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Hehn hasn't 'officially' filed to be mayor of Highlands

As of Monday, July 13, only one person, Mayor Pat Taylor, has officially filed to be on the

November 2021 ballot for the mayor of Highlands. Though Commissioner Marc

Hehn turned his paperwork in to the Board of Elections for the
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Hurricanes win against Cherokee

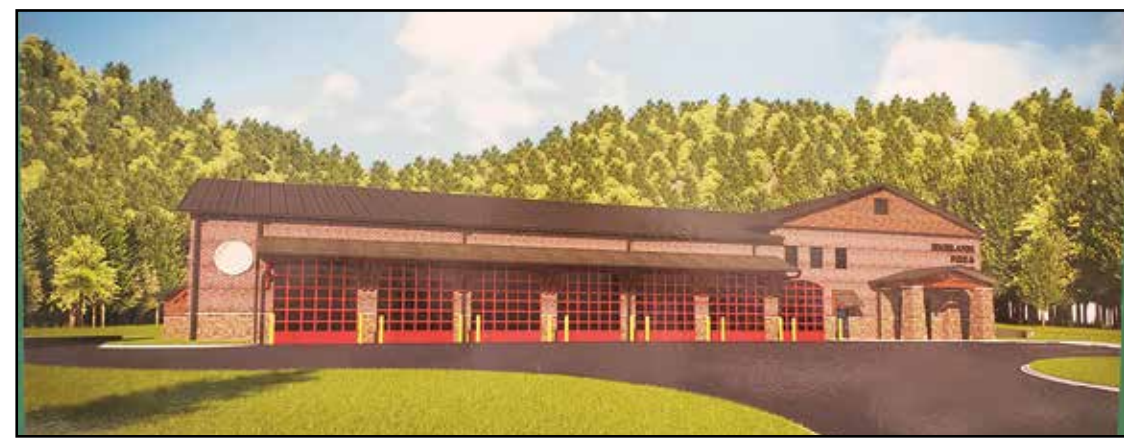
Add one more to national team

On Thursday, July 8, the Highlands Hurricanes hosted Cherokee County Aquatics Club (CCAC) and defeated them 709-79 as they head into the post season.

The Hurricanes earned 201 ribbons, 67 of them first-place. They set 71 personal records (PRs), 12 pool records, and four team records. All of the 38 Hurricanes who swam in the meet scored including two for whom this was their first meet.

The Hurricanes were led by high scorer Asa Garner, Jr., Olympians Sofia Jandera, little sister Lilliana Jandera, and Jr. Olympic qualifier Corena Dearth, all whom won all of their races.

Garner scored 31 pts, Sofia
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An artist's rendition of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department going up at US 64 west and Oak Street.

The new HF&R complex is needed and it is a sign of the times

A new home for the Fire & Rescue Department has been in the works for about three years, and now that construction is underway people have lots of questions.

The foremost question is "Why does Highlands Fire & Rescue need a bigger building?"

The answer is the same all over the state. It's getting harder and harder to get volunteers to

man a fire & rescue department when responding to calls means leaving workplaces during the day and leaving families during the night.

Highlands' volunteer force has the minimum 19 required members who each have to have a minimum of 36 hours of training. Of those, 15 are assigned to the main station and four at the substation on Cherrywood Drive.

They get \$15 per call and medical insurance.

According to HF&R Chief Ryan Gearhart, due to an increase in people, the number of calls has basically increased year after year and with an increase in people comes an increase in the number of vehicles on the road.

"When volunteers answer a call, they must first come to the
• See HF&R page 14

Planning Board gets first look at 'Plan'

At a special Planning Board meeting Tuesday night, board members and four citizens who turned out for the meeting got a chance to ask questions, make comments and voice concerns about the draft Highlands Community Plan.

Jake Petrosky of the Stewart company, which has been developing the plan over the past year, discussed the purpose of the plan which makes recommendations about Highlands' future for the next 10-20 years – recommendations that came to light through meetings, walking tours and citizen and business surveys.

"The Highlands Community Plan is a comprehensive plan that lays the groundwork for current and future regulations, but it is meant to be a reoccurring con-

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Town Board agenda update

The agenda for tonight's July meeting of the Highlands Town Board of Commissioners is full. The meeting will begin at 7pm at the Highlands Conference Center next to the ballfield. The first item on the agenda will be the public comment period.

There will also be an introduction of the physicians of the newly opened Blue Ridge Health Clinic. Robin Tindall, the director of the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation, will make the introductions. The health foundation has invested several million dollars to set up the clinic and staff it with these primary care doctors.

On the agenda is a public hearing to change the zoning of a property on South 4th Street from B-3 to R-1. Following the public hearing the board will take action on this zoning request.

Another item on the agenda will be an update on the 3rd Street sidewalk proposal that was made at a previous meeting.

The proposal requests the demolition and removal of the sidewalk which is con-



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

nected to the corner building on 3rd and Main Street. The space would then be converted to additional B-1 parking spaces. At the initial meeting, questions emerged as to whether the sidewalk was owned by the building owner or by the town. A surveyor has been retained to establish the property line where the sidewalk is located. The original agreement from January 8, 1986 will be available for this meeting. The surveyor report will be re-

viewed by the board. I anticipate a decision thereafter.

A subdivision preliminary and final plat approval request will also be on the agenda. The proposed 10.39-acre tract is located on Holt Circle. The request is to subdivide it into two lots.

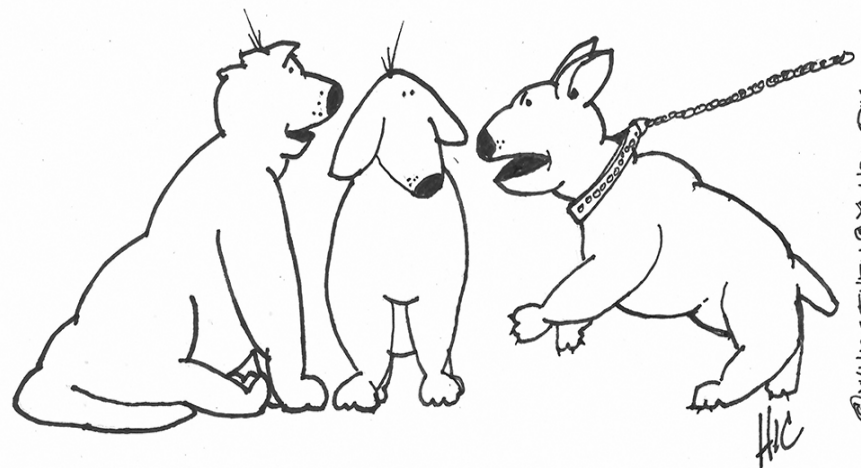
The board will also review the Clay/Macon County Hazard Mitigation Plan. This intergovernmental, cooperative plan is required in order to receive federal emergency disaster funds. For instance, Macon County could receive federal support in the event of a major mudslide, winter storm, wildfire or hurricane. Local government entities in the participating counties have to periodically review, update and approve their plan.

