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On Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, Highlanders and visitors gathered at Veterans Plaza to remember those who gave their lives so America can stay free. American Legion Post 370 raised the flag and then lowered it to half-mast as is the custom. Some remembered relatives from gone days and others remembered and mourned those who have recently fallen. In addition to prayers, the names of those who have joined the "brick" walk since Veterans Day 2021 were called. To place a brick naming a veteran, go to the plaza in front of the Highlands Police Station and get a form in the red, white and blue box.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Driver crashes into Paoletti's Restaurant

Around 4:30 p.m., Friday, May 27, a woman attempting to park in a space in front of Paoletti's on Main Street, mashed the accelerator instead of the brake, causing her to shear a light pole which then crashed into the left front window of the restaurant before she jumped the curb and hit

• See CRASHES page 11

## MC Board of Elections takes on 'protest' and 'recount'

By Brittney Lofthouse

The Macon County Board of Elections held a hearing Tuesday afternoon following an official protest filed by sheriff candidate Bob Cook the morning of Friday, May 27.

According to the complaint, Cook's protest concerned the tabulation of the ballots during the unofficial results provided Tuesday, May 17.

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## HHS honors Shaffner at opening

Dozens gathered at the Highlands Historical Society's campus on Sunday for the grand reopening of the museum, and to honor Ran Shaffner for being an ex-officio archivist and an integral part of HHS for many years.

"Ran has made such a huge contribution to Highlands history,"

• See SHAFFNER page 14

**The Gorge Road will be closed to through traffic Monday-Friday, June 6-10.**

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Angela and Art Williams, owners and visionaries of the Old Edward Hospitality Group, cut the ribbon "opening" the Barn Clubhouse at their newest endeavor GlenCove off Norton Road between Highlands and Cashiers.

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### The Town Board did the right thing

I support the difficult decision that the Highlands Board of Commissioners made by a vote of four of the town commissioners to limit the spread of short-term rentals (STR). That vote impacted the future use of their homes and families, as well as my own. Since I have never done a short-term rental of our home, located in R2, our children, who may one day inherit the house, will not be eligible for STR use. My children will have options concerning our home. They can sell the house, rent it long-term or as a vacation rental for over 30 days.



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

In addition, the new ordinance permits home-stays in all residential zones. A home stay occurs when a resident remains in the home while renting a portion of their home such as a bedroom or two for short period of time, i.e., a weekend or a week. Also, either one of my children can decide to move to Highlands and live in the home like so many families have done before.

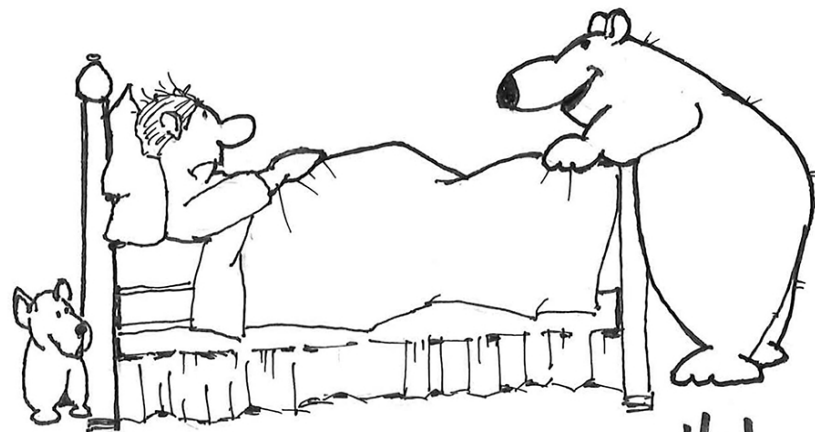
After the decision of the Highlands board, I also read the letters to editor and full-page ads in the newspapers concerning short-term rentals. I was struck by the

all or nothing position presented. The purported STR economic impact study painted the picture that Highlands would be thrown into an economic disaster with the elimination of STRs. The reality is that the board did not eliminate STRs, but only curtailed their spread into R1 and R2 neighborhoods. In fact, those people already doing STRs in these zones are grandfathered and can continue STR operations at their current levels. STRs are permitted in all business zones, so I am puzzled that this dire economic projection was once again disseminated. I will also add that the town of Highlands has maintained a strong economic position for decades, long before the recent STR trend swept the nation. The emergence of short-term rentals in recent years has not "laid the golden egg" for Highlands as I have been repeatedly told. We have had a vibrant, and sustained economy for decades, not just in the last three or so years because of short-term rentals.

There might be some folks not happy with the prohibition on further STRs in the residential zones because they had plans of purchasing multiple homes for the sole purpose of operating them as short-term rentals. Members of the board and many town residents found this spread of STRs throughout residential zones to be a major problem for the future quality of life in Highlands. I, too, was concerned that the STR trend would transform Highlands into an overwhelmingly transient community. By amending the ordinances to regulate and limit the proliferation of STRs, the board took a stand for the future of Highlands.

