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## 'Plan' is roadmap to Highlands future

As comprehensive plans go, the Highlands Community Plan has moved along at record pace.

In July 2020, when the town learned the state had mandated a community plan by 2022 for any

municipality that enforces zoning, plans were set into motion and the Stewart company was hired.

Now, just a year later, on Wednesday night a Draft Plan Public Meeting of the proposed

Highlands Community Plan was held at the Community Building both to introduce the public to the plan and to garner input.

The purpose of the Plan is to

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## Highlands' swim team: The Hurricanes are back!

By Coach Steve Hott

After a 14-month period of very few meets and somewhat limited practices due to COVID-19, the Highlands Hurricanes were back in action Thursday, June 10 hosting the Jackson County Swim Team (JCST).

Led by Jordan Powell (the meet's high scorer with 29 points) and seven swimmers who won

all of their races, the Hurricanes won 561 to 184. Out of 82 events Jackson County only beat the Hurricanes in seven.

Jelehna McKim and Justin Powell joined Chase Kenter and Aniah McKim on the National Team which is headed to AAU Jr. Olympics in Houston, TX in July. They qualified in the 50-yard free

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## Filing to be on ballot in November begins July 3

By Brittney Lofthouse

The Town of Highlands could soon have new leaders as the state prepares to hold municipal elections this Fall.

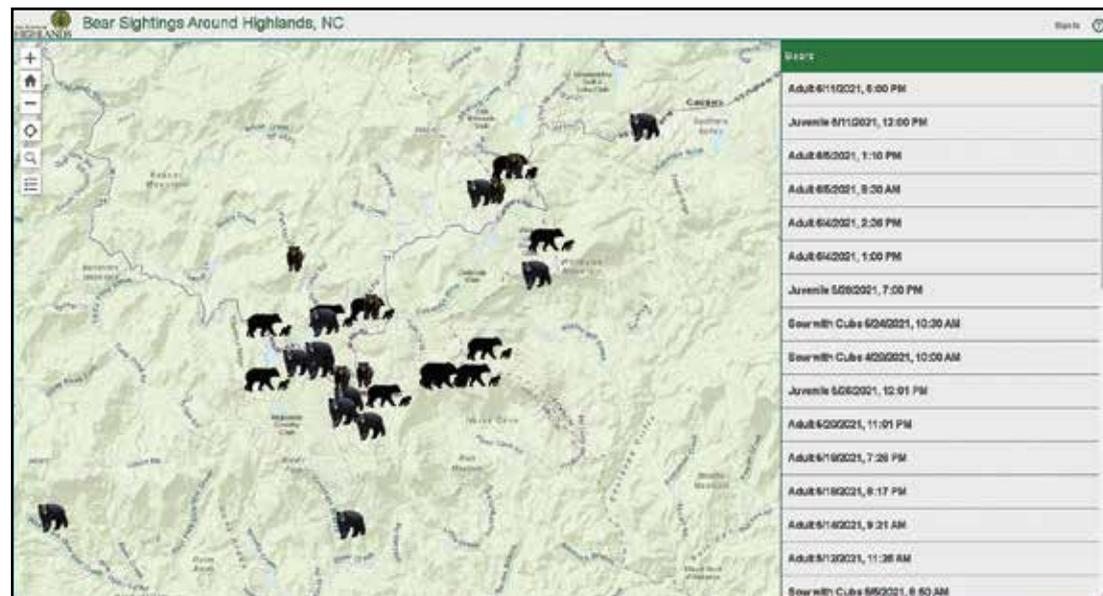
During odd-numbered years (so as to alternate with statewide general elections) most Municipal Elections are held to elect the governing officials (Mayor, City Council, Town Council, etc.) of cities, villages and towns across North Carolina.

Not all municipalities will have an election in a given odd-numbered year. A few municipalities elect their officials in even numbered years.

Although Municipal Elections are conducted by county boards of election, only residents of the municipality are qualified to vote in the election.

These voters must have resided in the municipality for at

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To report and log a bear sighting go to [www.highlandsc.org](http://www.highlandsc.org) and click on GIS MAP

## Highlands can now be 'Bear Certified'

The Town of Highlands is now the first BearWise Certified Community in the state of North Carolina.

Over the last few years, the town has worked hard and been proactive by following BearWise tactics when it came to mitigating human/bear interaction, which often focused around garbage.

The first step was the installation of the metal bear-proof trash containers secured to sidewalks throughout the commercial district.

The second step was requiring homeowners and businesses to use bear-proof trash containers – not as fool proof as the metal containers, nor as expen-

sive, but they do make garbage pickin' harder for the bears.

The third step was making it illegal in the town's Code of Ordinances to feed bears.

Those three steps have decreased bear interactions immensely, since it's easy food the bears are often seeking.

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### See the town website for regulations

The Highlands real estate market is super-hot. With that bull market comes the push to build, build without delay. Everyone wants their projects done now, without delay on a nonstop basis. Therein lies the problem.

The Highlands Community Plan has revealed that most of us view the town as a small village community, a respite of sorts from the hustle and bustle of the metropolitan areas. Folks want to get away from all the city noise, traffic and construction. People come here, especially on the weekends, to have a modicum of peace and quiet.

But these days they too often encounter contractors and landscaper working crews all times of the day and well into evenings, and even on weekends. Uh, the escape from big city noise and clatter may not be as evident as it was in the past. I am getting more and more complaints.

A town ordinance states that construction work can only be done Monday through Friday starting at 7:30 am and going to 6 pm. Residents hearing construc-



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

tion activity before or after these times can call the nonemergency county dispatcher number at (828) 526-4131. A Highlands police officer will investigate. The same procedure can be followed for weekend violations. Commercial work is not allowed on weekends. If a special permit has been obtained, work can be done on Saturday. Those permits are normally issued for public works projects, such as utility installations, where time is of the essence.