Jake Petrosky of Stewart Consultants will update and share with the board the most current draft of the Highlands Community Plan. The board will then begin to review the draft and make a final decision at later meetings. Even with this update, revisions to the draft may be made as the planning board and others continue to process information and complete their final reviews.

Josh Ward and Matt Shuler will give the board an update on the completion of the fiber optic network. Construction has come to an end, and testing of the fiber has been going on for a number of weeks.





Third party testers are verifying that each fiber in the network is operative. Also, an inspection of the construction of the network is in process. Before Hot Wire takes over the network, third party inspectors will confirm that the network ready to operate. Josh and Matt will go over the process and procedures with the board.

• HIC'S VIEW •



"See, told ya. you can't talk politics with this guy."

• WEATHER •

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• LETTER •

Unvaccinated people are variant factories

Dear Editor,

Unvaccinated people do more than merely risk their own health. That is because the only source of a new coronavirus is the body of an infected person. The more unvaccinated people there are, the more opportunities for the virus to multiply.

The benefits of vaccination are clear. The safety of the vaccine which has been administered to millions now is clear. Very few people have any reaction at all. The benefits to an individual, the family, the friends and neighbors, the community and the country are very clear.

So far, it seems like the vaccines are working against the variants, but there have been break through cases.

The bottom line is that the Delta Variant, coming soon to a neighborhood near you, is very dangerous. Already in all 50 states and responsible for over 40% of the cases in the USA, the Delta version of the virus is causing more serious illness especially in young people.

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We need to all band together to help our community be safe from another spike. Everyone who is vaccinated needs to reach out to those who are not, to share their experience and try and help them understand the real facts, the true science and the amazing benefits of being safe.

Anyone who knows patients that have endured long hospitalization and crippling hospital bills, or is still suffering with long covid symptoms- and there are plenty of them- needs to share those experiences with the unvaccinated. This variant when it hits, hits very hard and the results could be devastating.

Business owners need to have serious conversations with their unvaccinated staff encouraging them to get the vaccine for their safety and the safety of their team.

It takes a village, and everyone banding together for the safety of our treasured mountain life. We don't need to lose any more of our friends and neighbors or see them suffer through thisretched virus with possible long-term consequences. Our businesses don't need another shut-down. We have experienced the freedom vaccines gave us and want to keep it.

Please add your help in the fight to reach Community Immunity. Call the HC Covid Call Center for resources, assistance, or for appointments for shots. We are open M-F 9-11 at 526-1310 and there is a message machine for call backs and we always return calls.

We are all in this together!

Robin King Austin

H-C Plateau Community Immunity Campaign
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• MEMORIAL •

Willie B. Straughter

A Memorial Service for Willie B. Straughter will be held at 5:30pm on Thursday July 22 at the Highlands lower cemetery lot off of Three R Lane.

• OBITUARY •

James Thomas Vinson

Mr. James Thomas "Tom" Vinson passed away at his home on the evening of July 5th, 2021. Born in Clayton, GA, raised in Highlands, NC, Tom was the son of Catherine Patterson Taylor and the late Hoyt Vinson, along with his step-father, Walter Taylor.

He graduated from Western Carolina and promptly began his career with Belk Department stores. His career with Belk would span 39 years and take him all over the Carolinas. Most notably, his work with Belk would introduce him to his wife Karen. Tom was an active member at St. John's United Methodist Church, where he was known for his servant's heart. He freely volunteered his time to spread God's word and help with community outreach. Tom also taught Sunday School for 17 years. His lessons were always heartfelt and genuine – so much so that his early morning coffee crew at the Peach Stand referred to him as their "chaplain."

Tom was a beloved husband, son, father, brother, uncle, nephew, father-in-law and "Pops" to his grandchildren. After God and his family, his other great loves were the mountains and the North Carolina Tarheels. A Tarheel through and through, Tom was always willing to share a great story or two about their renowned basketball program. Don't worry, if you pulled for NC State, he still loved you. If you pulled for Duke, he prayed for you.

Surviving is his wife, Karen Vinson; mother, Catherine Taylor; daughter Elizabeth Baker (Michael) of Rock Hill and his niece, Wendy Hardaway (Billy) of Lebanon, TN whom he helped raise; his sisters Margaret Bryson of Fort Mill, Sandy Vinson of Highlands, NC, Dianne Taylor of Asheville, NC, and Melinda Musumarra (Paul) of Black Mountain, NC; and two grandchildren Madeline and Harrison Baker. He is also survived and loved by many nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at St. John's United Methodist Church in Fort Mill, SC July 9, 2021 with Rev. Karen H. Radcliffe officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St John's UMC for The Youth Zone, PO Box 1298, Fort Mill, SC 29716



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• ON THE SUNNY SIDE •

Bill Bright - After adversity come great blessings

Bill Bright, the founder of Campus Crusade for Christ, was born October 19, 1921 in Coweta, OK. He was the 6th child of the marriage. His mother's pregnancy was not going well and the doctors encouraged her

to have an abortion. They were concerned that the child and possibly the mother would not survive the birth.

However, Mrs. Bright was a strong church-going Christian and decided to pray to God instead. She promised God if He would let her child live, she would dedicate her child's life to Him.

Bill Bright did live but he didn't find out until many years later that his life had been dedicated to God.

Bill grew up on a ranch with his parents and grandparents. His mother and grandmother were strong church-going Christians. However, his father and grandfather, even though highly moral men, thought church was for the womenfolk. Bill felt the same way.

After Bill graduated from college, he ended up in Hollywood, CA. He started a food distributing company and became quite successful.

As a favor to a friend he admired, he started attending "The First Presbyterian Church of Hollywood." He soon joined and became very active. He also became friends with Billy Graham. He shared with Billy Graham that he would like to get into ministry full time. Billy Graham suggested to him he should get involved with college kids because there was a real need.

In 1952, Bill Bright sold his company for a substantial amount of money and used the proceeds to start "Campus Crusade for Christ."

His first college was UCLA. He started with 4 students. Today, Campus Crusade for Christ has around 30,000 full-time staff and about 275,000 volunteers. Campus Crusade is in over 1,000 colleges world-wide and 191 countries including Russia. Bill Bright has written over 20 books. He also wrote "The Four Spiritual Laws" which is in 20 different languages and over 2 billion have been distributed.

In 2001, Bill Bright's health was failing. He had pulmonary fibrosis and the doctors gave him six months to live. Even though he was in a wheelchair, he remained very active. He actually lived another two years. During that time, he wrote a number of books and was constantly asked to speak. He later died on July 9, 2003.

He said two things before he died that



Kenny Youmans

really stuck with me. He said the last two years of his life were the most productive years of his life and if your heart is right, after adversity come great blessings.

A few years ago, Jane and I were shopping at Lowe's in Franklin. The guy waiting on us was extremely nice. We could tell he was special because every time someone who worked

at Lowe's would walk by, they would call him by name and say something nice to him. What was different about him though, he was in a wheelchair and both his legs were missing.

