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Mama Bear attacks dog to protect cub

Around 10 a.m., last Friday, May 21, a dog was attacked by a mama bear when it got too close to her cub.

A woman walking her dog on Big Bear Pen Road near the water

tower inadvertently got near a bear cub which caused the mama bear to go into protection mode.

"The woman saw what she thought was a small black dog. Too late she realized she and her dog

were approaching a bear cub," said Highlands Police Officer Leah McCall. "They immediately turned around, but the mama was already charging."

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Tax hike needed to build new Franklin HS

By Brittney Lofthouse

Macon County Commission Chairman and Highlands representative Jim Tate said that he is prepared to sell his constituents on a tax hike to fund a new Franklin High School, even though they will never use it "because it's something that needs to be done."

"Ten years ago, when I started on this board, this was a discussion and it was a point of contention then," said Commissioner Tate. "I represent District 1 in this county. [There are three districts in Macon County.] District 1 is going to be about 50% of the tax base that is going to pay for this and those students, in my district are not going to go to this school so this is not going to be popular. But I am ready to bite it off because I know it is needed and I know it is time to do it and I am

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Renovated pool house is ready for summer



Thanks once again to Art and Angela Williams, owners of the Old Edwards Hospitality Group, Highlands has another feather in its "Recreation Facilities" hat. The pool house has been completely renovated and is open for business. It sports new tiled floors, walls, and showers, as well as new lockers, shower heads, sinks, toilets and a new office area, too. The cost? \$230,000. Over the years, thanks to a Town Board that has deemed funding upgrades to Highlands recreation facilities necessary, augmented by about \$2 million donated by the Williams, Highlands has a covered pool, renovated and upgraded civic center and ballfield, a skating rink and of course, K-H Founders Park.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

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'Help Wanted' is a sign of the times

By Brittney Lofthouse

Just about every business in Highlands and Cashiers is looking for employees.

Help Wanted signs pepper windows in downtown Highlands and the Help Wanted section of newspapers.

Prior to COVID, Old Edwards Hospitality Group (OEI) typically operated with a full staff of around 500 employees. Now post COVID, OEI Human Resource Manager Pat Turnbull said they are operating with 40 fewer employees than normal and are struggling to fill the positions.

"With such a limited workforce in Highlands, we have always had to be innovative when it comes to finding staff," said Turnbull. "We hold career fairs at colleges across the Southeast, we offer staff housing, anything we

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Remember the reason for Memorial Day

This weekend will be a joyous holiday weekend where Highlands returns to a normal operation as we move out of the COVID pandemic. I hope everyone will have a wonderful Memorial Day weekend with their family and friends.

But Memorial Day is a somber time where we should also remember the fallen from American wars, and their families. These patriots gave their "full measure of devotion" to this country.

I will never forget being at a party at a past holiday. I was in the kitchen of the hostess and noticed a faded telegram framed on the wall next to the window. It was near the kitchen sink, a place where that woman was every day. It read, "We regret to inform you. . ." I asked her about the telegram. It had been sent to her mother with the news that her husband had been killed on a Pacific beach during World War II. The tragedy was that this gracious, adult woman never knew her father. Her Marine lieutenant father had deployed to the Pacific



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

ic before she was born. But she kept that old telegram near her as she grieved for a father she never knew. Like all Gold Star families, the lasting impact of losing a beloved son, daughter, parent, or spouse never goes away. It is a burden that is carried for lifetimes.

I hope everyone will take a moment to reflect and pray this Memorial Day for the fallen and their surviving families. As a country we can never repay them, but we can be mindful and thankful for the ultimate sacrifices they all made.

American Legion Post 370 will be holding a ceremony on Monday, Memorial Day, at 10 am at the Veterans Memorial in front of the police station. It will be an appropriate way for everyone to show our gratitude.

Tonight is the in person May meeting of the Highlands Town Board of Commissioners. The meeting starts at 7 am at the Highlands Community Building which is next to the ball field.

The meeting agenda is rather long. There will be two public hearings concerning changes to the Unified Development Ordinance. The changes to the UDO are being mandated by the NC Legislature under the new 160 D statutes.

The board will also review the NC-DOT Macon County Comprehensive Transportation Plan. The plan identifies county transportation needs through 2045.

We will also be reviewing the last component of the BearWise initiative. I anticipate Highlands becoming the first certified BearWise community in North Carolina this summer.

Our Town Manager will be presenting the proposed budget for FYI '21-'22. As prescribed by law, the proposed budget is balanced. There are a number of major road and infrastructure projects in this budget. The Town Board will call for a budget public hearing for the June meeting. Upon approval, the budget goes into effect July 1st.

The meeting will also be on YouTube for those who can't attend in person. The broadcast will be a view only format.

• HIC'S VIEW •



"Fred I'm depressed. After chasing cars for years, I now realize, what do I do with it if I catch one."

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• WEATHER •

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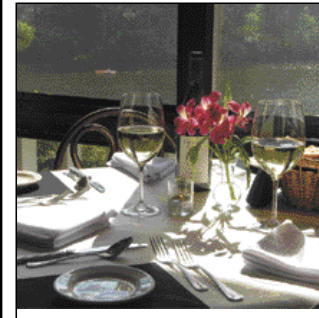


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• OBITUARY •

Edna Bryson

Mrs. Edna Phillips Bryson, 94, passed away Thursday, May 20, 2021. She was born October 12, 1926 in Macon County to the late James Roy Phillips and Octia Henry Phillips. Edna was a life-long resident in Highlands and was married to the late Walter Neville Bryson who preceded her in death July 2010. She worked at Bryson Gulf Service in Highlands for 35 years. Edna loved to sew, quilt and needlepoint. She loved her family and enjoyed time spent with them and her grandchildren. Edna earned a Bachelor degree from Brevard College. She was a member at the Highlands United Methodist Church.



Mrs. Bryson is survived by two sons, Jim Bryson (Sheila) and Mike Bryson (Becki); five grandchildren, Ryan Bryson, Josh Bryson, Jennifer Bauer, Jaime Miller and Maegan Gallira; four great-grandchildren, Rylee Bryson, Laney Bryson, Kinsley Bryson and Wesley James Miller; a daughter in law, Margaret Vinson Bryson.

In addition to her husband and parents, Edna is preceded in death by her son, Ned Bryson; two sisters, Evelyn Crowe and Mary Wood; a brother, James Phillips.

A funeral service was held Sunday, May 23, 2021 at Highlands United Methodist Church in the Faith and Fellowship Center with the Rev. Randy Lucas and Rev. Paul Christy officiating. Burial followed at Highlands Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Ryan Bryson, Josh Bryson, Dennis Wilson, Jaime Miller, Jennifer Bauer and Brian Bauer.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Highlands United Methodist Church Building Fund, 315 Main Street, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory served the Bryson family. Online condolences can be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

• ON THE SUNNY SIDE •

Memorial Day

Memorial Day is the day to remember and honor with gratitude all those who served and died for our country to protect our freedom. We must never forget; freedom is not free. Someone has to pay and many, many have.