The letter to the editor and ads indicated that the board had taken several illegal steps by amending the current zoning ordinances. The truth is that those decisions were made after careful consultation and advice from legal experts in the field of North Carolina zoning law. Elected municipal officials in North Carolina have the authority to regulate and restrict what is permitted in established zoning districts. If the courts, or the legislature, overrule or preempt that long established municipal authority, the future of Highlands as we have come to know it might be in jeopardy. Instead of saving Highlands, it might just be lost.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



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## • WEATHER •

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Guide: Gary Wein
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Tuesday, June 7. Time: 10a-noon  
Cost: \$25/\$35  
Presenter: Georgann Eubanks
- **The Placemakers Academy of Garden Design: A Three-Part Series in Home Landscape Design, Part 3: Gardens on the Hoof!**  
Wednesday, June 8. Time: 10a-2p  
Cost: \$110/\$120  
Presenters: Mary Palmer Dargan & Arielle McIntyre
- **America: An Update**  
Wednesday, June 8. Time: 10a-noon  
Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Al Tuchfarber
- **Following in the Footsteps of William Bartram**  
Wednesday, June 8. Time: 2-4p  
Cost: \$25/\$35  
Presenter: Dorinda G. Dallmeyer
- **Hiking in the Footsteps of William Bartram on the Bartram Trail**  
Thursday, June 9. Time: 9:30a-12:30p  
Cost: \$50/\$60  
Presenter: Brent Martin
- **Emailing, Texting and Facetime On Your iPhone/iPad**  
Friday, June 10. Time: 10a-12p  
Cost: \$40/\$50  
Presenter: Loraine Smith
- **Social Media On Your iPhone/iPad**  
Friday, June 10. Time: 1-2p  
Cost: \$40/\$50  
Presenter: Loraine Smith
- **Thorton's Crossing: Home & Garden Tour**  
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Presenter Teri and Mose Bond

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## • OBITUARIES •

### James (Jim) Ramsdell



James (Jim) Ramsdell 83, of Highlands, NC passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 11, 2022 with his family and dear friend by his side. He was a beloved husband, father, grandpa, brother, and friend.

Jim was born November 16, 1938 in Dayton, Maine and lived in Ogunquit, Maine. After high school, Jim went on a cross country motorcycle trip and when he came home, Rene Weitkamp, who would become the love of his life, was there waiting. They were married in Clearwater, Florida on April 26, 1960 and lived for a short time in Maine, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire, before settling in St. Petersburg, Florida to raise two children. There, Jim worked in commercial construction management and always had an at-home project in the works. He was DIY before HGTV was even thought about. In 1987, they moved to Highlands, North Carolina to fulfill a dream of owning a Bed and Breakfast. After 15 years as innkeepers, they retired and enjoyed living in the beauty of the Great Smokey mountains and traveling across the continent in their motorhome.

Jim was dedicated to serving the Lord and touched many lives, more than he probably realized. Always willing to lend a helping hand, he had a "wicked" sense of humor,

and loved making others laugh. Jim was an avid NASCAR fan and enjoyed playing in the Highlands Dulcimer Club, going for a "Sunday drive" to favorite places, and playing cards, especially Hand and Foot. Jim lived life fully and is now in his forever home, the house of the Lord.

Jim was preceded in death by his wife, Rene. They enjoyed 58 wonderful years of marriage together. He is survived by two daughters, Gail Ramsdell of Safety Harbor, Florida and Bonnie McCray of Fort Wayne, Indiana; two grandchildren Kayla McCray and Connor McCray; Brother-in-law, Doug

Ramsdell (Betty); dear friend, Pat Williams; and countless friends; who all love him and miss him dearly.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Highlands United Methodist Church (315 Main Street) on Saturday, June 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. with food and fellowship to follow. The service will also be streamed live on the Highland United Methodist Church facebook page for those unable to travel.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Habitat for Humanity. Online condolences and memories can be shared at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

### Gerstle Owens Dendy



Gerstle Owens Dendy, 96 of Highlands went to be with her Lord on May 27, 2022 surrounded by her loving family. Gerstle was born July 5, 1925, in Macon County to the late Fred Owens and Alifair Chastain Owens.

Gerstle was a homemaker and a key member of the Dendy Apples operations team. Gerstle's two main interests in life were serving God and her family. She was actively involved in Goldmine Baptist Church where she taught numerous Sunday School classes, was instrumental in starting the Training Union program, served as the church treasurer for 40 years, plus many other duties.

Gerstle was a devoted wife and mother, unselfishly supporting and serving her family in every way possible. Gerstle is preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, John Clifford Dendy; brothers Verlon, Odell, Conley, Onville, Neville and Oscar Owens; and sister Vera Southard Wurst.

She is survived by three children; Linda Dendy McCall of Highlands, Larry Dendy (Sherry) of Ayden NC, and Myrtice Dendy Trent (Glenn) of Zirconia NC. Gerstle is also survived by three grandchildren; Timothy Shirley of Franklin, Heather Greer (Chip) of Winston-Salem NC, and Eric Dendy (Hai Yan) of Charlottesville, VA., and three special great grandchildren: Avery, Adrianna and Elijah.