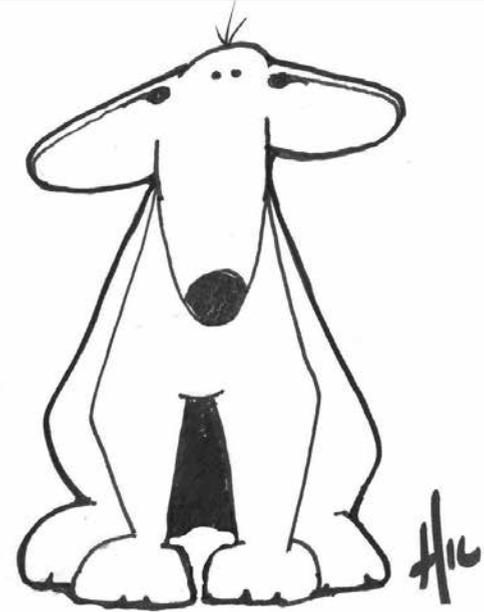
Violations are complaint-driven and guided by good judgement. For instance, the police would not stop a commercial paint crew from working inside a building on a Saturday where no noise is being generated. A resident personally mowing his or her lawn on a Saturday afternoon is not a part of the ordinance. Also, judgement concerning noise level per the town noise ordinance is also applied in most cases.

I encourage everyone to visit the town website and review the community plan. The first rollout of the plan took place yesterday. A zoom public meeting concerning the plan is scheduled for 6 pm on July 1st. An ongoing review of the Highlands Community Plan will continue for the coming weeks before a final draft is adopted by the Town Board.

The June meeting of the Highlands Town Board of Commissioners is tonight at 7pm at the Highlands Community Building. The first item on the agenda will be a public hearing for the town budget for FY 2021/22. Another hearing will be for proposed amendments to the UDO for NCGS 160D Compliance. Specifically, we will be changing several labels on the town zoning map to comply with state wording. We are not changing any zones or other items on the map. These changes are editorial adjustments only.

Also on the agenda is a request for parking improvements by Mountain Findings. The board will also revisit the credit card fee waiver for paying utility bills. This item was reviewed at the last meeting, and staff will be providing further information before a final decision is made.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



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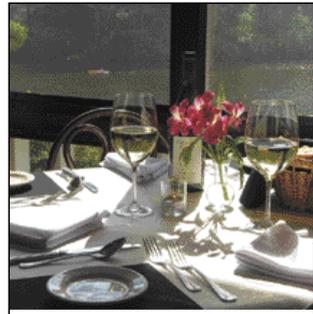


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# • OBITUARY / MEMORIAL •

## Willie Byron Straughter



Willie Byron Straughter 62 of Highlands, passed away Monday, June 7, 2021.

Willie was born in Fort McCoy, FL to Albert Straughter and Lueneta Straughter, nee Baker. Willie spent his early years in Florida. He moved to Highlands more than 25 years ago and became a great member of the Highlands community, helping anyone who needed help.

He shall be missed and remembered by many. Memorial event may be announced at a later date.

## John E. Rymer



A Memorial Service for John E. Rymer will be held at 11am on Thursday June 24 at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands, 471 Main Street.

The service will be followed by a reception in Coleman Hall and it would mean a lot to Rymer family and Jane Jerry if John's friends will join them for this celebration of his life.

# • THANK YOU •

Candy and I would like to thank the people involved in the rescue of our son Joshua at the time of his motorcycle accident.

My family and I want you to know how much we appreciated the volunteers of the Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept., the first-responders, the Highlands Cashiers Hospital, MAMA and Mission for their great effort in saving our son's life.

Words can't express the feelings we have for the help

we received that day.

I believe the prayers of this mountain community played a huge part in also saving our son's life and for that I want to say thank you, thank you because they worked.

Joshua's recovery is going great little by little everyday he is getting stronger and back to his self. So from my family to yours, thank you for your help and prayers.

The Kennedys

# • LETTER •



This trailer sits on a lot on the corner of Maple and Oak streets.

## One Man's Opinion

Dear Editor,

In my opinion, this wrecked trailer sitting on the side of the street at the corner of Oak and Maple streets is an "eye sore" for beautiful downtown Highlands!

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Who owns this lot and is allowing this wreck to remain?

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## Protecting Your Investment – From Water

Water is probably the biggest cause of damage to real property here on the plateau. As we are in a temperate rain forest, it can come from rain, the humidity or ice. But it can also come from your drinking water source. Unfortunately, this has been the

focus of most of my attention the last few months. There are things that we can do to maintain our property, but still surprises that come along.

It is rare that there is a home inspection that doesn't reveal some sort of water issue. Mold, mildew, rot, water intrusion

and roof leaks; or issues related to gutters, downspouts and runoff drain lines that are not functioning.

Sometimes the issues are very apparent, other times they are hidden and come as a surprise to the buyer and the seller. Depending on the issue, mold tests may be necessary, repair quotes must be obtained, and the contracts renegotiated. What is a repair, what is an improvement and who will pay for the items must be determined?

If neglected, these items can be very costly to repair and will usually cost more than it would have cost to correct them when first noticed. Also, it should be noted that homeowner's insurance usually does not cover water damage that is a cause of mother nature including a flooded basement.

As I mentioned in a prior article, I am in the process of renovating a home, which was vacant for many years with known water damage and mold. Trying to track down the sources has been challenging, as well as coming up with the appropriate repairs. There was one exterior wall that had been exposed to blowing rain for years. As we tore out the wall it was determined that the entire wall was rotten, including the sill and some sub-flooring. There was a roof leak around the chimney which caused extensive damage to the ceiling, walls and sub-floor. Gutters are broken or stopped up and overflowing during heavy rains, with intrusion into the crawl space and a very high moisture level in the slab. As the house doesn't have central HVAC, mold is growing on almost all surfaces in the house. All of these items are being corrected, and luckily there are many contractors that specialize in this type of damage in the area.

I recently had a transaction where the inspection revealed that the floor joists had dry rotted, due to years of exposure to excessive moisture in the crawl space. At some point a prior owner had remediated the mold and encapsulated the crawl space, but the severe damage to the wood had already occurred. In addition to the contract terminating, the current owner is facing a very expensive repair bill to reinforce all the beams and floor joists.

