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## Historical marker for Dr. Mary Lapham in the works for N. 4th St.

Our small town of Highlands whose corporate limits are about one-mile square will likely soon have another historical marker to join the two now in town – the one at Town Hall and the one across from Reeves Hardware on Main Street.

The one at Town Hall is for the teacher Thomas Harbison

1862 – 1936. It reads: Botanist and educator. Pioneer in the study of flora, southeastern U.S. Highlands his base after 1886; taught here.

The one across from Reeves Hardware memorializes Andre Michaux's study to revive French forests and gardens, after being commissioned by King Louis XVI on June 15, 1787. Michaux found

himself at Highlands plateau with the help of two Cherokee guides. The Highlands plateau offered Michaux a diversity of plant life to satisfy even the king of France

At the Thursday Town Board meeting, Historian Ran Shaffner asked commissioners to write a letter of approval to be included

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## Veterans are remembered on Wreaths Across America Day



Highlands joined 1,200 other locations nationwide to lay wreaths on 240 graves at Highlands Memorial Park Saturday, Dec. 14 – National Wreaths Across American Day. Mayor Pat Taylor, members of Highlands American Legion Post 370 and citizens turned out for the event. This annual event seeks to further the WAA mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, ensuring that the memory of those who served our country endures.

– Photo by Bob Sutton

## Town website to include two webcam links

Viewing portals into places unknown is all the rage these days – and now the town of Highlands is joining in.

At Thursday's Town Board meeting, MIS/GIS Director Matt Shuler broached the subject once again and this time got a favorable response.

Two months ago, a proposition to mount a webcam on a town pole at 3rd and Main Street by a private company who offered services to town for free in return for access and power got a thumbs down 3-2 vote.

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## Commissioners & Mayor swear oath



At Thursday's Town Board meeting, newly elected Commissioners Amy Patterson, Donnie Calloway and Mayor Pat Taylor were administered the oath of office by Macon County Clerk of Court Vic Perry. All three will serve for another four years.

– Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Highlands' youngsters shop with a cop

Last Saturday morning, children in Highlands put on their jackets and waited for a special escort down the mountain to Franklin. Twenty children in the Highlands community were treated to

lunch, playtime at the Franklin Fun Factory, and a \$100 shopping spree as part of the annual Shop with a Cop event.

“Shop with a Cop means the

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### I am optimistic about the next four years!

I vividly remember being first sworn in as mayor on December 12, 2013. I was a rather nervous but very excited. This past Thursday, December 14, I was sworn in for a second term. While I was not nervous, I continue to be optimistic about serving as your mayor for the next four years.

I still view serving as mayor as an honor and responsibility entrusted to me by the citizens and taxpayers of Highlands. By taking the oath of office for a second term, I again pledge to be an advocate for open and responsive local government. I am still committed and strive for good, honest government at the local, grassroots level.

I still have on display in the mayor's office my original campaign sign, "Mayor on Duty."

It is a constant reminder to me. I try to remember daily that it's not my office, but rather owned by the people. I will continue to be on duty in service to Highlanders. This means anyone can contact me, and the door is always open.



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

Most days I arrive at Town Hall by about 9 am. I am usually there for about one to two hours. The folks at the front desk know I am available for anyone who wants to drop by and talk about an issue. My telephone number is (828) 506-3138. That number is the best contact number for me. My email is: [mayor@highlandsnc.org](mailto:mayor@highlandsnc.org).

There is one exception. I am not in charge of daily town operations. Josh Ward, our Town Manager, directs all town staff and crews. If you have a routine issue such as pothole repairs or trash pickup, please call the town hall desk at 526-2118. Either a staff person, or Josh, can dispatch personnel to address the problem. If the Town fails to respond in a timely manner, then let me know.

A lot of positive things have happened in Highlands over the past four years. The Town audit presented at last Thursday's Town Board meeting underscores the solid financial footing of the town. We continue to have strong revenues, minimal debt, and solid reserves.