Gerstle is also survived by her sister Lilly Tomlin of Graham NC, and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held Monday May 30, 2022, at Goldmine Baptist Church with the Rev. Gene Hawkins and Rev. Mikell Bennett officiated. The burial service, led by Rev. Gary McDaniel, followed at Mount Moriah Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Timothy Shirley, Chip Greer, Eric Dendy, Gary Owens, Neal Owens, Barry Owens and Jeff Hawkins. Honorary pallbearers were Charles Shirley, Rufus Owens, Norman Owens, Geter Owens, Ed

Southard, John McCall and Mack Dendy. The family would like to express its deepest thanks to all those special care givers who loved and cared for Mom over the last four years.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to either Mount Moriah Cemetery Fund (mail to: 21 Pine Cone Drive, Franklin NC 28734) or Goldmine Baptist Church (mail to: 3051 Dendy Orchard Road, Highlands NC 28741)

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Dendy family. Online condolences can be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com)





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# • LETTER •

## Kudos to the Town Board

Dear Editor,

Thanks to Mayor Pat Taylor and the Board of Commissioners for their hard work updating the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO). The revised ordinance bans new Short Term Rentals (STRs) in zones R-1 and R-2, but allows existing STRs to continue. In spite of the Save Highlands claim that the decision was rushed, the Mayor and Commissioners spent months studying the legalities and complexities of the issue. They considered public input and consulted with Land Use experts and attorneys.

The results of the recent municipal election clearly show that the voters in Highlands chose candidates who favor banning or limiting STRs in residential neighborhoods. The Community Survey in which all citizens had the opportunity to participate concurred. Placing investors' interests above residents' interests in neighborhoods affected by STRs is not what the voters nor the Community Survey support.

Save Highlands claims the town violated the law of the state of North Carolina by adopting the changes to the UDO. To the contrary, the updated ordinance was carefully crafted to be in compliance with the recent decision by the North Carolina Court of Appeals, *Schroeder v. City of Wilmington*. This ruling recognizes the right of a municipality to enforce zoning. Save Highlands also claims millions of dollars will be lost by businesses if the ordinance is enforced. Many disagree since existing STRs can continue to operate if they comply with zoning regulations. STRs outside the town limits are not affected. In addition, rentals of more than thirty days are allowed in all neighborhoods. By prohibiting new STRs our elected Commissioners chose to prevent residential neighborhoods from becoming commercial lodging districts. They chose to support residents and their right to live peacefully in non-commercial neighborhoods.

Many towns and communities nationwide have lost or are at risk of losing their

unique character and livability exactly because the STR industry has taken over residential neighborhoods. Our Town Board and Mayor have taken an important step to prevent this from happening in Highlands. Neither Highlands nor its economy will suffer because of the new prohibitions and limits on STRs. Local businesses will continue to thrive because residents and visitors will support them as they always have. The full-time and seasonal residents of Highlands can continue to enjoy peaceful neighborhoods. They will continue to support non-profits and organizations that add to the quality of life in Highlands. Highlands will continue to welcome visitors who choose to vacation here.

The updated UDO sends a clear message: investors seeking to profit from short term rentals in Highlands residential neighborhoods might consider other options.

**Lila Howland  
Highlands, NC**

## ...PROTEST from pg 1

According to Cook, there was a discrepancy in the unofficial total number of ballots reported on Primary Election Day, May 17, and the number that was reported as of May 27.

Election night total ballots cast for Macon County were reported as 9,844 ballots, however, following the election and after further review in preparation of the state-mandated canvass of ballots, the current number stands at 8,613. The total number of ballots will change again after Friday's counting of the absentee and provisional ballots, all before the election results are deemed to be official.

John Noce – Security and support technician covering 17 counties for the North Carolina Board of Elections -- spoke at Tuesday's hearing to testify to the discrepancy in the number of votes reported on May 17 and explain why it occurred.

According to Noce, an error in coding software duplicated the number of Democratic ballots when calculating the total number of ballots cast in the May 17 primary. Noce explained that Macon County

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## Pop Up Pipers!

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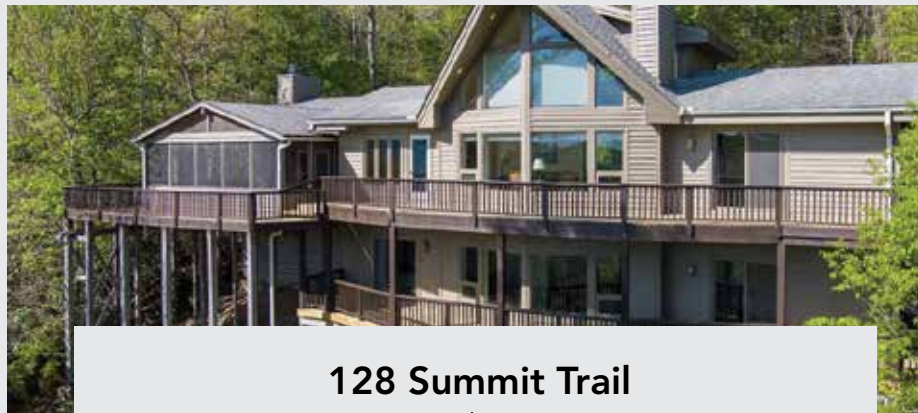
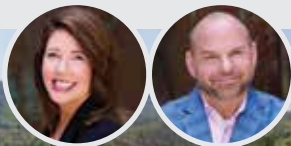
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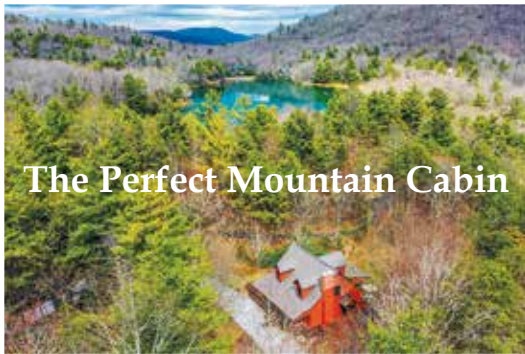


