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## Candidates are lining up for Nov. 2021

By Brittney Lofthouse

Candidate filing for most 2021 city, town, and village elections in North Carolina kicked off at noon Friday, July 2, and will continue until noon Friday, July

16. With several seats up for election in both Franklin and Highlands, many candidates have already submitted their names to the Macon County Board of Elections.

Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor filed for re-election for another term and will face a challenger in current Town Commissioner Mark Hehn, who also filed for Mayor.

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The Crews Family at Highlands Farmers Market where daughters Attie and Callie sell One Change Bracelets to fund melanoma research. From left: is Attie, Dad Shawn, Callie and Mom Evans. — Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Fighting melanoma is a Crews family affair

Seven years ago, when Evans Crews was diagnosed with melanoma, her daughters took it personally and decided to fight right along with her.

Though Evans' fight entailed targeted chemotherapy, Attie and Callie took the artistic route, maybe because their mom is an art teacher.

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## A squirrel caused power outage

Citizens on the west side of town woke up Monday morning July 5 with no power.

Did the incredible fireworks that reverberated through town even after the official display was over cause the outage?

Did a vehicle hit a pole somewhere on the grid?

Calls were logged with the county which notified the town.

A lineman was sent out to find out what went wrong and it didn't take long to discover why the power went out.

"A squirrel became deceased at 62 Oak Lane," reported Public Service Director Lamar Nix. "As Joe Allison was patrolling the line looking for the fault, one of the Sanitation Department employees reported having found said squirrel at the base of the pole. The pole had a transformer on it and apparently the squirrel put himself in

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Members of the Highlands Historical Society and Mayor Pat Taylor gathered at the Highlands Historic Village on N. 4th Street to officially unveil the new exhibits inside. — Photo by Kim Lewicki

## New exhibits show Highlands in a new light

Though somewhat confusing, since the Highlands Historic Village campus on N. 4th Street has been open for numerous years, the recent Grand Opening referred to the opening of the revitalized exhibits inside – exhibits

that are now professional enough to rival any museum around.

At the Grand Opening last Friday, Highlands Historic Society president Obie Oakley explained that the Society wanted to up its

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Reworking intersections is a team effort

Sometimes I think something has been fixed only to realized more work is needed. That has been the case with the intersection on NC 28 at Satulah and South Street.

For years folks complained the intersection was too complicated, confusing and dangerous. The town was urged to take action and correct the situation. I even discussed with DOT the possibility of making a traffic circle at the intersection like the ones that blanket Franklin. Some staff, like our public works director, thought a traffic circle would be an overkill solution.

With the recent paving of NC 28, there was an opportunity to improve the intersection by simplifying the design. Town staff worked with DOT engineers to develop an improved road design that did not cost the town nor the state any significant money.

I thought the problem had been solved, but I continued to receive feedback about problems with the intersection. While the intersection had been simplified and improved, folks still told me there were remaining issues. Eric Pierson, who lives on Satulah, called me last week and asked me



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

to meet him at the intersection so he could show me his concerns. I met Eric and realized he made some very good points about intersection problems.

The police chief and Leah McCall, our code enforcement officer, also joined us. Officer McCall is a 30-year veteran with the state patrol and is an expert in traffic safety. Josh Ward, our Town Manager became a part of the group as well. We all concluded that improvements should be made to the intersection.

An additional stop sign will be added on South Street, as well as a stop bar. The stop bar at Satulah will be relocated few feet closer to the intersection. The stop sign at Satulah will also be moved forward so drivers have better visibility. The stop sign that is located on the right lane coming off NC 28 will be relocated for better visibility. Our staff will work with DOT engineers to improve the manner in which motorists make a right turn off NC onto the Satulah and South Street intersection.

I have encouraged our staff to make the changes on our town streets as soon as possible. The meeting with DOT engineers will hopefully have taken place prior to this publication.

Now here is another perspective.