Several important infrastructure projects, such as the water intake and Sequoyah Dam refurbishment, have been completed. Founders Park, wonderful community initiative, is complete and flourishing. Critical

upgrades to our recreation facilities are near completion. There have been other projects that have enhanced the appearance of the town.

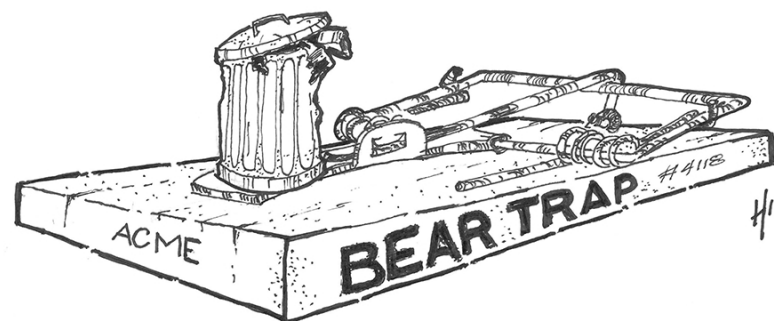
Communications in the town have been enhanced with the completion of the US Cellular Tower and the soon to be completed Verizon antenna on the town tower on Big Bear Pen.

The fiber optic network initiative is

underway, and I hope the buildout will be completed in about 18 months. Highlands will then be a Smart Grid, Gigabyte City.

While much has been done, still much work is ahead. After the holidays I will address several initiatives as budget planning gets underway. Be assured, the Mayor and Town Board will continue to stay on duty for you.

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## • WEEKEND WEATHER •

	Friday 12/22		Saturday 12/23		Sunday 12/24	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	50 F	44 F	53 F	37 F	44 F	17 F
RealFeel®	51 F	40 F	53 F	43 F	44 F	31 F
Winds	3 g 6	5 g 9	5 g 10	5 g 7	5 g 9	6 g 9
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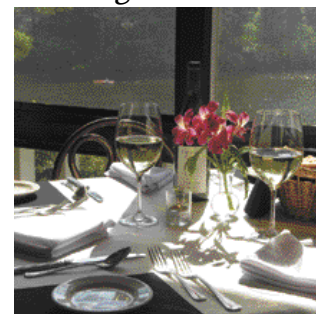
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# • HS SPORTS •

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## Basketball teams are playing hard

**T**his week middle school basketball played Cullowhee Valley and Nantahala. Only the girls played Nantahala because they do not have a boys' team. Our girls beat them 51-16.

They also played Cullowhee. The girls did not beat them but played hard A came close. They ended with a 47-44 loss. The boys then played and beat them 63-46. Their next home game will be on Thursday, January 18th. They will play Eagle Ridge and will start at 4:30 pm.

High school basketball played Swain and Hiwassee Dam. JV girls did not play Swain because they do not have a JV team.

The JV boys on the other hand did play but lost 64-26. The Varsity girls pulled out at 57-47 win over Swain. Then the Varsity boys lost 72-42.

Later in the week teams traveled to Hiwassee Dam to play their first conference game. The JV girls lost 49-8. The JV boys also lost 52-25.

The Varsity girls pulled out a 46-29 win. The Varsity boys played a hard-fought game that came to the end where they lost 60-52.

Their next home game will be today, Thursday, December 21. They will play Murphy starting at 4 pm. Come support the Highlanders!



Stephanie Barnes hustling for a jump ball

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## How will you spend your Holiday this year?

Until my mom passed away a few years ago, I'd always spent Christmas in Atlanta, switching off with my mom and my sisters as to who hosted the dinner Christmas Eve or Christmas Day. Since then, my husband and I have traveled to celebrate the Holiday. Twice, we've gone to Amelia Island to stay at Elizabeth Pointe Lodge, but only after much discussion about going somewhere for a white Christmas.



**Kathy Manos Penn**

though we may visit the mountaintop to take in the view. With lodging booked, Danielle went to work on activities and meals. The two activities we were most interested in were dogsledding and a sleigh ride. Again, Danielle checked out everything and booked a sleigh ride at the ranch for Christmas Eve day and the sledding adventure plus transportation for Christmas Day.

