Glorious Vision is a plan for the Highlands Episcopal Church of the Incarnation to expand its sanctuary and renovate the entrance on Main Street in Highlands. The plans were announced to the public on Sunday at a capital campaign kickoff party at Incarnation located at 520 Main and 5th streets. Rector Bentley Manning said the expansion is necessary to accommodate a growing congregation.

“We’re expanding the main sanctuary due to increased attendance,” said Rev. Bentley. “Each week we have people sitting in the overflow watching the service on a screen. We’re going to expand the seating and enhance the sanctuary to be more reflective of the Greenway.

Area’s USFS Ranger retires after 29 years

Nantahala District Ranger Mike Wilkins is hanging up his U.S. Forest Service uniform and is looking forward to spending more time with family.

“I am retiring for several reasons; the Lord and my wife say it is time and I believe them, I want to spend more time with my wife of 41 years, 3 kids, and 10 grandkids, I have a 90-year old mother that I moved to the area and I can help her a little more in retirement, I will finally have time to scout for deer signs and hunt a little more, and fish some, too,” said Wilkins.

In the 29 years, and 40+ years as a USFS public servant, Wilkins has seen the USFS evolve.

“Computers and email,” he said. “Hey, during my first 4-5 years, the district IBM typewriter would only hold three pages. The capacity our computer has to run programs for analysis, spread

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Russia has not and will not bury us

Former Soviet Premier, Nikita Khrushchev, was a crude, unsophisticated man. He boasted being “a man of the soil.” The dirty little man came to visit the United States in 1959 and repeated his mantra that Russia would bury America. In an address where Khrushchev was the guest of honor, Los Angeles Mayor Norris Poulson stated: “We do not agree with your widely quoted phrase ‘We shall bury you.’ You shall not bury us, and we shall not bury you. We are happy with our way of life. We recognize its shortcomings and are always trying to improve it. But if challenged, we shall fight to the death to preserve it.”

Turns out Mayor Poulson was right. The Soviet Union did not bury the United States, nor Western Europe. Our democratic values, creativity, freedom and vitality ultimately overwhelmed that repressive and outdated system. President Reagan’s call in the late ‘80s to “tear down the wall” was taken to heart by the people of Eastern Europe.

Flash forward to last week. The current leader of Russia is not from the Khrushchev peasant tradition. Vladimir Putin is a smooth, cunning former KGB agent. He did not make a crude frontal attack on the United States, but rather made the indirect, sly statement. He declared that “liberalism is obsolete.” What he was actually saying was all the values of the Western democratic tradition that were born in the Age of the Enlightenment are no longer relevant.

Like Khrushchev who continually repeated the notion of burying the West, Putin with his obsession to revive the old Soviet state, has repeatedly stated in one form or another that the Western liberal tradition that undergirds current democratic states is imploding and nonfunctional. His deceptive critique is directed toward our major political parties, both of which were founded on these “liberal” ideals and constitutional process. He envisions a global order, a detente between nations, that pays lip service to vague notions of freedom yet ruthlessly crushes individual liberty. Putin has allies such as Xi Jinping, the General Secretary of the Communist Party of China, as well as a host of smaller dictator types.

I’m not a big city mayor like Norris Poulson was back in 1959, but on this Independence Day let me proclaim that the liberal ideas of our founders, especially those of Jefferson and Madison, are not obsolete.

On this day let us remember the words to the preamble to the Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.”

In 1789, Jefferson’s close friend, James Madison, wrote the Bill of Rights to the U.S. Constitution. These fundamental rights that have served the nation throughout our history were an extension of the preamble to the Declaration of Independence.

Both these liberal statements have shaped our destiny and will guide the nation in the future. Hopefully, Americans find Putin’s declaration that liberalism is obsolete to be anathema to what we hold dear as a nation. The bill of rights may be obsolete in Russia or China, but they are not so in America. When the majority of Americans decide these liberal, democratic ideas are no longer relevant, our great republic will be lost.