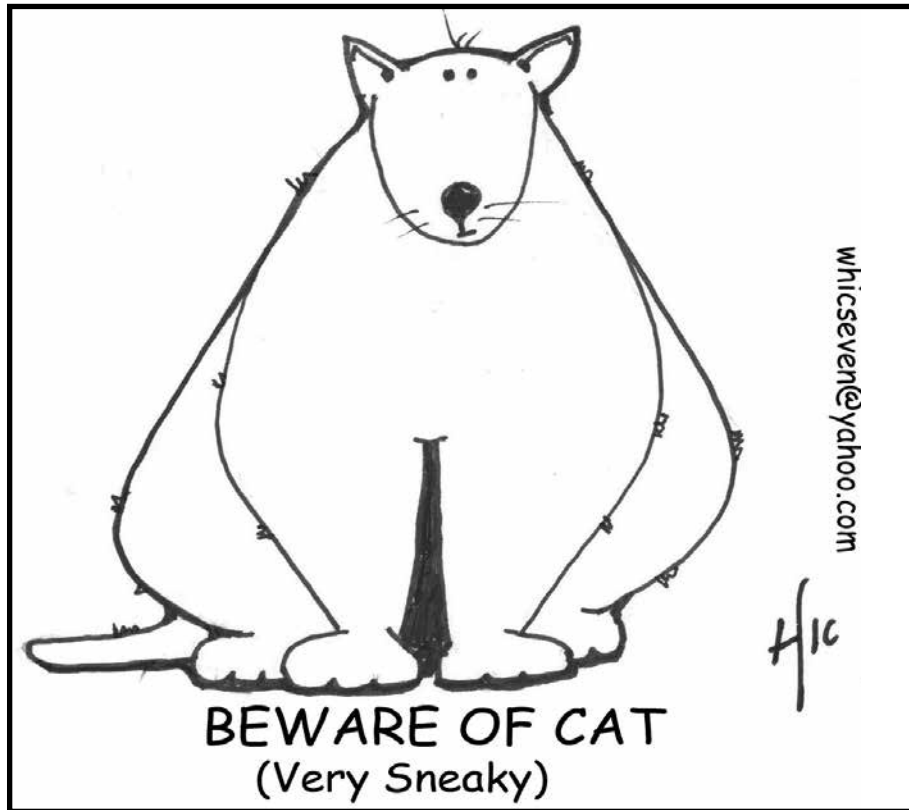
I and the town staff had two meetings at the intersection to reviewed how these improvements can be implemented.

At the first meeting Officer McCall had the blue lights on her vehicle flashing as we walked and surveyed the site. To our surprise, several motorist didn't stop at the stop sign coming off NC 28 headed to South and Satulah.

Those failures to stop might have been because of the current location of the stop sign. But, that was just one part of the problem. Several motorists didn't stop at the stop sign on Satulah or at the one where motorists pull out on NC 28.

Simply put, many people failed to stop at stop signs regardless of their location at the intersection. One local motorist cruised through one of the stop signs and shouted at me that this was a dangerous intersection. Had the driver actually stopped, I would have responded that all intersections are dangerous if stop signs are not heeded.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



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## • WEATHER •

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# • BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NEWS •

## Cullasaja Women's Outreach delivers much-needed supplies to the Highlands Emergency Council



"They've seen what we do, and they approve of it," said Cresswell. "And they've helped support us ever since."

CWO Members Dawn Van Fleet and

Lindy Harrison dropped off the supplies and said at this year's welcome meeting the Club choses a charity to help support and

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## • OBITUARY •

### Thomas B. Wright, Jr.

Thomas Barak Wright, Jr., son of the late Thomas B. and Frances Crunkleton Wright passed away Wednesday, June 30, 2021 in AnMed following a lengthy illness.

Tommy was a graduate of D.W. Daniel High School and graduated from Clemson University in 1984 in Forestry and worked with his family logging business for a number of years.

He later attended and graduated from Clemson University with a second degree and began a 12-year teaching career at Edwards Middle School. He was a teacher and coach and later served as the Athletic Director at Edwards Middle School. Tommy was a member of Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church.

Surviving are sisters, Helen Anne Hedden of Central, SC and Betty Lynn Long (William Miller) of Folly Beach, SC; nieces and nephews, Amy Allaire (John), Heather



Beam (Todd), Hank Hedden (Laura) and Linsay Long; and 5 great nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held Monday, July 5, 2021 at Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church in Central, SC with Rev. Mollie Reddic officiating.

A graveside committal service will be held Friday, July 9, 2021 at Highlands Cemetery in Highlands, NC.

Although facial coverings will not be required, it is recommended for those not vaccinated to wear facial coverings as a precaution.

Memorials may be made to Lawrence Chapel United Methodist Church, 2101 Six Mile Highway, Central, SC 29630.

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From left are Lindy Harrison and Dawn Van Fleet dropping off paper supplies to the Highlands Emergency Council on June 1.

By Brian O'Shea  
Plateau Daily News

Cullasaja Women's Outreach recently visited the Highlands Emergency Council and dropped off several carloads of paper products including towels, tissue, and diapers.

"Paper products are always in need," said HEC's Coordinator of Grants, Programs, and Projects Mary Anne Cresswell. "It is so wonderful to have these

things on hand, even diapers for new babies."

HEC's mission is to assist low-income residents in the area, including senior citizens, young families, single-parent families, those without a job, and disaster victims. There are no paid staff and HEC depends solely on donations and grants.

Cresswell said CWO has supported HEC's mission since they reached out over 10 years ago asking how they could help.