A number of cities and towns in the South claim to be the first to celebrate Memorial Day. However, Memorial Day first started in Boalsburg, PA in 1864 immediately after the Battle of Gettysburg. A large group of ladies put flowers on the graves of the soldiers killed in the Battle of Gettysburg.

The Battle of Gettysburg was the largest battle in the Civil War. More than 10,000 men were killed and more than 40,000 were injured. That was the battle that cost the Confederacy the war.

There were more than 620,000 men killed, more than any other war, even World War II. It was a horrible war. America was split. Families were split. Sometimes brother against brother. My great grandfather on one side of our family fought for the North. My great grandfather on the other side of the family fought for the South.

North Carolina was about evenly split. Some were for the North and some were for the South. Finally, North Carolina reluctantly joined the Confederacy. They didn't have much choice. They were surrounded by Georgia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia. However, many still fought for the North.

In 1865, after Boalsburg, a group of women from Vicksburg, MS decorated the graves of soldiers buried in the Vicksburg cemetery. Later that same year women in Columbus, MS put flowers on the graves of both Union and Confederate soldiers. Soon towns across America, North



Kenny Youmans

and South, were honoring soldiers killed in the Civil War.

Rochester, WI was the first town to celebrate Memorial Day with a Memorial Day parade 1867.

May 5, 1868 General John A. Logan, commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, an organization of Union veterans, declared May 30 to be the official date for Memorial Day. But for 50 years the South refused to celebrate Memorial Day the same day as the North. As you may image there was much bitterness

on both sides.

"How do you forgive someone who killed a member of your family?" It's hard. And I'm sure some people never forgave. There were even two Methodist church in Highlands in the late 1800s - a Northern Methodist and a Southern Methodist. Finally, in 1904 they merged and built the church we have today.

In 1918, immediately after the end of World War I, congress passed a law making Memorial Day not only Memorial Day for the Civil War but for all wars. They declared it would be observed on May 30.

From 1868 to 1971 Memorial Day was always celebrated on May 30th of each year. In 1971 it was changed to the last Monday in May. Congress wanted it to be an official holiday and a 3-day weekend.

And that is how Memorial Day got started in America.

Some people say there are not enough heroes today. I say they don't know where to look. At one time there were over 91,000 risking their lives in Afghanistan and Iraq. Even today there are still more than 5,000. They are heroes.

Martin A. Treptow grew up in Chippewa Falls, WI.

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Later he was a barber in Cherokee, IA. In 1917 he volunteered to serve in World War I. He was attached to the 42nd Rainbow Division. They were in France under heavy fire from the Germans. He volunteered to carry a message from his platoon to another platoon and was killed. Later they found on his body his diary which he inscribed the following pledge.

"America must win this war. Therefore, I will work, I will save, I will sacrifice, I

will endure, I will fight cheerfully and do my utmost as if the whole issue of the struggle depended on me alone."

Martin A. Treptow is buried in Bloomer, WI. He was 24 years old. Martin A. Treptow was certainly a hero.

PS. As you can see, the South is still determined to rise again. However, there are so many Yankees down here today, it is hard to tell the good guys from the bad guys.



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• INK PENN •

Reflections on D-Day

By Kathy Manos Penn

My husband is passionate about WWII history and holds veterans from that war in the highest esteem. As a VFW member, he was fortunate to meet and become friends with several WWII veterans, but they've all passed away now. And with his connections, I was fortunate to get to know them and write about their stories. What an amazing group of men, every one of them humble about his experience and service.

For us, the opportunity to bicycle Normandy in June 2014 was an awe-inspiring experience—the countryside with its still visible bunkers from the war plus visits to Omaha Beach, Utah Beach, and myriad other sites connected to WWII—and was fodder for several columns that year, the 60th anniversary of D-Day. The excerpt below is about one of the amazing stories we learned on our visit to the Utah Beach Museum.

"One story that caught our attention was that of Major David Dewhurst, an Army Air Force squad commander who flew the 'final bombing run on the German stronghold WN5, moments before the Allied landing at Utah Beach,' only to die in an auto wreck not long after returning home to Texas. I discovered later that his sons had only discovered their father's story upon visiting Utah Beach in 2007 and seeing his



Kathy Manos Penn

name and photo."

Imagine our surprise in March of this year when we met a WWII veteran who knew Major Dewhurst—who in fact, flew with him on that mission. As my husband always does, he approached the gentleman and thanked him for his service. They chatted briefly as we were leaving a restaurant. My husband was so intrigued by the man's role in the war, that he dropped me

back by our hotel and returned to speak further with him. That's when he learned this veteran had been Major Dewhurst's bombardier on that and many other missions.

The following words from David Dewhurst, Jr., captured in an article in the "Daily Texan," describe his reactions to his discovery.

"The memorial was to my dad and it had his picture. As you'd imagine, it was pretty emotional," Dewhurst said. 'I probably stood there for an hour. I couldn't move, I just couldn't move.'

Dewhurst said the events of that day prompted him to do two things: revitalize the museum, which he and his family have contributed millions of dollars to since that day, and to seek out the remaining members of his father's outfit.

Dewhurst said he found four of them and, aside from asking about their experience of the war, he asked them to describe his father.

'Of course, not knowing him, I kept asking these four people that had flown with him, that had known him: how he acted, how he reacted, what kind of guy was he?' Dewhurst said. 'Did he get mad? How did he handle himself? I knew that he occasionally smoked cigars: did he try to do that on bombing runs? Answer: no, but yes.'

... Dewhurst said many people share similar stories. ... visiting the battle sites and the Normandy American Cemetery and Memorial will 'make you proud to be an American. It will remind you that freedom is not free.'"

In these troubled times when the news trumpets what so many think is wrong with our country, stories like this remind me what is right with it.

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Macon County Public Health received notification that two Macon County residents diagnosed with COVID-19 have passed away. To protect the family's privacy, no further information will be released about these individuals. These deaths bring Macon County to forty (40) deaths related to COVID-19.

"These families are in our thoughts

and prayers as they mourn the loss of their loved one," said Health Director, Kathy McGaha. McGaha continued, "Macon County residents can help protect themselves and our community by receiving the COVID-19 vaccine. Macon County's has appointments available for the lifesaving vaccine for all who are age 18 and over, and are registering those between 12 and 17 for future clinics."

Older adults and people of any age who have serious underlying medical conditions might be at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19; however, anyone of any age can become infected with this illness. Therefore, we ask that community members strictly follow the governor's orders and continue to practice social distancing, as well as safe hygiene measures such as hand washing and frequently cleaning touched objects and surfaces.

If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at 828-349-2517. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8am – 5pm, until further notice. To register and schedule an appointment to receive the vaccine, please call 828-524-1500. The vaccine call center is open from 8am – 4pm Monday through Friday, until further notice.

