

HIGHLAND HERALD

February
2010

FIRST KISS

*I loved it when you kissed me today
just a sweet peck on the cheek
that melted on my blushing face
like cotton candy on
hot, sticky fingers
Like butter on roasted peanuts
simmering in a pan
evaporating like a drop
from a summer rain
on the scorching sidewalk*



*Coming from nowhere
Like a song remembered from long ago
Like a funny thought
that made me laugh out loud,
when nothing was funny.
I remember everybody stared at me
like I was strange
like your kiss today
a sweet peck on the cheek
that melted on my blushing face
like cotton candy, I lick off
hot, sticky fingers.*

Deborah Stanford

Happy Birthday

- | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 2 Marie Protz, #217 | 17 James Dunahee, #115 |
| 6 Danny Vidal, #221 | 20 Robert Johnson, #161 |
| 6 Doug Proud, #127 | 21 George Henning, #073 |
| 6 Don Daffin, #239 | 21 Gwendolyn Burrows, #139 |
| 6 Marcel Baron, #203 | 21 Sam Bentivegna, #230 |
| 8 Roy Maki, #245 | 23 Debbie Balmer, #004 |
| 10 Rick Shaw, #240 | 24 Robert Huber, #251 |
| 12 August Eochenbacher, #052 | 24 Patrick Forrest, #078 |
| 13 Leonore (Leigh) Jauert, #196 | 25 Hank Strickland, #215 |
| 13 Sharon Cerciello, #037 | 25 Betty Holmes, #020 |
| 14 Michael Spencer, #247 | 27 Bob Jackson, #107 |
| 15 Sharon Eckert, #255 | |

FEBRUARY 2010

- 5 Kevin Moehn playing 6:30 to 8:30 PM after TGIF
- 7 Super Bowl Party
- 9 Board Meeting 5:00 PM
- 11 Ladies Valentine Tournament 10:00 AM
- 13 Pancake Breakfast 7:30 to 9:00 AM
plus blood pressure check
- 14 Valentine Dinner
- 17 Ice cream Social 6:30 PM
- 18 TOPS tea 1:00 PM
- 22 Ladies Luncheon 12:30 PM
- 28 Golf cart parade--Hot Dogs--Big Jim playing at 3:30 PM



Happy Anniversary

- 14 Vince & Vicki Lombardi, #249
- 28 Fred & Carolyn Townley-Smith, #172



DIRECTORY ADDITION

Gene & Vivian Ziegler, #91 .
Phone: 507-420-5878



HCC COPIER

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ALERT! ALERT!

GRANDPARENT SCAM

This is happening everywhere; it could happen to you; it happened to me.

A call came saying it was my grandson and he was in jail being held by the police for having drugs in his car. He needed bail money and did not want any of the family to know about it. Then a police sergeant came on the phone and told me how to send the money. The next day, my grandson called saying he needed more money for a lawyer. He told me how and where to send the money. Two days later he called to say the trial was over and he was cleared of all charges. Now he needed money to retrieve his car from impound. More instructions.

It was ten days before I was in contact with my grandson and discovered that he had never left home, been in jail or had a lawyer. I went to the police and they gave me a case file number and said they'd turn it over to the appropriate authorities. I have no hope of recovering any money but if this information keeps someone else from being scammed, I will be grateful.

From a caring grandmother.

AVOIDING A SCAM

It's not always easy to recognize the voices of growing and changing grandchildren on the phone. Besides, we are usually so pleased to hear from them that we don't question who they say they are. But you can protect yourself in these ways:

Be prepared:

1. Talk with your family and agree on a code. Anyone who calls for money must use the code or you'll assume the call's a scam.
2. Let your family know you **will** call someone if you receive a request for money. If this caring grandmother had done that before she sent the money, she'd have saved herself a lot of money and embarrassment.

If you get a call:

1. Ask them to call back later, even just an hour later. If it is a scam, they probably won't call back. Use the time you've put them off to check out the call. Call a family member or call the facility where they are being held or both.
2. If they "have only this one call" from jail, call the facility. Look up the number; don't use one your caller gives. Ask to speak to the person in charge then ask what the calling rules are and if your family member is there. They may not be able to tell you if the caller is there but they can usually tell you if he isn't there.

If you do get scammed: Report it. Don't let embarrassment keep you quiet. That's the way they stay free to scam another caring grandparent!





February: Our tournament this month is the week long **Turner Cup**, starting on the 22nd. The sign up sheet is up and will come down Saturday, the 20th.