We may also snowshoe at the Lodge but can make that decision after we arrive. That will be activity aplenty for us, and we'll spend the rest of our stay relaxing and wandering the town. Ice fishing was also on offer, but that didn't appeal to either of us. All I could think of was the movie "Grumpy Old Men."

Next up were dinner plans. Heaven forbid we go hungry. Most important was booking our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day meals. You can't imagine how wonderful it is to have someone lay out all these plans instead of having to spend hours surfing the internet. Danielle listed several dining options, and all I had to do was choose.

How does that sound for a happy, stress-free holiday? Here's wishing the same for one and all!

• *Kathy Manos Penn is a Sandy Springs resident. Find her latest book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," locally at the Molly Grace in Highlands & Books Unlimited in Franklin, or on Amazon.*

This year, we're finally going to check a white Christmas off our bucket list. Don't get me wrong; I had a snowy Christmas once or twice as a child in New York City, but once we moved south when I was in the eighth grade, the chances of repeating that experience disappeared. I think I drove to Helen, GA one year when there were flurries, but no extensive white coating.

We're heading to Whitefish, Montana where the landscape will be snow-covered for sure. We batted around several possibilities and thought we'd likely wind up somewhere in Colorado until I called Danielle Garrett of PlanIt Itineraries. She suggested a few other places, and once my husband googled her suggestion of Whitefish, the decision was easy. He'd been there before, but only in the summer; I'd never been. Danielle listened to our requirements and went to work. She handled our airline reservations and then moved on to lodging. My husband was taken with the idea of staying at a ranch, but when Danielle researched lodging options and spoke with the ranch owner, she discovered the ranch was often deserted for the Holidays. Because we enjoy chatting with other guests when we stay at B&Bs and inns, we struck the ranch off our list. We settled on The Lodge at Whitefish Lake, about a mile from the charming downtown area. We can walk or take the convenient Lodge shuttle to town for dinner and shopping. The detail that cinched it for me? Hearing there would be Christmas stockings hung on the guest-room doors on Christmas Eve.

My husband no longer skis and I never have, so we had no interest in a ski lodge,

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## • OBITUARY •

### William A. 'Bill' Whiteside

William A. "Bill" Whiteside, 92, of Cashiers, NC passed away early Wednesday, December 13, 2017 surrounded by family and friends. He was born in Bradenton, Florida, the son of the late Cecil and Fannie Whiteside.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Whiteside, who died in 2014, a son, William Albert Whiteside, and sister, Mildred Powell.

Mr. Whiteside is survived by his daughter, Susan Williams (Peter) of Atlanta, GA,

son, Norman Whiteside (Sally) of High Point, NC; grandchildren, William Greyson Whiteside and William Norman Whiteside. He proudly served his country as a Marine in World War 2 stationed in the Philippines. Upon returning pursued a career in art receiving a Masters of Fine Art degree from Florida State University. For many years he taught art, with George W. Bush as one of his notable students, and had several paintings inducted into the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC. He owned and operated the Whiteside Art Gallery in Cashiers for 40 years. Many loved that he chose to repurpose the old Cashiers Baptist Church into his Art Gallery. He loved to share God's beauty through his realistic landscapes, so others could see the beauty that he did. Mr. & Mrs. Whiteside loved to help others in their community.