I finally asked, "David, what happened to your legs." He said, "stupidity." I told him I didn't understand. He said that five years ago, he was out drinking one night and had way too much to drink. He got on his motorcycle and had a terrible accident. He not only lost his legs, but he was paralyzed from the neck down. I said, "David, that's horrible, I feel so badly for you." He said, "Don't feel bad for me." I said, "Really?"

He told me at the time his son was six years old and his daughter was six months old. However, he was not being a good father or a good husband. He wasn't even living at home. He was out drinking and running around every night.

When he woke up in the hospital his wife was standing at the end of his bed. He blurted out to her, "Why are you here, why would you want to be here with me now?" She said, "David, I love you. I will always love you."

Immediately, he said he realized he was the luckiest man in the world.

Just about that time, the cutest little girl you would ever want to see, came running into the store, jumped in David's lap, gave him a hug and kiss on the cheek.

She said "Daddy, I love you." He looked at us and said, "If you don't mind, it's time for my break." They left for the break room.

I learned later that David was no longer working at Lowe's. He was going to college. He wanted to be a counselor involved with kids that were having problems.

So you see – sometimes great adversity can lead to even greater blessings.

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seat more than a month ago – long before the filing period opened July 2 – he didn't sign or date the paperwork nor did he pay the \$10 filing fee.

According to Deputy Director of the Board of Elections Gary Tallent, the filing fee can't be accepted before the filing period begins. The filing period was noon July 2 through noon July 16.

In the July 8 article "Candidates are lining up for the Nov. 2021 election," due to some miscommunication with the Board of Elections, it was reported that Hehn was a mayoral candidate.

Speaking with Hehn on Friday, July 9, he clarified that while he had submitted his paperwork for Tallent to review, he had yet to pay the filing fee to make his candidacy for mayor official.

He said that his decision to run for mayor would be made after this week's Highlands Town Board meeting which is 7 p.m. July 15.

Hehn has until noon on Friday the 16th to validate his candidacy.

There are two seats open on the Highlands Board of Commission, those of Commissioners Amy Patterson and Donnie Calloway.

Commissioner Calloway is not running but Commissioner Patterson has filed for re-election. Thomas Craig has also filed for a seat on the board.

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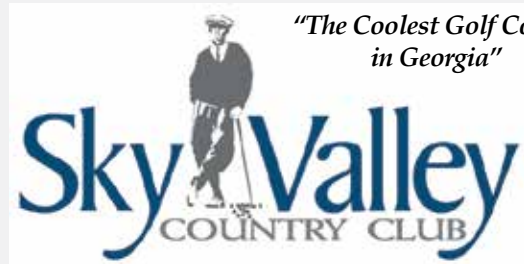
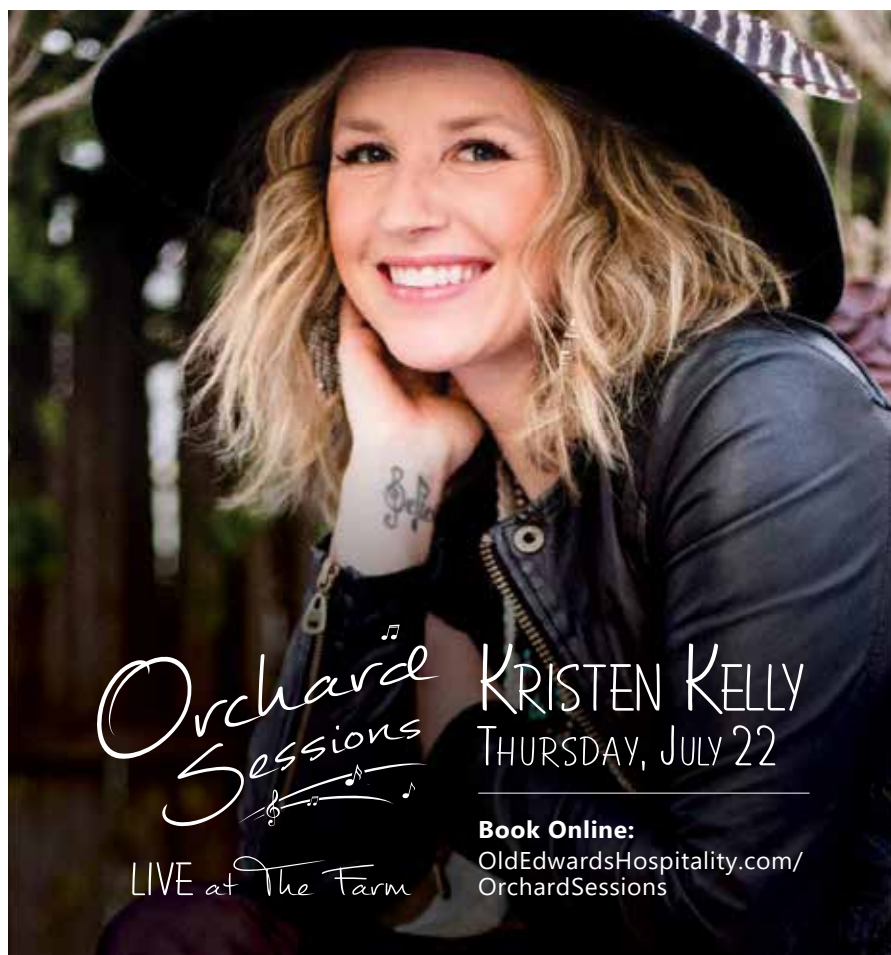
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Common Sense and Lack of Knowledge

One thing that gives brokers, sellers, and buyers a migraine is furniture in a home. Whether it is offered furnished, partially furnished, or furniture negotiable, it creates havoc and can result in termination of a contract! So, let's start with the definition of furniture:

"Large movable equipment, such as tables and chairs, used to make a house, office, or other space suitable for living or working."

Many buyers feel that if a house says "furnished" it is everything in the house, including lamps, accessories, pots and pans, silverware, glasses, artwork, vacuum cleaners, books, linens, and anything not living or breathing. That is simply not the case and needs to be defined and made clear upfront before the contract is finalized.

Many sellers are delighted to leave behind all of their belongings if this was their second home and they have no where to use it. Others will be moving to a different home and will need them. Granted, in Highlands and Cashiers, buyers have exquisite taste and the furnishings are what make a home so appealing to buyers. There will always be exclusions of furniture pieces that are sentimental or special in some way and will not be considered part of the deal.

Your listing broker needs to do an exclusion list as part of the listing agreement. You should be thorough upfront and not go back and add something you forgot since new paperwork and negotiations would be involved.

If you are the seller and not here your broker can go to your home and facetime video every room so you can recall exactly what is there to determine what is or is not included.

"Partially "furnished needs to be defined and EVERY item listed that will be conveyed including kitchenware, accessories, and those already mentioned above. Furnishings "negotiable" usually means that furniture is available, but the offer should be negotiated to include it, or a price agreed upon to buy it separate of the original contract.

Another point of confusion is fix-



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tures. The real estate commission considers anything attached, meaning bolted or screwed in to remain with the home. This includes chandeliers, wall mounts for electronics and televisions and bathroom mirrors or other mirrors. No one wants to have large holes in the walls to be repaired by the buyers. If televisions are not included in the sale, ask that the mounting brackets be LEFT in place. Many are universal and will fit other televisions. Drapery rods

are to remain also, but you must ask for the draperies to remain -- they are not furniture or accessories.