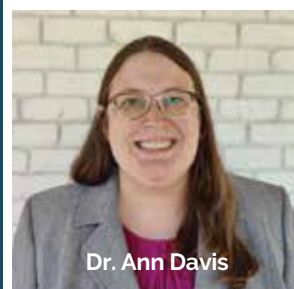
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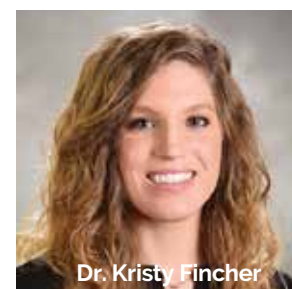


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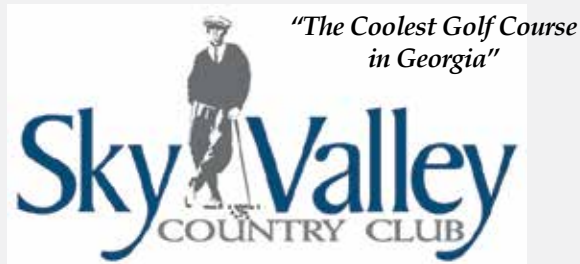
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Could Today's Real Estate Frenzy Lead to a Crash?

It is impossible to escape from the fact that real estate is crazy right now. Home prices are rising and rising at a fast rate. This increase in values has many people feeling like we are experiencing another housing bubble. As a result, the question has arisen as to whether there will be a crash and when this crash might occur. However, economists do not see the current real estate scenario in the same light as the crash that oc-



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curred in 2008 and 2009.

Why is this housing market different from 2008 and 2009? For starters, the real impetus behind rising values is simply because there are more buyers than sellers. Inventory is in short supply and buyers are in abundance. What is driving home values is, quite simply, supply and demand. Demand is extreme right now and many liken it to a frenzy.

Suffice it to say that this has created a very high annual increase for home values.

Popular second home and vacation markets, like the Highlands area, are still experiencing sharp increases and many economists say it is expected to continue. When supply and demand become more equal, there will be potential for some leveling out as the mania dies down.

The good news for buyers is that home values are not expected to continue to rise at such a quick pace. The market is expected to stabilize and values are expected to continue to rise, but at a far more sustainable rate. While some economists and real estate gurus expect that some housing markets may see small drops, it is far more likely to see values go flat.

It is important to remember that the housing crash of 2008 and 2009 was created by a slew of bad mortgages. While real estate is crazy right now it is not fueled by these poor lending practices. What is helping fuel the market is very low rates. Low rates can allow for buyers to spend more on a home while keeping monthly payments within budget. Low rates also attract buyers in high end second home/vacation areas, as it is more expedient to obtain a mortgage than to cash-in high paying investment dollars. An increase, especially a sharp increase, in mortgage rates would have an impact on the market, perhaps slowing down demand but not causing a downward spiral in terms of values.

The reality is that the inventory of available homes for sale is tight. New construction can certainly help increase inventories but the likelihood of this changing

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Perched upon a knoll, and close to town is the 2 bedroom 2 bath plus a loft home that sleeps 8 comfortably. Living room, kitchen dining that has a main floor bedroom and bath, huge glass porch and grilling deck. one car garage. new concrete driveway, seasonal mountain view. city sewer and power. a great getaway and rental. Offered at \$650,000. mls #96475



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5 Bedroom 5 bath home located at Highlands Country Club. Usable lot with lovely landscaping. Seller has golf membership. 45 KW Generator. Sophisticated irrigation system which allows full property irrigation and a 19 station window and deck flower box irrigation drip system. Do not miss seeing this one! Offered at \$1,495,000. mls #88512



In Cold Springs this elegant 3-bedroom, 3+bath mountain contemporary has native stone wood-burning fireplaces and Shortoff Mountain views. A chef's kitchen, dining room, and pantry/laundry. Master suite has multiple closet cabinets, a soaking tub, and two baths with separate showers, an outdoor deck with heated spa. A 60-foot covered Carolina room features a fieldstone fireplace and forest views overlooking a water feature. Two spacious bedrooms on the lower level with baths, a large fireplace and guest morning room. Offered at \$1,295,000. mls #95439



In HFCC, this craftsman style home has a screened porch with fireplace and open deck. Great room features heart pine floors and 2 stone fireplaces. Custom kitchen, bar, powder room, and master suite complete with gas fireplace. Upper level has kids playroom, 2 bedrooms with an adjoining bath. Lower level has laundry, storage, family room, sitting room with fireplace. 2 bedrooms with ensuite baths. A two-car garage and a view of Whiteside. Offered at \$1,895,000. mls #95669



Close to town on Satulah Ridge this 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath move in ready home. Greatroom with fireplace, Carport and usable low maintenance lot. A do not miss for intown living at a reasonable price. Offered at \$924,000. mls #96415



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Turn of the Century 480 Winfield Farm has 4.7 acres and borders USFS land. View, frog pond, awesome perennials, fenced garden plot, fire-pit, porches, room for yard games, dogs, kids, horses? Main house has 3+BR/2.5Bath with 1 car attached garage, Stone wood burning fireplace, wood floors and Large master suite on Main. Guest house is perfectly placed on property and has 1 BR/1Bath with 2 car garage, a canning basement with keeping room. All has been renovated, updated, and made neat as a pin. Offered at \$679,000. mls #94617



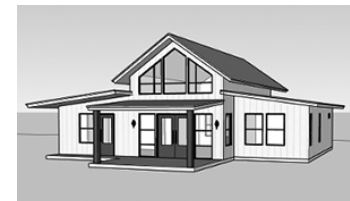
Lovely Old Orchard estate Over 9 acres with spectacular mountain views, this house is in move in condition, with 5 bedrooms, 4 1/2 baths. Fully renovated kitchen with dining area and cathedral living room with fireplace. Immaculate grounds. Do not miss this one if you want privacy and usable yard. Offered at \$1,875,000. mls #94043



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Blue Valley Falls estates. Do not miss this lovely 4 bedroom home with large private lot, Ridgeline view, and water feature. Home features lovely designer touches consisting of antique fixtures and doors to give it a unique custom flair. Main level has a master bedroom with ensuite bath, library, living room, kitchen/dining room, guest bedroom and bath. The living room opens onto a large Carolina room with fireplace. Lower level has a wine cellar, huge family room, 2 bedrooms with baths, and plenty of storage. A wonderful home. Offered at \$1,495,000. mls #96181



New home construction. Located truly walk to town, this 2 bedroom 2 bath home on a 1/2 acre lot is almost dead flat. Allowances will be given for finishes. Offered at \$895,000. mls #96476

HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

NOTICE

• The Church in the Wild-wood, Horsecove Road, will not be holding June services. Please check papers and radio for possible July opening. Questions? 1-828-506-0125 and leave message.

Ongoing

• 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 Friday and Saturday from 10a to 1p.

• 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. In person meetings have resumed and are held at 12 Noon

Wednesday And Friday at 1st Presbyterian Church Library, 471 Main St., Highlands. On line meeting information can be found @ www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828) 349-4357.

Every Saturday

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

Thurs. May 27

• Highlands Biological Foundation Virtual Lecture Series: Climate Conversation at 6 p.m. "Salamanders of the Future: How climate change will impact salamanders of the southern Appalachians" with Dr. Meaghan Gade, The Ohio State University. For more information on our Climate Conversations lecture series. To register go to www.highlandsbiological.org or call us at (828)526-2623.

