

HIGHLAND HERALD

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CHICKADEES

This month, our timely Spring article is written by Highlands resident, Jack Sim.

When I read how small security cameras could be put into birdhouses so people could watch birds in their nests, I bought one with a microphone and connected it with a long cord to a 13" TV-VCR. The camera operates with an infrared light that birds can't see but allows for camera pick up.

I installed the camera above a false ceiling under the peaked roof of a wren house outside our home in Rockford, IL. We turned the camera and TV on each morning and left them on all day. When anything interesting happened, we clicked on the VCR. The first year, 2005, (continued to page 2, column 2)

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Until fall, we have done away with "Highlights" and are simply listing all planned activities here. Watch for street signs and clubhouse posters announcing impromptu activities like block parties.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

- April 8 Manager's Meeting, 9 AM
- April 8 HCC meeting, 5:30 PM
- April 12 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9 AM
- April 20 April Birthday Party 4 PM
- April 28 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM

PREVIEW OF MAY ACTIVITIES

- May 10 Pancake Breakfast 7:30-9 AM
- May 13 Manager's Meeting, 9 AM
- May 13 HCC meeting, 5:30 PM
- May 18 April Birthday Party 4 PM
- May 25 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM

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BRENTWOOD

Mon. - Sat. 9 AM to 5 PM
Sun. 10 AM to 4 PM

FROM THE PREZ:

Holly Cow! Seems like I just did this letter thing, but it sure sneaks up on me.

From all the feedback, our Brentwood Days celebration was a success. We had food left over but we froze it and will use it later. We had fun, gave out prizes for a variety of contests and raised some money with our jail and that will be used for the community.

A lot of folks are going home or have already left so it will slow down around here a bit. I'm leaving too, but only temporarily. I'm going fishing for a few days. So as I write, I don't know how the St. Patty's Day dinner went but I hear there are 106 signed up and Mary Shaw was rounding up extra roasters.

Thanks to whoever finally got the message and quit dumping their ash tray at the front gate! However, the last few times I walked my little dog I noticed that there still are people out here that seem to think it is OK to let their dog wander into other people's yards and do their business as long as they pick it up. WRONG! We all try to keep our yards clean and neat, so let's respect our neighbors' wishes not to have their yards used as a doggy toilet and keep our little friends on a leash in the STREET. That's it for this time.

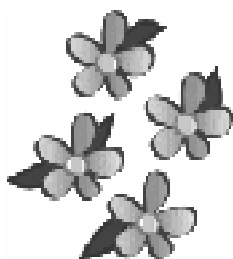
Chuck Heit

ENCORE

Spring

*does not ask
an audience,*

*but
shapes
each blossom
perfectly,
indifferent
to
applause.*



Debra Stanford, #265



Chickadees, continued from page 1) we saw a wren go in the house but it didn't stay. I added a false chimney and moved the camera further away from the nesting area. Still, we had no bird families that year.

In 2006, the birdhouse went up in late April and on May 17, we saw chickadees and heard their distinctive chirping sound. They like at least a 1 1/8" entry hole and the wren house hole was only an inch, but the birds were determined to nest there. They pecked at the 3/4" thick cedar wood but only succeeded in making the hole look like a funnel. Still they squeezed through and made a nest of feathers, cotton, grass, small twigs and wool we purchased from a bird store and hung nearby. Soon they had a well padded round nest at the bottom of the house, as far away from the entry hole as possible. Once the nest was built, we no longer saw the male. Ten days after the chickadees started pecking at the hole, we saw four eggs.

During the 12-14 days it took for the eggs to hatch, the mother continually rotated the eggs. She left the nest only on warm days. After the eggs hatched, we heard lots of chirping, especially when the mother returned with food for the babies. With no help from the male, she had a busy time keeping all those mouths fed. One day, I found a baby bird on the lawn and put it back in the birdhouse. Another day, I put two of the babies back. From our camera view, everything looked OK but only 18 days after hatching, the birds were gone and we found two of the babies dead in the house. We never discovered how the baby birds got out of the house prematurely. Thus ended our first successful year with the birdhouse camera. (Next month: Jack's second year.)

MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Thanks for turning out so well at our March meeting. We discussed water meter costs. Two calls to the City resulted in this answer twice:

Water: \$10.78 minimum charge

Sewer: \$19.48 base charge

Trash: \$22.22 for 60 gal. container

After the meters are installed, you will be responsible for these monthly costs. ELS will decrease your rent \$35 to offset some of the extra expense.