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## • BIZ/ORG NEWS •

### The new year at Mountaintop Rotary starts with three grant awards



As Michael Vavrek accepts the gavel of Mountaintop Rotary (MTR) on July 1, the beginning of the Rotary Year, he inherits leadership of a club that has been very successful weathering the challenges of the pandemic with an impressive list of accomplishments from last year. The New Rotary Year promises to be excellent as well as he has been successful in securing three district grants for 2021-2022 projects for MTR for very important projects. Rotary District grants provide matching funds to make local and international projects possible.

The first project will assist the Highlands Biological Station (HBS) to improve trail quality and eliminate erosion by stabilizing trails to improve the ecological health of the creeks that are impacted by sediment runoff. A partnership with HBS "Friends of the Garden, Rotaract Club, Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust, and WCU Center for Community Engagement and Service Learning and the Highlands Plateau Greenway. The will take place over three-four weekends in early

Spring 2022.

In the second project, Mountaintop Rotary partners with the Food Pantry & Rotaract Club in an interesting sustainable DIY Vegetables and Nutrition Education effort for Food Pantry Clients. It will encourage people to learn about accessible ways to gain food sovereignty, help people grow nutrient-dense greens, vegetables and herbs, help people learn how to incorporate sustainable nutrition in their lives and build community among clients. Building container gardens, and distribution to Food Pantry clients, along with education on growing and nutritional information will enable clients to produce some nutritious food for their families.

The Highlands Rotaract Club, sponsored by Mountaintop Rotary is a group of young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the community's pressing problems. Rotaract is for age 18-40 and many go on to become Rotarians.

The third grant award project is international and a collaboration between Mountaintop Rotary, Blowing Rock and Highlands Rotary to explore the building of a permanent dental clinic facility in Cange, Haiti. A needs assessment, sustainability study and feasibility study will be done by a group on a two week trip.

The Mountaintop Rotary Club is also supporting the building of 4 water fountains in schools in Tulum, Mexico, where lack of clean water is affecting the health of children in the area. MTR Rotarian Clark Plexico is in Tulum overseeing the project.

MTR plans to continue the successful Highlands Mountaintop Craft Shows with a second show August 28 & 29. The club will also continue support for the Community Immunity Campaign to reach unvaccinated and assist them to find their shot, trash pickup on the club's adopted section of the Dillard Road, and assisting as volunteers in many projects of local non-profits.



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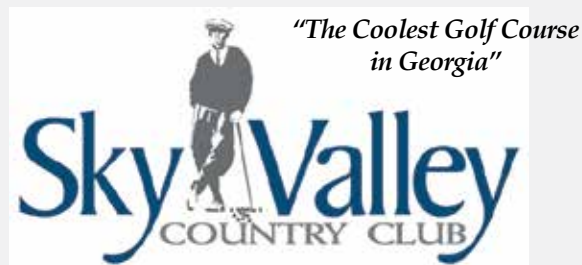
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this year chose HEC.

"It feels good to give back and participate in the community we live in," said Fleet. "There's so much to enjoy living in the mountains and it hurts to see people in need. Mary Anne said they needed paper products and we were happy to help."

This is but a fraction of the support CEO gives to charities throughout the Plateau.

Last year CWO awarded over \$240,000 in grants to nonprofits in Highlands and Cashiers. Past recipients include Boys and Girls Club of the Plateau, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry, and The Literacy & Learning Center.

Harrison said all of the money goes to a nonprofit after a rigorous vetting process.

"We are merely stewards of the donations," said Harrison. "The Club donates and the grants Committee awards the grants in full. We are so blessed to live in the mountains, but these nonprofits need our help."

The vetting process includes grant applications, site visits of all applicants, reports, and presentations to the Club before a grant is awarded, said Fleet.

TL&LC Board Member Jane Jerry said it's an honor when TL&LC is chosen as a CWO grant recipient.

"I've been associated with several organizations that have received funding from CWO. We always felt so proud to get a grant letter because CWO provides the quintessential "stamp of approval" from an extremely professional funder," said Jerry. "After filling out the grant application and hosting a site visit by CWO members, we always learned something new and appreciated having taken a moment to take stock of our accomplishments. The CWO truly is a partner in our success and we are grateful to all the women, and their husbands, who support us with their time, treasure, and enthusiasm."

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When COVID19 hit our country, Highlands offered so many reasons to relocate here or at least have another home in our mountain wonderland.

This is a great place where there is little crime, kind people and lots of opportunity, whether you work in town or remotely.

There are also some members of our community who have slowed down and lost businesses due to the COVID lockdowns. But now, with no lockdowns, businesses are in a great place to start again. Let's keep these folks in our prayers.

I have often been asked, "What makes Highlands so special?"

What initially brought most of us here is the beauty of these mountains and all the hidden treasures they hold.

Then there are the cool summer temperatures and generally mild winters with just enough snow for our enjoyment.