• Laura Walsh: Orchard Ses-

sions at The Farm 6-9p.m. Get ready for more enchanting evenings at The Farm this season with the return of our live concert series, Orchard Sessions. Settle into comfortable seating and relax into a summer evening under the heirloom apple trees. A stellar lineup of our favorite musicians will fill the magical mountain air in the stunning surroundings of the orchard, while you enjoy light bites and a cash bar. On May 27, the sessions kick off with Arizona native turned Nashville recording artist, Laura Walsh. Laura has an upbeat pop and country style that is sure to please. Old Edwards Hotel Guests & Members \$15. General Admission \$25 (bookable two weeks prior to the event). Cash Bar & Complimentary Light Bites will be served. \$15 - \$25. Tickets: [https://www.simplertix.com/laura-walsh-orchard-sessions-at-](https://www.simplertix.com/laura-walsh-orchard-sessions-at-the-farm-tickets-68518)

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Fri., May 28

• Friday Night Live Concert. 6-8:30p. Trudition

Sat. May 29

• Highlands Mountain Garden Club plant sale 9a to noon at the ballfield on the Cashiers Road.

• At Hudson Library, award-winning, New York Times best-selling author Mary Alice Monroe will appear at Hudson Library on Saturday May 29 to talk about her new novel The Summer of Lost and Found. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free event. Books & Bites programs are sponsored by the Hudson Library Board of Trustees. Masks must be worn at all times while in the library, and social distancing must be maintained. Because of COVID restrictions, attendance at this event is limited and reservations

are required. To make a reservation, please call Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

• Saturdays on Pine: 6-8:30p.

Ashley Heath & Her Heathens

Mon. May 31

• The American Legion Post 370 in Highlands, NC will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday at 10am recognizing America's War Dead from all wars. The ceremony will be conducted at the Veteran's Plaza at 372 Oak Street, Highlands. The Mayor of Highlands, Pat Taylor, an Army Veteran and member of Post 370, will make remarks. Ed McCloskey, Commander of Post 370 and Marine Corps Veteran, will lead the ceremony which includes the installation of additional "Honor Walk Bricks" in the Veteran's Honor Walkway honoring Veterans from Highlands, Cashiers, Scaly

• See EVENTS page 14

Feasts

"Zukerman Trio @ Freesia Ridge"

Monday, July 5th - 7 PM

\$150/person - 16 Places

Special Guests: Pinchas Zukerman,

Amanda Forsyth, George Li

Hosts: Judy & Louis Freeman

"Bastille Celebration"

Thursday, July 15th - 6:30 PM

\$125/person - 10 Places

Special Guests: Luke Fleming,

Amy Schwartz Moretti

Hosts: Olivia & Bob Holt,

Kathleen & Ray Michaels

"Virtuoso Pianist"

Sunday, July 25th - 7 PM

\$125/person - 15 Places

Special Guest: Michael Gurt

Hosts: Cathy & Mike Crosby



"Bailey Times Two"

Saturday, July 31st - 7:15 PM

\$125/person - 12 Places

Zuill and Allison Bailey

Hosts: Martha & Al Pearson

"Dynamic Duo: David and Sara"

Friday, August 6th - 12 Noon Brunch

\$100/person - 16 Places

Special Guests: David Coucheron,

Sara Sant'Ambrogio

Hosts: David & Jill Krischer

Salons

"Yo Yo Ma of the Harp"

Thursday, July 22nd - 6 PM

\$75/person - 25 Places

Special Performing Guest: Bridget Kibbey

Hosts: Kay Kramer & Frank Cohen

"Rhapsody in Blue"

Tuesday, July 27th - 6 PM

\$75/person - 35 Places

Special Performing Guest - William Ransom

Hosts: Teri Dolci, Sibyl Fishburn, Sam Hollis

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Mountain and surrounding area. Order forms are available for purchase of the "Honor Bricks" for Veterans from the communities mentioned above. The ceremony is open to all Veterans and members of the community.

Tues., June 1

• At CLE, Border Security: Issues, Strategies and Possible Solutions. Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Gil Kerlikowske Former Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Register at www.cle-highlands.com or call 526-8811.

Wed., June 2

• At CLE, Drug Enforcement in the U.S.: Problems and Solutions. Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Gil Kerlikowske Former Commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection. Register at www.cle-highlands.com or call 526-8811.

Thurs., June 3

• At CLE, Gardening for Beauty and Nature: Ecological Landscape Design and the New American Garden (FULL) Time: 10-12 Cost \$35/\$45 Presenters: Florence Holmes and Cauty Worley. Register at www.cle-highlands.com or call 526-8811.

• Highlands Biological Foundation Virtual Lecture Series: Climate Conversation at 6 p.m. "Climate change and the future forests of Great Smoky Mountain National Park" with Dr. Jason Fridley, Professor. To register, go to www.highlandsbiological.org or call us at (828)526-2623.

Fri., June 4

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

Sat., June 5

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. Peggy Ratusz

Fri., June 11

• Friday Night Live in Town Square: 6-8:30p. Frank & Allie

Sat., June 12

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. Hurricane Creek.

• Fox Brothers Disco Pig Party at The Farm at Old Edwards at 6:30. Warm southern nights in June beckon for southern barbecue! Enjoy a lip-smacking evening at the Farm at Old Edwards on Saturday, June 12 with pitmasters Jonathan and Justin Fox. They're the tour de force behind the award-winning Atlanta restaurant Fox Brothers Barbecue. Get your taste buds ready for their unique Southern-style barbecue infused

with their home state of Texas flair. Enjoy pulled pork, brisket, wings – you know - Bar. B. Que. That's Saturday, June 12 at the Farm at Old Edwards. \$155 per person, plus tax and gratuity. Book online: <https://www.simpletix.com/e/fox-brothers-dinner-at-the-farm-tickets-6544> or call 855-421-2919 to book.

Sat., June 13

• Highlands Motoring Festival. Cars in the Park. (Pine Street) 10a to 4p

Thurs., June 17

• Erick Baker: Orchard Sessions at The Farm at Old Edwards at 6 - 8 pm. Guest-favorite singer-songwriter Erick Baker from Knoxville, TN returns to Highlands for this special Orchard Sessions event. Settle into comfortable seating and relax into a summer evening under the heirloom apple trees at the Farm at Old Edwards. The music of Popular self-taught singer-songwriter Erick Baker, from Knoxville, TN will fill the magical mountain air in the stunning surroundings of the orchard, while you enjoy light bites and a cash bar. Old Edwards Hotel Guests & Members \$15. General Admission \$25 (bookable two weeks prior to the event) Cash Bar & Complimentary Light Bites will be served. \$15 - \$25. Tickets: <https://www.simpletix.com/e/erick-baker-orchard-sessions-at-the-farm-tickets-67598>

Fri., June 18

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

Sat., June 19

• K-H Founders Park Annual Shrimp Boil. Drive Thru. 5-7 p.m. Rain or shine.

