

HIGHLAND HERALD

April
2010

SPRING

The rain will fall,
but the trees will stand tall.

The wind will blow ...
but the river will not overflow.

Frogs will leap...
And in cool breezes, children will sleep.

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 * 1 Genealogy Group 2 PM *
 * 10 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 9:00 *
 * plus blood pressure check *
 * 13 Board Meeting 5:00 PM *
 * 14 Bunko 6:30 PM *
 * 24 Blood Pressure Check at Coffee *
 * 26 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM *
 * 28 Bunko 6:30 PM *



Bees will sting,
Birds will sing,
and you'll hear the sweet sounds of
spring.

Flowers will sprout,
and upstream go the trout.



Open the windows,
let winter's stale air out.
Release your outward and inner beauty
without fear,
It's a fresh new world,
Spring is here!
Deborah, 4/10



FSBO-HOME SHOWING SAFETY TIPS

(from Suzanna Spann, Manager)



With thousands of homes for sale, many owners are attempting to sell their home on their own in order to save money. Here are a number of safety tips that will help owners to stay safe.

Imagine the following situation: you are home alone when you hear a knock on the door. It's someone who saw your sign, FOR SALE BY OWNER, while driving by and wishes to take a tour of your home. You are now faced with a situation – do you turn away potential buyers or do you let them in and perhaps put yourself in danger?

1. Before you show your home:

- a. Remove anything of value (jewelry boxes, cameras, video games, prescription medications, etc.) from plain sight. Consider removing them from the premises.
- b. Make sure personal and financial information is out of view.
- c. Clean out the cabinets of a bathroom for the public to use.
- d. Unlock all exterior doors prior to showing in case a quick exit is necessary.
- e. Pull all blinds and curtains back and keep them open during a showing.
- f. Use a cell number in ads so it won't go unanswered when no one is home.
- g. Have forms with home details and a phone number for appointments to give to potential buyers who knock on the door.

2. Do not show your home by yourself. Your risks are significantly lower if you show your home with a friend or spouse present. If necessary, ask the person(s) to stop by at a pre-arranged time when someone else can be there.

3. Set appointments. The best advice is to automatically ask all stop-in visitors to come back at another scheduled time for a showing. This weeds out the unmotivated interested only in seeing inside your home, allows you to put things out of sight and to have someone else present at the showing.

4. Keep groups of visitors together during a showing. Don't allow groups to split up, such as in a home with upstairs and downstairs. Thefts have occurred and some criminals are very skilled at excuses as to why they can't stay with the group. Sometimes children can be used as a distraction. This is where the extra assistance is crucial.

5. Keep a phone handy. If you have a cell phone or cordless phone, make sure you have it with you. Program in 911 and call it if necessary. Also, if you have car keys with a Panic Button, keep them handy and use them if needed.

6. Don't let visitors box you inside a room. Always keep a clear avenue to an exit. Don't go first into a room – ask your visitors to go first.

7. Ask for ID. You can ask prospective buyers to sign in and to see their identification before you show the home...for safety purposes. If they are hesitant or

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BRENTWOOD DAYS

Our March Brentwood Days was full of fun and camaraderie. We held contests all week long and played special Bingo and Bunko games on Saturday. At the dinner, Mary Shaw won the 50-50 pot to the tune of \$122.



Another highlight of the celebration was the Poker Run on Saturday morning. This new event was great fun. A few people opened their homes to the rest of us who raced around the park, picking up a card at each of the host homes—and visiting in the process. Someone called it a good mixer. It gave us a chance to get to know our neighbors a bit better in a fun way.

Our March Patio Sale was also a good mixer, with neighbors going around to see what someone else's white elephants can be their treasures. There will be another Patio. Bake and Craft Sale in the fall but none in the spring.

 * **THE 2010 DIRECTORY IS ONLINE** *
 * We just got it up! You can access it *
 * through the Online Herald or you can *
 * go directly there by going to: *
 * <http://hugshelen.com/directory.html> *
 * Put it on your desktop for easy access *
 * by dragging the little icon in the *
 * address line to your screen. *

2010 HIGHLAND'S REUNION

2010 Summer Highland's Reunion will be held in Clear Lake, Iowa on August 16-17th. Information is posted in the clubhouse and on the golf board.