A very ambiguous term is "personal" items. Well, that is a headache, to say the least! Is that your shaving cream, your make-up, your children's baby shoes? This definitely creates confusion and sometimes becomes a power struggle. We recently had a transaction where a hand-held make-up mirror, a small wine rack tucked away in a closet, and a few soup bowls became a bone of contention. The sellers considered them as personal and the buyers did not. Another situation arose in the past when three days before closing the seller called to tell me she would not leave a bowl on the coffee table that her sister had given her even though the buyers had listed it to be included and she has signed, agreeing to it. She called back and agreed avoiding a conflict and delay of closing until it could be resolved by attorneys.

On the other hand, sometimes sellers want the furniture included and buyers don't want it. We have non-profits, The Emergency Council, Mountain Findings (which will pick up) or the Blue Elephant and Full House consignment shops that will sell your items and send you a check.

I hope this helps clear up what "furnished" in selling or buying a home really means. Make sure your broker understands it as well and is specific when writing the offer to purchase and the listing broker explains the terms related and if there is an exclusion list, it is accurate from the get-go!

Real estate transactions require attention to details and when furniture is involved, make sure your broker defines exactly what is part of the contract and is included...or NOT!

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• BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •



Jennie Stowers named new Highlands Biological Foundation board president

On June 30th, the Highlands Biological Foundation (HBF) celebrated the passage of a legacy during its annual membership meeting. Julia Grumbles wrapped up 10 years of service as HBF's Board President and entrusted the position to longtime HBF supporter, Jennie Stowers. The organization is excited to have Stowers fill this role as they enter a new chapter. Grumbles will remain on the Board as Past-President. The Foundation works to promote, stimulate, and support biological education and research focused on the rich natural heritage of the southern Appalachian Mountains. HBF funds are used to support the research and teaching activities that take place at the Highlands Biological Station and the extensive public educational programs through the Nature Center. Foundation dollars made possible the recent capital improvements to the Highlands Biological Station's campus including an upgraded boardwalk through the wetlands surrounding Lindenwood Lake, a pollinator garden designed to provide excellent habitat for our native wildlife with over 10,000 native individuals representing 65 different species planted, and a new, innovative, outdoor teaching pavilion featuring a green roof. For updates on HBF's latest educational programs, events, and other offerings, visit highlandsbiological.org or call (828) 526-2221. The Highlands Biological Station is a multi-campus center of Western Carolina University.

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versation," said Petrosky. "This is a policy guide that can influence regulations."

During the public comment period, Tom Coley, president of the Dog Mountain Property Assn, said he was there to voice Dog Mountain property owner's opposition to short-term rentals (STRs) in R1 neighborhoods.

"I'm hoping you can do something about short-term rentals," he said. "We fear a loss of community and have experienced loud gatherings on decks after midnight, trash, vandalism and excess speeding on our road."

Member Darren Whatley said the number of complaints logged with the police department concerning STRs is in the single-digits

and people need to be more proactive and report disturbances to the police if they want to control what is going on in their neighborhoods.

Member Helene Siegel suggested the Dog Mountain Homeowners Association be more active regarding short-term rental allowances, possibly update its covenants to allow or not allow them. However, Coley said the HOA had basically dissolved and their covenants had sunset and reinstating the HOA would be a legal matter that wasn't being considered.

Petrosky said STRs were a passionate subject with 62% of people who completed surveys voicing concerns about them, but 61% of those who filled out the

business survey said more hotels and rentals would help business.

Beyond STRs, the plan outlines recommendations concerning Land Use & Housing, Downtown & Tourism, Recreation & Natural Resources, Transportation, and Infrastructure & Public Services.

Public input voiced concerns about walkability in town citing the importance of sidewalks and their connections and more lighting so walking at night, specifically off Main Street is easier and safer.

"Main Street lighting is good but off Main it's not," he said. "For instance, Oak Street pedestrian options are very poor."

CATSPEAK

• PRINCESS PUDDIN' SPEAKS •

Puddin's perspective on her vet

Puddin' fans may recall that vet visits are not high on my list, and after having four teeth pulled in the winter, my perspective hasn't changed. I thought I was done with those people at least until next year. But no, the worst was yet to come.

I was minding my own business, curled up in Dad's lap for my nightly snooze when he said something to Mum about a lump on my thigh. The tiny thing didn't bother me at all, so I don't know why it bothered him. Those two swung into action, and by the next day, I was once again stuffed into that darned cat carrier and off to the vet.

Since this was during that virus thing, the vet tech met us at the car and took me inside. Before I knew it, they snipped off a tiny piece of me. Seriously, I couldn't see, but I think they took the scissors to my leg.

If that wasn't bad enough, I heard them on the phone asking Mum about doing a senior workup on me. Me? A senior? I'm only nine years old, a spring chicken, or at least a spring cat. The vet laughed and said Mum told her I was the youngest one in the family. The upshot was they stuck a needle



in me and drew blood. Boy was I glad when they took me back to the car.

Mum and I put it out of our minds, and a few days later, she took off on a girls' trip and left me, Dad, and the dog to fend for ourselves. All was well until the vet called Mum while she was driving to the coast. According to Dad, she was told that my little lump was cancerous.

The very next day, it was Dad's turn to stuff me in the carrier and cart me off to the vet, not before I broke out, mind you. Yup, I managed to push the handles apart on the cardboard box and vamoose. Soon, though, Dad corralled me, stuffed me back in, and tied a ribbon around the handles.

Mum says that 25-year-old carrier has made it through at least three cats, and I'm the first escape

artist. Have I mentioned how talented I am? Anyway, back to vet visit #2. By the time they were done with me, I'd been shaved, cut, and sewn back up. And, they even put a tiny cone on my head. Oh, the indignity. I'm pretty sure the dog was laughing at me. Rest assured, I lost that thing in no time flat.

Mum keeps telling me the good news is I'm now cancer-free, though the vet did have to go back in and cut more. Now, what Mum doesn't know is that Dad told me it was all her fault.

That means he and I are still best buddies, but Mum hasn't quite earned her way back into my good graces. Sure, I still let her give me a splash of milk in the morning and dabs of wet food all day long. And I still clear her desk of pens, pencils, and all that other stuff, so she has room to work. And, of course, I hang out with her most of the day to get my treats, but forgiveness? Nope! Not yet.

• To contact Puddin' or her Mom, write inkpenn119@gmail.com. Kathy Manos Penn's cozy mysteries can be found on Amazon and locally at Books Unlimited in Franklin.

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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

Ongoing

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pm

each Sunday through Sept 5. Anyone entering the church should have had the Covid. 19 vaccine, have a natural immunity or wear a mask. Non-vaccinated guests may sit on the porch. Call Mary Bean if questions at 1-828-506-0125. • Movies at Highlands Playhouse Friday-Sunday. Fri. & Sat., 4 & 7 p.m., Sun. 1 & 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

• American Legion 370 meets every 3rd Saturday at 10a at the Highlands United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. All veterans are welcome.