Let’s celebrate our freedom today with happy enthusiasm. Washington, Adams, Jefferson, and Madison would like that.
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Hallie Louise Sanders

Hallie Louise Sanders, 94, of Highlands, passed away Wednesday, June 26, 2019.

Born in Macon County, NC, she was the daughter of the late Charles Stamey and Stella Ledford Stamey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Leo Sanders; her son, Helton “Sonnie” Sanders and brothers and sisters, Jessie Ledford, Dover Stamey, Pearson Stamey, Leatha Wilt and Eugene Stamey. Louise was a member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. She enjoyed word search, bingo, putting puzzles together and studying her Bible.

She is survived by her daughter, Hilda James of Highlands; six grandchildren; eleven great grandchildren; nine great-great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Service was held Sunday, June 30, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Eddie Stillwell and Dr. Gary Hewins officiated. Burial was in Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Dearell Sanders, Thomas James, Ben West, Junior Mason, Salvador Dlalde, and Ruben Contreras.

Memorial donations can be made to the Macon County Senior Services, 108 Wayah Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

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sheets, and statistics for timber, wildlife, etc. is wonderful. Having GIS maps and all sorts of various resource layers improves management and decision making. The capacity to send instantaneous emails for increased communication internally and externally can be a huge time drain from work. One has to work hard to keep it in balance.”

He added that fire suppression tactics have also evolved over the years.

“Fire management has been a professional sideline of mine since I was on a fire crew as a college student,” said Wilkins. “I have been on one of the 16 National Interagency Incident management teams since 1988. Our capacity to be so much more strategic in our suppression actions through better computer fire prediction models has been a huge change. Natural resource management is a much more thoughtful ecosystem approach as research continues to educate us.”

Wilkins graduated from Virginia Tech in 1976 and his first job was with the Florida Division of Forestry. Six months as a trainee forester on the state forest and then two years as a county forester giving forestry advice to landowners, writing management plans. He also gave tree advice to urban home and business owners and was
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Something Has to Give

What happens when individual liberty comes in conflict with the common good? Which deserves primacy? How do we resolve the conflict so supporters on both sides are equally happy? Or, equally unhappy?

There are a number of ways in which this conflict shows up in American life. Gun violence, to be sure. Cigarette smoking, certainly. Drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana, yes. Abortion, zoning, accessibility — there’s more but you get the gist.

Our nation has always — should always reward initiative and exhibit a modicum of common sense with regard to government regulation and oversight.

This is NOT a call for regulation. You likely will never see that from me. This is an honest rhetorical query.

Individuals want to be able to live their lives on their own terms. And, our founders believed in, and put in writing, notions of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. But they also put in writing a desire to provide for, and promote, the common good.

I’ve written about my concern for whether the U.S.A. is one nation, a confederation of free, independent states, with sometimes competing agendas, or 350-million people all out for themselves.

How, as we continue growing, and as our population continues to diversify, will we manage to remain a beacon of light for the rest of the world, while taking care of our people at home, and while remaining true our economic heritage? Can the rights of individuals continue to flourish while still addressing the wants, needs, and expectations of society as a whole?

I actually spend time thinking about this as my children hit their stride as adults, and my grandkids grow into fully formed Americans.

What brought this pondering to the forefront for me was a story on NPR about the astounding growth in the numbers of middle-grade and high schools who are using e-cigarettes—vaping. For those who don’t know, vaping delivers nicotine without burning tobacco. It’s been pitched to young people as a “safe” or safer way to smoke.

It’s not.

Smoking accounts for more premature deaths in our nation than any other legal or discretionary means. It accounts for more cardiac related deaths than cancer and lung disease combined.

The NPR story revealed mounting evidence that vaping may not be as safe as has been advertised. As regulation now limits how and how much tobacco entities can promote cigarettes to young people those same regulators are looking at whether or how much to limit promotion of vaping and e-cigarettes to that same impressionable market.

Isn’t it in the common good to restrict access to tobacco and e-cigarettes among our nation’s youth? Or should individual young people get to make that call for themselves?

How does it impact what is already the costliest healthcare system in the world? Should that be a consideration? Isn’t a healthy nation part of, and essential to the common good?