Our quaint small town, with a flair for the refined, offers a casual atmosphere and a laid-back lifestyle.

The exceptional variety of restaurants, lodging, boutiques and shops are second to none to any small mountain community.

We can thank the generosity of our local and summer residents for their gifts of time and funds that offer us fine arts, cultural events, music, performing arts, visual arts, churches and many other interests that are rarely found in a small community.

Perhaps the greatest natural asset found in Highlands is the warm and welcoming spirit of its people....always willing to reach out to new residents and visitors alike. Our people enjoy a strong sense of community and a hardy desire to share it with others who appreciate the same.

If you are wondering what all of this has to do with real estate....our economy in Highlands is driven by those who visit and



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# • HOSPITAL NEWS •

## Highlands-Cashiers Hospital strives to make care as advanced and accessible as possible

There may be no more beautiful time on the Plateau than spring and summer, and after over a year of pandemic stress and isolation, we are likely to see things we never noticed before — wildflowers growing by the road, a stately tree, and more — that nevertheless have always been there. You could say the same thing about Highlands-Cashiers Hospital as well. From the day we opened our doors nearly 70 years ago, we've been the mainstay of care for this community, but over the decades we were also always evolving in response to ever-changing community needs.

There are two enhancements here at the hospital that I'm excited to tell the community about, because they both translate

to enhanced care for our patients. So much of staying a viable and innovative healthcare facility is offering the latest and best in medical technology to patients, whether that's for screening, records management, or surgical purposes, and keeping up with delivering care in a way that allows more and more individuals to easily access it.

The technological advancement we've adopted is 3D mammography, also known as tomosynthesis. This cutting-edge screening technology enables us not only to detect more cancerous tumors in the breast, but to find them earlier, and we all know that with any type of cancer, the earlier your physician can find it, the better in terms of your prognosis.

What makes 3D mammography superior to traditional mam-

mography? In a word, depth. A standard mammogram shows an image that is flat, for the radiologist to review. A 3D mammogram done with this new technology, however, produces many images within just a few seconds, and they appear as a series of thin slices. These much more finely detailed, single slice images allow our team to see much more than they would viewing a less nuanced image. This considerably enhanced visibility allows for greater image clarity, allowing the clinician to find cancers that previously would have been concealed by overlapping breast tissue.

Because 3D mammography allows us to better see a patient's breast tissue, the need to schedule "callback mammograms" — when a concern must be investigated in a second mammogram — is greatly reduced. In turn, women don't have to go through the added stress that a callback fuels, take more time for another appointment, or incur additional costs that another screening requires.

This breast screening "gold standard" is recommended no matter what a woman's breast density (differing amounts of three types of tissue found in the breast) is.

I am very happy we have purchased this important technology, and readers can get more information on 3D mammograms by calling the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital Radiology Department at 828-526-1467. The number to call if you wish to schedule an appointment is 828-883-5021. I urge women in our community never to put off scheduling their mammograms, but this past year has been exceptionally challenging, I realize. If you're overdue for your mam-



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mogram because of the pandemic, please make an appointment today.

The other new benefit for our patients that we have just begun to offer is expanded telehealth and scheduling options with Mission My Care Now. Patients can now choose between virtual care, telehealth visits, or scheduled same-day

appointments at our bricks and mortar walk-in clinic, all of which mean less time spent in the waiting room. Patients can get the care they need through whatever platform is best for them.

We also created an online tool to help you determine which care option is best for you. By going to <https://missionhealth.org/get-care/>, simply choose the "Find the right care" link from the Virtual Care Options box. After answering a few questions and pinpointing your care need, the best option for you is recommended. You can access care through:

- Highlands-Cashiers Hospital's Emergency Room (or any Mission Health ER)

- Scheduling a telehealth visit online through the link above with one of our My Care Now providers; this is a real-time face-to-face video visit that's billed to insurance and is offered at the same cost as an in-office visit

- Making an appointment to visit one of our regional My Care Now locations in person — you can either walk into the location, or schedule an appointment online

- Linking to our online Mission Virtual Clinic, <https://missionhealth.org/virtual-clinic/>, and answer more detailed questions to get a rapid written response (within an hour) back from a provider; the provider may also offer to live

chat online if they need to ask additional questions, but no video is involved in this option; this service is \$25 if the provider is able to diagnose

The pandemic also pushed everyone to become comfortable with providing and using telemedicine/telehealth services, and now that we have built this momentum, we're intent on offering services through as many platforms as we can. This way, getting care can be more hassle-free and less economically stressful — in other words, patient-centered and patient-friendly.

Our intention at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is to make your care as advanced, expertly executed, and easily accessed as possible. Through offerings like 3D mammogram technology and an array of choices for receiving urgent care, we are making that intention a reality. In order to continue to provide extraordinary services and care to this community, we remain ever-mindful of complementing our services with these types of innovative offerings.