A graveside service was held Tuesday, December 19, 2017 at at Upper Zachary Cemetery in Cashiers, with Rev. Steve Kerhoulas officiating. A community Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, Inc. in Cashiers, 549 Frank Allen Rd, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is serving the Whiteside family. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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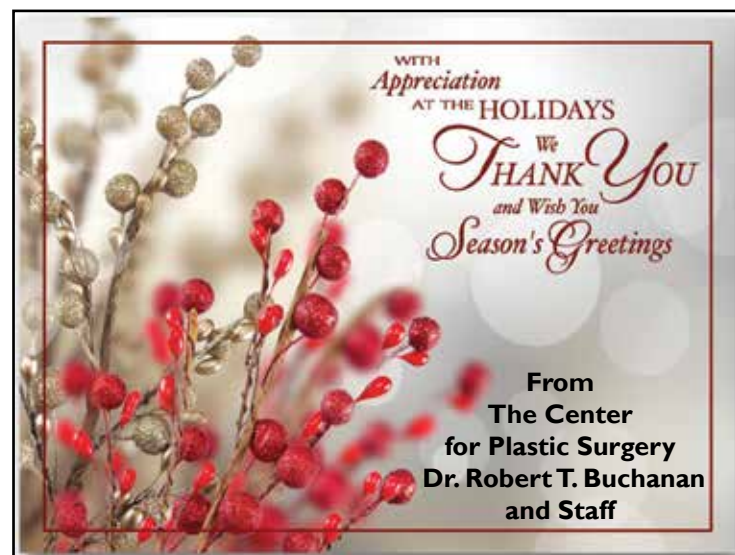
with an Application for a North Carolina Highway Historical Marker honoring Dr. Mary E. Lapham.

The marker would be on N. 4th Street on the town's Rec Park property that abuts the Highlands Historical Village which is also home to one of the open-air cot-

tages that Dr. Lapham used to house and cure patients with tuberculosis.

Proposed verbiage memorializes the cutting-edge therapy Dr. Lapham did here in Highlands to combat and cure TB. It

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Yield: makes 28 ounces, should make enough to fill seven (7) 4oz dessert dishes or covered to-go containers.

**Ingredients**  
4 large ripe avocados – cut in small chunks  
½ cup canned organic coconut milk concentrate (not low-fat)  
¼ cup plain unsweetened coconut milk  
½ cup Coconut Organics CocoNectar Low-Glycemic Sweetener  
½ cup organic raw cacao powder (not cocoa powder – it's not the same thing!)  
2 TBS MCT oil (made from organic coconut oil but stays liquids under 70 degrees)

4 tsp organic vanilla extract  
1/8 tsp Extra Fine Celtic Sea Salt  
**Directions**

1. Add all ingredients, starting with the avocado chunks, to large blender jar.
2. Cover tightly and blend on low for 1 min, stir, then on medium high until contents are uniform and creamy.
3. Taste and adjust slightly if necessary – creamy and rich, not too sweet or too bitter!

4. Transfer to a 32 ounce or larger container, cover and refrigerate. Before serving, spoon into chilled dessert dishes, add desired toppings or garnish with fresh mint leaves.

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world to a lot of these kids, their families and our officers/significant others who get just as much a blessing as the kids," said Highlands Police Chief Bill Harrell.

Shop with a Cop was started in Macon County more than 20 years ago by the Macon County Sheriff's Department. An event that started to help children within the Department of Social Services has continued to grow each year to now serve around 300 children throughout the county.

"This event is made possible each year because people in the community continue to support it," said Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland. "We are able to serve hundreds of children because people in this community step up each year."

This year, Highlands Police Department took children in the Highlands community shopping the day after the main Shop with a Cop event happened in Franklin. Chief Harrell said by having the event on Saturday more of his department was able to participate.

"We were able to get more of my part-time officers involved because we are so small and outnumbered by the kids we served," said Chief Harrell.

Chief Harrell said the event is still part

of Shop with a Cop and the fundraisers are held jointly to make the program happen each year.

More than just spend a few hours shopping, The Highlands Police Department made a day out of it. "We ate at 'The Factory Pizza Place,' played some games, shopped at Walmart, and came back to the Church of the Incarnation where volunteers there helped wrap gifts, provided refreshments, coats, toboggans, gloves and the kids did photos with Mr. and Mrs. Claus," said Chief Harrell.

More than just a blessing to the children and the families who participated, Chief Harrell said the event was special to all those involved. "It was a blast, not to mention the reiteration of a blessing beyond understanding if you've never served others like this without expecting or wanting anything in return," he said.