If dealing with these issues wasn't enough, I received a message from the



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housekeeper for a vacation rental property that I manage in town. She said that there was water on the floor. A few minutes later she sent a video of a water line to a vanity that had broken. Hot water had been flowing into the house for several hours, flooding several rooms and creating steam which caused water to be dripping down the walls. It is not fun to cancel rentals that had been planned for months so that repairs can be made. It had

been disclosed that this was a rental property and because of that the lost rental income was covered, as well as the costs to make the necessary repairs. Various trades came together to remove flooring, dry things out, make the repairs, paint and get the rental back in business in less than 8 weeks.

I have since found out that there are several items that could have helped prevent this. The first would be the metal braided water supply lines that do not break. If those had been installed this issue wouldn't have happened. The second item is a water cop, which is an "easy" switch that will turn on and off your water main. I would highly recommend turning the water off when you leave for any extended period of time. The newest item is more tech-savvy and is installed at your water meter with an app on your device. It is an intelligent leak detection system that monitors your normal water usage and if there is something unusual it will send you an alert and turn off your water to prevent damage. Or you can turn off the water from almost anywhere by using the app. Some insurance companies are offering a discount on premiums if you have this installed, similar to an alarm system.

Through my personal experience in working with clients and as a homeowner, I have found that water must be carefully monitored. I highly recommend encapsulation and dehumidification systems to protect your home from mold, which can cause health issues as well as property damage. Be sure and have gutters and downspouts cleaned and checked several times a year. I also will plan to have the smart water monitoring system installed and will turn

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This bear was sighted heading into Gorges State Park on US 64 east June 14.

In addition, over the years, the Highlands Bear Task Force made up of volunteers with Cynthia Strain at the helm has educated people about how to live safely with bears and what to do when confronted with one ... or two.

Though the town has supported the Bear Wise Task Force and has taken all the necessary steps to become BearWise certified, commissioners had to formally partner with the Bear Task Force to be certified and to commit to educating the public. That's what happened during May's meeting.

"We need to formally acknowledge that we are partnering with the Bear Task Force, and the state's wildlife people and commit to educating people about what they need to do to minimize human/bear interaction," said Mayor Pat Taylor.

The town's educational component will be a webpage accessed from the town's website that will have all the information and resources needed regarding bear interactions including BearWise safety basics and the Bear Interaction Map.

The map has been up for a while and people have been going to the site to document when and where a bear was sighted, how big he or she was and even if a mama bear was with cubs.

To post a bear sighting, or to see where bears have been lately, go to the town's website: [www. https://highland-snc.org/](https://highland-snc.org/), click on GIS maps, scroll down and click on Bear Tracking Map. There is a Bear Map Disclosure users must agree to before they can proceed. Once agreed, they can click through to the map and continue as a "guest," or they can sign in as a "user."

Once on the map, there is a Bear Sighting panel on the right where sightings can be logged.

Being the only BearWise city in North Carolina means Highlands has satisfied

the following five steps:

Step 1: Investigate how to become a BearWise Community; find out if bears are in the area and possibly getting into human-provided attractants such as garbage, pet food, and bird feeders; consult with N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) staff regarding bear issues in the community.

Step 2: Express interest in becoming BearWise Certified and learn more about the requirements; host meetings to introduce BearWise and discuss certification; request a BearWise presentation from NC Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC) staff; and discuss bear issues with neighboring towns.

Step 3: Designate a BearWise Liaison to serve as the point of contact between your community/business and the NCWRC so they can alert neighbors to ways to resolve current issues and report bear incidences if needed.

Step 4: Figure out the best way to implement the requirements to become a BearWise-certified community by identifying and securing all potential food sources and attractants like bird feeders, garbage, pet food, compost piles and any other human-provided attractants; educate community members on how to prevent and respond to human-bear interactions; develop a system to alert community members to non-compliance issues and maintain BearWise-certified practices; establish protocols for when and how to report bear activity to neighbors and the NCWRC.

Step 5: Finally, NCWRC will work with Highlands on signage that can be displayed showing they are BearWise Certified. Mayor Taylor said Ashley Hobbs with the NC Wildlife Resource Commission will be notified that Highlands has completed the five steps.

— Kim Lewicki

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off the water when I leave town. Dealing with damage and repairs isn't the best use of time when there are so many other desirable activities on the plateau.

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establish a framework for growth and development while maintaining the character and the livability of the town.

And the Plan has hit every button – short-term rentals, employee housing, parking, downtown development, and land use pertaining to preserving Highlands his-

toric aspects as well as its natural ones.

Through year-long community input, the plan captures the community's goals and distills thoughts and feelings about Highlands into a set of policies that will guide decision making for the next 10-20 years.

It serves as a guide for policy changes,

land use and transportation planning, economic development, housing strategy, and capital improvement planning.

Specifically, the Plan considers a future land use map, which considers housing, downtown development, tourism, recreation and natural resources, transportation, infrastructure and public services.

Overlying themes emerged from public input that consider:

• Town Character: Maintain and enhance the town center's village character that is surrounded by mostly low-density housing that blends with the natural environment.

• Environmental Preservation: Preserve and enhance the natural environment and the scenic beauty of Highlands.

• Culture and History: Preserve and promote the rich cultural historic resources of Highlands.

• Pedestrian Focus: Create a downtown and commercial area that emphasize pedestrian comfort and safety.

• Partnerships: Cultivate ongoing community partnerships with area organizations and governments to plan for and protect the

plateau.

• Local Economy: Support and sustain the local economy, including downtown businesses, tourism, arts and outdoor recreations

The Land Use chapter of the Plan includes a Future Land Use Map with defined character areas. These sections are meant to guide future growth and development.

It includes two downtown areas that allow for different uses, character and densities.

For instance, an area for small mixed-use nodes that transition away from downtown to residential areas called Neighborhood Mixed Use; small mixed-use nodes along major corridors; three residential areas of varying densities; areas for new housing types near downtown; sensitive areas where lower density development should be integrated with the landscape to reduce impacts on natural resources such as the use of Cluster Developments.

All the policies for each category include detailed subsets (not shown here)

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Highlands Hurricanes competed with Jackson County last Thursday. - Photo by Brian O'Shea

style and the 50-yard backstroke respectively.