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. Americana Jones

Fri., June 25

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

Sat. & Sun., June 26 & 27

• 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., June 26

• NO CONCERT

Fri., July 2

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

Sat., July 3

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. TBA

Sun., July 4

• Chamber event: Fireworks and Concert.

• Saturdays on Pine: Moon Dance. 6-8:30p.

Fri., July 9

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

Sat., July 10

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. Kurt Thomas Band

Fri., July 16

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

Sat., July 17

• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p.

Shane Meade

2021 Plant Sale is on!



JB at the Old Jail on Maple Street wants everyone to come to the Mountain Garden Club's 2021 Plant Sale, Saturday, May 29 at the ball-field.

– Photo by Kim Lewicki

Booksigning at Hudson Library Sat. May 29



Author Mary Alice Monroe

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Laura Walsh in concert at OEI's The Farm



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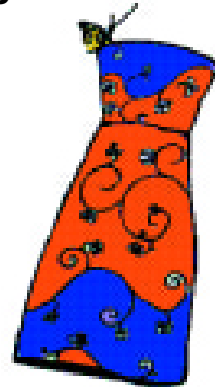
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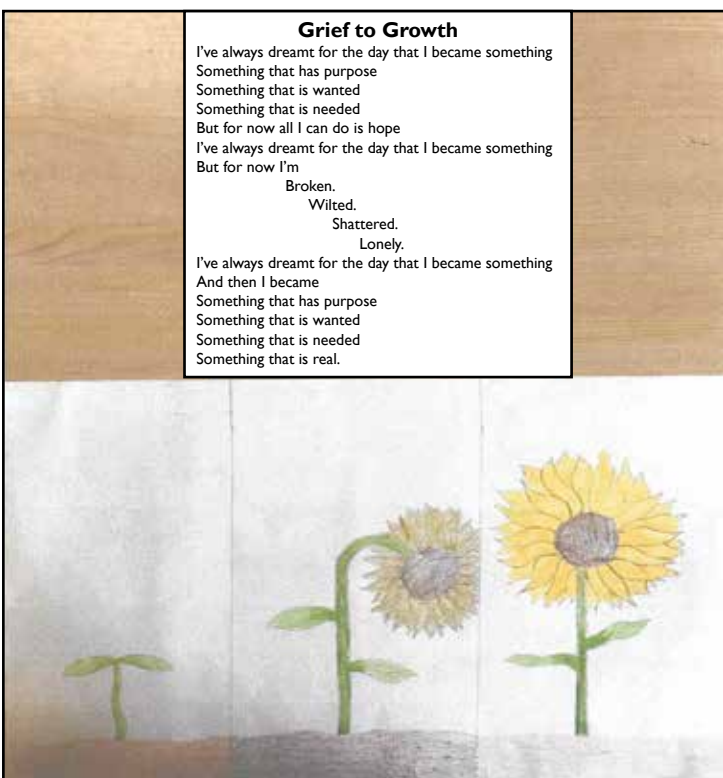


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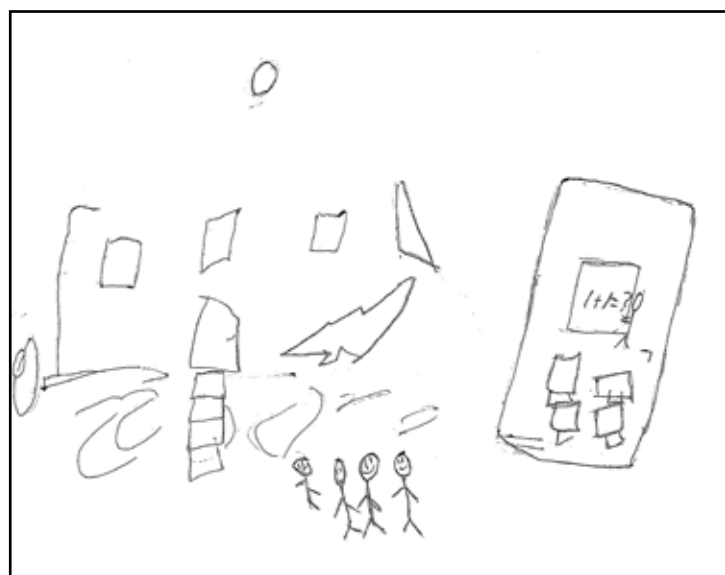
Highlands School students were asked to 'Imagine the Future'



Grand Prize Winner: Canvas with Poetry. 5th graders: Arabel Aulisio, Falon Brewer, Elizabeth Hall and Mia Craig. Each student received \$62.50 for a total of \$250.



Left: Grand Prize Winner: Grief to Growth. 7th graders Margaret Cole, Cayden Pierson, Jaylin Raby and Nicole Taylor. Each student received \$62.50 for a total of \$250.



Grand Prize Winner: Vision of the Future School. 3rd grader Matthew Morales Campos. He won \$250. Verbiage is to the right.

People of all ages were inspired by 19-year-old Amanda Gorman when she recited her poem "The Hills We Climb" at President Biden's inauguration.

A short time later she performed an original poem at the Super Bowl and recently was interviewed by Oprah Winfrey.

Quite an amazing trajectory for a young poet!

With Gorman as inspiration, this spring, Highlands School students were challenged to "Imagine the Future" by writing a poem, painting a picture, making a video, - use whatever art form inspired them to inspire others.

Specifics:

Judges were Diane Cox McPhail, author and Kathrine Ford Richardson, managing editor, Plateau Magazine. The creative use of materials or media and teamwork between disciplines - literary and art - was encouraged. Entries were due by April 23.

Making decisions about winners wasn't easy! In the end, 40 students were recognized for their Literature and Art talent. Grand prizes were given for work that combined art and writing. First, Second and Third prizes were given in the categories of Art and Literature. Five Honorable Mentions were awarded in each category and 14 students received special commendations for "Powerful Lines" in their entries.

• More winning entries will be displayed in the June 3 edition.

Powerful Lines

Taking from what we already know,

We form ideas that help us tackle the unknown.

Each with different ideas, so we're not clones.

– Jamie King, 12th grade

Powerful Lines

It is what you do with the bad days to make the next day fit.

– Karmen Jenkins
10th grade

Left: "I predict in the future that there are gonna be go karts that move t the class your going to. And there's gonna be 3 super buses that could fly very high to get to places faster. And mabye could drive by there selfs. We could have a big ative panel and with a giant keyboard the teacher can write on. And we can telepot to school."

– Presented as Matthew wrote it.

Highlands School students were asked to ‘Imagine the Future’

Literature:
1st Prize by 10th grader Conor Thorske. He won \$100.

Why Is It Sometimes So Hard to Write?

Why is it sometimes so hard to write?
 Hard to keep your head up to continue this fight,
 Tell me your scary thoughts that keep you up at night.

Tell me why you keep so quiet in school.
 Maybe it's because everyone has mistaken you for a fool,
 Tossed into an empty box and forgotten like a rusty tool.