With hundreds of kids in the Franklin area, Sheriff Holland was joined by the Franklin Police Department, members of the highway patrol, the community, Emergency Personal, firefighters, town officials and more to treat children to shopping and dinner.

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# ..MARKER continued from page 8

may read: Dr. Mary E. Lapham, 1860-1936. Specialist in the fight against tuberculosis in the U.S. Pioneered lung collapse therapy and established sanatorium here, 1908-1918.

Her sanatorium is where the Rec Park and Civic Center is now located.

To treat patients with tuberculosis, she bought a three-story home on 15 acres in town and built Highlands Camp Sanatorium. It was comprised of 60 open-air tent-houses surrounding an infirmary which opened on November 19, 1908. For early detection of tuberculosis, she purchased an X-ray machine, close on the heels of its invention in 1895.

When she wasn't treating patients at the San or "Bug Hill," as it was called locally to honor the tubercule bacillus, Dr. Lapham would climb aboard a buggy or horse and ride back into the coves to treat anyone who needed a doctor. She delivered babies, pulled teeth, fitted for eyeglasses, and sewed up the men folk who were careless chopping wood.

She helped children as well as adults



Dr. Mary Lapham's TB sanatorium on Bug Hill – the current Rec Park property.

recover from lung and throat diseases. She gave symptomatic or tuberculin treatments to early signs of tuberculosis, but her specialty was lung compression, which she reserved for advanced and hopeless cases when nothing else was available.

When the infirmary at the Highlands Camp Sanatorium burned in February 1918, Dr. Lapham lost her x-ray machine, which was indispensable in the detection and monitoring of tuberculosis in her patients. Called to head a Red Cross mission in war-torn Europe, she set sail for France, where she set up a dispensary and hospital in La Rochelle for refugees from France and Belgium.

Despite the loss of the infirmary, the sanatorium would continue to function in Highlands, for nurse Bernie Durgin moved 25 tent-houses to her family property on Chestnut Street, where she continued to run a treatment center until the early 1930s.

If the request for the marker passes muster in April, it could be erected as early as June 2018.

Commissioners unanimously agreed to support the proposition.

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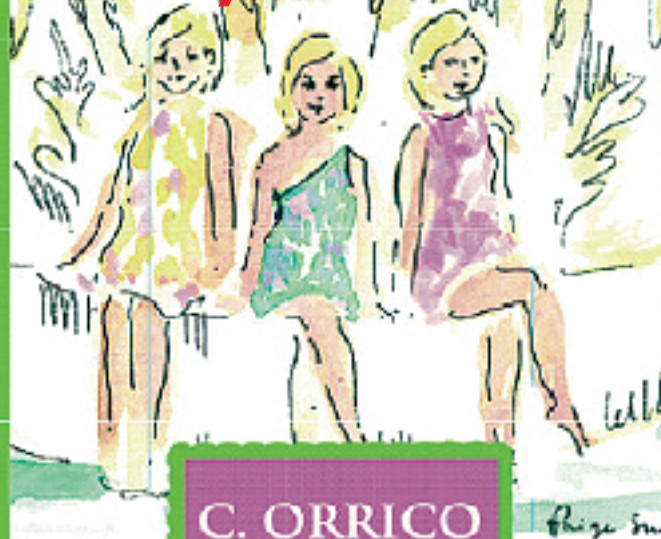


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Commissioners who voted against the project were concerned about face recognition, the “spying” component and they weren’t interested in commercial project being associated with the town’s infrastructure when they learned sponsorships would be sold.

Undeterred, Shuler returned with a town-owned and operated webcam system. To try it out and to illustrate his vision, he used two cameras previously used at the Rec Park mounting one 4,400 feet high on top of the Big Bear Pen tower and one on the utility pole at 3rd and Main streets.

Initially, he suggested a rotating camera on Big Bear Pen so viewers could pan area mountainscapes by adjusting the angle but he said a fixed view camera was also attainable.

In the end, commissioners voted unanimously to mount two fixed cameras – one at 3rd and Main pointing east and one on the Big Bear Pen tower pointing toward Whiteside Mountain.