# • INVESTING AT 4,118 Ft. •

## A Tale of Two Cities

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of Light, it was the season of Darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair, we had everything before us, we had nothing before us, we were all going direct to Heaven, we were all going direct the other way--in short, the period was so far like the present period that some of its noisiest authorities insisted on its being received, for good or for evil, in the superlative degree of comparison only."*

— Charles Dickens, *A Tale of Two Cities*



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I have not read the full edition of *A Tale of Two Cities*, nor do I believe we are headed for a revolution. It was simply the name of the book and the opening lines that kept knocking around in my head when thinking about this article. That being disclosed, Charles Dickens may as well have been George Orwell, when he wrote in his book, 1984, "And if all others accepted the lie which the Party imposed – if all records told the same tale – then the lie passed into history and became truth. 'Who controls the past' ran the Party slogan, 'controls the future: who controls the present controls the past.'"

Or Edward S. Casey, from *The World of Nostalgia*, wrote, "Nostalgia need not be a matter of regret or of romance, nor is it adequately construed as a forced regression to bare fixation points. It is a unique mode of insight into a world that has become irretrievably past and that arrays itself, as we remember it now, in a plenitude of places."

I've been feeling rather nostalgic of late. Nostalgic of the way I remember Highlands, but I feel like I haven't been here long enough for such feelings. After all, I've only been here a little over thirty years, all that time working as a rental agent for vacation rentals in an office established by my husband's grandparents. A plenitude of places, indeed.

I don't have room in this column to create a true parallel universe, but I want you, as a reader, to imagine two very different towns.

Town #1 has been in existence since 1875, actively pursuing vacationers and tourists to its beautiful mountain respite. Everyone should be able to visit those beautiful mountains to see what it was like, and many wanted a piece for themselves.

That once little town grew and was influenced by newcomers who seemed to embrace the town...at first, but always tried to impose newer and better ways for improvements.

Housing for local people got harder and harder. The children left the area after high school and rarely returned because there wasn't enough work to keep them gainfully employed.

That went on for over a century, and eventually the larger parcels were bitten off and chewed up by the newcomers. Over time, the work force fell to the outside world, and there wasn't enough housing for them.

Some of the larger employers bought and/or built places for their workers, but the businesses having fewer employees had no means to accomplish that, and some of them had to have more than one business to live in the town year-round themselves, but the still-little town was happy.

Visitors and tourists were still being welcomed. The only restrictions were set by HOAs except for a R-1 and R-2 limit of a one week minimum for short term rentals.

The town had considered a much stricter rule but came to their senses after they realized the unlawful, detrimental impact it would have caused to property owners and the town's business district. The town also imposed a 5% infrastructure tax to all visitor stays of less than 90 days. The tax (including hotel stays) stayed in the town and helped keep water, sewer, roads, and internet systems in great condition. What a utopia! Everyone was happy.

The second town, being parallel, also has been in existence since 1875, but that's where the similarities stop.

The founders of Town #2 used their smarts. They only wanted people to vacation in their town, where they could keep an eye on them, and they only wanted people to move here and be good neighbors and it would help if they shared the same views.

These townspeople set aside places for the local workforce to live, but not necessarily beside them in their neighborhood. After all, a restaurant worker couldn't afford to live in luxury accommodations on their worker-bee salaries.

The town became similar to the Hamptons and was written in all the best magazines, touted as the place to be for the ultra...What a utopia! A town where everything runs smoothly, no quarrels, no noise, except their own events, of course, but since they were of the same mindset, there was never any problem. A quiet town, most of the visitors were like-minded families of the people already living in the town. Vacation renters and tourists had to stay in hotels, so properties were sold, torn down, and larger hotel-suite-like homes were built. It was better than Disney. A perfect town with perfect people.