Still not sure what school has to offer,
 Still not sure if I want to be a lawyer or a doctor,
 Still not sure if I will even prosper.



Art: 1st Place Prize: Multi-cultural. Creation Fingers with Dove by 10th grader India Clark. She won \$100.

Literature:
2nd Prize by 6th grader Bailey Cronkrite. She won \$75.

The Simple Things

My hope for the future is that we'll always enjoy the simple things.
 We should enjoy every time a bird sings.
 Every day we enjoy these kinds of things less and less.

We should all take a look at an old picture and say..

“Look at how young I was then!
 I should learn to live like that again!”
 You never stopped living like that,
 You just stopped thinking like that.

You should never stop loving, learning, and caring
 About the simple things.
 Just remember to take a moment to say,
 “I remember the days I loved the simple things,
 Like when a bird sings.”

Literature:
3rd Prize by 12th grader Megan Rehmeier. She won \$50.

Author

Words that are written so worlds can be made.
 Pages bound together to make a story.
 Sentences produced to be narrated.
 Stories created not to bring glory,

But to make a gateway to new places.
 Lessons that are created and taught.
 Threads of a story are woven like laces.
 Heartbreak, sorrow, and tears happen a lot,

Although, happiness and laughter also bloom.
 Writing these words causes the greatest joy.
 Books, adventures, and words made to consume.
 Stories written to last and not destroy.

Books create a world outside of our own,
 One we can travel to and never be alone.

Powerful Lines

*All the while, the old me is now
 outgrown.*

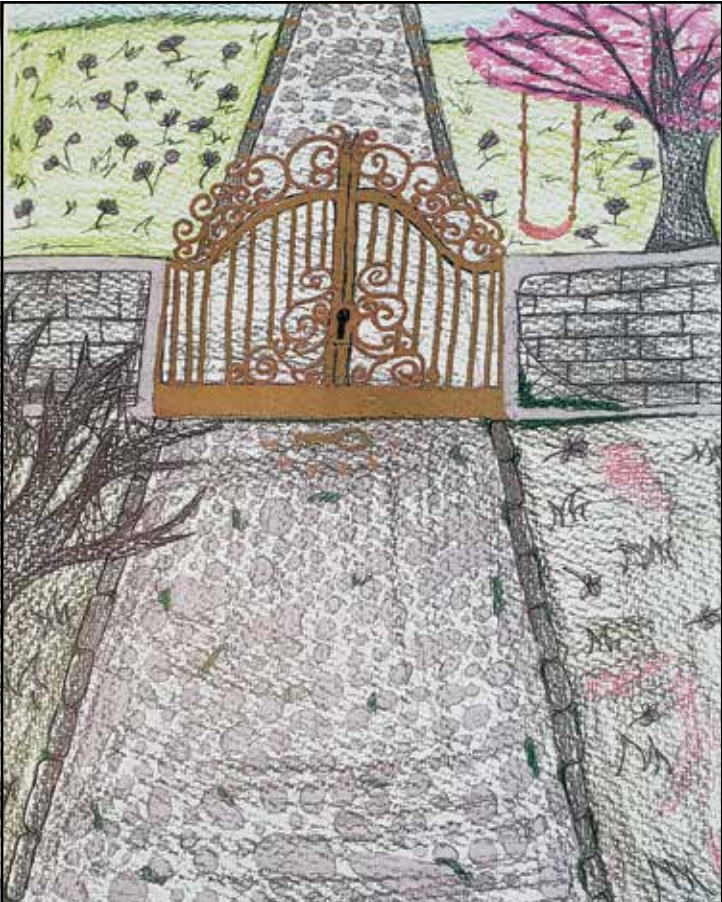
– Garrison Chalker
 12th grade

*But fear not the sorrows of sad
 success.*

– Hadley Templeton
 12th grade

*I don't want to grow up.
 But I want to see...*

– Bella Wilson
 10th grade



The Never Ending Development

When the past cannot push the underlying success of the future,
 a reformation has to be made to the existing system
 of development.

Once this change has occurred, then the success of the new
 development will be greater, and live longer than the last.

Grand Prize Winner: 7th grader Elise Ramsey. She won \$250.

Highlands School students were asked to 'Imagine the Future'



Art: 2nd Place Prize: (Mixed Media) Last Load by 7th grader Vivian Kennedy. She won \$75.

Literature: Honorable Mentions: Each student won \$25.

Japan

**by Owen Munoz
10th Grade**

Before I moved to Japan
I wasn't a man,
I was like a little boy
Playing with all my toys,
But in the future
I became a music producer.

We had a Cherry Blossom tree
It was very beautiful but it had a
lot of bees,
Before I met my wife
I did not have a life.

Her name was Sam
But I called her my little lamb,
I sat in my garden smelling the

Camellia
While I was staring at the Wis-
teria.

My kids came up and asked to
play ball
I said yes but then one of them
had a great fall,
One son grew up to be a doctor
The other one drove a helicop-
ter.

My sons had sons
One of them even had a man
bun,
My grandchild was a mechanic
And the other was gigantic,
I was so happy to see them grow
That I did not worry when it was
my time to go.

Powerful Lines

*We are said to have matured
leaps and bounds,
But we have mentally hit highs
and lows.*

— Jordan Carrier, 12th grade

Powerful Lines

*Friends may turn into strangers
down the road
We will make new relationships
with others
We'll be wishing our life could be
slowed.*

— Joana Jiminex-Reyes,
12th grade

Literature: Honorable Mentions: Each student won \$25.

Fresh Air

**by Jacob Holt
10th Grade**

Step outside and take a breath of fresh air
Feel the sun rays warm up your hair.
Walk off the porch and towards the car
We're taking a trip, it isn't too far.
Driving down the road
I spot a toad.
Uh-oh we're almost out of gas.
The other car is too slow we have to pass.
Pulling into the gas station
Don't worry we're still in the same nation.
We step out to go inside
My sister says she grabbed our masks, she lied.
But I forgot we don't need them
Whoever cured COVID, we thank 'em.



Art: Honorable Mention: Eye. 7th grader. Magnolia Cunningham. She won \$25.

Powerful Lines

I have such big dreams, where does my hope come from?

— Adisyn Westendorf, 10th grade

Highlands School students were asked to 'Imagine the Future'

Literature: Honorable Mention: Each student won \$25.

Nephews

by Brooklynn Houston
12th grade

We've been watching and waiting
day by day,
seeing a bond form between one
another
One day they will be moving on
from play;
They won't always listen to their
mother.

Though they will always get into
trouble;
Their future will find a way to be
bright.
Nothing will come easy and they
will struggle,
Our family can't wait to see their
flight.
One day they will leave for school
when they're grown;

My sister will watch as they
drive down the road.
Their future is like the sweetest
candy ever known,
Their father will wish that time
had slowed.
These boys have already been a
blessing,
Their futures will have to keep
us guessing.



Art: 3rd Place: We Are One by 3rd grader Blake Kenter. He won \$50.