• The Bookworm at 555 Main Street is now open Thursday-Saturday 11a to 3p. For more information, call 828-526-3031.

• Mountain Findings Thrift Store at 432 Spruce Street is open Thursday & Friday 10a to 1p. Saturday 10a to 4p. The store will only be open during business hours.

Fundraiser for the Literacy Council of Highlands is July 24 thru Aug. at Dusty

A fun way to support your community! Hand made ceramic necklaces will be on sale on the porch at Dusty Rhodes Superette on Saturday, July 26. The sale will continue through the month of August and all proceeds will be donated to the Literacy Council of Highlands.

The necklaces are priced at \$20 and \$25. Look great with summer tees and are popular with kids and adults alike!



July 21 Interlude Concert features Trey Clegg Chamber Singers



At 2pm on Wednesday, July 21, the Trey Clegg Chamber Singers will be featured in an Interlude concert which will take place at First Presbyterian Church.

Founded by Trey Clegg, the Chamber Singers is a group of 20 voices from among the 70 voices of the Trey Clegg Singers, Inc., Atlanta's premiere multi-cultural choral ensemble. With a mission to inspire the passion for reconciliation, equity, and harmony, this selectively auditioned ensemble performs at the highest level of choral discipline and standards.

There is no admission charge for the Interlude concerts which constitute a ministry in music to the community. Dress is casual- come as you are.

First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Highlands at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday & Fridays at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107. For exact meeting times visit our website www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828) 349-4357.

Thursday Evenings

• Free ESL classes at the Presbyterian Church 5:30-6:30 p.m. There is no registration required; students can just show up and participate. Set at a time that is convenient for students to attend after work, TL&LC also provides snacks for this kid-friendly event. The classes are for all ages, and anyone who wishes to learn English is encouraged to participate. For any questions, visit www.maconncliteracy.org call (828) 526 - 0863 or email info@maconncliteracy.org

Thurs. July 15-Sept. 9

• Zahner Thursday Night Lectures: These free lectures serve to educate and inspire the public through a series of talks from well-known regional scientists, conservationists, artists, and writers. This summer, the Highlands Biological Foundation will host nine lectures focusing on a wide array of topics. The lectures will be held on Thursday evenings at 6pm between and they will be hosted through a mix of in-person and virtual formats. For a full schedule of lectures and how to participate in each (registration required for virtual lectures), please visit www.highlandsbiological.org or call the Highlands Biological Foundation at (828) 526-2221.

Every Saturday

• Highlands Marketplace in K-H Park on Pine Street. 8a to 12:30p.

Fri., July 16

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Johnny Webb

Sat., July 17

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Carol Misner Trunk

Show, 10a to 5p. There is no mistaking Carol Misner's botanical paintings. Each is her unique interpretation of flora, in monochromatic tones, reflecting the simple beauty, gracefulness and fragility of the botanical it portrays. Ms. Misner so delicately layers her acrylics to achieve a diaphanous, gossamer quality that it has been said her works resemble x-rays in watercolor. The majority of Ms. Misner's subjects come from the beautiful flora she finds in her community and in her travels. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. Shane Meade.

Wed. - Sat. July 21-24

• Gem Show at Jannie Bean Fine Custom Jewelry at 152 S. 2nd Street, Highlands. Wednesday Kick Off 5-8p with food and beverages. Thurs.-Sat. 9a-4p. For more information, call 828-526-5858

Sat., July 21

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Fri.-Sun., July 23-25

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street. Highlands, Monica Rich Kosann Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Monica Rich Kosann's collection of 18k gold and sterling silver fine jewelry is rooted in the idea that every woman has a story to tell. Call (828) 787-1877.

Fri., July 23

• At Hudson Library, Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at 11a in the Hudson Library Meeting Room for a talk about Major Issues in the Highlands Community Plan. Refreshments are provided by the Highlands Biological Foundation. Masks are recommended while in the library, but not required.

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Sycamore Flats

Sat., July 24

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p.

• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

Silly Ridge Roundup

• At Dusty's Superette, a fundraiser for The Literacy Council. Handmade bead necklaces for sale \$20-\$25. The sale will continue through August.

Tues., July 27

• At Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at Oak & 5th streets, "Tales on Tuesday" Storytelling with Isabell Hall Chambers, Lee Lyons and others at 5p. Free and refreshments will be served.

Thurs., July 29

• At OEI's The Farm, Laurent-Perrier Champagne Dinner at The Farm at Old Edwards, 6:30p cocktails, 7p dinner. Old Edwards Inn and Spa welcomes Champagne Laurent-Perrier's Executive Vice President of Sales Camille Cox back to the mountains for a summertime soiree and Champagne dinner at The Farm on Thursday evening. The Midsummer Night's Dream pink and white themed evening will include an array of fine Champagne poured from special large format bottles alongside a menu featuring the height of season produce from the Garden at Old Edwards and the ever delightful talents of Chef Chris Huerta and his team. \$185 per person including Champagne throughout the evening. Plus tax and gratuity. Limited seating. Book online today. <https://www.olderdwardshospitality.com/calendar-of-events/food-dining/champagnedinner>. Event is for guests 21 and older.

Fri., July 30

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Byrds & Crow

Sat., July 31

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Phillip Curcuru Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Philip Curcuru, artist and owner of Upland Nature Lab, focuses on celebrating natural specimens by dramatizing objects through isolation, light, and backdrop. All specimens are found in the southern Appalachian Mountains, and photographed at a home studio in Highlands, NC. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. The Wobblers

Sat., Aug. 1

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Carolyn Goldsmith Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Carolyn

Goldsmith is a renowned Birmingham AL artist known for her figurative and abstract paintings. Her vibrant and dynamic work is primarily in mixed media on canvas. The freedom and balance are greatly influenced by the artists of the Abstract Expressionist movement. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

Fri., Aug. 6

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Foxfire Boys

Sat., Aug. 7

• At Acorn's on S. 4th Street, Carolyon Goldsmith Art Trunk Show. 10a to 5p.

At Shakespeare & Company in Village Square at Oak & 5th streets, Discussion and book signing with Dr. Jean Benedict Raffa, author of "The Soul's Twins: Emancipate Your Feminine and Masculine Archetypes" at 3 p.m. Free and refreshments will be served.

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. High Five

Sun.-Tues., Aug 8-10

• At OEI's Half Mile Farm, 214 Half Mile Dr, Highlands, Southern Writers Series. With its storied history and constantly evolving present, the South continuously produces award-winning writers. We are pleased to present four Southern stars for our first-ever Southern Writers Series at Half-Mile Farm. Contemporary authors Wiley Cash, Cassandra King and Ron Rash, along with Cele and Lynn Seldon, will be in residence at Half-Mile Farm for a few fun days. Book Your Stay at <https://www.olderdwardshospitality.com/calendar-of-events/southernwriters>.