HOME SELLING SAFETY TIPS

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refuse to do so, consider not showing your home to them.

8. Be careful what questions you answer. Never tell someone when you won't be home, especially over the phone. Other questions from a visitor/caller that should not be answered would be, "Do you live alone?", "Do you work during the day?", "Will your spouse be home soon so we can meet him/her?", "Do you have a security system?" or similar probing questions.

9. Watch out for Red Flags

- Visitors at night or early morning.
- Two or more visitors if you are alone.
- Visitors unwilling to set a scheduled appointment for a showing.
- The types of probing questions described above.
- Any behavior that makes you uncomfortable.



10. After visitors are gone.

- Lock you doors and check all windows to make sure they are still locked.
- If you are uncomfortable or suspicious of the potential buyers:
 - copy down their vehicle license number before they drive away.
 - call the police department (**480-644-2211**) and explain the situation and include names and vehicle information.





MESA POLICE DEPARTMENT

**NON-EMERGENCY
(480) 644-2211**

SCAM ALERTS



BEWARE - HOME SALES SCAM

Subject visits the sales office of the mobile home park, inquires about homes for sale, gets a card from the sales manager and leaves. Subject returns to the park later, goes directly to the homes for sale and uses the card as a way of introduction by telling the homeowner that the sales manager told him to come back and go directly to the homes he wants to view. Subject has then been allowed to walk through the home.

Victims report the theft of jewelry and wallets.

- DO NOT LET ANY STRANGERS INTO YOUR HOME. CALL THE POLICE (480-644-2211) IF ANYONE COMES TO YOUR DOOR ATTEMPTING THIS SCAM.
- REQUIRE SALESPERSON ACCOMPANY ALL PROSPECTS UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE OR YOUR HOME IS "FOR SALE BY OWNER".
- LEAVE NOTHING IN PLAIN SIGHT. KEEP ALL VALUABLES LOCKED UP OR REMOVED FROM ANY ROOMS VISITORS WILL VISIT.
- ALWAYS ACCOMPANY VISITORS THROUGH THE HOME. TWO PEOPLE SHOULD ALWAYS ASSIST WITH THE SHOWING TO PREVENT A "DISTRACTION BURGLARY".

BEWARE - HOME REPAIR SCAM

Subjects will come to door offering to do repair work, ask for money before starting work. Victims have said that subjects have reported they saw damage that victims may have not been aware of or may have actually been caused by subjects. Once money is paid no work is completed.


- NEVER DO BUSINESS WITH ANYONE WHO COMES TO YOUR DOOR UNINVITED. CALL THE OFFICE TO REPORT DOOR-TO-DOOR ACTIVITY.
- NEVER PAY ANY MONEY BEFORE WORK IS COMPLETED. CHECK WITH THE AZ REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS FOR CURRENT LICENSE, 602-542-1525 or visit www.azroc.gov

Please call Crime Prevention at 480-644-2033 with any questions or comments.



WANTED BY THE ARIZONA REGISTRAR OF CONTRACTORS 

For Violations of Arizona Revised Statutes Chapter 10, Title 32

	<p>Abe T. Shepherd</p> <p>DBA Shepherds Home Service</p>
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DESCRIPTION:

White male, age 54, 511, weight 215, eyes hazel, brown hair, known to work throughout Maricopa County.

Shepherd has 5 complaints with the Registrar and is known to take advantage of the elderly, particularly in mobile homes.

Help us protect consumers from faulty, unsafe, illegal contracting!



Top: The whole crew of Turner Cup golfers with a Buick from our sponsor Mesa Buick GMC.

Left: Championship Flight 1st place winners Jim Gale and Glenice Schmidt.

Right: Brentwood Flight 1st Place Men's winner. Doug Proud. Women's winner: Joan Schiabe (Sorry no photo, Joan.)



GOLF NEWS

Other Turner Cup winners were Championship second place, Pete Miller and Marian Hargreaves; third place, Barry Wood and Sue Rhodes. Brentwood Flight second place, Dan Hargreaves and Dorothy Gale.