To some it’s an easy call. My individual liberty is more important than your common good. To others, who see a national imperative here, sorry; you’re going to have to tamp down your own liberty in favor of a healthy America.

Drugs, legal and illegal, alcohol, tobacco, overly rich, fatty foods — these products can cause a slow, sometimes painful death. Should limits be imposed on them? Should Americans who don’t drink, don’t smoke, or vape, who eat right and exercise, be forced to subsidize the healthcare of those who indulge, place stress, and add cost onto our healthcare system?

If limits should not be imposed, if an individual’s liberty indicates they should be allowed to, in effect, kill themselves, potentially kill others, and impose a kind of tax on the rest of us, should individuals not be permitted to end their own lives? It’s already legal in nine states and the District of Columbia. Should women be free to terminate pregnancies? Those exercises in what supporters view as individual liberty are being taken away on almost a weekly basis.

Are we hypocrites if we support some but not all individual liberties? And, what kind of nation are we if we place the individual American over all Americans?

You’ll notice a number of question marks in this column. That’s what’s happening here — I’m posing questions. When the wants of the individual infringe on the needs of society, the common good, what should prevail? Are we in favor of one over the other? Or, as is the case with much of life in our great nation, can we figure out how to have both?
This is a column about investing in Real Estate. More on that in a moment.

But just for today, I’d like to focus these 500 words on a different investment, the one made by so many who came before us, and whose lives were spent to guarantee our freedom. If you’re still reading and were one of the few, the proud, and the brave who served … all of us salute you and thank you.

For me, there’s nothing that conjures up my thankfulness more than the sounds of freedom presented in the songs we will hear today and throughout the weekend. It probably explains why I always tear up a little at the singing of the National Anthem, and that I have a difficult day on September 11th each year. If you get a chance, listen to WHLC-FM 104.5 on Thursday, or head over to First Presbyterian for their “Salute to Freedom” concert before the fireworks, and you’ll hear it.

What are these “Sounds of Freedom?” Evidence the lyrics of the U.S. Army’s “The Army Goes Marching Along” which puts it this way; “men in rags, men who froze, still the Army met it’s foes, and the Army went rolling along.” In “Anchors Aweigh” the U.S. Navy hails; “blue of mighty deep, gold of God’s great sun, let these our colors be, ‘til all of time is done.” And who can forget the U.S. “Marine Hymn;” “first to fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean.” Our National Anthem, the “Stars Bangled Banner” makes everything right at the very end when we proclaim; “O’er the land of the free, and the home of the brave” (cue the tear in my eye). Please note that if you choose to kneel, not remove your cap, or no-show the Anthem; be ever-thankful that our freedom gives you a right to do so; but those same freedoms allow me not to agree with you (end of editorial).

I’ll finish with this. In many baseball venues throughout the land, we sing “God Bless America” during the 7th inning stretch (another tear-jerker) and I quote: “God Bless America, land that I love, stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with the light from above.” It’s the “from above” part I am thankful for today. As the Apostle Paul wrote long ago “You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free … serve one another humbly in Love” (Gal. 5:13). Listen as you go along this week for The Sounds of Freedom.

Now back to Real Estate. Business is good, Life is good, and we’d love to help you if we can.

• Pat and Deborah (aka Bee) Gleeson and their dog Gemma can be found at White Oak Realty Group, located in downtown Highlands on 4th Street across from the Old Edwards Inn. White Oak Realty Group, founded in 2009 by Susie deVille, a leading boutique brokerage firm on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. You can reach Pat, Bee, or Susie at 828.526.8118.

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always involved in fire suppression.

Wilkins joined the USFS in March 1979 as presale forester and a timber sale administrator. He was stationed in Ketchikan, Alaska for 2 years and brought his wife from Orlando, Fla. to an island in Alaska. From mid-April to early November was field season. Wilkins would fly on a small-float plane to Prince of Wales Island on Mondays and would come home on Fridays if the weather permitted.