• *Tom Neal, RN, MBA, MHA, serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Nursing Officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Tom is a proven leader with more than 30 years of progressive healthcare experience and has a diverse skill set in acute care, behavioral health and post-acute operations. Most recently, Tom served as Chief Executive Officer of both Berwick Hospital Center in Berwick, Pennsylvania, and Greenbrier Valley Medical Center, Ronceverte. As CEO of Berwick Hospital Center, Tom helped to rebuild their primary care physician base and also led efforts to bring about significant improvements in patient experience scores, safety and quality outcomes. Tom has an MBA from the University of Louisville, MHA from the California College of Health Sciences, BSN from Regents College of New York and an ADN from Jefferson Community College.*

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• 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 Tuesday-Saturday from 10a to 1p.

**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](http://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.maconcliteracy.org](http://www.maconcliteracy.org), call (828) 526 - 0863 or email [info@maconcliteracy.org](mailto:info@maconcliteracy.org)

**Thurs. July 15-Sept. 9**

• The annual Highlands tradition of Zahner Conservation Lec-

tures returns this month! 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](http://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.

## Through Sat. July 10

• At The Summer House, 4th of July sale with savings throughout the store.

## Thurs., July 8

• Macon County EDC meeting will be held at the Highlands Community Building Thursday from 5:30-6:30 p.m.

• First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will host the Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival's FREE Family Concert and Ice Cream Social at 3 p.m., Thursday. This is a free family concert and will feature Peter & the Wolf and Ferdinand the Bull, with violinist Alice Hong, pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom, and narrator Lois Reitzes. Kilwin's Chocolate & Ice Cream will be providing the ice cream, and the Highlands Community Child Development Center is co-sponsoring. For information on these concerts, and information and tickets for the performances and events that comprise the remainder of the Festival's 2021 season, visit [h-cmusicfestival.org](http://h-cmusicfestival.org) or call (828) 526-9060.

## Fri. - Sun., July 9-11

• Movie at The Playhouse - Queen Bees. Fri. and Sat. 4 and 7 p.m., Sun. 1 and 4 p.m.

## Fri., July 9

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

## Sat., July 10

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Theresa Forman Trunk Show, 10a to 5p. As a child, Theresa Forman had a passion for art and the process of creating something beautiful. However, it was not until later in life that she was able to pursue fine art and painting. Theresa most enjoys painting inspiration from life where she can observe both the colors and subtle nuances in the landscape or in a still life. Working primarily in oils, she uses the plein air studies and photographic references to produce studio pieces that reveal the harmony found in nature. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

• At Hudson Library, New York Times best-selling author Karen White will appear at Hudson Library on Saturday at 12:30 PM to talk about her new novel The Last Night in London. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free event, and snacks will be served. Books & Bites programs are sponsored by the Hudson Library Board of Trustees. Attendance at this event is limited and reservations are required. To make a reservation, please call Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.



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• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p.

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**Sun., July 11**

• Randy Shepherd is speaking at the Highlands Central Baptist Church on Sunday Morning July 11 @ 9AM. Highlands Central Baptist is temporarily meeting in the Shortoff Baptist Church Downstairs Fellowship Hall.

**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**

• 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.

**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**

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

**Sat., July 24**

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. Silly Ridge Roundup

**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.oldedwardshospitality.com/calendar-of](https://www.oldedwardshospitality.com/calendar-of-events/food-dining/champagnedinner)

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**Fri., July 30**

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

**Sat., July 31**

• 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**

• 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

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**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 Old Edwards at 6:30 p.m. Please join us in celebrating the height of the summer season in the mountains with James Beard Foundation award-winning chefs Steven Satterfield of Miller Union in Atlanta, and Joseph Lenn of JC Holdway in Knoxville, Tennessee. This dynamic duo, who also happen to be great friends, will present a multi-course menu full of summer's most delicious flavors alongside pairings from the Old Edwards sommeliers in the beautiful setting of The Farm. \$185 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Book online today: <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/dinner-with-steven-satterfield-joseph-lenn-tickets-67065> or call 828-787-2525 to book.

**Sat., Aug. 16**

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The Highlands Town Board of Commissioners has two council seats up for election — seats currently held by Donnie Callaway and Amy Patterson.

As of noon on Wednesday neither incumbent had filed for office, however newcomer and local business owner Thomas Craig filed for one of the open seats.

“I am not retiring from politics, I am just stepping down for now to prioritize my life, but I may be back during the next election cycle to campaign for someone or to run myself,” said Commissioner Donnie Callaway.

Commissioner Amy Patterson said she hadn’t made up her mind yet.