Powerful Lines

*Life is like a rollercoaster,
always going forward,
never going back,*

— Yasnin Jarquin Colmenares,
10th Grade

Powerful Lines

*The tires and brakes smelling
like steaks cooked rare,*

— Ty Skiles, 10th grade

Change in Inventors

by Ethan Tate
12th grade

Flying cars, jetpacks, laser guns;
the works.
All things in a past time once
dreamt upon.
Children of now have some dif-

ferent quirks
and list of perks, while these old
ones are gone.

It's a different time from the past
stage.
An era full of new automation
specially crafted by an elder age.

Potent leaders for this genera-
tion.

No longer are we unknowledge-
able,
looking and feeling around in
the dark
for handholds of facts that are

valuable.
Now we have a basis set to
embark.

With the passing of time our
knowledge grows,
but capabilities endless, who
knows?



Art: Honorable Mention: Nurse. 9th grader. Riley Logan. She won \$25.

Literature: Honorable Mention: Each student won \$25.

Highlands School Class of 2021 says 'Good-bye!'



Highlands School 2021 commencement exercises were held outside on the track again this year – but without masks and social distancing – Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m.

Calab Bowers presented the Invocation and the Benediction. Salutatorian Madelyn Grace Drummonds welcomed graduates and their families and friends. Principal Brian Jetter remarked on the class and gave each student an “elbow bump” upon receiving their diplomas. The Commencement Address was delivered by high school math teacher Brian Aulisio and Asst. Principal Sarah Holbrooks, Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin, Media Specialist Terry Stamey and MC Board of Education member Hilary Wilkes helped award the 29 graduates their diplomas.

The Farewell Address was delivered by Valedictorian Jordan Marie Carrier. This year’s Junior Marshals, Jeffrey Olvera Lopez and Taylor Rickert assisted as needed. This year’s mascots were 1st graders Valerie Olvera Lopez and Jase Raby.

The Friday prior to graduation, May 21, seniors drove through town for the annual car parade making their last stand as Highlands School students.

– Photos by Brian O’Shea



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According to reports, the mama bear leapt out and grabbed the dog, which was described as large, who luckily submitted. The woman yelled until the bear released the dog. She and the cub walked away.

"But then the dog growled, which caused the bear to charge again, before turning and walking off for good," said Officer McCall.

Mayor Pat Taylor said though the woman and her dog didn't do anything wrong, the incident underscores the need for Highlands to be a BearWise community.

The dog was taken to the vet and treated for several puncture wounds. The dog's owner didn't want anything to happen to the bear but wants the public to be advised to hopefully keep this type of incident from happening again, said McCall.

Cynthia Strain, Chairwoman of the B.E.A.R. Task Force said there was a zoom meeting with the mayor and Officer McCall on Monday just to log the incident.

"The dog escaped serious injury and the neighbors don't want the bear to suffer any consequences from this," said Strain. "She wasn't being aggressive, just protective."

There are six outdoor BearWise basics:



Stay Alert and Stay Together – Pay attention to your surroundings and stay together. Walk, hike, jog, or cycle with others when possible. Keep kids within sight and close by. Leave earbuds at home and make noise periodically so bears can avoid you.

Leave No Trash or Food Scraps — Double bag your food when hiking and pack out all food and trash.

Keep Dogs Leashed – Letting dogs chase or bark at bears is asking for trouble. Don't force a bear to defend itself. Keep your dogs leashed at all times or leave them at home.

Know What To Do If You See A Bear – Black bears are sel-

dom aggressive and attacks are rare. If you see a bear before it notices you: stand still, don't approach. Enjoy the moment; then move away quietly in the opposite direction. If you encounter a bear that's aware of you: don't run; running may trigger a chase response. Back away slowly.

Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It – Bear spray is proven to be the easiest and most effective way to deter a bear that threatens you. It doesn't work like bug repellent, so never spray your clothes or belongings.

To learn how to live in a BearWise community go to: bearwise.org

– Kim Lewicki

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can do to get creative."

Turnbull said the workforce shortage OEI is currently experiencing is unlike anything she has experienced during her tenure in Highlands.

"We were hit with everything all at once," she said, citing the COVID19 Pandemic, heightened unemployment incentives, and government policies as reasons for the current workforce shortage. "We have been really fortunate to not have to close or reduce operations when a lot of other places have had to, but we are seeing the impact of a lack of available employees."

Turnbull was one of a dozen local businesses to participate in a job fair hosted by NC Works last week at the Macon County Community Building. While the job fair speeds up the hiring process, giving potential employees the opportunity for on-the-spot interviews, Turnbull said that unfortunately OEI didn't fill the vacancies they have and continues to search for additional employees for the busy season.

With unemployment qualifications and requirements across the country relaxed during the COVID19 pandemic, businesses that have reopened are now strug-

gling to find workers.

Businesses around Western North Carolina have announced reduced operating hours or operational capacities, with many fast-food restaurants closing their doors entirely due to the lack of staff.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued an Executive Order earlier this month aimed at helping to get North Carolinians back to work.

"Unemployment benefits have provided a critical lifeline for many North Carolinians living on the edge due to the pandemic. As

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ready to sell that to my district.”

Commissioner Tate’s comments came during the May meeting of the Board of Commissioners when county leaders voted to move forward with a resolution from the Board of Education to begin consideration for a new Franklin High School which would be constructed on the same property of the current building.

Due to the proposed price tag for a new building, commissioners said a tax increase would likely be needed to fund it.

The proposal, which is estimated to cost between \$70 million to \$80 million would create minimal disruption during the school year and be scheduled around the Franklin Panther football season to avoid disruption in school athletic seasons.

The scope of work includes building one, three-story academic building to house all classes and a two-story field house that would open directly onto the Franklin High School football field.

The project would also address the drainage and flooding issues of the football field by taking dirt from the practice field and potentially installing underground water tanks. The tanks would store water that accumulates during rain events which has been causing sinkholes and damage to both the parking lot and football field.

After the academic building is completed, the plan is to demolish the existing campus and baseball fields and other school amenities will to be constructed in its place.

The Macon County Board of Commissioners is currently in the budget planning process and agreed that if a new high school was going to be built, discussing it – and the possible need for a 5 cent to 7 cent property tax increase to fund the construction – would be appropriate during the county’s budget process.

Macon County Schools Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin said that Macon County Schools has explored options to relocate

the high school, but he recommended building a new facility at the current location.

“Over the years, we have looked into the community to identify parcels of land that would be conducive for a new site for Franklin High School,” said Baldwin. “Unfortunately, none of those sites were found to be perfectly favorable, and we’ve moved on from those. So it may be time to consider a new Franklin High School facility at the current site.”

Franklin High School was built in the early 1950s and has had substantial issues over the last decade. The school board and county commission have been spending money every year to keep the school operational.

From new windows to security upgrades like fencing and cameras, every year maintenance projects at Franklin High School take up a significant portion of the school district’s capital outlay funds.

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our state emerges from the pandemic, we want to help people safely return to work as soon as possible. Reinstating the work search guidelines will help connect claimants with employers, resources and tools to help them return to the workforce,” said Governor Cooper.