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 13-15

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Elizabeth Locke Jewelry Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Elizabeth Locke travels the world in pursuit of the uncommon elements to make up her designs. All pieces are individually designed by her and completely handmade in 19K gold. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

Fri., Aug. 13

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Ben and Marce

Sat., Aug. 14

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. TBA

Sun., Aug. 15

• Dinner with Steven Satterfield & Joseph Lenn at The Farm at

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Sat., Aug. 16

• Twilight K Run.

Aug. 20-22

• At Acorn's on S. 4th Street, Michael Hoffman Pottery Trunk Show. 10a to 5p.

Fri., Aug. 20

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Sycamore Flats

Sat., Aug. 21

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. ZuZu Welch

Fri.-Sun., Aug. 27-29

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Simon Pearce Trees Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Handcrafted in Vermont, Simon Pearce believes in simplicity, quality and artisanship are tenets of a better way of life. Each piece of Simon Pearce's lead-free glassware carries a story that lends meaning, authenticity and grace to every use. From sapling-sized to stunningly stately; brilliantly clear or dusted with snow; wrapped, dappled or silvered: Simon Pearce signature glass trees come in many forms, and are a joy to collect, give and display – all year round. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

Fri., Aug. 27

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Trudition

Sat. & Sun. Aug. 28-29

• Mountaintop Art & Craft Show (previously the Village Square Show) will be held in downtown Highlands at K-H Founders Park (Pine St.) from 10 to 5. The FREE event features regional potters, jewelers, woodworkers, fine artists, etc. plus food. For more info

call (828) 526-9227 or visit www.mountaintopshow.com.

Sat., Aug. 28

• NO CONCERT

Fri., Sept. 3

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Silly Ridge Roundup

Sat., Sept. 4

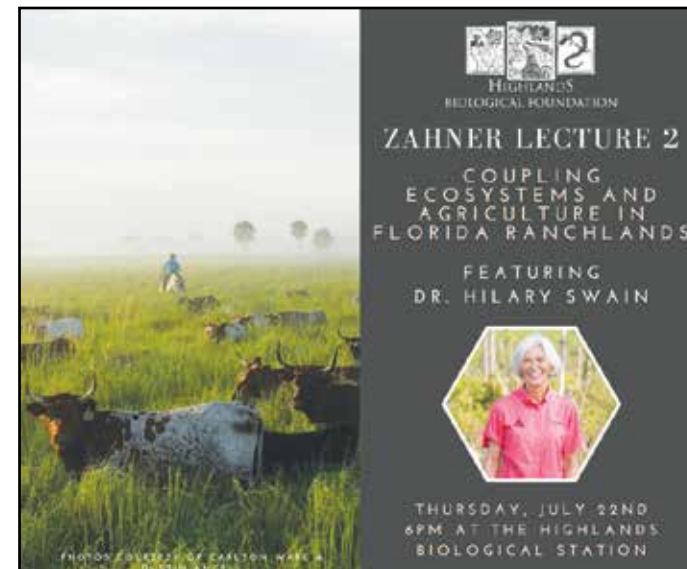
• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p.

A Social Function

Fri., Sept. 10

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Curtis Blackwell

Upcoming Zahner Lecture Series Cowboys and Scientists: Coupling Ecosystems and Agriculture in Florida Ranchlands is July 22



On Thursday, July 22nd at 6pm, join the Highlands Biological Foundation (HBF) for the second lecture in their annual Zahner Conservation Lecture Series titled "Cowboys and Scientists: Coupling Ecosystems and Agriculture in Florida Ranchlands."

This event will be held in-person at the Highlands Biological Station meadow (located behind the Highlands Nature Center) with a reception to follow. The featured speaker will be Dr. Hilary Swain, Executive Director of the Archbold Biological Station in Venus, FL.

This lecture will introduce Archbold Biological Station and describe its operations, from ridge to ranch to river, in the headwaters of the Everglades, a vast watershed north of Lake Okeechobee, FL. Dr. Swain will focus on scientific research on Archbold's Buck Island Ranch - a 3,000-head working cattle ranch established in 1988 that is representative of the region's subtropical ranchlands. Drawing from the case study of Archbold's Buck Island Ranch, the talk will address synergies and tradeoffs among cattle production and other ecosystem services on working ranches in Florida, and the path towards sustainable agriculture.

All are invited to participate in HBF's free Zahner lectures which will be held through a mix of virtual and in-person formats on Thursday evenings through September 9th. For a full schedule of lectures and how to participate in each (registration required for virtual lectures), please visit www.highlandsbiological.org or call the Highlands Biological Foundation at (828) 526-2221.

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department from wherever they are — home or work — then we go to the call. And like everyone else on the road, traffic affects the time it takes us to get to the destination,” he said.

Over the years, the amount of time it takes to respond has increased. In 2018 average response time, was 8:23 minutes; in 2019 11:03 minutes; in 2020 it was 12:31 minutes and year-to-date for 2021 is 13:04 minutes.

The number of calls has generally increased, too. In 2018 there were 563 calls; in 2019, 540 calls; during COVID in 2020, 562 calls and year-to-date for 2021, 288 calls, which is more than prior years January through June.

“One of the biggest reasons for building the new station is to be able to house 24-hour staffing which we cannot do at our current location,” said Gearhart. “24-hour staffing would greatly reduce response times which could in turn save a life or property.”

If the department employed full-time firefighters who lived onsite, response time would be cut considerably, said Gearhart because there would be no need to wait for volunteers to arrive at the station prior to heading out to the call.

Gearhart says he would like to have eight people full-time on staff which includes the Chief and Asst. Chief. Six would be day-shift workers 8a to 4p and two would be on the night shift which is 4p to 8a. Shift work would be 24 hours on and 48 hours off.

“Six would do shift work 24/48 and with Robbie and me that would mean eight people on

staff and ready 24/7,” he said.

He said he knows of three volunteers who are ready to submit an application.

The busiest time of the day for calls is 7a to 9p ranging from 12 to 24 calls per hour during that time with 1 to 10 calls per hour prior to 7a and after 9p.

So far in 2021, the highest number of calls is first-responder calls accounting for 46.53%. Next is false alarm calls at 20.49%; good intent calls at 17.36%; service calls at 7.29%; hazardous condition but no fire at 5.9% and fire calls at 2.43%.

HF&R runs first-responder calls to provide medical treatment prior to the county's EMS ambulances arrival. Years ago, the county EMS contracted with HF&R so there would be quicker response time. HF&R responds to motor vehicle accidents for the same reason and to help direct traffic.

The Cashiers Fire Department, which at 135 sq. miles services the biggest district in North Carolina, has had paid firefighters for some time. It has 11 paid firefighters, 28 volunteers and 15 part-time volunteers. The paid firefighters work 48 hours on and 96 hours off with five per day and three per night and on weekends.

Cashiers busiest time is 10a to 4p. Cashiers also has 27 trucks, five substations with another in the works, all paid for with the fire tax proceeds.

Highlands' fire district is 69.2 square miles stretching to the Georgia line on NC 28, to the outskirts of Scaly on NC 106; to Goldmine on US 64 west and to the Jackson County line on US 64

east.