Commissioner John Dotson said Whiteside Mountain was Highlands’ iconic landmark and so a view of it made sense.

The two fixed cameras, which will broadcast a 1080 pixels high definition view, will cost \$1,500 each.

In addition, Dotson requested that people be able to copy the link so they can put it on their own websites if so desired. Shuler verified that would be the case.

A thumbnail of each view – downtown on Main and that of Whiteside Mountain – will soon be on the town’s website. A click and the webcam view will be had.

### U-Turns

After some discussion, commissioners agreed to do away with the “No U-Turn” signs on Main Street.

According to Police Chief Bill Harrell there have never been any motor vehicle accidents on Main Street due to people making U-turns, which they do regularly both at the intersections and in the middle of the street through empty parking spaces.

### PAC

Representative from the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center (PAC) Director Mary Trumbly and architect Paul Schmitt, presented plans for the PAC expansion. The main reason plans were presented was because a portion of the building will be more than 35 feet high which is the maximum building height allowed in the Unified Development Ordinance.

However, since the campus is in the GI zone, there is no height restriction.

Town Manager Josh Ward said the parcels PAC has acquired for the new campus will be recombined into one and will be conditionally rezoned GI sight specific to the submitted plan. Once finalized, the plan will go first to the Planning Board, then the Zoning Board and to the Town Board for final approval.

### Dog Laws

Commissioner Amy Patterson said the Rec Committee are still discussing what to do with dogs in town on public property.

Any law would require a code change and she said given the number of dogs in the recent parade and at the parade with their owners, “people in Highlands like their dogs.”

### Town Manager Report

Town Manager Josh Ward said Irma debris will be chipped by Christmas.

Verizon said its tower extension on Big Bear Pen will be up and running by the end of January.

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should show it off. Remember... when it comes to kitchen and bath countertops less is more on these surfaces. Decluttering is a must!

A comfortable indoor temperature is important. If your home is warm, buyers will feel more comfortable and welcome in the space. Light a fire in the fireplace and offer warm treats to keep things warm and inviting. The same is true for outdoor spaces. If

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**Proverbs 3:5**

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**John 3:16**



## Christmas Message 2017

Rev. Dr. Francis Xavier Arockiasamy, Ph.D. (Phy), B.Th.  
Administrator,  
OLM Church,  
Highlands, NC

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Expectation is one of the important aspects of our life. We expect many things, varying from person to person. The purpose of life is to glorify God and forever enjoy the benefits of knowing him through Jesus Christ. Our most dearly-held expectation should be to fulfill our purpose. However, each of us must live within society where there is hatred, violence, discrimination, etc. These things tend to distract us from our purpose and interfere with our joy. We need good leaders to create a Godly society in which there is the peace that contributes to our meeting our expectations.

Long years ago, the society of Israel was beset with problems. The people suffered under the rule of the far away Roman Emperor. They suffered, as well, under ungodly local leadership. Between Rome and the Pharisees, Sadducees, Chief Priests, and Elders, the people were burdened with taxes, laws and other requirements. They expected the Messiah to come and redeem them from slavery to freedom in this life.

Jesus Christ was born as Messiah: a spiritual savior, not a political one. He was critical of the leadership of the Jews, and offered the people healing and other blessings in their temporal lives, but Jesus taught the Kingdom of God for all eternity. He taught that it can begin here on earth and encouraged its establishment in this life. He is called the Prince of Peace; His is the peace that allows us to glorify God and enjoy him forever.

Christmas is the season of remembering the coming of our Lord. However, in the celebration of the Christ Child, let us not lose sight of our expectation and our purpose. Jesus proclaimed the Kingdom. Let us bring it forth in this life, not just by electing Godly leaders, but also by healing, caring for, loving and protecting the sick, the needy, the helpless. We glorify God by imitating Jesus. May God bless you all during this season of Christmas and throughout the New Year, 2018.