Parallel lines never intersect, but

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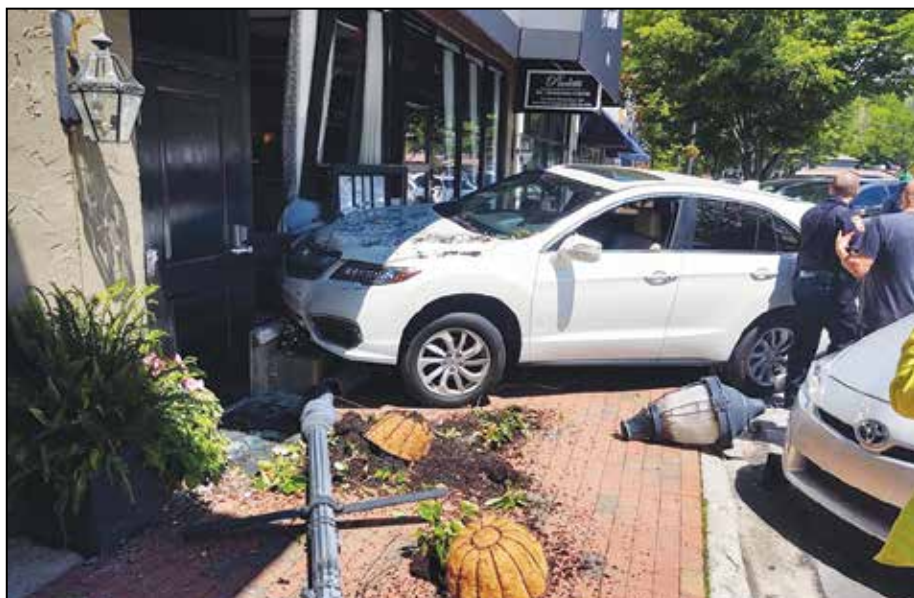
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Driver sheared a light pole, hopped the curb and crashed into the front of Paoletti's Restaurant on Main Street late Friday afternoon.

- Photo by Monica Henson

the front of the building.

The result was an extremely shook up driver and an alarmed staff inside Paoletti's which was preparing to open Friday night of the Memorial Day weekend.

According to Highlands police, no one was injured as a result of the crash, although there was substantial damage to the store-front and town property.

Police reports show that the driver was a 71-year-old woman from Spartanburg, SC, and that according to the driver, she had accidentally hit the gas pedal while trying to park the car.

"We got lucky that no one was hurt thankfully, and that is first and foremost," said Arthur Paoletti. "When she hit the light

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pole, she sheared it and flung it at the awning and into the window.”

The two panes of windows and window boxes, menu boxes and planters were destroyed among many other things, he said.

“Had the woman been trying to park in one space over to the right and jumped the curb as she did, the glass would have been flung directly at those at the reservation desk on the phone dealing with the night’s reservations and seating. That would have been really ugly,” Paoletti said.

He said the bar area was unaffected and the restaurant opened that night and is open for business as usual.

“I want to thank Mike Verni, Gina Cabrera, Leslie Bedford, Kyle and Kenny for their help in the cleanup and in getting us open on time for the busy Memorial Day weekend business on Friday,” he said. “It could have been catastrophic, but thank God for good fortune and the quick work of our able staff.”

Officers do not suspect that



Police believe the driver of a white Chevrolet van, possibly a Chevrolet Uplander, with a missing front-passenger-side hubcap was involved in the theft.

any drugs or alcohol were involved in the wreck. The driver was issued a citation as part of the accident investigation.

The exact cost to repair the damage to the window, the building and town property is unknown at this time.

However, Public Works Director Lamar Nix said he expects the cost of a new light pole and fixture to be around \$3,000 or so.

— **Kim Lewicki**

## Police search for leads in stolen vehicle case

Highlands Police are actively searching for information regarding a vehicle that was stolen from Laurel Street on May 22.

According to police reports, a Silver Dodge Ram 1500 was stolen from the parking area behind the Performing Arts Center during the evening hours on Sunday, May 22 when it was left unattended with the doors unlocked and keys inside. The stolen Dodge truck was later found abandoned in the Shortoff Road area on May 25. Police believe it was being driven by one male suspect at the time of the theft and when it was abandoned.

Security videos from the area show a white Chevrolet Van, possibly a Chevrolet Uplander, with a missing front-passenger-side hubcap involved in the theft.

If anyone has any information regarding this case, they are asked to contact the Highlands Police Department at (828) 526-9431 or email Detective Tim Broughton at [tim.broughton@highlandscn.org](mailto:tim.broughton@highlandscn.org).

The Highlands Police Department encourages everyone to secure their property and belongings by ensuring that homes and vehicles are locked when left unattended.

Never leave keys in a vehicle and remove all valuables or secure them out of sight.

The police department said these simple steps can keep citizens and their property from becoming easy targets.

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it's fitting to honor him for the museum's grand reopening," said HHS president Harry MacDonald.

Shaffner was presented with a plaque for his dedication and passion to Highlands history with HHS board members, friends, and family in attendance.

"Obviously this is a surprise, but it's great to see all of my friends here," said Shaffner. "It's a little embarrassing and in

my opinion its undeserved, but at the same time it's deeply moving."

Several speakers talked about Shaffner's dedication to the community, and to the area's trails. Whether it be the Kelsey Trail, Highlands Plateau Greenway, or another local hike, Shaffner can often be found out in the woods helping to maintain a trail.

