



## Calendar of Events

### December 1

**Christmas Parade**, 10:30 am, Main St, Hendersonville

**41st Annual Downtown Christmas Parade**, 3pm, Broad St, Brevard

**Rod Patteson BIRTHDAY!**

**Christmas at Biltmore House & Biltmore Village Dickens Festival**, Asheville. Ongoing during Dec

### December 2

**Green River/Tuxedo/Zirconia Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony**, 4pm, Tuxedo Park

**Dan Hanlon BIRTHDAY!**

### December 7

**Jean Patteson BIRTHDAY!**

**Olde Fashioned Hendersonville Christmas**, 5pm, Downtown Hendersonville

### December 8

**Christmas at Connemara**, 11am-4pm, Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, Flat Rock

### December 16

**Pinnacle Falls Progressive Dinner**, 5:30pm Appetizers at Carol Fife's house; 7pm Dinner at the Rash's house; 9pm Dessert at the Gauthier's house.

### December 21

**Sallie Johns BIRTHDAY!**

**Winter Solstice Night**, 7pm-9pm, DuPont State Recreational Forest

### December 28

**Pinnacle Falls Festive Brunch**, 11am, Clubhouse

# Residents kick off holidays with tree trimming, chili

The holidays got off to a festive start with several residents gathering to trim the community Christmas tree and enjoy great chili and cornbread.

Nearly 20 residents met at the clubhouse on Sunday, Nov 25 to decorate the Christmas tree, put up holiday decorations, and enjoy tasty chili and cornbread. Resident guitarist and singer Jim Welch led the group in several favorite Christmas songs, while resident Rhonda Hertwig provided accompaniment on violin.



*Left: (front) Ralph Johns, Jim Welch; (second row) Janell Gauthier, Yvette Freeman Rash, Ceille Welch, Rhonda Hertwig, Sallie Johns, Rod Patteson; (back row) Carol Fife, Jim Blackburn, Shawn Gauthier, George Rash, Ron Hertwig*

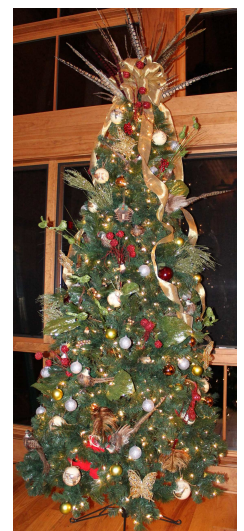
*Not Shown: Ed Graham, Mickey Pickler, and Jean Patteson*



*Carol, Janell, and Yvette catch up on the couch.*



*Jean and Ed decorate the tree.*



*The finished tree*



*Jim and Gayden sing an old favorite while Rhonda accompanies on violin.*

*Ed, Rod, and Jim help with clean up.*





# WNC magazine to showcase Mitchell home

*Carolina Home + Garden* magazine plans to showcase the home of Linda and Dennis Mitchell in an upcoming issue. Their home is located on Lot 13 on Eagle Ridge Road.

The Mitchell's kitchen, which Linda designed, will be featured in the February 2013 issue. Their cabinet supplier, Stephanie Chapman, of Brand Vaughan Lumber Company in Fletcher, NC, submitted their kitchen to the magazine when the home was completed earlier this year.

*Carolina Home + Garden* is Western North Carolina's premier home design and lifestyle magazine.



## Residents hike and picnic at DuPont waterfalls



**More than a dozen residents hiked and picnicked in the Dupont State Forest visiting High Falls and Triple Falls.**

**Above: (front row) Carol Fife, Jean Patteson, Ralph Johns, Nick Ball; (back row) Rod Patteson, Abe Shor, Theresa Ball, Gayden Gauthier, A.J. Ball, Donna Hanlon, Dan Hanlon, Kris Kinigson, and Andy Kinigson pose for a group photo in front of the High Falls waterfall.**

**Above Left: Chloe takes in the view at the Triple Falls waterfall.**

**Above Right: Gayden gets camera assistance from fellow hiker, Estella, as Carol Fife looks on.**

## Construction starts on Meuwissen-Brett home



Greg Meuwissen and Linda Brett of Atlanta have begun construction of their home on Lot 58.

Alpine Builders began construction on their home on Mountain Maple Drive in early October.

It is expected to be completed by fall of 2013. Once complete, Greg and Linda's home will bring the total number of built homes in Pinnacle Falls to 21.



## Coyote spotted nearby

A very healthy-looking coyote has been spotted in the area.

Yvette Freeman Rash took a photo of this coyote in the field next to hers and George's home on Pinnacle Falls Road during the early afternoon of November 12.



Although other residents have seen and/or heard coyotes in several areas of Pinnacle Falls, even as far down as Eagle Ridge Rd, this is the first time we've been able to photograph one.



# How did Tuxedo get its name?

If you're like most of us who moved here from other parts of the state or country, you've probably asked yourself that very question.