Blind Calcutta tickets will be available from Saturday, Jan. 30th until the drawing for names at the hotdog dinner on the 23rd at 4:30 PM. The week will end with an Awards Banquet on February 27 at 4:30. Everyone is invited. Cost for the banquet is \$6 for Golf and Social members and \$8 for non members.

Partner's 9-hole Golf Scramble: every Fridays at 4 PM again. There's no need to sign up—just come and play. Cost is \$.50 per couple. Afterwards, we meet at the clubhouse for dinner. By then, the TGIF crew are already eating and so we do our own thing. Salad and dessert are provided. Just bring some meat to cook on the grill or your own main dish. Friday Partners Scramble and Dinner will continue through March.

The Ladies Valentine Golf Scramble will be on February 11th at 10 AM. The entry fee is \$.50 each. You can sign up behind the office. Singles and couples are welcome. Come join the fun and go with us at 12:30 for lunch at LJ's Pizza, 1038 E. Main. Contact: Mary Lou Sim, 993-3137.

Last month: We had 28 golfers turn out for the Jumping January 54 hole golf scramble. The winning team was Jim Gale, Sharon Eckert, Dan Hargreaves, and Mary Lou Sim. **Holes in One:** Jim Gale on Three and Jack Sim on One.

The President's Cup was held the

25th, 27th and 29th—if it wasn't rained out. Winners to be reported next month.

Next month: The Brentwood Days Tournaments and other activities take up the first week of March. The Ladies St. Patrick's Day Scramble will be on the 18th. The Brentwood Memorial Scramble will start on the 22nd.



TEN TIPS FOR STAYING YOUNG

1. Don't worry about nonessential numbers like age, weight and height. That's what you pay your doctor for.
2. Keep only cheerful friends. The grouches pull you down.
3. Keep learning. Learn more about the computer, crafts, gardening, etc.
4. Enjoy the simple things.
5. Laugh often, long and loud. Laugh until you cry.
6. Be ALIVE while you are alive. Endure, grieve, and move on. The only person, who is with us our entire life, is ourselves. Be ALIVE while you are alive.
7. Surround yourself with what you love-- family, pets, keepsakes, hobbies, etc. Your home is your refuge.
8. Cherish your health: If it's good, preserve it. If it's unstable, improve it.
9. Don't take guilt trips. Take a trip to the mall, even to the next county, but NOT to where the guilt is.
10. Tell the people you love that you love them, at every opportunity.

PREZ SEZ

Well, it has finally happened—I held my first meeting as your President with the 2010 board on Jan 12th. The meeting was even better than I expected because I get to work with some great people, including my Guardian Angel, Past President Dan Hargreaves, who watches over me and always has my back.

We have some exciting times ahead of us and we want all Highlands of Brentwood to join in the fun. One of the first HCC board actions has been to start a membership campaign. Any resident who isn't already a member will find an invitation letter on their clip in the near future. The letter explains what HCC is all about and why it is to your advantage to join.

Look for some exciting news about our upcoming Brentwood Days in early March. Stay tuned! Finally thanks to our Activity Director Barb Peters, the months of February and March should bring nothing but great events and entertainment for all of us.

Barry Wood, HCC President

**JANUARY BUNKO WINNERS**

Barb Peters had the most bunko's and Dorothy Chapman had the most wins. Come out and play! It's easy to learn and your name could be here next month.

BOARD ACTIVITY

At the our Annual Meeting on January 11th, the board presented our new Board headed by President Barry Woods. Other members are as follows: 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.

**FIFTY_FIFTY WINNERS**

Every Saturday morning at Coffee Janice Brunner and Adaline Arnt are sitting at the table by the door, waiting to sell you 50-50 tickets. The proceeds from these raffles all go into the HCC budget that helps to bring in great entertainment. The tickets are a dollar each or six for \$5. "You can't win if you don't buy a ticket!" Janice says. Some of the people who did buy and win in 2009 are: Don Richer, Sue Rhodes, Peg Copas, Millard Copas, Nita McConnachie, Adaline Arnt, Bob and Laurette Johnson and Melinda Ihlenfeldt.



AND YOU

Do you have an idea? An idea that would help improve life here in our community? If there is a concern, a concern that you believe should be addressed, here is a path for you. Outside the main door of our clubhouse, also in the back hallway, you will find yellow forms titled Park Improvement Committee. (You can also download a copy of this form from the Online Herald website.)

Use one of these forms to write out the information that reflect your concern. Last year many residents filled out these forms, and we have seen some movement on several of the concerns that were voiced. It is time to repeat the process.

On each form there are the instructions on what to include. Return the form to any of the four AAMHO officers listed. You will be kept apprised of the progress of the issue.

Many thanks to those of you have renewed your AAMHO membership in or have joined for the first time.