Shaffner also wrote the book "Heart of the Blue Ridge," which is frequently refer-

enced for all things Highlands. A native of Winston-Salem, Shaffner began his teaching, writing, and publishing career in the 1960s.

He attended Davidson College and graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then traveled internationally teaching English for the U.S. Peace Corps and learning foreign languages firsthand in Thailand, Germany and France.

Returning to the states, Shaffner worked as an editor for a publishing company before enrolling again at UNC Chapel Hill, earning a master's degree and a doctorate in comparative literature, he continued his teaching career at Fairfield University, UNC Chapel Hill, and Western Carolina University.

Most people in Highlands met Ran when he opened Cyrano's Bookstore on Main Street.

The store's eclectic, curated, and thoughtful inventory with a focus on regional history became a destination for residents, visitors, and writers for almost thirty years.

In addition to running a small business, Ran also found time to volunteer at the Hudson Library, even chronicling its history in the book "Good Reading Material, Mostly Bound and New."

Shaffner's leadership then helped to revitalize the Highlands Historical Society, most notably evidenced by the creation of the historical park containing the Prince House and Museum housed in the relocated former library building.

Additional efforts included a frequent lecture schedule, authoring numerous his-



Photo by Brian O'Shea, Plateau Daily News

torical marker nominations, and pursuing a passion for hiking and development of the Highlands Plateau Greenway.

Ran's dedication in the preservation of Highlands' history is reflected by his 2001 book, "Heart of the Blue Ridge: Highlands, NC" considered to be the authoritative treatise on the town's fascinating past.

Shaffner's decades-long efforts to document and make available these histories was justifiably recognized in 2019 when he was awarded the North Carolina Society of Historians highest award, Historian of the Year.

Shaffner and his wife Margaret have five sons and currently divide their time between Highlands and Black Mountain, NC.



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ents, parents, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will forever call home.

Like Jerry West, director of operations who saw the community come to fruition from the ground up said, "If your plan is to drop the kids off and leave, this isn't the place for you."

With the slogan, "A Lifestyle for Generations," ringing throughout the day, friends, families, and people intimately involved with making GlenCove a reality gathered for a celebration on Sunday, May 29.

What's different about GlenCove is the "multi-generational" theme that runs throughout.

There are miles of pedestrian-friendly terrain filled with streams, ponds, trails, and even an organic garden. Amenities are crafted to delight and indulge the young and the young-at-heart. Whether spending time with a partner, kids, friends, or grandkids, GlenCove is a place where everyone feels their own personal sense of connectedness and belonging, a place where lasting bonds and memories form around the simplest of life's pleasures. Even the golf course – a lighted

12-Hole, Par 3 course complete with a Putting Course and Short-Game Practice Area – is designed to be enjoyed by families and friends just out for a day of relaxed, care-free fun.

There are trout ponds, a recreation lake for kayaking, paddle boarding, fishing, and canoeing, a wellness center, community gardens and a farm with animals, a swimming pool, pickleball court, multi-use sports courts, and kids camp

The newly opened restored Barn Clubhouse which was the feature of the days festivities, has gathering places throughout but is also full of activities like bowling, a golf simulator, pool tables, arcade games and even air hockey for the whole family, young and old, to enjoy.

Outside the Barn Clubhouse there is a 25-Yard Lap Pool with Kids' Splash Pad, Jacuzzi, playground and fort – even The Crafty Goat food truck for dining poolside.

For more information visit [www.glen-covelifestyle.com](http://www.glen-covelifestyle.com).

– Kim Lewicki



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was not the only county in the state to experience the issue. Graham County identified the problem with software identified as Unity Software. Both Graham and Macon use the software and both reported the same issue.

Although the error was acknowledged and rectified as part of the canvass process, because Cook filed a protest of the election results, the county's canvass was recessed and resumed on Tuesday, May 31.

After hearing from Cook and others Tuesday afternoon, the Macon County Board of Elections voted to dismiss Cook's protest due to a lack of evidence to prove any wrongdoing.

The Macon County Board of Elections is also still scheduled to hold a complete recount on Thursday, June 2 at 9 a.m. at the Macon County Community Building at the request of Sheriff Candidate Dereck Jones who lost the sheriff's race to Brent Holbrooks, according to the county's unofficial election results.

According to Macon County Board of Elections Director Melanie Thiabult, the recount

will cost Macon County taxpayers around \$10,000. The recount will only look at the Macon County Sheriff's Race but will involve recounting every ballot cast.

Although recounts have

been requested and performed in the past, according to the Macon County Board of Elections a protest, such as that filed by Cook, has not been requested in recent memory.

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wouldn't a linear perspective be the better vision?

Look at a railroad track — those lines never intersect, but look a ways down the track, and what do you see? Could your eyes be playing tricks on you?

Although we may never fully agree on everything, we CAN come together on some things. It's time to come together on

short-term rentals. There IS a balance. Since August of 2021, our town has been in a "season of darkness," and then, "we had everything before us, we had nothing before us." Not a revolution, but it is revolting to see so many accept the oppression being imposed on our town. We must choose to keep the best of times, for EVERYONE.