Golf will continue during the summer on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. With the completion of the Brentwood Memorial Scramble, all tournaments are finished until fall. We will report on this tournament in May. The first tournament in the fall will be the Homecoming scramble in November.

The golf board will be looking for any golfer who would be interested in serving on the board for a three year term. Elections are in November, so if you are interested please call any current board member.

Ladies St. Patrick's Day Tournament. Golfers all dressed in green teamed up to play in this annual tournament. Winners were first place: the Gales/Wills team; second place: a tie between the Eckert/Schmidt team and the Martin-Poole/Rozelle/Leppink team.

HCC NEWS

PREZ SEZ

Well, another month has passed and like they say, time flies when you are having fun. I really have enjoyed my time as your president, mainly because of being able to be a part of the many exciting events that have taken place in our community.

With this said, it is sadly getting close to the time when we must say goodbye to our neighbors who go home for the summer. Even though we will lose many friends for this period, your HCC board is committed to making this summer fun for all of us who live here year round. Hopefully after our April meeting we will have some great things to share with you concerning our summer season.

Barry Wood, HCC President



HCC BOARD

President Barry Woods. Vice President: Sue Rhodes, Treasurer: Kyla Jackson, Secretary: Betty Olson and Activities Director: Barb Peters.

Area Representatives are:

Area 1: Loretta Poe and Norma Johnson with Lois Crooks, Alternate.

Area 2: Marion Severson and Jan McDaniel with Kyla Jackson, Alternate.

Area 3: Anne Baxter and Bruce Williams.

Area 4: Connie Tusa and Irene Helm with Barb Peters, Alternate.

Area 5: Don Eckert and Debbie Balmer.

THE SUNSHINE LADY

Marion Severson is now our Sunshine Lady, the person who reports on illnesses and hospitalization of residents in our community. Please let her know when anyone is sick or hospitalized. You can email her at mseve60@yahoo.com or call her at: 907-6932.



HCC COPIER

The HCC copier has found a home with Neil Stone, #34. If you need to do some printing, you can call his cell at 250-0234 and let it ring at least 5 times. (He says he's slower than he used to be!) Ten Cents for the first copy and five cents each after that.

OUR RECYCLING SYSTEM

We are in danger of losing the funds HCC gets from Abtibi Recycling. So that we can keep the contract, please:

1. Use proper dumpsters for your recycling—cardboards and papers in one and plastics, glass and tins in the other.
2. Place aluminum soda and beer cans go into the small barrel behind the green dumpsters. (HCC gets more from them from another place.)
3. **Break down our boxes.** (We've gotten very lax about this!)
4. Be careful not to place unwashed containers the recycling dumpsters.
5. Be careful not to recycle anything that once contained hazardous materials.
6. Put air holes in plastic bags used to contain your newspapers.

A MODERN FAIRY TALE

"**The Emperor's New Clothes**" is a tale by Hans Christian Andersen about weavers who promised an Emperor a new suit of clothes invisible to those deemed incompetent. As the Emperor paraded before his subjects in his new clothes, a child cried out, "But he isn't wearing anything at all!" The boy's remark was repeated over and over again until everyone cried: "The boy is right! The Emperor is naked! It's true!"

The Emperor realized that the people were right but could not admit to that. He thought it better to continue the procession under the illusion that anyone who couldn't see his clothes was either stupid or incompetent.

Management seems to take same this approach regarding our community, touting how wonderful life is here in

Highlands at Brentwood. Yet, we look around and see infrastructure crumbling under our cars, observe the deplorable condition of the clubhouse, see the promised 2010 directory still missing, recall the dipping into resident's pocket disguised as water meters, followed by increases in lot rent.

It is time for reality. It is time for ELS to create some new clothes here at Brentwood that all can see. There is need to become serious about stopping the decay of our community and fulfilling promises made to residents during the past years."

Take a moment and fill out the Park Improvement Comment sheets that are available in locations at the clubhouse. Your concerns will be presented later this month.

Thanks for your concerns and ideas.



EXERCISES AND HEALTH



Weights: MWF, 7:45 - 8 AM.