When you leave for a month or more, you need to call the city, 644-2688, to stop sewer and trash pickup, and to decrease your water costs by 50%.

Until cameras are installed in the Billiards Room, you must sign the key out before 5 PM and sign it back in when you are through with it.

Please bring a photo of your pet to this office. We are compiling a pet photo album, to be used when a pet decides to take a walk around the park alone.

Thanks everyone for keeping your yard and patio clean. I will be out on the 25th to check for weeds. A spray bottle of bleach or white vinegar is an inexpensive way to kill them. If you are unable to clean your yard, please call the office. Some folks have volunteered to help.

We do not allow soliciting here. If someone comes to your door selling anything, please tell them to leave. Then call the police and this office right away. "Sheppard's" is a company that offered to level a resident's home, took money and did not return to do the work.

Carolyn Campbell, Manager



BRENTWOOD SUMMER REUNION

The Brentwood summer reunion will be held at the Country Inn and Suites South in Rochester, Minnesota, on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 22 and 23. Social time begins at 2:00 P.M. on the 22nd and ends with golf and a luncheon on the 23rd.

Call 507-287-6758 by June 22 to make reservations. Tell the representative you are with the "Brentwood Group." A sign up sheet will be posted on the east side of the office until April 6, when this year's hosts, Fred and Glenice Schmidt leave. If you have questions, call them at 830-8395 until April 6, and 507-288-1738 after April 15. Everyone is welcome to attend.



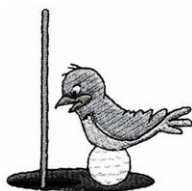
It's all over but the shouting and we need to do that loudly. Our St. Paddy's Day event was an outstanding success. We served corned beef and cabbage to 109 folks. I overheard people saying that they were not big fans of that menu but this time they thought it was very good. (Thanks Mary and Jan). Lots of special little touches like the general decorations, the cute little green Irish symbols on the tables and our ladies (Thanks Jacki and Betty) draping green chains on people all added to the festive occasion. Pete, our MC, entertained us with well-received jokes. The Irish Lottery was fun for all with lots of prizes given out by Don, Sharon and Connie. The original idea for the party came from our chorus. They had fun songs to present and needed a venue. What a great job by all the singers including some new voices: Jim & Jan McDaniel and Bruce & Carmen Williams. Our pianist Marilyn Lindner also did a fine job. I'm sure I've missed some folks and if so I'm sorry but thanks to all of you. Barb Peters

GOLF

Ladies St. Patrick's Day 18 hole Golf Scramble:

Eighteen couple participated. Winners were: **First place:** The Newkirks and Eckerts. **Second place** was tied three ways: a) the Prouds and Schmidts, b) the Sim, Hill and Lehn team and c) the Madden, Leppink and Walsh team.

After golf, we all went to the Clubhouse for lunch. Thanks to the women who brought salads and desserts, to Jim Gale and Howard Jennings for grilling all the great hamburgers and a big THANK YOU to Carol Jennings for all her help this past year.



BRENTWOOD DAYS

We had a fun week, full of special contests in a variety of activities and a Saturday afternoon of visiting and games. Winners were announced Saturday evening when we convened for the London broil dinner provided by our sponsors, ELS and HCC and finished the evening by listening to the wonderful Nostalgics.

Contest winners were: **Men's golf:** Earl Degan. **Women's golf:** Carol Jennings. **Putting:** Sharon Eckert. **Chipping:** Jack Newkirk. **Bolo:** Mickey Wilson. **Bean Bag:** Wayne Hill. **Bingo:** Solange Baron. **Bunko:** Five way tie—Bill Johnson, Pam Flatum, Pat Maki, Pat's daughter, and Barry Wood. **500:** Betty Olson. **Pool:** Mel Hornstein. **Shuffleboard:** Wayne Hill. **Cribbage:** Cel Fodor. **Bridge:** Dorothy Gayle.

Area 5 and the sponsors wish to thank everyone who participated and those who helped to make this even a great success by volunteering.

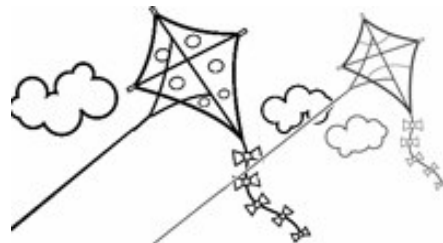
COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

As in every small community, it is likely that there are some residents living here who are having financial setbacks. Considering the present state of the economy, coupled with constant increases in everyday living expenses it is easy to understand how someone might fall on hard times. The Highlands Community Club has developed a plan to assist those who find themselves temporarily having difficulty making ends meet.