In Franklin, Mayor Bob Scott announced over the holiday weekend that he would not be seeking re-election to a fifth term which leaves the Franklin Mayor seat up for grabs to a newcomer. Franklin council member Jack Horton filed for the Mayor seat on Friday afternoon.

While there are currently three Franklin town council board seats up for election, the seats currently held by David Culpepper, Dinah Mashburn, and the late Barbara McRae, as of noon on

Wednesday, no one had filed for those positions.

While the municipal election will be decided this November, candidates for other offices with elections a year away have already submitted their notice of candidacy to the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

After Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland announced his retirement from law enforcement, three members of the Sheriff’s Office filed their notice with the local elections office, kicking off their campaigns.

Brent Holbrooks, Dereck Jones, and Clay Bryson are all longtime employees of the Sheriff’s Department and have each launched their campaigns.

In addition to current Sheriff’s Department employees, two other Macon County residents launched their campaigns prior to the Sheriff’s retirement announcement.

Robert Cook and Chris Browning have also filed their notice of candidacy with the board of elections. To date, all individuals running for Sheriff are registered Republicans.

Filing for the Sheriff’s seat doesn’t officially open until December 2021 with the Primary elec-

tion scheduled for March 2022. Despite an already crowded field of candidates, the next Sheriff of Macon County will not be elected until November 2022.

Two candidates have also already announced their intention to run for Clerk of Superior Court in Macon County. Retired law enforcement officer Mike Trammel as well as Macon County Magistrate Justin Stamey have submitted their notice of candidacy to the board of elections. Like the Sheriff seat, filing for the Clerk of Superior Court does not officially open until December 2021.

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch also announced that she intends to seek a third term in office and will be on the Nov. 2022 ballot.

Welch, 42, a Republican, has been top prosecutor since 2016 for the state’s seven westernmost counties. Prior to that, she served as an assistant district attorney for the 30th Prosecutorial District, now designated the 43rd Prosecutorial District.

Daily candidate updates will be available on line.

To learn about candidacy qualifications and requirements go to <https://maconnnc.org/board-of-elections.html>.

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The girls and a few good friends decided that since the best way to prevent melanoma was to prevent sunburns, they created a bracelet that alerts when it’s time to reapply sunscreen.

“We have learned that the best way to prevent melanoma and other skin cancers is to start at a young age,” they said.

So, with “one change,” that of the stone in the bracelet turning a color, the wearer knows it’s time to reapply sunscreen.

Over the years, their designs have evolved into cool bracelets fit for kids of all ages and genders so they know when it’s time for sunscreen.

One Change bracelets are hand-crafted with clear beads that change to purple, pink or yellow when exposed to ultraviolet rays.

That’s the cue to put on sunscreen.

Their mother Evans had a mole on her scalp for years, but since she couldn’t see it, she wasn’t really aware of it or concerned.

But one day her hairbrush sort of bumped over it and alarms went off. She headed to her dermatologist who biopsied it and discovered melanoma under the mole — not the mole itself — and the rest is history.

Since 2018, her girls and their friends have raised more than \$98,000 and 100% of it has gone to melanoma research conducted at various cancer research institutions. They disperse funds about four times a year.

“It is our mission to spread the word to children and adults, hopefully decreasing one of the

few preventable cancers,” they said. “You can decrease your odds of getting skin cancer by protecting your skin.”

The One Change nonprofit’s goal is to eradicate melanoma and according to Evans there have been many advances in the past five years.

The Crews family lives in Florida but summers here in Highlands with Evans’ Dunwoody side of the family.

Swing by Highlands Farmers Market Saturdays in K-H Founders Park 8a to noon and pick up a bracelet for someone you love. They range in price and design from \$10-\$15.

Like Attie and Callie say, one change, can make a difference!

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game, so it partnered with Western Carolina University and the Mountain Heritage Center to develop and revamp exhibits at the Village.

"WCU sent us 18 students to help update and develop the new exhibits. We gave them the information and the students did the rest," he said. "This is our gift to the town of Highlands. The exhibits explain the history of the town from the Cherokees onward – from the schools, to the churches and the founding families."

Mayor Pat Taylor, who was also at the opening congratulated the Society on its endeavor.

"It's important to document what has happened in the past so we never forget where we came from," he said.

The first exhibit honors the Cherokee – the first people in the area – who used Highlands as a hunting ground since it wasn't conducive to farming.

Further on, the Ravenel Family is commemorated as one of the wealthy aristocratic planters and professionals from the south – in their case Charleston, SC – who has been part of Highlands for about 170 years.

The Ravenel family left its mark on Highlands. It left Sunset Rock as a gift to the town, they donated money and land for the construction of First Presbyterian Church; they built homes to summer in – notably Wolf Ridge on top of Sunset and others; owned 30,000 acres from Satulah to Sagee and from Cashiers Valley to Whiteside Mountain, including the Devil's Courthouse. They also owned Wildcat Ridge and most of the primeval forest between Bear Pen and Whiteside. In 1883, Mrs. Ravenel created the Islington Inn, located on S. 4th Street, and ran it for years. It was a popular inn for summer visitors, becoming King's Inn in 1925.