Chair Exercises: MWF, 8 AM. Adele Genow, 654-5163

Ladies Pool Exercises: MWF, 9 AM with Ann Baxter, 807-5313. Come on down and join the fun!

Dancing with the Oldies. Tuesday and Thursday, 8 AM. Mary Shaw.

TOPS. Tuesday AMs. Weigh-ins 10:45 Program, 11. Betty Olson, 641-2462.

Blood Pressure Readings: During the Pancake Breakfast on the 10th and Saturday Coffee on the 24th.

Yoga Class. Fridays, 10:45-12 noon. Cost: see pg. 8. Connie Tusa, 325-4831

Wii Bowling. On hold until fall. Contact Loretta Poe, 325-9297.

Golf: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 9 AM Contact: Marian Hargreaves, 641-0338.



CRAFTS

Ceramics: Tuesday, 1 PM in the craft room. "A fun way to be creative." Visitors are always welcome. Come see what we've been doing. Sue Rhodes, 924-1516.

Carving: Thursdays, 10 AM. Barb Peters donated some attractive wood so we have a good supply. Everyone welcome. Jack Sim, 993 3137 .

Quilting: On hiatus as of the end of March until fall.

History and Genealogy Club: First Thursday of month (1st) from 2-4 PM. Come share your family stories.

REGULAR EVENTS

Saturday Coffee: Saturdays, 7:30 AM. Free coffee, donuts \$1. Catch up on the news of the week.

TGIF: Fridays, 4:30 PM social hour, 5:30 PM, dinner. \$2 plus a side dish for 8. Bring your own table service. Contact: Don Richer, # 22, 807-4133.

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, the 10th, 7:30 - 9 AM. Table service is provided. \$4.00. This will be the last one until fall so be sure to turn out.

Ladies Luncheon: Monday, the 26th at 12:30. Bring a salad or dessert for six and \$1.

Classy Lassies: Saturday, the 3rd at 8:30 AM, after coffee.

* **Please sign up!** *
* **—and then be sure to attend or** *
* **erase your name.** *
* **Bring your own table service.** *
* **service unless otherwise noted.** *

CARDS CORNER

Sign up ahead of time and come play.

500: Wednesdays at 7 PM

Mixed Bridge: Friday at 12:30 PM. Signup to come.

Bunko: Second and Fourth Wednesdays. (14th & 28th) at 6:30 PM. Cost: \$2 and a snack, all money returned in prizes. Contact: Barry Wood, 218-7478).

Bingo: Thursday at 6:30 PM. An evening of fun with friends and neighbors. with treats and CASH.

Cribbage: Monday at 7:00 PM

JOYCE KRZYSTOFIAK HONORED BY TOPS

Joyce Krzystofiak of the Highland's TOPS chapter was recently honored as the best loser in Chapter Division 4. As the chapter's weight recorder she also received a special achievement certificate for submitting a perfect resume in 2009.

Chapter officers elected on March 2 were Betty Olson, leader, David Tobey, co-leader, Irene Helm, Secretary, Joyce Krzystofiak, weight recorder and treasurer, and Florence Gazda, assistant weight recorder. Beginning this summer, the Highland's chapter will meet year around.

Meetings are held at the clubhouse on Tuesdays, with weigh-in at 10:45, followed by a meeting stressing weight loss and wellness. All interested men and women are welcome to visit a meeting and join our organization.

For more information contact Betty Olson (641-2462).



THE CLASSY LASSIES

On March 7th, 14 lassies and 2 laddies attended George M, a play about the life of George M Cohen at the Broad Palms Dinner Theatre. Everyone really enjoyed the music and dancing. Our next meeting will be on April 3rd after coffee. We welcome all ladies who would like to join our fun. Contact: Judi Wood, #156, 218-7478.



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LADIES LUNCHEON

The Ladies Luncheon will meet at 12:30 PM on Monday, the 26th in the clubhouse. We will be playing card bingo. In May we start our summer outings to various restaurants around town. We are looking for a facilitator for summer. Call Helen if you are interested.

In February, a representative from Especially 4U Tours talked to us about the day and overnight trips they offer. In March, Marion Severson MC'd a Dillards style show. More about that next month. Contact: Helen Whitworth, #19, 981-1117.