Our Highlands Community Club president, Chuck Heit, initiated this project. At our recent community-wide patio sale, Chuck arranged a sale of donated items to start the fund. A generous financial contribution from a resident increased it. We hope to continue to raise funds through other community generated fund raisers and personal donations.

The HCC board has appointed a three person committee to manage this essential program. This group will carefully determine person or persons who might need one-time help and provide that assistance. This action will be very private and will be known only by the recipient and the HCC assistance board.

It is important to understand that this humanitarian program is designed only to help a neighbor in temporary need. Contact Pete Peters (218-5924), Connie Tusa (325-4831) or Phil Henault (474-4261) if you have any ideas, suggestions or comments, or if you know of a resident who might benefit from this confidential program.





SIXTY-SEVEN YEARS!

In 1939, Emeron (Em) Zackoski was working for a company called the Golden Rule in St. Paul, Minnesota. As the newest hire, it became his task to watch the desk while the secretary went to lunch. Marge, the secretary, came back from lunch with a bag of nuts. She saw this young man sitting at her desk with the phone held way out from his ear and his mouth hanging open in shock. Even from across the room, she could hear the woman on the other end of the phone berating him. Marge couldn't resist; she walked over and stuck a brazil nut in his mouth. Em called her the next day and asked her out for that evening. Well, no respectable woman would accept such an impromptu date, so of course, she said, "No, I'm busy." Her mother called out, "No, she's not!" Caught out, she agreed to go—and they went out every night from then on until they married in 1941.

It was wartime, so Em joined the Navy Air Corps where he served as an aviation machinist's mate on an aircraft carrier. Marge and Em's first daughter was born while he was still in the Navy. After the war was over, Em started working for Westinghouse and then later worked for Franklin Manufacturing Corporation.

Marge and Em have four children, six grandchildren, three great grandchildren and two more are on the way. Their family lives in Minnesota, California, Virginia and Canada.

Over the years, Marge and Em lived in various places in Minnesota and built

several homes before retiring and moving here in 1989, next door to Em's brother Joe. When they first considered moving here, Em wasn't sure he wanted to. "There's an awful lot of old folks here," he said. But they did, and they've never been sorry. Marge and Em learned to play golf on our golf course, took part in most of the activities and Em was community treasurer for several years. They have been active outside our community as well. Both were hospital volunteers for years. Em received a Health Care Heroes award in 2004.

And this month, Marge and Em celebrate their 67th anniversary! "We've had such a wonderful marriage," Marge says as she reaches over and pats Em's hand. "He's so good to me." He just smiles and pats her back.



THE HERALD IS NOW ONLINE!

If you are leaving for the summer but would still like to keep up with what's happening in our community, you can get your newsletter online.

As of April 1st, you will find links for the March and April newsletters, and as the first of each month rolls around, links to that month's newsletter as well. You can read and/or print the newsletter right from your own computer no matter where you are.

The Herald will still be delivered to all folks here and the office will still mail it to anyone who provides them with stamped envelopes. This just gives you another option, one that is usually easier and less expensive if you are away.

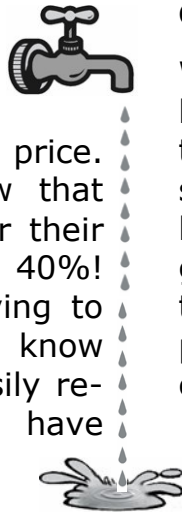
We cannot send email notices to everyone, so you must go to the website and check each first of the month. Go to: **<http://www.hugshelen.com/herald>** to check for or to download the Herald.

EARTH DAY



April 22nd is Earth Day this year. This is a good time to take stock of what we've done throughout the last year to keep our earth "green" – and to consider what else we can do. In our favor, we've begun a community recycling program, Many of us make that extra effort to cart our recyclables to those multicolored bins in the storage area. But some of us haven't made the change. Maybe this is a good time for a re-evaluation. Recycling keeps our earth greener and saves us money in the long run.

Our community management has also decreed that we will either limit our water usage or pay the price. They report that statistics show that when customers begin to pay for their own water, usage decreases by 40%! Even while we may not like having to limit our water use, most of us know that is really is no longer the easily replaceable resource many of us have considered it to be.



