptional job in educating students and preparing them for college and career readiness. I am incredibly proud of our staff, and we will keep striving to improve, regardless of the challenges we face."

School report cards give specifics for each state public school such as grade range, average class size, and number of teachers. It also provides information on school environment, qualifications and experience of the teaching staff, resources available in the school library, and other statistics.

According to Holbrooks staffing is an issue at many schools in North Carolina, and this challenge can have a negative impact on test scores.

"Staffing is an issue for many in North Carolina due to low teacher salaries and the high stress of teaching in today's world," said Holbrooks. "Fortunately, that is not an issue for us right now."

Over the years there has been some debate about school grades. A major criticism of state report cards is that it does not provide information about special programs and initiatives at a school or the unique qualifications of its staff that help to make students successful. Educators have long said that the formula used to calculate school grades does not capture the full picture of the work that is taking place at the state's public schools.

The current measure of school performance grades has been reported for every North Carolina school since the 2013-14 school year.

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that no longer identifies with truth and reasoning. Which further indicates that this freedom has restrictions — limits on the self and sinful living.

To be free is to obey the Savior, not the self without restraints. Jesus said He was "the way, the truth, and the life and

no one comes to the Father but by me" (Jn. 14:6).

To paraphrase Karl Barth, God's offer of freedom to us has some "No's," but also "Yes's" that will truly make you free! And that's the Truth!

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# SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



**'The truth will set you free' ... But what's the truth?**

**Pastor Mark Ford**  
First Baptist Church  
Highlands

**P**aul Kingsnorth's new book, "Against the Machine: The Unmaking of Humanity," tells us that he believes we are living in a unique age, that we are in the process of "creating something unique in human history – a global anticulture, unmoored from reality and increasingly at war with itself."

This "anticulture" is negating much of our past ways of life and values upon which traditional societies were built and replacing them with one over-arching value touted as liberation.

Many on the "left" (political and religious) are seeking freedom from society as it now stands and most importantly freedom for the individual while at the same time deconstructing humanity as we know it – think "woke" and the Progressives.

The new vision is a detached, sovereign personhood. As Kingsnorth said succinctly, "The motto of our world is 'Do what thou wilt.' The response of the anticulture, 'Thy will be done.'"

But it is coming at a steep price – the inversion of truth.

"Truth" today is so particularized and atomized toward the individual that chaos can only ensue in a world of billions of perspectives, none grounded in any absolute beyond the self. With the individual self at the helm, truth is increasingly obscured by a generation that wants to invert truth and reality to fulfill their carnal, personal desires.

As Isaiah warned, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!"

This mythical pursuit of "freedom" as defined by those presently crying out for "No King!" and who also reject the sovereignty of Biblical, Christian teachings restricting sinful lifestyles and behaviors - they are ironically more in bondage than they realize, even if they get the freedom they seek.

We have shuttered truth in pursuit of this hybrid freedom, one that has nothing to do with the Socratic, historical, and Biblical ideal. It was Jesus who said, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth and the truth will set you free ... truly, truly I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin" (Jn.8:32, 34).

There it is – Jesus claims for Himself the source of truth and its expression in His Word, the Holy Scriptures. And only in these do we find freedom. Freedom from what? From the sin that makes you a slave, in bondage to ungodly passions and pursuits, and self-induced ignorance

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## Hurricanes host Hallowsmim at home

By Steve Hott

On Sat., October 25, the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team hosted the Cherokee County Aquatics Club (CCAC) and the Jackson County Swim Team (JCST) at the annual Hallowsmim Invitational.

The boys won, and the girls finished 2nd.

Leading the way for the Hurricanes was Jr. Olympian Bella Batista who won 4 events out of 4, scored 28 pts, and in one of the most outstanding swims of the meet dropped 3 minutes off of her Personal Record in the 1000-yard freestyle.

Zana Maseko and Ian Batista both won 3 of 4 and garnered 26 and 25 pts respectively. Nikita Denisoff and Emily Mason both brought home 20 pts, winning 2 and 1 events respectively.

Jr. Olympians Luca Maseko and brothers Jayce and Justin Powell all scored 19 pts. Maseko and Jayce winning 2 events, Justin 1. Max Justin won an event gaining 18 pts, Lucas Zabrian finished 1st in 2 events for 17 pts, Katherine Wise won an event with 14 pts. Kate Vanderweile had 14 pts.