All of the 25 Highlands Hurricanes members scored in the meet.

Elias McKim, Anaih McKim, Chase Kenter, Cecelia Barry, Corina Dearth, and Justin Powell all scored 27 points.

Vivian Kennedy and Jack Sumner scored 25.

Connor Hughes and Timmy McDowell scored 23 points.

Jelehna McKim, Ian Batista and Jayce Powell scored 22 points.

Samuel Kolusek, Max Justin and Annabella Batista scored 21.

Tate Wilson, Cassie McDowell, and Emilina Hernandez contributed 20 points, while Blake Kenter added 18, Paolo McRae 17, and Bridget Kolusek 16.

Alex Lopez scored 15 and Penelope McRae 14.

All told, there were six Jr. Olympic qualifying swims and 38 MSL Allstar qualifying swims and many Personal Records (PRs) were set. 23 of the 25 Highlands Hurricanes had PRs.

The Hurricanes' next meet is Thursday, June 17 again with the JCST, but this time the meet will be away.

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outlining ways to accomplish the goal.

### Land Use (LU)

- Policy LU 1: Regularly evaluate and update the Community Plan and Unified Development Ordinance (UDO).

- Policy LU 2: Reinforce the existing town character through the design of new development and land use decisions.

- Policy LU 3: Manage growth along major entry corridors and edges.

- Policy LU 4: Encourage a limited mix of housing types in defined areas. Create opportunities for small, single-family homes with shared open space (pocket neighborhoods) near downtown and/or other commercial areas.

- Policy LU 5: Encourage lodging and tourism related rentals while limiting negative impacts on existing residents and businesses. This section deals with and has ideas about mixed-use housing, employee housing, and short-term rentals.

### Downtown Tourism (DT)

Downtown improvement was also a part of the plan and involved the development of parking decks as well as new pocket-park areas even the re-development of Maple Street.

- Policy DT 1: Maintain and enhance Highlands' small-town feel and village character.

- Policy DT 2: Improve pedestrian facilities and increase wayfinding downtown improvements include intersection improvements, streetscape improvements, greenspace improvements and redevelopment opportunities.

- Policy DT 3: Manage public parking and study opportunities for increased on-street and off-street public parking.

- Policy DT 4: Further study potential uses of town-owned properties and improvements to Downtown streetscapes.

- Policy DT 5: Continue marketing and events that encourage visitation.

- Policy DT 6: Preserve and enhance the Town's parks and green Infrastructure.

### Recreation and Natural Resources Policies (RNR)

- Policy RNR 1: Support recreation options and outdoor tourism.

- Policy RNR 2: Discourage intense development on steep slopes and mountain ridges.

- Policy RNR 3: Protect views and natural resources in Town and on the greater Highlands plateau.

- Policy RNR 4: Encourage open space preservation and tree protection in new development.

- Policy RNR 5: Protect the Plateau's water quality.

### Transportation and Roadway Policy (T)

- Policy T 1: Maintain a resilient transportation system that caters to a variety of users.

- Policy T 2: Encourage context-sensitive design of roadways

- Policy T 3: Prioritize pedestrian safety, connectivity, accessibility, and comfort.

- Policy T 4: Fill sidewalk gaps and improve accessibility.

- Policy T 5: Continue to improve Highlands' Greenway System.

- Policy T 6: Balance needs for parking with aesthetics and environmental impacts.

- Policy T 7: Partner with Macon County Transit.

- Policy T 8: Plan for electric vehicles (EVs) in Highlands.

### Infrastructure and Public Services Policies (PS)

- Policy PS 1: Ensure adequate waste disposal and sanitation services

- Policy PS 2: Maintain and enhance the electric grid.

- Policy PS 3: Encourage energy efficiency and alternative fuel vehicles

- Policy PS 4: Improve access to high-speed internet and expand cell coverage.

- Policy PS 5: Focus water and sewer

service improvements on existing town limits.

- Policy PS 6: Allow for limited extension of water and sewer to areas near town limit boundaries if conditions are met.

- Policy PS 7: Encourage an efficient, financially sound water and sewer system.

- Policy PS 8: Protect water quality in Lake Sequoyah.

- Policy PS 9: Maintain adequate fire and emergency management response.

- Policy PS 10: Maintain adequate police coverage in the Town of Highlands.

To see the Draft Highlands Community Plan, go to the town's website at [www.highlandsonc.org](http://www.highlandsonc.org).

There will also be a Zoom meeting that will mirror the June 16th meeting, July 1, from 6-7 p.m. Go to [www.highlandsonccommunityplan.com](http://www.highlandsonccommunityplan.com) for details.

Meanwhile, work on the Highlands Community Plan will continue until a final draft is adopted by the Town Board.

The Policy recommendations are just that. They are meant to guide the development and the work of the Town Board, Planning Board, Zoning Board and various committees into the future.

– Kim Lewicki

## • BIZ/ORG NEWS •



From left: Alice Salthouse (Blowing Rock Rotary Club), Jane Chalker, and Rotary President, Zach Claxton

At the Rotary Club of Highlands meeting on June 8, 2021, the featured speaker was Highlander Jane Chalker.

Chalker spoke about the volunteer dental clinic in Haiti that many in Highlands have supported. Local dentists and volunteers have visited these clinics to offer free dental care.

Chalker has recently released a book titled "Haiti Time: The Story of Incarnation's 19-year Ministry to Haiti."

This new publication details the history of that Haiti mission, the involvement of Jane Chalker over nearly two decades, and the work of many in Highlands to improve the lives of Haitians.

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## Lassie Buchanan turns 80

Lassie Edith Crane Buchanan will enjoy her 80th birthday on June 25th. She was born in 1941, one of 8 children to Frank and Effie Crane.

She was raised in Highlands, working on the family farm and as a housekeeper and nanny. She graduated from Highlands High School in 1959. She married Smokey Buchanan in 1966 and they raised their daughter, Carol Jane, in the Norton Community.