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### Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. More meeting places call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

### Tuesdays

• Covid-19 Testing at Village Green in Cashiers every Tuesday from 9-5. Walk-ins accepted, but you can schedule an appointment by calling (877) 562-4850 or going on line at [lhi.care/covidtesting](http://lhi.care/covidtesting).

### Wednesdays

• Covid-19 Testing at Highlands Community Building every Wednesday from 9-5. Walk-ins accepted, but

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### Mon-Fri

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10:15-11am.

### Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a to 6p,

### Mon. & Wed.

• Cardio Kickboxing with Crystal Corbin 5:30-6:30 p.m. A full body workout for every muscle

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### Mon, Wed, Fri

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30-9:30am. \$25 a month. The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Aerobics 2/Tina Rogers 8-9a.

### 1st Tuesdays

• Indivisible Highlands from 5-6:30 pm at the Hudson Library.

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### Tues. & Thurs.

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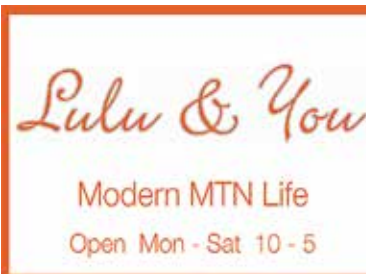
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## Fri., Sat., Sun., June 3-5

• The movie Downton Abbey: A New Era at the Playhouse **NEW MOVIE SHOW-TIMES! Fri & Sat: 4p & 7p, Sun: 1p.** www.mountaintheatre.com

## Fri., June 3

• Live music in Town Square on Main Street featuring Will and Lindsey Thompson.

## Sat., June 4

• Kids fish day at Cliffside lake will be Saturday from 8am-12 Noon. Ages 1-15.

• Live music at K-H Founders Park 6-8:30p. High Five. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic.

## Sun., June 5

• The Church in the Wildwood summer hymn singing service will be at Highlands United Methodist Church. All are welcome for an hour of hymn singing from 7-8pm in the old fellowship hall. Enter from Main Street. For info call Les Scott, 828-200-9532.

• Auditions for HCP's production "Night Watch" from 2-5 p.m. at Highlands Methodist church. Please use the 3rd Street entrance to the Fellowship Hall. The play calls for five men and four women between the ages of 30 to 50. Scripts are available at the Highlands and Cashiers libraries. The performances are Aug. 25-28 and Sept. 1. Call backs will be Monday, June 6 from 6-8 p.m.

## Mon., June 6

• With CLE, Hike: The Ecology of Satulah, Time: 10:30-1:30 Cost: \$30/\$40 Guide: Gary Wein. Register online at www.clehighlands.com.

## Tues., June 7

• "Saving The Wild South:" An Overview, Time: 10a-12p. Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Georgann Eubanks. Register online at www.clehighlands.com.

## Wed., June 8

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• Thorton's Crossing: Home & Garden Tour, Time: 2-4p. Cost: \$40/\$50 Presenter Teri and Mose Bond. Register online at www.clehighlands.com.

• At Shakespeare & Co. Talk and book-signing by author Sharyn McCrumb who will talk about her NASCAR connections and her book from 2-2:30 p.m.

• Live music in Town Square on Main Street featuring Ol' Dirty Bath tub. 6-8:30p.

• Chef Dinner at OEI's The Farm, Red, White and 'Que with the Fox Brothers. Book at OldEdwardsHospitality.com/chefdinners

## Sat., June 11

• Live music at K-H Founders Park 6-8:30p. Featuring Rocksteady@8. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic.

## Mon. June 13

• Telling the Story of the Modern American South, Time: 10a-12p. Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter Eric NeSmith. Register online at www.clehighlands.com.

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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



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peace is  
coming**

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Our Lady of the Mountains  
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Many suppose that prophecies and miracles are exclusively for biblical times; the modern world seems closed off from such supernatural possibilities. Others, tempted to the opposite extreme, seek to find prophecies and other heavenly interventions in the most absurd cases, such as images of the Virgin Mary in a grilled cheese sandwich. Much like virtue that stands in between two extremes, the proper approach is a happy medium.

Within the Catholic world, the authenticated supernatural events that stand out most prominently in the modern world are undoubtedly the events of Fatima, Portugal in 1917. To understand them properly, however, one must recall another famous event precisely 33 years (the age of Christ) prior to the great miracle of Fatima. On October 13, 1884, Pope Leo XIII witnessed a supernatural locution between Our Lord and Satan: reminiscent of the Book of Job, Satan claimed that with 75-100 years and "more power over those who would give themselves over to [his] service," he could destroy the Church. Our Lord, in turn, was then heard granting him this time and power. Blinded with terror, the Pope recounted the scene and penned the famous Saint Michael prayer.