At the main station, the department has five trucks with water, a service truck, a personnel carrier and two rescue trucks. At the substation there is an engine truck and a tanker truck.

Cashiers was able to expand its station on site to incorporate accommodations and bays for its equipment but there just isn't room at Highlands current station for that scenario.

The town secured an \$8.5 million 20-year loan through BB&T for the land and the building — \$1.5 million for the land and \$7 million for the building. The first payment of \$658,150 is due June 2022.

Loan payments will be paid solely through fire tax revenues and any money the town fronted, like to purchase the land, will be repaid with fire tax revenue.

The fire tax is part of the ad valorem property tax within the Highlands Fire District which extends more than six miles out from the main Highlands station.

Neither the fire (3 cents per \$100 valuation) or ad valorem taxes (15.65 cents per \$100 valuation) have increased recently, including for FY 2021-'22.

So far, the HF&R complex on US 64 west and Oak Street is on target for completion June 2022.

Talks concerning the future use of the current fire department are underway. Mayor Pat Taylor said there has been discussion about moving the county's EMS department to what will become the old fire station.

— Kim Lewicki

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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital expand women's care; welcome Jennifer Blattner, MD and Certified Nurse Midwife Jessica Williamson

Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital continue to expand women's services across western North Carolina by welcoming board-certified OB/GYN Jennifer Blattner, MD and board-certified nurse midwife Jessica Williamson to Harris Women's Care. Williamson who began seeing patients June 1st and Dr. Blattner who starts in September.

They join Sabine Kelischek, MD, Alvin Strasburger, MD, Ja'Pel Sumpter, MD, Kathy Walsh, NP, and certified nurse midwives Anne Karner and Darci Walker in providing high quality OB/GYN care, including management of high-risk OB, at locations in Sylva, Bryson City, and Franklin.

The providers at Harris Women's Care deliver babies at the New Generations Family Birthing Center at Harris Regional Hospital, named by Newsweek as one of the 'Best Maternity Hospitals' in the United States two years in a row (2020, 2021).

The area's only neonatologist, Bernd Holler, MD, joined Harris Regional Hospital last year and provides neonatal intensive care for babies born at 32 weeks and greater alongside specially trained nurses, respiratory therapists, and other clinical staff. Pediatricians Nicholas Jernigan, MD, Ryan Wade, MD, Margo White, MD, and Brittany Rogers, NP care for children at Harris Pediatric Care in Sylva and Franklin. Arielle Lankford, a pediatric nurse practitioner, sees children at Swain Family Care at Swain Community Hospital. Board-certified lactation consultants provide breastfeeding support, childbirth and newborn care education, and sibling classes. The hospitals partner with area health departments on family planning and care.

"We are privileged to care for families in western North Carolina with a comprehensive approach to women's and children's services at our hospitals and in our communities," said Steve Heatherly, CEO of Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital. "Each of the services we provide is part of a unified initiative focused on safe, high quality care for women and children close to home."

Dr. Blattner obtained her medical degree from Emory University and completed her internship and residency at the Naval Medical Center San Diego, then practiced



Jessica Williamson
Nurse Midwife



Jennifer Blattner
MD, OBGYN

as an OB/GYN in the Navy. After her commitment with the Navy was completed, she was in private practice in Hendersonville. From there Dr. Blattner moved to Colorado where she has practiced for the past 9 years and acted as the Medical Director for the OB/GYN Department since 2017. Dr. Blattner is the recipient of several awards and honors for clinical excellence and teaching.

Williamson graduated from the University of Louisiana at Monroe with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and completed her nurse midwifery degree at Frontier Nursing University in Hyden, Ky. Williamson has held multiple leadership roles in clinical practice and led a project for nurses in Haiti. She most recently practiced in Asheville and specializes in high-risk pregnancy care.

Harris Women's Care is located at 70 the Village Overlook in Sylva with additional offices located in Bryson City and Franklin. Visit the practice website for information on high-risk services: <https://www.harrismedicalgroup.com/our-practices/harris-womens-care/hwc-high-risk-services>

For more information, visit the Find a Doctor page on MyHarrisRegional.com or call 844.414.DOCS.

About Harris Regional Hospital & Swain Community Hospital

Harris Regional Hospital, established in 1925, is an 86-bed acute and specialty care facility serving Western North Carolina with more than 100 physicians practicing in locations throughout a multi-county region, including Harris Regional Hospital Medical Park of Franklin, an outpatient facility in Macon County.

Swain Community Hospital, established in 1950, is a 48-bed Critical Access Hospital serving a multi-county region with primary care, emergency medicine and subspecialty care including a pain clinic and a transitional care unit. Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital began an affiliation in 1997 and joined Duke LifePoint Healthcare in 2014.

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- **All Aboard! The Magic of Toy Trains**
Tuesday, July 20 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/35 Children attend for FREE Presenter: Lee Garrett
- **From Rhythm and Blues to Rock and Roll: Post World War II African-American Music**
Wednesday, July 21 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/35
Presenter: Oliver Greene, Jr. of Georgia State University
- **The Golden Age of Gospel**
Thursday, July 22 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/35
Presenter: Oliver Greene, Jr. of Georgia State University
- **Wine Tasting with Brian Larky**
Thursday, July 22 Time: 2:00-3:30 Cost: TBA
Presenter: Davis Picklesimer
- **2021 College Football Preview**
Friday, July 23 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/35
Presenter: Tony Barnhart
- **Botanical Watercolors (Session II)**
Saturday, July 24 Time: 1-3 Cost: \$35/\$45 per session
Instructor: Freddy Flynt
- **Highlands: A Trip Back in Time**
Monday, July 26 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35
Presenter: Obie Oakley
- **Wine Pairings with Every Day Dinners**
Monday, July 26 Time: 2-4 Presenter: Davis Picklesimer
- **Instant Pot 101: Conquer Your Fear of Pressure Cookers**
Tuesday July 27 Time: 12-2 Cost: \$30/40
Instructor: Joyce Fleming
- **iPhone/iPad: There's More to Learn**
Wednesday, July 28 Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost: \$80/90
Instructor: Loraine Smith
- **Stalin in World War II**
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- **Origins of the Cold War**
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THE CURIOUS MIND
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Co-Pastor Curtis Fussell
First Presbyterian Church

'The member of this church I would most like to see in Hell.'

Here in the middle of summer the air is hot and sticky. The hot temperatures remind me about a minister who announced in the local newspaper the title of his next sermon. He was going to preach on "The Member of This Church I Would Most Like to See in Hell."

As you can imagine, it caused quite a stir. What a crowd it drew to church that Sunday! Everyone was curious as to know, "Who's he going to name?"

As the minister began the sermon the moment came. He did name someone. It was one of the best-known women in the congregation! People were shocked. She was everyone's favorite Bible teacher. Most people regarded her as a genuine "saint."

People hung onto the minister's words as he went on to explain why he most wanted to see her in hell. He explained that he was sure that given this woman's saintly nature, that in a matter of weeks the people in hell would be transformed. Her love for God and neighbor would make a difference -- even in hell.

As you have surmised, the minister's "real" message was that all of us have the capacity to influence others for good.