Melanie Zabrian scored 13 pts and broke the team record for the 25-yard freestyle in her age/sex group!

Tenpin Lama, Helix Sharpe-Sutton, and Senna Sherrill had 12 pts. Sharpe-



Sutton won an event. Victoria Nadzauru scored 11 pts.

The team had 55 Personal Records out of 74 swims.

The Highlands Hurricanes are a Highlands Rec Park Team that practices mostly in the evenings at the Highlands Recreation Park Pool. The only requirement to join is that a prospective swimmer must be able to swim 25 yards (the length of the Rec Park Pool) unassisted. For more information, please call 828.421.4121.

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on Main Street.

Business owners claim aggressive solicitation of pedestrians by the businesses has cost them sales because potential customers cross the street to avoid being solicited.

Solicit means engaging in the temporary or permanent business of selling, soliciting, taking orders, attempting to take orders, offering for sale, or distributing free samples in an attempt to sell, any goods, wares, or merchandise.

For a few years now, salespeople weren't allowed to cross the threshold of their business on to public property or sidewalks to entice people to enter, nor could they physically touch anyone in their pursuit.

If they did, a \$250 fine was imposed. But still, area businesses say the ordinance wasn't strict enough nor the penalty high enough to deter ongoing aggressive solicitation.

But at the close of the October Town Board meeting, the town's amended ordinance regarding aggressive actions and words when soliciting became crystal clear.

With the amended ordinance, not

only is it illegal for anyone to solicit or to operate on public property, they can't solicit on private property, either – specifically alcoves adjacent to the public sidewalks on Main Street – without the expressed permission of the owner, proprietor, or person in control of the private property.

In addition, violations are punishable by a Class 3 misdemeanor and a fine of \$500 per violation.

Furthermore, the amended ordinance makes it clear what "aggressive manner" when soliciting means.

Aggressive Manner means approaching or speaking to a person in a way that is intended or likely to cause a reasonable person to fear bodily harm, or the commission of a criminal act upon their person or upon property in their immediate possession.

Aggressive manner also includes: Touching someone without the person's consent; using obscene or abusive language toward someone while attempting to solicit the person; forcing oneself upon another by engaging in any of the following conduct: continuing to solicit in close proximity to the person addressed after the person to whom the solicitation is directed has made

## • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**Highlands Police entries from Oct. 23. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.**

**Oct. 23**

• At 9 a.m., officers took a report about cyber stalking of a male resident.

**Oct. 25**

• At 8:51 p.m., a 24-year-old woman reported being stalked on 5th Street.

**Oct. 26**

• At 2:56 p.m., a 42-year-old woman reported someone continually trying to locate her.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Oct. 21.**

**Oct. 21**

• At 1:23 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Paul Walden Road.

**Oct. 22**

• A little past midnight, the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

**Oct. 23**

• At 9:45 a.m., the dept. investigated the cause of smoke at a residence on Summit Trail.

• At 3:14 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106 (Dillard Road) but it was cancelled en route.

• At 6:12 p.m., the dept. responded to a

fire alarm at a residence on VZ Top.

• At 6:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hidden Village Trail but it was cancelled en route.

**Oct. 24**

• At 10:33 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Church Street

• At noon, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.

• At 9:01 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Lucerne Drive.

• At 9:22 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 4th Street.

• At 10:36 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

**Oct. 25**

• At 3:09 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Norton Ridge Road.

• At 3:13 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Buck Creek Road.

• At 7:20 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on US 64 east (Cashiers Road).

• At 9:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Skyline Lodge Road.

**Oct. 26**

• At 1:35 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD on a structure fire.

**Oct. 27**

• At 4:32 p.m., the dept. responded to a structure fire on Flat Mountain Road.

• At 7:46 p.m. the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Skyline Lodge Road.

a negative response, either verbally, by physical sign, by attempting to leave the presence of the person soliciting, or by other negative indication.

Blocking the passage of the person solicited or otherwise engaging in conduct that could reasonably be construed as intending to compel or force a person to accede to a solicitation is also not allowed.

The use of camera footage was discussed with members of the Highlands Police Department who suggested all business owners install cameras so that such conduct can be verified.