Career Timeline:
• 1981-1983: Timber Management Assistant in charge of all timber management...
Blackout week at The Highlands Playhouse

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Hank Ross
President, Friends of Founders Park

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DogSpeak

Reflections from Lord Banjo

On becoming a star: Part 2

First I got a spiffy velvet robe, and then Mum threw me a party. You can’t believe how many oohs and aahs and belly rubs I got. Well, actually, if you know anything about me at all, you probably can believe the attention I got. After all, the Royal Pooch is hugely popular and handsome and sweet.

Even though Mum is well known locally because of her columns, she joked that folks would be more interested in seeing me than they would be in seeing her, and you know what? She was right. We caught one person on camera saying, “We didn’t come to see the Royal Mum, we came to see Lord Banjo!” Proof positive, I’d say, that I’ve won the popularity contest.

You would have no doubts about my popularity if you could have seen my fans throwing their arms around my neck or kneeling at my paws as they gazed adoringly at me. My loyal subjects came to the Royal Bash bearing gifts! That’s right; I received a plush purple rug, several squeaky toys, and even brownies. I hardly got a peek at the brownies before Dad snatched them up. Maybe best of all was the cute little boy who brought his toys to share with me. We two had a grand time playing on the floor together.

If my Great Pyrenees ancestors could see me dressed in my royal robe and crown, I’m convinced they’d be proud of me. Louis XIV may have declared those gentle giants the Royal Dogs of the French Court, but I bet they didn’t have a Royal Bash or a Royal Seamstress. To complement my royal robe and crown, the Royal Mum wore a tiara, and Dad donned a purple robe. The entire family looked spiffy that day – except, of course, Princess Puddin’.

We didn’t invite my calico sister to the party, and I’m sure she’d have thrown a little fit had we tried to dress her up. Do you think the term hissy fit comes from kitty behavior? Puddin’ is a sweet girl, but she throws a spectacular fit when Mum brushes her. On those occasions, the entire neighborhood knows the Princess is not happy! I can only imagine how the fur would fly if Mum attempted to dress her in a tiny velvet cape.

Me? I love my new duds and wish Mum would let me wear them more often. She insists they’re only for special occasions. The rest of the time I must make do with the sporty bandanas the Royal Groomer gives me.

After the hoopla of the Royal Bash, the Royal Abode seemed unnaturally quiet. I got my usual belly rubs from Dad and a few rubs from Mum as I dozed beneath her desk, but having only two people to make over me was no longer enough. “Hey Mum,” I barked, “You need to fill my schedule with weekly appearances to ensure I continuously get the respect and belly rubs I’m due.”

Suffice it to say, those words resulted in a snappy response from Mum, and she proceeded to educate me on the difference between polite requests and rude demands. Eventually, Mum calmed down and proceeded to fill my schedule, and I have been enjoying the nonstop adoration ever since.

Perhaps you were one of the lucky dog lovers who got to “adore” me at the Village Square Arts & Crafts Festival last weekend. If not, it is possible I may deign to return to the September event. You never know.

* Lord Banjo lives in Georgia with his Mum, Kathy Manos Penn. Find similar stories in his book, “Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch,” available at Mountain Paws in Highlands, Books Unlimited in Franklin, and on Amazon. Contact him at inkpenn119@gmail.com.
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Senator Thom Tillis:
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Washington DC office  
1-919-856-4630  
Raleigh, NC

Congressman Mark Meadows:
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In particular, I would like to recognize Ran Shaffner and Hillrie Quin who together launched this Greenway and have nurtured both the project and the volunteers for over 12 years,” she said. “In addition, I would like to thank Jim Ward as our trail work organizer (Trail Boss). Jim does a great job of organizing our volunteers to make the most of their valuable time and accomplish great work on the trail.”

Ward said he enjoys working outdoors and spending time with good people.

“Most of us are from somewhere else, but we like coming here and hanging out with great people,” he said.

• For more information about HPG, join them on the Kelsey Trail hike on July 5, or sign up to volunteer at a Saturday workday (third Saturday of each month).

Forum on lack of healthcare July 11 at 6 p.m.