Lassie became a grandma in 1999 with the birth of their grandson, Micah Mullarkey, a recent UNC Chapel Hill graduate. She continues to be interested in genealogy and Highlands history.

Her family would like to honor her birthday with a card shower. Please send cards to: 1255 Norton Road, Cashiers, NC 28717.



Carol Jane Mullarkey with her mother Lassie Buchanan.

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## • INK PENN •

### Summer Reading Recommendations

Once again, I've reviewed my recent reads. These three were a delight. That is not to say that I didn't start a few books I couldn't finish or read one or two I was disappointed in. There was a time when I would never consider leaving a book unfinished. My mantra at this stage of the game, though, is "So many books, so little time," which gives me permission to set books aside and move on. Here are three I had to finish.



Kathy Manos Penn

The murder, of course, has to do with old, collectible books, and following the trail leads Janeway to a book fair in California and through small towns in Colorado. Along the way, he meets eccentric characters, some likable, some despicable. Dunning writes witty dialogue for his hero who has a code he lives by. He may not always follow the letter of the law, but he will seek justice.

The Bookman novels are the perfect read when you want a murder mystery that strikes the balance between heavy and light, one from which you'll learn a few things about books and the world of book collectors. I suggest you start with Book One—"Booked to Die."

#### **In the Bleak Midwinter by Julia Spencer Fleming**

I love it when I discover a new mystery series. When I read the description of one of the later books in this one, I was prompted to order book one from the library, and I'm so glad I did. Episcopal priest Clare Ferguson and Chief of Police Russ Van Alstyne have just met in the small town of Millers Kill, NY. Clare is new to town and getting to know her congregation and is stunned to find a newborn baby on the steps of the church. If that's not enough, a murder follows.

As do all amateur sleuths, she alternately gets in the way of the investigation and moves it along. The friendship that builds between Clare and Russ is emotionally satisfying as are the twists and turns that lead to the identity of the killer. I've already put the next book on hold and was pleasantly surprised when a friend told me she had the rest of the books. I can't wait to see how the story develops.

May you enjoy some lazy, hazy days of reading!

#### **"The Sign of the Book" by John Dunning**

This is book four in the 5-book Cliff Janeway series. The combination of murder mystery and book lore is what keeps me coming back. Janeway is an ex-cop who's a bookseller and rare book expert. Who knew there could be so much murder and mayhem in a bookseller's world?

- Award-winning author Kathy Manos Penn is a Georgia resident. Find her cozy mysteries locally at Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com, and follow her on Facebook, [www.facebook.com/KathyManosPennAuthor/](http://www.facebook.com/KathyManosPennAuthor/).

# • ON THE SUNNY SIDE •

## Happy Father's Day



**Kenny Youmans**

mine disaster in American history. The people of Fairmont, WV wanted to honor the men who died and their families. The Father's Day service was held at Century United Methodist church by Reverend D. D. Meighen.

Several Father's Day poems:

Dad, you know I like Batman,

And Superman is cool too,  
But I don't really need them,  
As long as I have you.

Daddy, I know your secret  
That you have tried to keep suppressed,  
I promise not to tell anyone,  
But I know you love me the best.

Happy Father's Day dad,  
Thank you for all you have done.  
If there was a reward for the best father ever,  
I'm sure you would have won.

Daddy I want you to know  
How lucky mom and I are,  
Because when it comes to daddies,  
You really are a star.

PS I'm sure there are fathers like me that  
would like a "Do-Over."

## This Saturday at the Performing Arts Center: Seldom Scene

At PAC, live music concert "Seldom Scene" at 7:30 p.m. There are only a few tickets remaining so log on today to get yours: [www.HighlandsPerformingArts.com](http://www.HighlandsPerformingArts.com) click on the red Performing Arts Center tab.

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Sonora's father was a farmer and a Civil War veteran. Sonora's mother died giving birth to her youngest sibling in 1898. At that time Sonora was 16 years old. Sonora had five younger brothers.

By Sonora's account, her father performed brilliantly. "I remember everything about him, "Sonora said many years later to the Spokane Daily Chronicle." He was both father and mother to me and my brothers."

In 1909, Sonora was attending one of the first official "Mother's Day services. She started thinking of her father. If mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers?

In 1910, Sonora brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize the courage and devotion of all fathers like her father. She asked the day be on June 5th, her father's birthday. The local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service but couldn't pull the idea together so quickly, so they settled on the 3rd Sunday in June.

On that first Father's Day in 1910, church sermons across Spokane were dedicated to dear old dads. Red and white roses were passed out in honor of living and deceased fathers, the mayor of Spokane and governor of Washington issued proclamations, and Sonora found her calling. She would spend much of the next 60 years pushing for the official recognition of Father's Day as a national holiday.

Sonora won the support of her congressmen, who began to lobby for the creation of a national holiday. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson celebrated Father's Day in Spokane during a visit to Washington. Father's Day would not become a national holiday until six years before Sonora's death at the age 96 when President Nixon signed a Congressional resolution in 1972.

An unofficial Father's Day was held July 5, 1908 in Fairmont, WV. The people of West Virginia were holding a memorial service to honor the 362 men killed in the Monongah mine explosion. It is the worst

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### June Schedule

- **An Onslaught of the Senses: Sights and Smells of the American Civil War**  
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*Presenter: Mark Smith of University of S.C.*
- **The Abraham Accords**  
*Wednesday, June 23 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/35*  
*Presenter: Jerry Pubantz of UNC Greensboro*
- **Spectacular Porches, Pottery and Patios**  
*Thursday, June 24 Time: 9-11 Cost \$30/40*  
*Instructor: Lisa Dailey*
- **The Latest on the Chaos in the Middle East**  
*Friday, June 25 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/35*  
*Presenter: Hrair Balian of the Carter Center*
- **Botanical Watercolors (Session I)**  
*Saturday, June 26 Time: 1-3 Cost: \$35/45 per session*  
*Instructor: Freddie Flynt*
- **Master of Mayberry: The Miraculous Life of Andy Griffith**  
*(ZOOM PRESENTATION)*  
*Monday, June 28 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/35*  
*Presenter: Elliot Engel*
- **The Brilliance of Jane Austen**  
*(ZOOM PRESENTATION)*  
*Tuesday, June 29 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/35*  
*Presenter: Elliot Engel*
- **The Book of the Year: "In the Valley" by Ron Rash**  
*Tuesday, June 29 Time: 5:30-8:30 Cost: \$40/50*  
*Presenter: Brian Railsback of WCU*
- **Clean Up Your Mobile Device**  
*Wednesday, June 30 Time: 10:30-3:30 Cost: \$80/90*  
*Instructor: Loraine Smith*