One exhibit tells the story of Charlie Wright who saved Gus Baty from falling to his death

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# • BIZ/ORG NEWS •



## Signed and soon-to-be delivered!

The Highlands Performing Arts Center has been working over a year with a construction management team composed of project manager JLL, architect Lord Aeck Sargent, and contractor Choate Construction to design the PAC's new theater. Thursday, July 1 was the culmination of that work. Construction is now ready to begin and PAC Board President, Nancy Harrison, signed the construction contract with Choate Construction. In the next few days construction will begin on the theater with a projected completion summer of 2022.



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## Highlands Hurricanes go to Franklin, add three to the national team

The Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team traveled to Franklin on Thursday, July 1, 2021 for a 4-team event.

The Hurricanes finished second to FAST (Franklin Amateur Swim Team) Cherokee County Aquatics Club (CCAC) and Jackson County Swim Team (JCST).

Paolo McRae, Jack Sumner, and Corena Dearth all swam Jr. Olympic qualifying times to add themselves to the 2021 National Team traveling to Houston, TX at the end of July. There are now 12 swimmers on the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team national team. This will be a return trip for Sumner. McRae made the cut by .04 seconds.

The Hurricanes brought home 193 ribbons and 63 were for 1st place. Highlands also broke one MSL record and six team records.

The Highlands Hurricanes were led by Justin Powell and sisters Lilliana and Jr. Olympian Sophia Jandera all who scored 24 pts and were undefeated in their five swims. Right behind them was Jr. Olympian Chase Kenter with 23 pts and his first MSL (Mountain Swim League) record of the season. Kenter also broke two team records while Sophia broke three. Younger brother Blake Kenter scored 22 pts.

JoJo Cohen scored 21 pts; both Timmy McDowell and Bella Batista scored 20 pts and Layla Babac added 19.

Jr. Olympian Jack Sumner and brothers Asa and fellow Jr. Olympian Finneas Garner scored 18 pts.

Jasmine Abranyi scored 17 pts, while Ian's Batista brought home 16.5.

Gweneth Higgins and Corena Dearth each scored 15 pts.

Tate Wilson, Ian López, Beata Higgins and Jr. Olympian Conner Hughes scored 14 pts. Wilson broke the team record in the 100 backstroke.

Jr. Olympians Maddie Cohen and Aniah McKim scored 13 pts.; Caedmon Higgins and Luke Highsmith added 12 pts.

Mark Gross, Cassie McDowell, and Bridget Kolusek each scored 11 pts.; Max Justin scored 10 pts.; and Vivian Kennedy scored 9 pts.

Jordan Powell and Paolo McRae scored 8 pts.; Miley Zagal and Penelope McRae each scored 7 pts.; and Jayce Powell brought home 6 pts.

Samuel Kolusek, Emma Dennisoff, and Emilina Hernández scored 5 pts.; Eli Highsmith and Tirienne Higgins each scored 4.

Mason Johnston also swam for the Hurricanes.

The Highlands Hurricanes are a Highlands Recreation Park Team that practices in the evenings at the Highlands Recreation Park Pool. The only requirement to join is a swimmer must be able to swim 25 yards (one length of the Recreation Park Pool) unassisted. For more information please call Head Coach Steve Hott at 828.421.4121.

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**Highlands Police entries from June 18. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## June 18

• At noon, offices responded to a one-vehicle accident in the 200 Main parking lot.

## June 26

• At 1:55 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on W. Church Street in the Highlands Food Pantry parking lot.

## June 27

• At 11:51 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Highlands Inn parking lot on Log Cabin lane.

• At 5:53 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on US 64 west.

## June 28

• At 11:49 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 east at Little Bear Pen Road.

## June 30

• At 3:35 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Farmers Market parking lot.

## June 28

• At noon, officers received a report of a breaking and entering at a residence on Netsi Place where a secured door was damaged.

## July 2

• At 1:50 p.m., officers responded to a call of a patron leaving The Bridge without paying.

• At 11:12 p.m., officers responded to a call of a woman having her hair pulled during a verbal argument at a residence on Bowery Road.

## July 4

• At 10:18 p.m., officers responded to a call of a woman being hit with a wine glass at a residence on Lucerne Drive.

## The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 29.

## June 29

• At 5:05 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Horse Cove Road.

## June 30

• At 5:45 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Horse Cove Road.

• At 5:57 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

## July 2

• At 7:15 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

• At 10:34 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Bonnie Drive.

## July 3

• At 11:45 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Falls Drive E.