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# The Real Night Before Christmas

by Archbishop John Erbeling  
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'Twas the night before Christmas  
and as Bethlehem sleeps  
we shepherds on hillsides  
were tending our sheep.

Our staffs on tree branches  
were hung there with care  
in hopes that in darkness  
no wolves would be there.

Our sons were nestled  
all snug in hay beds  
while visions of festivals  
danced in their heads.

Saul in his tunic  
and I in my wrap  
had just settled in  
for a much needed nap.

When out of the heavens  
there rose such a noise  
we ran to the hilltop  
awaking the boys.

The moon on the crest  
of wind-driven sand  
cast eerie, long shadows  
on this sleepy band.

When what to our wondering  
eyes should appear  
but a sky full of angels  
all singing good cheer.

More rapid than eagles  
the angels they came  
with singing and praising  
and I heard them by name:

There was Michael and Gabriel,  
Thomas and Paul,  
Peter and Philip,  
Andrew and Saul.

To the top of the rock,  
to the top of the wall,  
we all heard their singing,  
we all heard their call.

As dry leaves, that before  
a wild sandstorm fly  
when met with a fig tree  
would mount to the sky.

So up to the heavens  
the angels they flew  
singing of Jesus,  
how His birthday was due.

"Go into the town,  
Seek a small manger stall."  
They gave us this message  
for men, one and all.

As I lowered my head  
and was turning around,  
down to the stable,  
run, and a baby found.

He was dressed all in cloths  
from His head to His toes,  
and laid in a manger,  
where cattle feed goes.

A bundle of joy,  
this most lovely thing.  
He looked like a baby,  
but one day a king.

His eyes, how they twinkled,  
his smile, oh how merry,  
the stable was cold.  
His nose looked like a berry.

There were horses and cattle,  
and a mule with big teeth.  
They encircled the stable.  
It looked like a wreath.

There stood tired Joseph,  
to keep eyes open was hard,  
but he stood beside Jesus.  
He stood like a guard.

There also was Mary,  
a crown of light round her head,  
and with love in her eyes,  
I had nothing to dread.  
They spoke not a word  
but went quick to their tasks.  
Strangers were coming,  
and questions they'd ask.

The angels stood round,  
the Messiah they knew,  
but on a beam of a star,  
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as they went from our sight,  
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### MC School Supt. Baldwin sings Highlands School's praises

From left: Dr. Chris Baldwin, Superintendent, Macon County Schools; Brian Jetter, Principal, Highlands School; Stephanie McCall, Macon County Board of Education Board Member; and Jerry Moore, President Elect, Rotary Club of Highlands.



Highlands School is rated in the top 1% of schools in North Carolina and among the top 5% in the entire nation according to US News and World Report, Dr. Chris Baldwin, Superintendent Macon County Schools reported when he recently spoke to the Rotary Club of Highlands. Dr. Baldwin updated Rotarians on county education and was accompanied by Stephanie McCall, Macon County Board of Education Board Member.

Highlands School also has a 47% participation in Advanced Placement (AP) classes, a 93% pass rate and, in 2016-17, had a 100% graduation rate.

Macon County Schools have a total of 4,536 students, 77% of whom are white, 18.7% are Hispanic and the remaining 4.3% are Asian, African American, Native American and Multi-Racial.

Baldwin noted that the entire Macon County School budget is \$40.5 million,

which breaks down to \$52.29 per pupil per day. This expense covers not only teaching, but also transportation to and from school, heated and cooled schools, disabled access, administration, extracurricular activities, and placement guidance at U of NC campuses.

The Board of Education manages to provide all of these services, with outstanding results, for only \$52.29 per pupil per day. Contrast this with the \$89 per prisoner per day cost of NC incarceration and it is clear that education is the better investment.

Stephanie McCall gave special shout-outs for the teachers at Highlands School who give selflessly of their time for coaching and mentoring extra-curricular activities. She also applauded Highlander and County Commissioner Jimmy Tate for his on-going support of Macon County Schools.