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# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

### NOTICE

• The Church in the Wildwood, 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

- Movies at Highlands Playhouse Friday-Sunday. Fri. & Sat., 4 & 7 p.m., Sun. 1 & 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12.
- American Legion 370 meets every Saturday at 10a at the Highlands United Methodist Church in the Fellowship Hall. All veterans are welcome.
- The Bookworm at 555 Main Street is now open Thursday-Saturday 11a to 3p. For more information, call

828-526-3031.

• Mountain Findings Thrift Store at 432 Spruce Street is open 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](http://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. (At the Ballfield one time only, Sat., June 12)

### 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-t-tickets-67598>.

### Fri.-Sun., June 18-20

• Movie at The Playhouse. "Dream Horse" starring Toni Collette. Fri. & Sat., 4 & 7 p.m., Sun. 1 & 4 p.m. Tickets are \$12.

### Fri. June 18

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

• At PAC, live music concert "Seldom Scene" at 7:30 p.m. There are only a few tickets remaining so log-on today to get yours: [www.HighlandsPerformingArts.com](http://www.HighlandsPerformingArts.com) click on the red Performing Arts Center tab.

### Sat. June 19

• Join us for a free Scottish Ceilidh in Franklin, NC, a musical treat with Norma Jean and Jim, the dynamic duo, and the Jacobites By Name, a well-known band in western North Carolina, at the Rathskeller on June 19 from 5 to 9 pm. Rathskeller will have Scottish beverages and Rockin Rollie Pollies will have Scottish hand foods such as bangers and mash for sale.

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

## Eric Baker at OEI's The Farm tonight!



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-t-tickets-67598>.

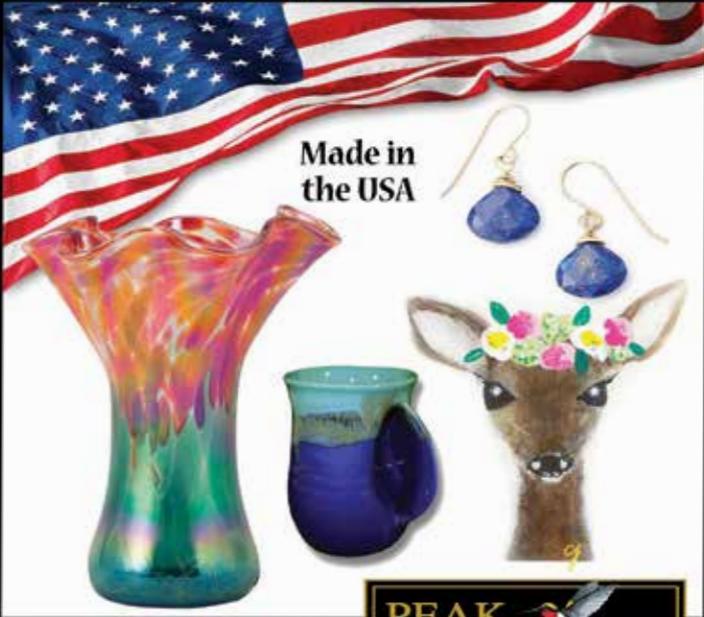
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• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p.  
Americana Jones

**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](http://www.mountaintopshow.com).

**Sat., June 26**

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Southern Botanical Trunk Show, 10a to 5p. Description: Specializing in collecting, pressing, mounting and framing flowers, leaves and other plant materials in the style of botanical engravings, all items are original hand-crafted artworks. The Latin and common names, dates and locations are recorded in the style of herbariums on archival quality, 100% cotton rag paper. Call (828) 787-1877

• NO CONCERT in the park.

• Author Deena Bouknight will have a book signing of her book "Light Fracture" at the Hudson Library in Highlands at 11 a.m.

**Thurs.- Mon., July 1-12**

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Ali & Bird Jewelry Trunk Show, 10a to 5p. Ali & Bird jewelry was founded by Ali Howell, an Atlanta resident, and Memphis native, in 2009. Ali brings her passion for bold color combinations and timeless design to the creation of each piece of Ali & Bird jewelry. She designs unique jewelry that brings a modern flair to classic looks; no two Ali & Bird pieces are ever the same and all materials are real, unique, and some-

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**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.

**Beginning Tues., July 6**

• 7-week Bible Study with Martha Rodenbeck at the Rec Park 5:45-7:30 p.m. every Tuesday. "Elijah - Faith and Fire." Text: 828-399-0510 for more information.

**Fri., July 9**

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

**Sat., July 10**

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Theresa Forman Trunk Show, 10a to 5p. As a child, Theresa Forman had a passion for art and the process of creating something beautiful. However, it was not until later in life that she was able to pursue fine art and

painting. Theresa most enjoys painting inspiration from life where she can observe both the colors and subtle nuances in the landscape or in a still life. Working primarily in oils, she uses the plein air studies and photographic references to produce studio pieces that reveal the harmony found in nature. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

• 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**

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Carol Misner Trunk Show, 10a to 5p. There is no mistaking Carol Misner's botanical paintings. Each is her unique interpretation of flora, in monochromatic tones, reflecting the simple beauty, gracefulness and fragility of the botanical it portrays. Ms. Misner so delicately layers her acrylics to achieve a diaphanous, gossamer quality that it has been said her works resemble x-rays in

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**Plan now for the June 26/27**  
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watercolor. The majority of Ms. Misner's subjects come from the beautiful flora she finds in her community and in her travels. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

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

### Sat., July 21

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

### Fri.-Sun., July 23-25

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Monica Rich Kosann Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Monica Rich Kosann's collection of 18k gold and sterling