• At 6:19 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Big View Drive.

• At 5:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on NC 106.

• At 8:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row.

• At 9:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bonne Vista Road.

## July 4

• A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm at a residence on Hill Road.

• At 4:29 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Kelsey Court.

• At 5:50 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cottage Lane.

• At 11:48 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Blackberry Lane.

• At 11:08 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of locating someone in the Goldmine area.

## July 5

• At 4:48 p.m., the dept. was called on special assignment to a residence on Mountain Ash Lane.

## July 6

• At 3:30 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Big View Drive.

## ...SQUIRREL continued from page 1

harm's way and was electrocuted, thus blowing the fuse and causing the outage," said Nix.

Evidently, across the nation and in fact worldwide, squirrels are the king of power outages.

Squirrels have front teeth that grow continuously and to keep them in check the animals develop a chewing habit. As they traverse the power lines, they put their chewing prowess into action, creating the possibility of exposing wires – which is why young squirrels are usually safe from electrocution.

According to the American Public Power Association (APPA), squirrels were the cause of more than 15,000 animal-related outages last year.

When they scamper through the treetops and over roads using powerlines as roadways, if they make inappropriate contact with a power line, a conductor or other high voltage equipment, they are often electrocuted which brings down the power grid.

"It happens more than you would think," said Nix.

A squirrel can disrupt a power system if its body becomes a current path between electrical lines.

Typically, the animal is killed by the passage of current through its body. Prevention is complicated by the ability of squirrels to bypass plastic animal guards, gnaw through insulation and squeeze through small openings into substations.

"Years ago in Highlands, this was a common problem, but breakers and squirrel guards have cut the problems down," said Nix. "But not every line can have a breaker, and we haven't got squirrel guards on all the transformers yet."

According to APPA, there are two peak periods of highest squirrel activity each year -- May-June and October-November. This is when squirrel related disruptions are the greatest.

Storms still cause longer and larger outages, but squirrels are responsible for the greatest number of power outages in the country.

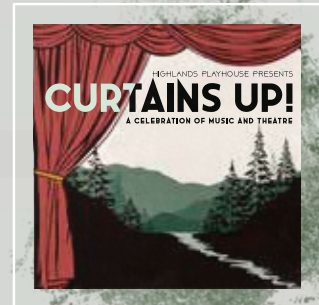
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1,000 feet to the bottom of the Whiteside Mountain.

Thirteen picnickers with baskets of food and a supply of alcoholic beverages, had gathered at the top of Whiteside Mountain on a bright spring day in May. Gus Baty had a little too much to drink and decided to scare the girls by pretending to almost fall off the edge of the mountain. The "pretend" turned true as Gus slipped and plunged 60 feet down the almost vertical rock face of the mountain, stopping only when he managed to grab hold of a small bush with one arm and one leg, dangling over the brink.

Following was a two-and-half-hour perilous rescue by Charlie Wright – a rescue so daring that a few years later, Charles N. Wright was awarded the Carnegie Gold Medal for Bravery. Besides the solid gold medal which is still in the Wright family, Charlie got \$2,000 in cash which he used to buy land and build a home.

Other exhibits include one about golfer Bobby Jones of Highlands Country Club fame, one displaying a still and explaining the moonshine business in the area, a dress worn by Dr. Mary Lapham who began the TB sanatorium located where the Recreation Park is today and had 60 open-air tent-houses surrounding a three-story infirmary.

Her method of curing advanced cases of tuberculosis became known as lung collapse therapy. She would inject the diseased lung with nitrogen, which caused it to collapse, allowing it to rest and heal. To keep the other lung from degenerating, her patients slept in tent-houses outdoors, breathing only the frigid air.

There is an impressive display of uniforms worn by Highlands' military servicemen throughout the ages as well as photographs of Highlands scenes, people, and homes by photographers John Bundy, R. Henry Scadin, and George Masa.

There's also a display commemorating Women's Suffrage in Western North Carolina which includes vintage dresses.

The HHS Archives contain over 3,000 original documents, maps, photographs, newspapers, and artifacts, catalogued and digitized in museum collection management software. These are accessible to the public via computer and microfilm reader.

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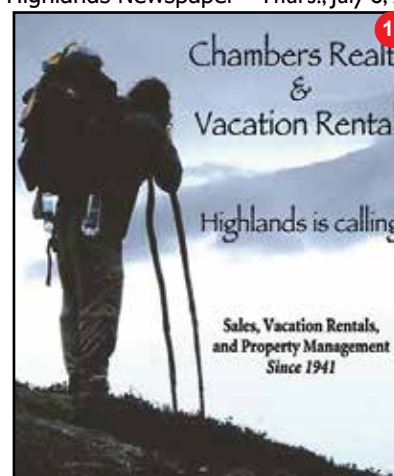


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