It's true. Our kindness lifts many. Our empathy impacts others. Our generosity enhances that of others. Our willingness to serve touches hearts and minds.

Of course, negative things have their affect as well. A slur on someone clouds the vision of others. Self-centeredness weighs heavy among friends. Negative remarks push people away.

People notice how you live and speak; it makes a difference and has its affects. Your words and actions represent not merely yourself, but the world and the people you represent.

If you want to influence people for good, strive to think and exhibit these things: truth, honor, justice, purity, grace, excellence, and the things worthy of praise (Philippians 4:8-9). If you will seek these actions, then the peace of God will be with you -and shared with others. Likewise, too, they may well provide a "cooling" affect.

Proverbs 3:5

• PLACES TO WORSHIP •

John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from May 31. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

May 31

- At 7:10 p.m., a hit and run with failure to stop was reported

July 6

- At 3:53 p.m., officers were called about a shoplifting incident at Potpourri on Main Street where a green shirt was taken.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from July 6.

July 6

- At 11:32 a.m., the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm at a location on N. 5th Street.

- At 6:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Arnold Road.

July 7

- At 8:16 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance to a motorist in Highlands Plaza.

- At 10:01 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Jasmine Lane.

July 8

- At 9:01 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Oak Lane.

- At 10:51 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Eastover Drive.

- At 2:41 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on

Oak Point.

- At 4:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on 4 1/2 Street.

July 9

- At 8:01 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street.

- At 1:25 p.m. the dept. investigated the source of smoke at a residence on Eastover Drive.

July 10

- At 2:36 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Spruce Lane.

- At 7:24 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Double Branch Trail.

- At 11:06 a.m., the dept. responded to a fires alarm at a location on Church Street.

- At 2:18 p.m., the dept. was called to a search on Yellow Mountain Trail.

- At 5:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

July 11

- At 5:31 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

- At 10:44 a.m., the dept. responded to a fires alarm at a residence on Horse Cove Road.

July 12

- At 12:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident p.m. Cullsasaja Club Drive.

- At 1:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to at residence on Hicks Road.

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Protecting the water supply, specifically Lake Sequoyah, was noted and the lack of sewer connections and the cost of outfitting all the town with sewer is a concern.

Petrosky said retrofitting septic tanks near Lake Sequoyah is being discussed and the town has applied for grant funding to do that there.

He noted the fact that many people outside the town limits along US 64 east want to hook on to the town water and sewer.

“Limiting water and sewer keeps the town’s footprint small but allowing it might be OK when it is beneficial to the town in a specific area,” he said. “But allowing development – if not part of the town through ETJ – could be done to town standards through a partnership of some kind with Macon County, even though it doesn’t have much in the way of zoning.”

Petrosky said such a partnership with the county could be done with a limited zoning overlay for an area outside of town without voluntary annexation or invoking ETJ.

Of course, parking downtown was another hot issue – surveys showed there are those for more parking and those against it.

Metered parking spaces in the downtown area was a

recommendation made by Stewart saying metered parking is a lot cheaper than building a parking deck.

“You get more out of parking spaces because metered parking encourages turnover,” said Petrosky.

Member Nick McCall asked if metered parking wouldn’t really just benefit the town.

“Studies show that retail establishments benefit from metered parking,” said Petrosky.

He suggested metering a certain number of spots to begin with to see what happens. He also said a “local” plan, which is done in many areas, could include permits for locals who would be allowed to park for free.

The plan recommends more mixed-use areas which could possibly help with the housing situation through zoning changes.

To review the draft plan and to stay up-to-date, go the plan website at www.HighlandsCommunityPlan.com

People can also provide comments on the draft plan at www.surveymonkey.com/r/HighlandsDraft

Petrosky will be making the same presentation to the Town Board, tonight, July 15 at 7 p.m. in the Community Building. Everyone is welcome.

– Kim Lewicki

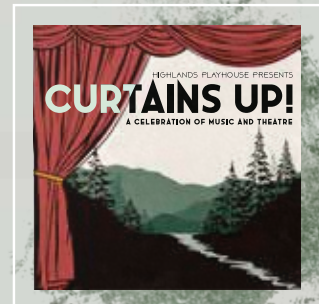


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THE BUSINESS SPOT IS HIRING in both their Cashiers and Highlands locations. If you are a team player, have a good work ethic and a working knowledge of computers - particularly Gmail and file management, please contact us. We also need each candidate to be able to multi-task (jumping from one task to another and back again) throughout the day. This position would be part time but could transition to full time. Will pay a gas allowance for anyone we hire that comes from further than 10 miles away. Please submit all inquiries to: Info@biz-spot.net. (st. 6/17)

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Still not sure if this would be the right job for you? Please give us a call at 828-526-9581 with any additional questions about the position or come by to take a quick no obligation tour before applying. We look forward to hearing from you!

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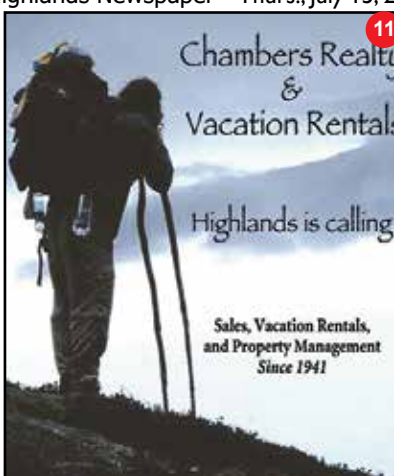
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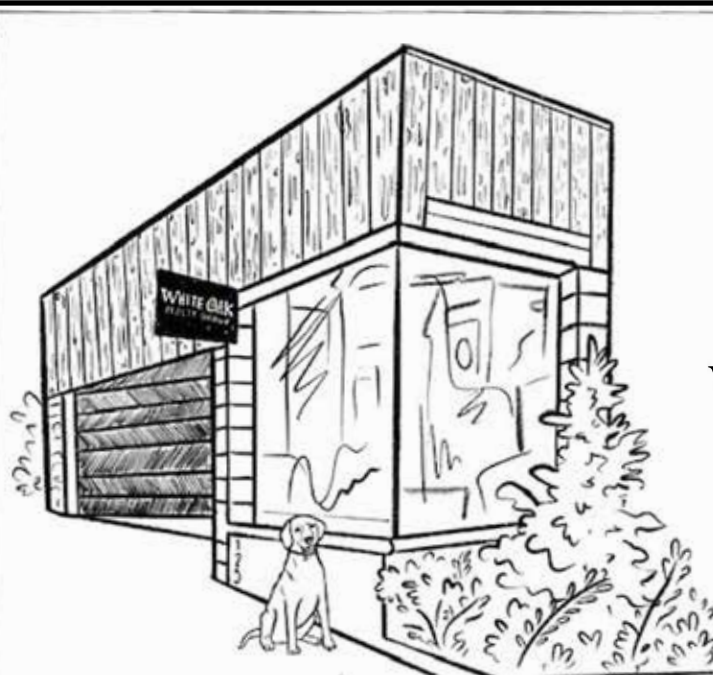
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