Hazardous Trash

Just in time for Earth Day, this spring's **hazardous trash collection day is April 19th at 2412 N. Center St., north of McKellips Road.** The City of Mesa provides a collection site for our hazardous trash four times a year. The next time won't be until October 4th, but it will be closer, at 6935 E. Decatur St. (Power Road, north of University Drive). The following items are accepted:

- * Paint, polishes, turpentine, varnishes, adhesives and related materials
- * Aerosol cans, batteries;
- * Antifreeze, motor oil, gasoline, transmission fluid and fuel additives;
- * Automobile tires (limit 5); rims are accepted if the tire has been removed;

- * Appliances (limit 2);
- * Pool chemicals, mercury, pesticides;
- * Electronics like computers, televisions, stereos or cell phones (But consider the Boy Scouts first for these, see the March newsletter);
- * Fluorescent and compact fluorescent light bulbs.

If you want to know more, you can go to <http://www.cityofmesa.org>, click on Services and choose "Trash...". (Although it says here that you need to show your trash bill, just tell them your address.)

Compact florescent light bulbs (CFLs):

We are using compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs) more and more because they take less energy to provide the same light as an old style incandescent bulb while lasting longer. But it isn't all good. They contain mercury, a toxicant that can cause neurological damage to people. So we need to dispose of them carefully. We have some options:

- * Ikea and Ace Hardware both accept used CFL's for recycling.
- * Lighting Resources (602-276-4278) charges 35 cents per bulb to recycle CFL's.
- * Sylvania sells a RecyclePak for \$15 at Sylvania.com. You fill the pak with 15 used bulbs and put it in the mail.



* And finally, note that in the Hazardous Trash section of this article, the City of Mesa encourages us to save them with the rest of our hazardous trash and dispose of them during the above noted municipal collections.

Celebrate morning—

The dreams that are born in the dawn's early light . . .

Celebrate evening—

*The cry of a loon on a lake in the night
Celebrate Earth Day, every day . . .*

John Denver

TGIF

For only \$2.00 and a side dish, you can get a great meal with good company when you join your neighbors in the clubhouse every Friday at 5:30 PM. Just sign up on the sheet posted at the clubhouse and show up with your side dish. The entrée is provided.

RED HAT LADIES



The Classy Lassies attended the Out-to-Lunch concert at the Mesa Art Center in February. All had a good time. In March, 15 of us visited the Towerpoint Jazzercise Jezebels for a pancake breakfast and PJ party. Many of us went in our PJ's and at least one brought her dolly. We plan to have a champagne brunch at Norma Johnston's home on April 5th. As always, I am sure we will have a great time.

Judi Wood



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Each month your editors arbitrarily choose a volunteer or group of volunteers to recognize. This month, we've chosen Mary Shaw. Mary is our local Wipeout expert. (If you don't know what I'm talking about, ask her to demonstrate. If you do, you are smiling in appreciation!) But she is also a great cook and kitchen organizer. She is the power behind our Pancake Breakfasts and Birthday Parties; she cooked up the delicious corned beef and cabbage for last month's St. Pat's party, and she is always willing to help out where she can...as long as she can stay in the background. Thank you, Mary. Thank you, thank you.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This popular event is on April 12, from 7:30 to 9:00 AM. The cost is just \$4 per person (\$5 for guests) for a filling breakfast. Be sure to sign up so we'll know how many to serve.

LADIES LUNCHEON

In March, Judy Adams of Tastefully Simple brought us a quiz about safe cooking and delicious samples of the easy to make condiments, sauces and breads that she sells. Judy left catalogs with us and anyone who still wants to buy something can contact her at 480-419-2043 or 407-797-6946 or email her at tastefullyja@aol.com and she'll be glad to deliver. She'll even mail it to your summer residence!

In March, your editors stepped up to deliver a presentation on Lewy Body Dementia. This is especially close to Jim's heart. His first wife of 40 years died with this confusing disease.

In April, Trish Buckner is bringing the work of artist Fernando Sandoval of ICON (Image Creations of Nature) to share with us. This will be our last program of the season.

The Ladies' Luncheon meets every fourth Monday of the month. Plan to come in April and bring a salad or dessert for six. From May until October, the ladies will be eating out.

A NOTE OF THANKS

To our friends and "park family:" Thank you so much for all of your expressions of sympathy and prayers about the loss of our son Tony. He was 53 years old. A memorial service will be held in Sioux Falls, SD. We will be back in April. Thanks again.