Unfortunately, there aren't too many people who know the full story, and if you check the Internet, the information below is all you'll find. The gist of it is that Tuxedo used to be called Lakewood, but because there was another town with the same name, the citizens (or town officials — it's not really clear who made the decision) of our Lakewood, decided to change the name to Tuxedo. The only explanation given as to why "Tuxedo" was chosen is that it was "considered euphonious."

If you're like me, "euphonious" is not an everyday word that just rolls off the tongue. So, thanks to the Merriam-Webster Dictionary, I've discovered that it means "pleasing to the ear". Although it would be nice to know exactly why Tuxedo was even considered, we may never know the full story. If you happen to find out, let me know and I'll publish it in the newsletter. In the meantime,

below is the rest of the story about Tuxedo.

## History of Tuxedo

The community of Tuxedo began to thrive around 1907-1910 when the Green River Manufacturing Company was built. The founding father of the mill was Mr. J.O. Bell, who was also an original trustee of the First Baptist Church, school committeeman, local magistrate, early postmaster, and eventually state senator.

The Green River Manufacturing Company was the most prosperous in Henderson County by 1915. The plant operated up-to-date equipment and employed around 250 people.

When a group of businessmen from Spartanburg, SC needed more power for their mills, they bought land to build two dams along Green River in Polk County; one formed Lake Summit; the other formed Lake Adger.

The Green River Manufacturing Company suffered serious losses in the 1930s. A union was formed in 1955 and

demanded higher wages. The owner at the time, Mr. Boys, attempted to negotiate, but could not reach an agreement, so in 1958, the plant closed and reopened as JP Stevens Company. West Point Pepperell bought the plant in 1988 and operated it until it closed in 1990.

Summer camps for boys and girls began to develop around Lake Summit in the early 1920s, including Camp Greystone for girls (1920) and Camp Mondamin for boys (1922).

## What About Zirconia?

The community of Zirconia was named for the zircon mines once operated there. The zircon mines were a thriving business until thoria [sic] replaced zirconium as a source for the incandescent light.

*Source: Official Site of Henderson County Travel and Tourism, [www.historichendersonville.org/history\\_tuxedo.htm](http://www.historichendersonville.org/history_tuxedo.htm)*

# First snowfall comes early



*Early morning view from the Rash's lot.*



*View from the Patteson's porch.*

Pinnacle Falls received its first real snowfall on November 5 when about one to two inches fell overnight. Although it quickly melted by the end of the day, it was a beautiful sight to see.

## Read all about Henderson County

Want to know more about Henderson County? Property owner Dan Hanlon recommends two books by Louise Howe Bailey, "Along the Ridges" and "Remembering Henderson County". According to Dan, Louise was "a local historian who wrote charming stories of her own experiences with the 'mountain folk' in the area around Hendersonville, namely Pinnacle Mountain. She died at the age of 94 in 2009 and was considered quite a celebrated local author." She also co-authored a pictorial history of Hendersonville & Henderson County.

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# Pinnacle Falls Pet Directory

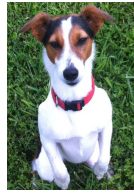
## Full-Time & Part-Time Residents



**Sam & Adam**  
Ron & Rhonda  
Hertwig



**Trooper Blu**  
George & Yvette  
Rash



**Chloe**  
Abe & Rosemarie  
Shor



**Ike**  
Ralph & Sallie  
Johns



**Simba & Aby**  
Rod & Jean  
Patteson



**Tig & Carly**  
Jim, Shawn, & Delaney  
Blackburn



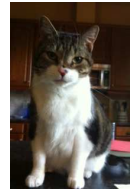
**Sandy & Danny**  
Renee  
Kidwell



**Mia & Abigail**  
Dennis & Linda  
Mitchell



**Jeb & Zsa Zsa**  
Jim & Ceille  
Welch

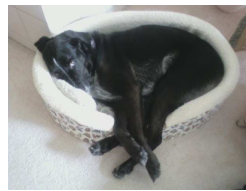


**Angeline**  
Carol  
Fife

## Non-Visiting Pets



**Bonnie & Clyde & Spats**  
Debbie  
Hayden

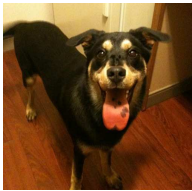


**Roger & Trevor**  
Beverly & Mike  
Spreng

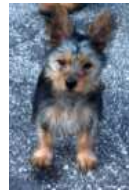


**Oreo**  
Andy & Kris  
Kinigson

## Neighborhood Pets Outside of Pinnacle Falls



**Radar & Turbo**  
Chris Tesauro & Courtney  
Jackson



**Sophie & Tipper**  
Danny & Laura  
Austin



**Honey Bunny**  
Audrey Snyder  
In Florida for the winter