Join the “Concerned Citizens Health Forum” Thursday, July 11 at 6 p.m. in the Cashiers Rec Center meeting room. All are invited to discuss the health needs of the Highlands-Cashiers area. The purpose is to discuss issues with existing and future medical services for the area, with the pending departure of its primary care physicians.
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Annual Patriotic Concert is July 4 at 8 p.m.

The Highlands Men’s Chorus will present the annual July 4th patriotic concert this evening at 8pm at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert will consist of many favorites including “America,” “This is My Country,” “A Tribute to the Armed Services,” “God Bless the U.S.A.,” “Battle Hymn of the Republic,” God Bless America,” and more.

There will also be a sing-along with audience participation. The American Legion Post 370 Color Guard will present the Colors in a moving ceremony.

Highlands Men’s Chorus is directed by Dr. Michael Lancaster, who serves as Director of Music/Worship at Highlands First Presbyterian Church and also as Conductor of the Asheville Symphony Chorus. Ac-companist for the group is Susan Clearman. Also featured will be Larry Black, trumpet; and Angie Jenkins, Organist.

Come early to get a good seat! In the event the town fireworks show is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.
• **Highlands Events •**

- At the Rec Park Pool. Movie Float-in Night - all ages Pool opens at 6:30p and movie starts at 7 p.m. Call for movie title and prices. 526-1595.

**Fourth Friday**
- Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room from 11a until noon.

**Friday - Monday**
- At the Bascom, 10am - 5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm): Free Admission to exhibition spaces and SmArt Space for children. For more information call 828-526-4949.

**Saturdays**
- At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.
- The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon or downstairs in The Bascom Library room.
- At the Nature Center. Free. Creative Feature. 11:30am & 2:30pm. Experience one or more of our live animal ambassadors up close while learning about their fascinating adaptations.
- Free music in the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street 6-8 p.m.

**Sundays**
- Live Music in OEI’s Hummingbird Lounge 8 p.m. to close with Paul Jones.
- Church in the Wildwood, hymn singing each Sunday through Labor Day weekend from 7-8 p.m.

**Thurs., July 4**
- 10a Boy Scouts build and launch Bottle Rockets. Town Ball Field; 11a Traditional Field Games Town Ball Field; 12p MAMA Medical Helicopter Town Ball Field Weather Permitting, and it is not on a call; 11a-2p Hot Dog fundraiser by the Rotary Club of Highlands Town Ball Field; 2p Duck Derby Rotary on Mill Creek; 6-8p Concert at Founders Park (No Alcohol Allowed); 9p or dark Annual 4th of July Fireworks.
- The Highlands Men’s Chorus annual patriotic concert at 8pm on Thursday at Highlands First Presbyterian Church. The concert will consist of many favorite patriotic songs. There will also be a sing-along with audience participation. The American Legion Post 370 Color Guard will present the Colors. If the town fireworks show is cancelled due to rain, the concert will still take place. AND it will be over before the fireworks. Main and Fifth Streets. Come early to get a good seat!

**Fri. -Sun, July 5-7**
- At Acorns, a French Cicada/Erin Gray Trunk Show. 10a to 5p.

**Fri, July 5**
- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Foxfire Boys.

**Sat. & Sun., July 6-7**
- At The Bascom, a book signing with author of the “Magnolia Bayou Cookbook,” Matt Terrell.

**Sat., July 6**
- Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Get Right Band

**Tues., July 9**
- At the Nature Center. Free. Salamander Meander 9-10p. Go on a nighttime search for our slimy salamander friends!
- “A Conversation on Racism” sponsored by The Appalachian Humanist Group let by Jay Wamsted.10:30-11:30 a.m. in The Hudson Library Meeting Room. Main Street. Highlands.