Footage of illicit behavior and crimes can be used by the department, but having town-owned and operated cameras was deemed best.

Hence, commissioners are considering installing cameras in the business district – on Main and on south and north 4th Street – but what kind, the placement and the overall cost is being discussed.

Cameras would not only deter and verify aggressive solicitation, but also other criminal activity such as breaking and entering and burglary.

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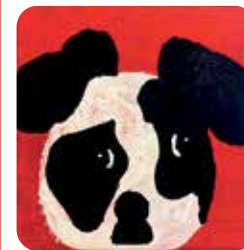
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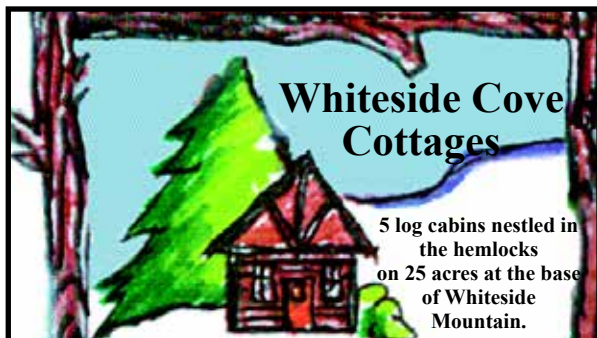


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## POOL SCHEDULE

• Lap Swim: Mon.-Fri. 6am-9:45am, and Saturday 10am-11pm - 6 lanes. Water Aerobics: 18 y+ Mon.-Fri. 10-11am with Karen Chambers. Adult Swim: 18y+ Mon.-Thurs. 11am-3:30pm, Friday 11am-1:30pm. Public Swim: Mon. thru Thurs. 3:30-7pm, Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 1-6pm

## PICKLE BALL

• At the Recreation Dept. every Monday - Friday 10am-1pm indoors for the winter (notice the days and time has changed),

## MOUNTAIN FINDINGS

• Open: 10 am - 1 pm. Spruce Street. [www.mountainfindings.org](http://www.mountainfindings.org)

## PAC WEEKEND MOVIE

• At PAC, Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale. Thurs., Nov. 13, 2p; Fri., Nov. 14, 2p; Sat., Nov. 15, 530p; Sun., Nov. 16, 2p & 5:30p with captions. Mon., Nov. 17, 2p & 5:30p. Tickets are \$12.

## SATURDAY MARKET

• Farmers Market in KH Founders Park on Pine Street from 8a-12:30p rain or shine.

## ALL WEEK

• Scaly Mountain/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 at Scaly Mountain @ Grace Chapel, 9915 Dillard Rd., Scaly Mountain and Highlands @ the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday & Fridays @ 12 noon. Open in person meetings are held in Cashiers @ the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library, 249 Frank Allen Rd. on Sunday at 5 pm, on Tuesday @ 7pm, on Friday at 5:00 pm and on Saturday at 9:00 am. For more information please visit our website [www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org) or to speak with a member of A.A. 24/7 call our HELP Line 828 349-4357 Mon.Thurs.

• At First Presbyterian Church, ArtSpace is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next exhibit will start in mid-August. For information contact [fpchkelley@gmail.com](mailto:fpchkelley@gmail.com)

## Mon-Wed-Fri

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9am at the Rec Park.

• Balance, Stretch & Strengthen Class at the Rec Park 8:30-9:30am. The cost for the class is \$30 a month and is led by Cathy Hodgson. Call the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

## Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at the Rec Park at 5:30. A combo class with different types of exercise. 828-526-3556

## Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. For more info call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

## Tuesdays

• Strength Training at the Rec Park 8:15-9:15 am.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers - from 5-6:30 PM

• ESL classes at The Literacy & Learning Center, 6-7 p.m. 675 S 4th St. Highlands.

## 2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings. For more info contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at [budandlyn@me.com](mailto:budandlyn@me.com)

## 2nd Wednesdays

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health topics, at 11 AM.. To register, stop by the library or call 828-526-3031.

## Wednesdays

• Digital Navigators will be at the Hudson Library from 1-3 PM, digital navigators will host a Tech Time drop-in time at Hudson Library with the goal to assist attendees with basic smartphone, laptop, iPad and tablet skills. Tech Time sessions offer one-on-one help on any personal digital device. Tech Time is a chance for residents of all ages to bring their devices and ask any questions. Learn how to set up an email account, mute your cell phone, back up and store files. Those are just a few of the skills we teach patrons. For more information, call the Library at 828-526-3031. This program is free and open to the public."

## Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15a. at the Rec Park. No martial arts background necessary Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more info.

• At First Presbyterian Church a free concert "Music for Prayer"

at noon. These casual concerts are almost entirely improvised and last 30-45 minutes. This offering is called Music For Prayer.

• At Hudson Library, special children's events will be on tap on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 Kids Zone programs.

## Fridays

• At Hudson Library, Friday afternoons at 2 PM, there's a variety of children's programs including board games, STEM programs, and crafts.

## 3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. We serve breakfast at 9a and hold our monthly meeting at 10a. We invite ALL veterans to attend. Email [npost370@gmail.com](mailto:npost370@gmail.com) or just join us at 9am.

## Sundays

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Sunday Service: 10a Sunday Mornings. Stick around for visitation and coffee hour immediately after service. (Coffee hour is replaced by potluck dinner the 1st Sunday of each month).

## Thurs. Oct. 30

• Highlands Cashiers Players present "Deathtrap" by Ira Levin. Directed by Michael Lanzilotta. Tickets are \$25-\$35. For show times and tickets go to HighlandsCashiersPlayers.com or call 828-526-9047

## Fri., Oct. 31

• Halloween on Main in Highlands. 6-8 p.m. Trick or Treating, hot dogs & hot chocolate. Live music by ABC Combo, High 5 & DJ Mike Murphy.

## Sat.-Sun., Nov. 1-2

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## Thurs., Nov. 6

• Shop With A Cop Rotary Bingo in the Community Building 6:30 - 8:30pm. \$15 for 15 games.

## Tues., Nov. 11

• Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. at Veterans Plaza in parking log of police station. This brief ceremony is to honor all who wear and have worn the uniforms serving our great country. New bricks will be dedicated

into the "Veterans Honor Walk."

## Fri., Nov. 14

• Barrett Family Wine Dinner at ...on the Verandah at 6 p.m. \$250 per person. Reservations required. Call 828-526-2338 or book online at [www.ontheverandah.com](http://www.ontheverandah.com).

## Sat., Nov. 15

• Brochelle Vineyards Wine Dinner at ...on the Verandah at 6 p.m. \$250 per person. Reservations required. Call 828-526-2338 or book online at [www.ontheverandah.com](http://www.ontheverandah.com).

## Sat., Nov. 22

• Your favorite vendors from the Saturday Farmer's Market (plus a few extras) will be warm and cozy indoors at the Highlands Rec Center with fresh produce, locally made bakery treats, specialty foods, handcrafted gifts, unique products, artful jewelry, Haitian metal art, and a FREE cup of Haitian Coffee we all know and love. 10a to 3p. Come shop for one-of-a-kind gifts and other things you need for the holidays.

## Sat., Nov. 29

• Light Up the Park & Main. Start the holiday season with this electric celebration. Gather with friends and family as KH Founders Park and Main Street glow with festive lights — and a visit from Santa himself. For more info, go to [highlandschamber.org](http://highlandschamber.org) or call 828-526-2112.

## Dec. 5-21

• At PAC, Mountain Theatre Company presents Home for the Holidays. For tickets go to [boxoffice@mountaintheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@mountaintheatre.com). 828.526.2695

## Sat., Dec. 6

• Highlands Christmas Parade. Revel in the magic of the holidays at the Highlands Christmas Parade, a cherished tradition that brings joy to all ages. For more info, call 828-526-2112.

## Sat., Dec. 13

• Your favorite vendors from the Saturday Farmer's Market (plus a few extras) will be warm and cozy indoors at the Highlands Rec Center with fresh produce, locally made bakery treats, specialty foods, handcrafted gifts, unique products, artful jewelry, Haitian metal art, and a FREE cup of Haitian Coffee we all know and love. 10a to 3p. Come shop for one-of-a-kind gifts and other things you need for the holidays.

## Sun., Dec. 14

• Lighting of the Menorah. to honor the beginning of Hanukkah, a celebration of light and unity that marks this meaningful season. For more info, go to [highlandschamber.org](http://highlandschamber.org) or call 828-526-2112.

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