Over three decades later, three Portuguese children claimed a woman was appearing to them on the thirteenth day of each month. She shared with them three secrets and predicted a great miracle that would confirm her message. On October 13, 1917, the appointed day for a miracle, 70,000 people arrived in anticipation, believers and non-believers alike. And they were not disappointed as Fatima would soon be known for the only predicted miracle of history and the largest since the Red Sea in respect to the number of witnesses. All were soaked from the continual rain. Then one of the children pointed to the sky which opened up revealing the sun, which everyone could stare at without harm. Then the sun began to swirl, dislodge from its place, and dance around the sky. It then appeared to be crashing to the earth, which was met by screams as many supposed it to be the end of the world. But then, in an instant, the sun returned to its place and everybody was bone dry.

As in Scripture, miracles come with a message. The message of Fatima is that sin offends God and we all must cease sinning and do penance. In July of 1917 the Virgin also made predictions: 1) the World War I would soon end, but if man does not repent, (2) a worse war would break out (3) during the pontificate of Pius XI (predicting the name of the future Pope) and (4) you will know the war is

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**Highlands Police entries from May 23. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## May 23

• At 1 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on US 64 east at Sherwood Forest Road.

## May 24

• At 8 a.m., officers responded to a call of a larceny from a construction site on Oak Lane where \$600 of tools were taken.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from May 24.**

## May 24

• At 3:12 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Cullasaja Club Drive.

• At 3:52 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Dogwood Trail.

## May 25

• At 5:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

• At 9:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Upper Lake Road.

## May 26

• At 5:15 p.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on West Knoll

Drive.

• At 6:41 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on US 64 east.

## May 27

• At 2:55 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Garnet Rock Trail.

• At 2:55 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Main Street.

• At 4:27 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Cullasaja Club Drive.

• At 8:55 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hemlock Drive.

## May 28

• At 12:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Skyline Lodge Road.

• At 12:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Goldmine Church Road.

## May 30

• At 9:59 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Old Edwards Lane.

• At 8:23 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

• At 8:33 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106.

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coming by an unknown light in the sky (the aurora borealis of January 25, 1938). Also, making this prediction a mere three months before the Bolshevik Revolution, (5) "Russia would also spread her errors (Communism) across the world."

The events of Fatima continued to unfold beyond 1917 even to the present, including the Pope's consecration of Russia in March of this year. For Catholics,

prophecy and miracles remain an ongoing reality; they reflect God's continued interest and concern for our world and lives. His Providence has not ceased. In my opinion, Fatima best explains the past century, including the scandals in the Church. To end on a note of hope, Our Lady did prophesy that, while it would be late, Russia would convert and a period of peace would be granted for humanity.

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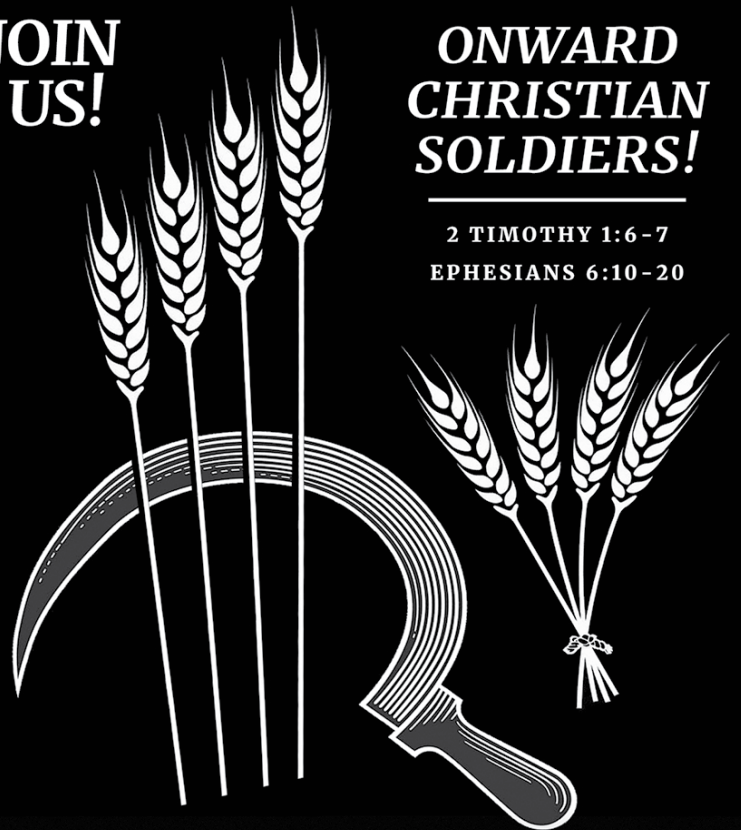
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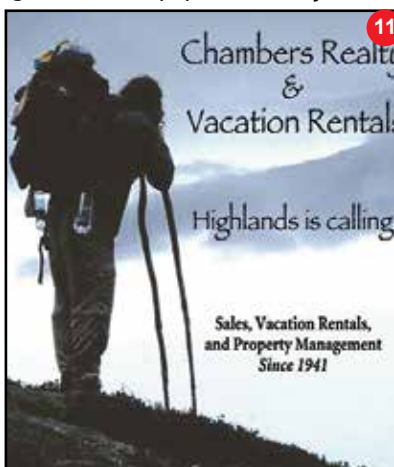
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