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### Fri., July 23

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

### Sat., July 24

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

### Thurs., July 29

• At OEI's The Farm, Laurent-Perrier Champagne Dinner at The Farm at Old Edwards, 6:30p cocktails, 7p dinner. Old Edwards Inn and Spa is pleased to welcome Champagne Laurent-Perrier's Executive Vice President of Sales Camille Cox back to the mountains for a summertime soiree and Champagne dinner at The Farm on Thursday evening. The Midsummer Night's Dream pink and white themed evening will include an array of fine Champagne poured from special large format bottles alongside a menu featuring the height of season

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Daryl Hale will discuss Bonhoeffer's legacy and how he continues to be taught – and also debated – at The Center For Life Enrichment on Thursday June 17th from 2-4pm. Daryl Hale, Ph.D. Vanderbilt University, is Associate Professor in the Department of Philosophy and Religion at WCU. Lecture will take place at the Center For Life Enrichment Lecture Hall in the lower level of the Peggy Crosby Center on 348 S. 5th St. Highlands, NC. Cost is \$25 for members, \$35 for non members. Register by visiting [www.clehighlands.com](http://www.clehighlands.com) or calling 828-526-8811.

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### Fri., July 30

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

### Sat., July 31

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

### Sat., Aug. 1

• At Acorns on S. 4th Street, Highlands, Carolyn Goldsmith Trunk Show 10a to 5p. Carolyn Goldsmith is a renowned Birmingham AL artist known for her figurative and abstract paintings. Her vibrant and dynamic work is primarily in mixed media on canvas. The freedom and balance are greatly influenced by the artists of the Abstract Expressionist move-

ment. For more info: call (828) 787-1877.

### Fri., Aug. 6

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

### Sat., Aug. 7

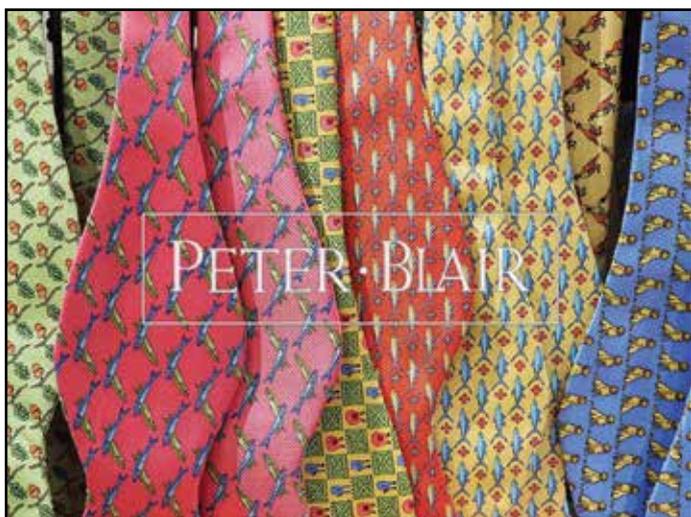
• Saturdays on Pine. 6-8:30p. High Five

### Sun.-Tues., Aug 8-10

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

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### 'An Evening of Broadway' at PAC June 26

The Highlands Performing Arts Center will present An Evening of Broadway with countertenor Terry Barber with Grace Fields. With an extraordinarily broad vocal range and natural fluency in many musical styles, he has been featured on some of the world's most storied stages and has worked with many of the music industry's most prestigious figures. A voting member of the Grammy Awards, his voice has appeared on every major record label, with Grammy-winning artists like Chanticleer, Madonna, Jewel, Chaka Khan, Cyndi Lauper, Steve Smith, and many more. Whether performing classical or popular favorites, he "breathes new life into everything he sings" and crafts what the Los Angeles Times calls "performances of great vitality and verve." "A musical experience; entertaining beyond what we imagined "classical" could be, and yet informative and inspiring. His use of voice challenges what we thought possible and every performance is delivered as a piece of theater. He took our audience by the hand and helped them to connect with the art, resulting in laughs, tears,



and a real connection with this genuine artist we can't wait to invite back. His concert was among our all-time favorites". – Julie Hassett, Executive Director, Colorado River Concert Association

Grace Fields has been featured on NBC's the Today Show performing with Hugh Jackman, and has been in multiple musical theatre productions across the globe. Ms Field has sung at theatres including Broadway's New Amsterdam Theatre, Broadway's New Victory The-

atre, the Barclay Center, The Public Theatre, Jazz at Lincoln Center, and Off Broadway's New World Stages. Grace has also had the privilege to work with Broadway's Alan Menken, Stephen Schwartz, Rebecca Luke, Seth Rudetsky, Anthony Rapp, and others. Ms Field has also sung with Multi Tony Award Winner Audra McDonald, Cynthia Elviro, Shoshana Bean and Hollywood walk of fame's Billy Porter. Field made her New York Public Theatre debut in Alan Menken's adaptation of Disney's HERCULES. She most recently performed on Broadway in "Disney on Broadway 25th Anniversary Special" with Whoopi Goldberg at the New Amsterdam Theatre! She is a proud member of the Grammy award nominated and now Tony Award Winning group Broadway Inspirational Voices in New York City. Field also is a soloist at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

An Evening of Broadway with Terry Barber will be held on Saturday, June 26, 2021 7:30pm. Tickets are available online: [www.HighlandPerformingArts.com](http://www.HighlandPerformingArts.com) 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands NC

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least 30 days prior to the date of the election.

While there is legislation pending that could impact some cities and towns this year due to delays in the census, towns in Western North Carolina are not impacted and so elections will be held.

According to Macon County Board of Elections Director Melanie Thibault, filing for the 2021 Municipal Election will begin at noon on July 3rd and continue through noon July 16th.

"Counties are not affected by the census data so we will hold the Municipal Elections as planned, said Thibault.

Seats up for re-election in Macon County include the Franklin Mayor seat currently held by Bob Scott and three council member seats currently held by David Culpepper and Dinah Mashburn,

and the recently vacated seat of the late Barbara McCrae.

Seats up for election in Highlands are the Mayor seat, currently held by Pat Taylor and two Commissioner seats currently held by Amy Patterson and Donnie Calloway.