Jim and Polly Wenbourne

EXERCISES

Weights: Monday, Wednesday, Friday.
7:45 - 8 AM with Mary O'Connor

Chair Exercises: Monday, Wednesday,
Friday, 8 - 8:30 AM with Maureen
Hobart

Ladies Pool Exercises: Every week-
day. 9 AM with Martha Nicholson

Come on down and join
the fun! Contact Martha at
854-0110 for more info.



TOPS

The Highlands chapter of TOPS will hold
their final meeting of the season on
Tuesday, April 8 at 10:45 A.M. in the
clubhouse. Meetings will resume in the
fall.

SHUFFLE BOARD

Shuffle board starts at 10 AM on Tues-
days and Thursdays on the courts west
of the pool. If you are interested in
playing or learning, come on down. No
sign-up necessary, just show up!

BINGO

Every Thursday, at 6:30 PM, we have a
fun-filled evening of Bingo in the club-
house, with CASH prizes and yummy
treats during the break. Come down
and give it a try, while you enjoy an
evening with your friends and
neighbors.



God, grant me the Senility
To forget the people
I never liked anyway,
The good fortune
To run into the ones I do,
And the eyesight
To tell the difference.



CARD NOTES



If you like to play cards, you have sev-
eral opportunities during the week to
meet with other card players at the
clubhouse. Sign up ahead of time and
come play:

Men's Bridge: Monday, Wednesday &
Fridays at 12:30 PM (Call Ralph Wilson ,
830-0763 if interested.

Cribbage: Monday at 7 PM

500: Wednesday at 7 PM

Women's Bridge: Friday at 1 PM

Pinochle: Call Cel Fodor at 830-5571 if
you are interested.



CRAFTS

Ceramics: We meet every Tuesday af-
ternoon at 1 PM to do ceramics in the
craft room. It's a fun way to be crea-
tive. Visitors are always welcome.
Contact: Marge Jankowski, 694-2151.

Carving: On hiatus until fall.

Quilting: Our group meets in the club-
house craft room every Monday at 7 PM
and every Wednesday at 1 PM. We call
ourselves a quilting group, but we wel-
come anyone who wants to join us while
you sew anything, or knit or even cro-
chet. Contact: Joyce, 832-6530.

Chorus: We are meeting at the club-
house every Tuesday at 7 PM. New
singers - and wannabe singers—always
welcome! Contact: Barb Peters, 218-
5924.

EDITOR'S NOTES



Our community is experiencing its annual exodus of winter residents with an accompanying decrease in activities and requests to have the Herald sent to summer addresses. In response, we have made it possible for you to download the Herald from the internet. (see page 5)

Your editors have been having great fun making your newsletter better and better. As always, we thank those who help us do our job, from the delivery team and those who regularly submit articles about activities to those who patiently allow themselves to be interviewed. Thank you so much!

Jim and Helen Whitworth

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A woman applied for a job in an orchard. When the foreman asked if she'd had any actual experience picking lemons, she answered, "Well, I think I do. I've been divorced three times."

Happy April Birthday!

- 3rd Loretta Poe #70
- 4th Fred Snyder #124
- 4th Jeff Fritz #129
- 5th Esther Noguera #138
- 6th Bob Morton #41
- 7th Dorothy Gale #141
- 7th Don Mennenga #91
- 7th George Behounek #170
- 9th Betty Olson #231
- 9th Chad Burnett #234
- 10th Debbie Genow #28
- 10th Millard Copas #184
- 11th Jan McDaniel #47
- 12th Irene Hagmann #36
- 13th Joey Lancioni #272
- 14th Gert D'Agostino #24
- 15th Agnes Henault #258
- 15th Kathy Heit #85
- 17th Janice Brunner #159
- 17th Betty Edwards #193
- 18th Mary Lou Sim #176
- 19th Florence Gazda #35
- 22nd Kenneth Lindner #232
- 23rd Barbara Morrissey #195
- 25th Adele Genow #28
- 25th Barbara Newkirk #143
- 27th Barb Feit #222
- 28th George Bonforti #273
- 30th Kenneth Moen #166



April Anniversaries



- 1st Pete & Shirley LaRoque #131
- 15th Jim & Pauline Wenbourne #8
- 16th Em & Marge Zackoski #243
- 16th Sam & Doris Bentivegna #230
- 18th Kenneth & Phyllis Moen #166