### Teachers get Christmas gift



On December 13, the Rotary Club of Highlands presented \$100 to each teacher at Highlands School. The money can be used for classroom materials not furnished by the school or for any purpose that helps the teachers enrich the education of their students. Pictured Rotary members Hank Ross (left) and Cynthia Dendy (right) and teachers Bonnylin Covey and Cindy Reed.



# • BIZ/ORG NEWS •

## Sundays at Sotheby's featured work by Highlands Bio Station students



For the fourth year, Highlands Bio Station students participated in a weekly class at The Bascom Art Center.

The Bascom class took place concurrently with the students' Environmental Studies and Environmental Science degree work, arranged between University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Western Carolina University during fall semesters.

Under the instruction of Grant Benoit, Bascom Community Artist in Residence, students practiced coptic bookbinding, monotype printing, relief printmaking, and marbling.

Don Marks, President of the Western Carolina Woodturners, also instructed the students in using the woodturning lathe to create hanging spherical ornaments. The Bio Station exhibit is part of "Sunday at Sotheby's," a rotation of artworks featuring Bascom Community Outreach and Resident Artists throughout the year.

Check with The Bascom in March to see the schedule of 2018 exhibits. To learn more about community outreach initiatives with The Bascom, contact Will Barclift at [wbarclift@thebascom.org](mailto:wbarclift@thebascom.org), 828-787-2897.

## Mayor Pat Taylor takes oath of office

At the Thursday, Dec. 14 Town Board meeting, Macon County Clerk of Court Vic Perry administered the oath of office to Mayor Pat Taylor and Commissioners Amy Patterson and Donnie Calloway. All three ran unopposed and will serve for another four years.



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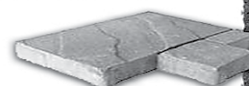
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**The Highlands Police log entries from Nov. 18.**  
**Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

**Nov. 18**

• At 8:30 a.m., a female on Main Street reported someone communicating threats to her, Dec. 9

• At 2:36 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 east.

**Dec. 4**

• At 10:30 a.m., a resident on Williamsburg Court reported jewelry valued at \$700 stolen from her home.

**Dec. 5**

• At 10:10 a.m., officers responded to a call of someone communicating threats and damaging a vehicle at a residence on US 64 west.

**Dec. 7**

• At noon, Entegra Bank reported someone possessing a stolen check, endorsing the stolen check and attempting to cash it.

**Dec. 10**

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**Dec. 11**

• At 11:31 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 west near Mirror Lake Road.

**Dec. 13**

• At 3:55 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Farmers Market.

• At 4:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Dec. 10.**

**Dec. 10**

• At 9:36 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers Fire Dept.

**Dec. 11**

• At 11:28 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

• At 12:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

• At 3:58 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Rolling Acres Drive.

• At 7:14 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on US 64 east.

**Dec. 12**

• At 11:39 p.m., the dept. responded to a transformer fire on Cinnamon Lane.

**Dec. 13**

• At 9:35 a.m., the dept. investigated smoke on NC 28 south.

**Dec. 14**

• At 4:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

**Dec. 15**

• At 9:21 p.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

**Dec. 16**

• At 1:17 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on BlueValley Road.

• At 4:42 p.m., the dept. provided mutual assistance to the Cashiers Fire Dept.

• At 11:30 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on N. 5th St.

**Dec. 17**

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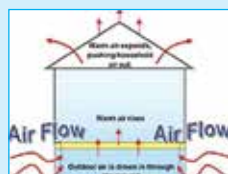
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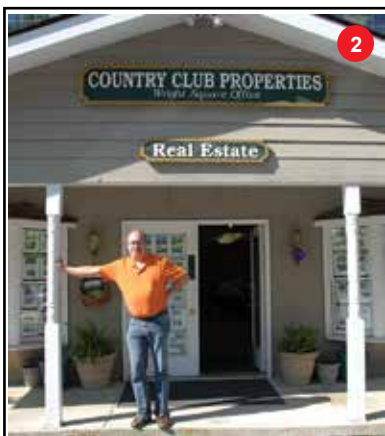


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