**Mon., July 10**
- At the Playhouse, “Oklahoma For ticket call 828-526-2695 or go to highlandsplayhouse.org.

**Thurs., July 11-13**
- A Gem Show at Jannie Bean Fine Custom Jewelry at 152 S, 2nd Street. 10:30a to 4:30p.

**Thurs., July 11**
- Zahner Lecture Series “Carnivorous Plants of the Highlands Plateau” at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

**Fri. July 12**
- At The Bascom, garden themed Artist Talk featuring Rosemary Stiefel. Join us as Rosemary discusses working with celebrated gardener, Ryan Gainey. From 10-11a in The Bascom Library.
- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Johnny Webb Band

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• 1983-87: Timber Management Assistant in Wise, Va. on the Clinch Ranger District in charge of timber, roads, wildlife, special uses, right-of-ways and facilities.
• 1987-1990: District Recreation staff person in charge of managing all trails, campgrounds, fire management, and law enforcement
• 1990-present: Moved to Franklin N.C. and has been District Ranger ever since — almost 29 years.

Wilkins said he’ll miss caring for the land and serving people as a steward of the people’s forest.

“I have enjoyed working with and for my fellow FS employees,” he said. “After 29 years here and on the forest, they are my date, time, family, and will miss them. I have had a tremendous time working with the vast amount of volunteers and partners we have. We have eight volunteer trail groups and 100 recreation special use permits for special events and outfitting and guiding. All those businesses are folks we have both a contracts and partnerships with as they provide recreation opportunities that a segment of the public requires in their forest. I have also enjoyed working with a vast array of loggers and timber purchasers who take a very serious approach to good stewardship as they thin and regenerate the forest through commercial timber sales.

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This week we celebrate our nation’s independence. With the signing of the Declaration of Independence 243 years ago on July 4th, 1776 our forefathers laid claim to a freedom that they could not yet fully see. There would still be a bloody war to be fought. Many battles lay ahead. Foreign rule would not loosen its grip, nor relinquish its power without a fight. Oppressors do not willingly yield to the oppressed. Power is seductive and, once acquired, is reluctantly surrendered.

We mark the Fourth of July in many festive ways. Here in Highlands, there are a number of opportunities and events available for us all to have fun with our friends and family. From sack races at the ball field to the Rotary Club of Highlands’ annual Duck Derby to the brilliant fireworks display, we will join together to celebrate our nation’s birthday.

Our nation was founded on the high ideals of equality and freedom for all. And though history bears a painful reminder that we have not always lived up to those high ideals, and we cannot deny that the self-evident truths proclaimed in our Declaration of Independence remain an unrealized dream for many, perhaps these days of celebration can serve to remind us all of the life-giving principles of freedom and equality that serve as the foundation, and lie at the very heart, of our nation’s heritage and identity.

My wife Kathy and I traveled to the Joy Performance Center in Kings Mountain, NC this past weekend to see “Liberty Mountain,” a dramatic stage production that tells the story of the pivotal Revolutionary War battle for Kings Mountain. Carefully researched and written for the stage by Robert Inman, the play depicts the lives of settlers who came to America seeking the freedom to live, worship and raise their families as they chose. The production culminates in a representation of the bloody one-hour battle on Kings Mountain, when British Major Patrick Ferguson’s Loyalist militia was defeated by Patriot militia units from Virginia, North and South Carolina, and Georgia. Many historians agree that this battle served as a turning point in the Revolution. (By the way, in case you’re interested, the play runs through July 21st. After seeing this year’s production, I highly recommend it. And I would be happy to commend it to you, even if our son Matthew wasn’t playing a leading role as the Scots-Irish Presbyterian Minister, Reverend McKenzie!)

The play offered a vivid reminder of what we can so easily forget. Freedom is costly, and many have sacrificed everything in its pursuit and for its defense. And so this week, we will join together to celebrate our nation’s birthday.

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On the land side of things, Wilkins said he'll miss the challenges aimed at improving the forest.

"I enjoyed all sorts of natural resource projects that improved the forest currently and for the future," said Wilkins. "From solving erosion issues, improving fisheries, forest restoration, improving wildlife habitat, protecting rare plant sites, protecting our two wilderness areas, managing a 700-mile road system to reconstructing and constructing trails, to maintaining and building new developed recreation areas. Forest management is long-term thing, so we have tried to both conserve and preserve where appropriate."