YOGA CLASS

Deboarah Smith teaches Yoga here once a week, on Fridays at 10:45. Class lasts for about an hour and a half, with drop-ins welcome. Dress comfortably. Prices are \$30 for five classes, \$50 for ten classes and \$7 for drop-ins. Contact Connie Tusa, 325-4831 for more information.



MARCH 10 BUNKO WINNERS

Millard Copas, Barb Peters, Adele Genow, Karen D and Don Richer



A reminder for our Winter Visitors who are planning your trip home: Don't forget to go to the office and sign a Temporary Absence form. Also, consider making it easier to pay your rent while you are gone by signing up for direct debit payments.

ELS NEWS

This month I'm using my space to share some information on home scams that I believe is important to our residents.

(See pages 2 and 4)

Suzanna Spann, Manager



EDITORS NOTE

This will be our last monthly newsletter until November. Until then, look for newsletters in May, July and September.

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To everyone who asked about Jim, he plans to start playing golf by April 1!

Your Editors, Jim and Helen



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(Email the editors with your information
for the *free ads*)

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Items for sale : free
Card size ad for services: \$5

Non-residents and all larger ads:

Quarter page: \$ 65
Half-page: 75
Full-page: 95

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Barbara DeMith, ELS Activities Dir.

Submissions: Please have submissions
to the Herald **in by the 15th** of the
month. Announcements and ideas for
articles and people to interview or honor
are welcome.

THANK YOU

Betty Anderson and Don Richer send sincere thanks to all the many folks who helped with Ronnie Jan's memorial luncheon. There are far too many to name, but a special thanks goes out to Sue Rhodes for all of her work. And thanks to everyone who showed up to celebrate the life of our beloved Ronnie.

(This should have been in the Herald last month but we missed it somehow. Your editors)

INCOME TAX PREPARER SERVICES

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- 1 Duncan Dodds, #006
- 1 Charles Stanford, #265
- 3 Loretta Poe, #070
- 4 Terry Flynn, #041
- 4 Frederick Snyder, #124
- 4 Jeff Fritz, #129
- 7 Dorothy Gale, #141
- 7 George Behounek, #170
- 9 Betty Olson, #231
- 9 Chad Burnett, #234
- 10 Debbie Genow, #028
- 10 Max Roytenberg, #147
- 11 Jan McDaniel, #047
- 13 Joey Lancioni, #272
- 14 Gertrude D'Agostino, #024
- 14 J. R. Brunner, #159
- 15 Kathy Heit, #085
- 15 Agnes Henault, #258
- 17 Betty Edwards, #193
- 18 Mary Lou Sim, #176
- 19 Florence Gazda, #035
- 22 Kenneth Lindner, #232
- 23 Barb Morrissey, #195
- 25 Adele Genow, #028
- 25 Barbara Gott, #071
- 25 Barbara Newkirk, #143
- 26 Marilyn Spencer, #031
- 27 Rose Bridge, #192
- 27 Barbara Feit, #222
- 28 George Bonforti, #273



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- 1 Peter & Shirley Laroque, #131
- 15 Jim & Pauline Wenbourne, #008
- 25 James & Julie Dunahee, #115



Regularly Scheduled Activities

MONDAY

7:45 AM Weights
 8:00 AM Chair Exercises
 9:00 AM Golf
 9:00 AM Water Aerobics
 7:00 PM Cribbage

TUESDAY

8:00 AM Aerobic Dance
 1:00 PM Ceramics
 10:45 AM TOPS

WEDNESDAY

7:45 AM Weights
 8:00 AM Chair Exercises
 9:00 AM Golf
 9:00 AM Water Aerobics
 7:00 PM 500

THURSDAY

8:00 AM Aerobic Dance
 9:00 AM Ladies Golf
 10:00 AM Wood Carving
 6:30 PM Bingo







FRIDAY

7:45 AM Weights
 8:00 AM Chair Exercises
 9:00 AM Golf
 9:00 AM Water Aerobics
 12:30 PM Mixed Bridge
 4:30 PM TGIF Happy Hour
 5:30 PM TGIF Dinner

SATURDAY

7:30 AM Coffee

SUNDAY

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