There is strength in numbers. The Highland at Brentwood chapter of AAMHO now represents one third of the home owners in this park. Collective wisdom works. Reasonable people can always come up with good solutions. Won't you join us this year? Irene Helm, 248-7998, is our Membership Secretary and will be happy to help you sign up. Thom Feit, AAMHO President, Highlands Chapter



BIG JIM AND LINDA

CELEBRATE SPRING!

BRENTWOOD DAYS PARADE, FOOD AND ENTERTAINMENT

Our annual week of fun and games starts on Sunday, February 28 at about 2 PM with a Parade of golf carts, bicycles and anything else with wheels. This year's theme is "Celebrate Spring." Decorate your cart and join the fun, then come on back to the clubhouse for a fantastic hot dog meal.

Big Jim & Linda will be here to entertain us at 3:30 PM with the 50's music we all enjoy.

During Brentwood Days week, there will be the usual golf tournaments and other contests. And then on Saturday, we'll have a Poker Run (more about that next month), bingo, bunko and Wii games. The week will end with dinner and entertainment by a group called Six Feet Up. Watch for fliers and signup sheets. Don't miss this chance to Celebrate Spring with your neighbors.



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 at 11. Mary Lou Sim 993-3137

Blood Pressure Readings: During the
Pancake Breakfast on the 13th and
Saturday Coffee on the 27th.

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

Shuffle Board. On hold until we find a
enough players. Contact Bill Newman,
664-1515 if you'd like to play.

Wii Bowling. Thursdays, 10 and 11 AM
and 12PM in the Billiards Building on
Juniper. Free. See article below. Barb
Peters 218-5924, Loretta Poe, 325-
9297 or Peggy McNaney, 306-6216.

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

Ladies Golf: Thursday, 9 AM

Partner's Golf: Fridays, 4 PM

WII BOWLING

WE are still bowling in the Billiards
Building on Thursdays. There's a signup
sheet in the clubhouse. Just pick your
time and sign up. You are missing a lot
of fun if you don't come. And it's a
really fun way to exercise. You don't
have to be an athlete—you can bowl
from a chair if you like. Come and
watch—soon you'll be playing!

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. Anyone
welcome. Jack Sim, 993 3137 .

Quilting: Monday, 7 PM and Wednes-
day, 1 PM. "Not just quilts!" Bring your
quilting, knitting, crocheting or
sewing project.—or just come and visit!
Joyce Krzystofiak, 832-6530.

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

Chorus: Discontinued for lack of
interest until further notice. Barb Peters,
218-5924



CARDS CORNER



Sign up ahead of time and come play.
All activities are in the clubhouse
unless otherwise noted:

500: Wednesdays at 7 PM

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

Bunko: Second and Fourth
Wednesdays. (10th and 24th) 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 eve-
ning of fun with friends and neighbors,
with treats and CASH—"You can make
more playing Bingo than playing golf."





A FINE—FEIT VALENTINE DINNER

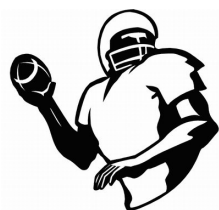
On Sunday, Feb. 14th, Valentine's Day, The Highlands will be presenting a "Fine-Feit" dinner for your enjoyment. That's right, Barb & Tom will be our chefs for the evening. Good friends, good food and close to home; can it get any better? Social hour starts at 5PM with dinner at 6. Cost is \$8 for HCC members and \$10 for non-members and guests. Grab your best friend or your partner and plan to attend.

All tickets by reservation only. Contact Gordon or Joan Will, #132, 268-7253, between Feb.1 until Feb 12. No tickets will be available at the door.



CHRISTMAS DECORATION WINNERS

Loretta Poe, #70 won Viewers Choice and Dave Ducap and Chas. Manos, #62 won Judge's First Place. Both were winners last year as well. Some people just know how to decorate, I guess!



SUPER BOWL PARTY

Super Bowl #44 is just around the corner. On Sunday Feb. 7th all fans are invited to gather at the clubhouse at 2 PM in to cheer on their favorite team. (Tickets off the board go on sale at 1 PM.) There will be snacks to keep up your energy for the cheers and later chili and hot dogs. Join your friends at the game.



OUR RECYCLING SYSTEM

With all of the new people here, it is time we re-visited how to use our great recycling system. A company called Abtibi provides us with the green dumpsters you see in the RV yard, picks up our recyclables—and PAYS HCC for them. What a deal!

There's a dumpster for all kinds of paper, from cardboard to junk mail to shredded paper and newspapers. There's another dumpster for everything else: all plastic or glass bottles, any tin can, and even aluminum cookware.