Wilkins said the Forest Supervisor will designate an Acting District Ranger. The position will be advertised within the USFS and a permanent replacement will arrive sometime in the fall.

...SPIRITUALLY

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in the midst of our festive celebrations, perhaps we can all take a moment to remember, to say thank you, to offer a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing for all who have gone before, and for everyone who still carries the torch of freedom into dark and dangerous places.

And maybe our prayers of gratitude can serve to renew our commitment to be our best selves, to live fully into the principles and high ideals upon which America was founded. And with the help and grace of God, may we not rest until the self-evident truths of equality and freedom, are truly and fully realized for all.
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Jay Wamsted has taught Math at Benjamin E Mays High School in southwest Atlanta for 14 years. In addition to an essay forthcoming in Harvard Educational Review, his work has been featured in various journals and magazines, including Mathematics Teacher, Qualitative Inquiry, and Sojourners. “Walls” his 2017 essay published in Little Patuxent Review was named a Notable Essay for this year’s Best American Essays. He can be found online at The Southeast review, Under the Sun, and the TEDx YOUTUBE channel, where you can watch his 2017 talk “Eating the Elephant: Ending Racism & the Magic of Trust.” He and his wife have four young children, and he rides his bicycle to and from work just about every day.

Architect rendition of renovated exterior of Church of the Incarnation.

sacrament and God’s glory through beauty.”

The main sanctuary currently seats 200, and after the project’s completion will seat 260. The old chapel (facing 5th Street) seats 100 and will remain the only part of the building untouched by construction. In fact, Bentley said the aim is to spread the look of the chapel throughout the church.

Incarnation has hired Cram and Ferguson Architects out of Concord, NC.

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Bentley said Cram and Ferguson are in the process of coming up with detailed architectural drawings and Incarnation will be going through the permit process during the campaign efforts to raise the additional $3M.

– Brian O’Shea, Plateau Daily News

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Mass. who Bentley said have extensive experience with these types of projects.

“We feel good because we’re working with some of the best liturgical architects in the country,” he said. “We can’t change the footprint of the church so we’re using our space to the fullest.”

The project costs $6M in total and Incarnation has already raised $3M. Along with the expanded sanctuary, Incarnation plans to add a spire on the Main Street side of the building.

“The spire will balance out the bell tower and will be a beacon of God’s sanctuary of welcome,” said Bentley. “After presenting the plans to parishioners there was an overwhelmingly positive response. To have that kind of unity is incredible.”

The theme of the project is to illuminate, invite, and inspire. Bentley said the interior of the main sanctuary will incorporate beauty, color, warmth, and energy.

Assistant Rector Kellan Day gave her first sermon at Incarnation on Sunday and is excited to be a part of this project.

“I think the energy this place has and the plan’s emphasis on beauty, not just making the building bigger, was really compelling,” said Rev. Day.

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POLICE & FIRE REPORTS

Highlands Police entries from June 13. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

June 13

• At 6:45 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hickory Street.

June 18

• At 4:54 p.m., officers were informed of a felony larceny, with the taking of various valuable items from a locked dress and safe valued at more than $6,000 and assault on a female at a residence on Paul Walden Road.

June 22

• At 6:24 p.m., Michael Trevor Reese, 26, of Highlands, was arrested for assault on a female, felony larceny and false report to police. He was issued at $7,500 secured bond. His trial date was June 26.

June 20

• At 11:14 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

June 22

• At 10:44 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on the 200 Main parking lot.

June 24

• At 7:58 p.m., officers responded to a report of affray, simple assault and theft from a motor vehicle parked at 4th Street Market.

June 25

• At 11:10 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Poplar Street.

• At 12:13 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Holt Knob Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 15.

June 15

• At 11:44 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

June 16

• At 1 p.m., the dept. responded to a brush fire on Wyanokie Drive.

June 17

• At 12:36 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Main Street.

June 18

• At 8:49 a.m., the dept. responded to a mutual aid call from Cashier FD but it was cancelled en route.

• At 4:52 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Paul Walden Road.
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