Governor Cooper’s executive order was released the same day the state seasonally adjusted April unemployment rates were released. They showed that for April the unemployment rate was 5.0 percent, decreasing 0.2 of a percentage point from March’s revised rate. The national rate increased 0.1 of a percentage point to 6.1 percent.

Since the start of the pandemic, North Carolina has distributed more than \$11.7 billion in unemployment benefits across multiple state and federal programs. Approximately 245,000

North Carolinians are currently receiving benefit payments each week.

North Carolina’s April 2021 unemployment rate decreased 8.5 percentage points from a year ago. The number of people employed increased 4,497 over the month to 4,761,974 and increased 707,042 over the year. The number of people unemployed decreased 8,109 over the month to 250,865 and decreased 383,958 over the year.

Turnbull said that government policies that were restricted under the Trump Administration have been relaxed under the Biden Administration, which is starting to help address a workforce shortage in Highlands.

Work Visa Programs

“We would much rather fill our vacancies with local folks,” said Turnbull. “It is a commitment to our community, but when we are not able to do that, we rely

on work visa programs like the J1 Program and the H2B Visa program.”

Turnbull said on average during the busy season, around 120-130 employees at OEI come from work visa programs through the government. The student visa program typically provided 40-60 employees, however this year that number is closer to 20-30.

President Trump drastically reduced the work visa program for foreign countries, which crippled hospitality businesses like OEI that depended on them for the busy season.

In addition to the student visa program, the H2B visa – which specifically provided visas for unskilled workers, was drastically restricted by the Trump Administration. With those restrictions expiring in March, Turnbull said more workers are now being approved to work.

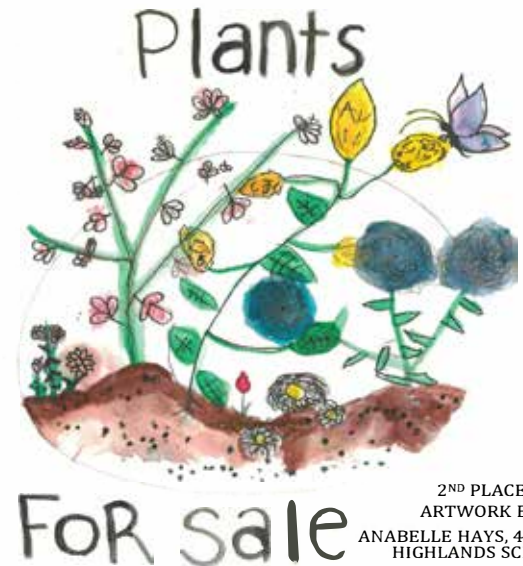
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Woman Charged in Highlands Shoplifting Case

On Tuesday May 25, around 2pm, officers of the Highlands Police Department received a call from the retail clothing store Potpourri about a shoplifting incident which had taken place just minutes prior.

According to a statement from Police Department, the suspect was described as a female with brown hair, wearing a black top and brown pants, carrying a green bag.

When officers arrived in the area, they found a female matching that description entering another store on Main Street.

The officers confirmed the description with the store clerk and approached the female. The suspect allowed the officers to search her bags, where four items of clothing were discovered which matched items stolen from Potpourri.

The suspect did not have any other items that appeared to have been stolen. The suspect was charged with Misdemeanor Concealment of Merchandise and Misdemeanor Larceny.

Robin Piscitelli, owner of Potpourri, told Officers that his stores have a zero-tolerance policy for shoplifting and said that he would pursue charges on anyone caught shoplifting in his stores.

The Highlands Police Department encourages all shop owners, managers, and employees to be vigilant when working in their stores, and to report any suspected theft as soon as possible.

Quick reporting by businesses with a detailed description of the suspect and any items taken makes it much more likely that Law Enforcement will be able to find the suspect and return the items.

America's dead from all wars to be remembered Monday, May 31 at Veteran's Plaza on Oak Street in Highlands

The American Legion Post 370 in Highlands, NC will conduct a Memorial Day Ceremony on Monday May 31st at 10 a.m. recognizing America's War Dead from all wars.

The ceremony will be conducted at the Veteran's Plaza at 372 Oak Street, Highlands.

The Mayor of Highlands, Pat Taylor, an Army Veteran and member of Post 370, will make remarks.

Ed McCloskey, Commander of Post 370 and Marine Corps Veteran, will lead the ceremony which includes the installation of additional "Honor Walk Bricks" in the Veteran's Honor Walkway honoring Veterans from Highlands, Cashiers, Scaly Mountain and surrounding area.

Order forms are available for purchase of the "Honor Bricks" for Veterans from the communities mentioned above.

The ceremony is open to all Veterans and members of the community.

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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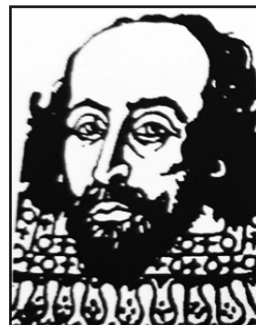
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Highlands Police entries

from May 17. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

May 17

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

May 19

• At 12:57 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in Highlands Plaza.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from May 18.

May 18

• At 5:41 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Panther Mountain.

May 20

• At 10:06 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Old Rock Road.

May 21

• At 8:21 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hummingbird Lane.

• At 12:43 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Skyline Lodge Road.

• At 3:47 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on Rich Gap/Walkingstick Road.

May 23

• At 4:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Carolina Way.




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over the next couple of years is slim, especially with the escalating cost of building materials. As such, competition for existing homes will remain strong and values will not be heading down any time soon. However, it is always a good idea to keep your fingers on the pulse of the market. Having a relationship with an experienced REALTOR® is certainly helpful to get to know a specific market and understand what is happening on a local level.

Lynn Kimball has 48 continuous years of real estate experience, with 36 years serving the Highlands Cashiers area. She has gained Emeritus Status with the National Association of Realtors and previously served as a Director and Vice President for the Highlands Cashiers Board of Realtors. Whether you are interested in searching properties or comprehensive information about our area, you are invited to visit her user friendly website at www.signature-properties-nc.com. Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices BHHS Meadows Mountain Realty has three locations: 488 Main Street in Highlands, 132 Hwy 107S in Cashiers or visit Lynn at her 2334 Cashiers Road location in Highlands across from Highlands Falls Country Club. Lynn may be reached at 828-421-8193 or by email at Lynn@bhhsmmr.com

Register for Highlands Nature Center's First Salamander Meander of 2021 Tuesday, June 1st at 9 p.m.



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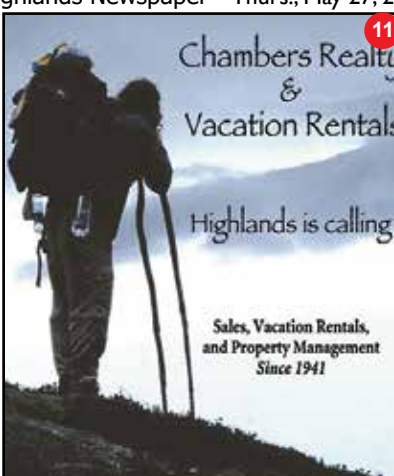


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