Please: Please use the appropriate dumpster for your recyclables and put trash—and anything that once contained hazardous materials—in the blue dumpsters. Also, please clean the food waste from your containers, and break down boxes. You can leave your papers in a plastic bag for easier hauling and dumping, but please put air holes in the bag if it is tied shut.

HCC is still collecting aluminum soda and beer cans separately. They go to a different place that pays much better for the aluminum. So please continue to put these cans in that covered garbage can behind the dumpsters.



ELS NEWS

Patio Inspections: I have noticed several patios in the community that need to be cleared of items such as boxes and mattresses. Only OUTSIDE furniture is allowed. Community inspections will take place during the month. Please clear your patios of these items.

Soliciting is not allowed within the community. There is a sign to that effect at the front entry gate.

Clubhouse Rental. Residents who wish to use the Clubhouse for a private (nonresident) function, must do the following:

1. Reserve the date of your function with Barb Peters.
 2. Come to the office to complete a Clubhouse Rental Form.
 3. Pay \$75 to The Highlands at Brentwood (non-refundable rental fee).
 4. Provide the office with an Insurance Rider as follows:
 - \$300,000 rider for the day of the function - No Alcohol
- \$1,000,000 rider for the day of the function - Alcohol being served.

Suzanna Spann, Manager

Direct Debit Payment information: If you are not currently on Direct Debit (the payment method of choice for ELS) and wish to have your rent debited from your checking account on the 3rd of each month, please stop by the office to pick up a direct debit form.

The payment is never taken from your account before the 3rd of each month and if the 3rd is on a weekend, it will be taken out of the account on the following Monday. Owners will still receive their monthly billing statement from NES, so you will always know the exact amount that will be debited from your account. Elizabeth Gillespie, AA



NEW DIRECTORY

The information for our 2010 Highlands at Brentwood Directory has been collected, thanks to Betty Olson, Joan Will and everyone one of you who took the time to fill out your questionnaire. Hopefully, it will be in your hands before you read this newsletter or soon afterwards. Residents overwhelmingly voted against photos.



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Saturday and Sunday: Closed



EDITORS NOTE

This will be short. Helen's daughter, Sue and her husband Randy bought a home an hour's drive away and they were there much of January, unpacking and storing stuff. Of course, we've been over there too—instead of here working on the newsletter. Sadly, they will be returning to Alaska; Randy still has a year before he can retire. By the time they leave, the newsletter deadline will be past so this newsletter may be even smaller than some of the others. We appreciate the way most of you got your articles to us early. It sure does make it easier to put the newsletter together.

And thanks to the folks that have submitted special articles. They really do make it a better paper—and they also make it YOUR newsletter. Keep them coming!

Jim and Helen Whitworth



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Residents:

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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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.



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THE HAITI DISASTER

Southeast Valley residents who would like to support reputable earthquake disaster-relief efforts in Haiti can do so through Mesa United Way.

This organization has created a Haiti relief fund that ensures 100% of all donations will go directly to help victims of the disaster.

Mesa United Way is carefully researching relief agencies that are involved in Haiti to ensure all donations to the local fund are directed to accountable organizations where none of the money is deducted for administrative or overhead expenses.

WHAT DO YOU THINK FOLKS?

IF YOU WANT TO HELP

Contact Barry Wood, # 156, 218-7478 or

Barb Peters, # 224, 281-5924 to donate. Barry or Barb will gladly come pick up your check if you like.

We will send a check to Mesa United Way from all of us here at the Highlands so please make out your checks to the HCC.



TGIF WITH KEVIN MOEN

Kevin Moen and his one man band will be here to entertain us at 6 PM, right after TGIF on Friday the 5th. We always have a great time when he is here. He plays the songs we like to listen to and his music is fun to dance to as well, so be sure to come prepared to enjoy your evening.

LADIES LUNCHEON

We played card bingo at our December meeting and Gordon Will came to tell us all about Geo-Cashing at our January meeting. The February meeting isn't firmed up yet, but in March we will get to enjoy a Style Show from Dillard's, with our own Marion Severson as MC and other residents as models. We will meet at 12:30 PM in February on Monday the 22nd and in March on Monday the 29th. All ladies welcome.

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
 7:00 PM Quilting

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
 1:00 PM Quilting
 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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Golf 9 am 	2 Noon Lunch	3 Golf 9 am 	4 Ladies Golf 9 am History & Genealogy Club 2 pm Bingo 6:30 pm	5 Golf 9 am Partners Golf 4 pm TGIF 4:30 pm Kevin Moen 6 PM	6 Coffee 7:30 am Classy Lassies 8:30 am
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