To be eligible to run for municipal office in either Franklin or Highlands, a candidate must be registered to vote in Macon County, pay the required filing fee, and must live within the city limits of the municipality in which they are seeking election for.

Municipal elections are non-partisan. All candidates for a position are listed on the ballot, without party affiliation. The top vote-getters for a position are elected, regardless of whether or not they received a majority.

If the contest is for more than one seat, the person or per-

sons receiving the next-highest vote totals are also elected. For example, if there are seven candidates running for two seats, the candidates that finish first and second are elected.

Early voting for the 2021 municipal election is scheduled to begin on October 14 and will run through October 30.

Early voting locations will be held at the Macon County Recreation Building on the Georgia Road and the Highlands Civic Center.

The 2021 Election Day is scheduled for Tuesday, November 2 and will take place at Town Hall in Franklin and the Civic Center in Highlands.

More information can be found on the Macon County website or by contacting the Macon County Board of Elections office.

# Annual Motoring Festival hit the streets last week

Hundreds of car enthusiasts turned out for the 4-day show that raised money for area nonprofits.



Above is "Best of Show 2021" – a 1937 BMW 328 owned by Dirk deGroen from Coral Gables, FL.

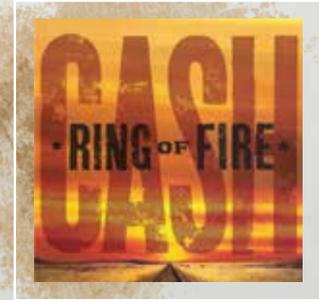
There were 80 classic cars and 10 sponsor cars entered in the festival. Money raised is still being tabulated but officials say the amount raised exceeded the income from 2019 and its record \$40,000. More than \$17,000 was raised from merchandise, food sales, and donations from festival-goers. The four-day festival had eight events and participation was up more than 60% across the board from 2019.



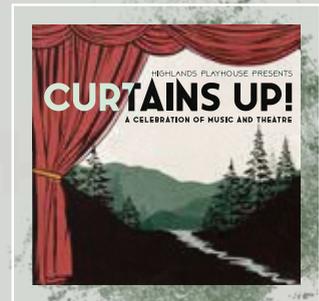
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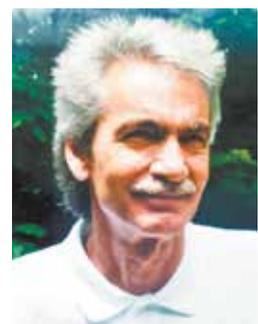
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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

## Remembering Dad



**Pastor Dan Robinson**  
Highlands Central Baptist Church

This past Sunday morning I stood in front of the mirror tying my tie. I immediately thought of my Dad and remembered. I remembered when his six foot-three frame stood towering above and behind my comparatively small little boy's body. With both of us poised before the mirror, Dad would tie my tie for me. The loops, knots and length were all carefully determined. Due to Dad's patience, I came out looking pretty good!

At 5 p.m. on December 24, 1997, the Lord called Dad home to Heaven. Later that week I preached his funeral sermon.

In all truth (and even honest objectivity) Dad was quite a personality. He was in fact "tall, dark and handsome." Gifted by the Lord and trained through years of discipline he was a remarkable pianist and vocalist.

In the early 1960s after singing his signature song, Amazing Grace, he was approached by Elvis Presley who asked him if he would be willing to act as his "double" in some upcoming movies Mr. Presley planned to make. Dad was agreeable even though those plans never materialized.

In the early 1970s Dad became associated with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association and worked for Mr. Graham for the next 20 years.

In the 1980s, I became Dad's (and Mom's) pastor. As you might imagine, a rather unique role.

Recently I have been rereading some of Dad's letters written to me over the years. Without fail, Dad ended every letter stating his commitment to pray for me. Listen to his words:

"Never forget that you are in every prayer That's formed in the heart and mind of your Mom and Dad. Move on, looking up with the assurance that comes only from the guidance of the sweet Holy Spirit."

It seems timely to say at this point that Dad and his trio were with the author of that song (Doris Akers: Sweet, Sweet Spirit) around 1965. That occasion (in California) was one of shared ministry and concert performances.

So as I approach Father's Day this coming Sunday, it is with a profound sense of thanksgiving and gratitude to my Heavenly Father for giving me my earthly father. I am still reaping the blessings resulting from the prayers he prayed.

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## Proverbs 3:5

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## John 3:16

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**Highlands Police entries from June 4. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## June 4

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

## June 6

• At 7:20 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Helen's Barn Ave. and NC 106.

## June 7

• At 12:04 p.m., officers received a report of an assault on a female at a residence on Harris Drive.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 8.**

## June 8

• At 8:13 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance to someone on Mirror Lake Road.

• At 1:17 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Country Club Drive.

## June 9

• At 11:43 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Whiteside Mountain Road.

• At 9:53 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Apple Mountain Lane.

## June 10

• At 1:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Magnolia Drive.

## June 11

• At 8:50 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

• At 11:59 a.m., the dept. respond-

ed to a fire alarm at a location on Oak Street.

• At 2:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire-alarm at a residence on Wisteria Lane.

• At 5:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on S. 4th Street.

## June 12

• At 8:48 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Pipers Court.

• At 10:55 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 1:40 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Carolina Way.

• At 3:38 p.m., the dept. investigated the cause of smoke at a residence on Split Rail Row.

• At 3:43 p.m., the dept. investigated the cause of smoke at a location on N. 5th Street.

• At 3:40 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Mack Wilson road.

## June 13

• At 8:24 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cole Mountain Road.

• At 9:03 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Brookside Lane.

## June 14

• At 5:21 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Upper Brushy Face road.

• At 3:21 p.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

At 9:45 p.m., the dept. was called on a search in the vicinity of Hickory Knutt Gap Road.

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I will certainly see Dad again. This assurance is given to all who believe in Christ Jesus and who have come to Him in repentance and faith. Heaven is a certainty. And seeing our loved ones again will be a joy unequalled by anything ever experienced on earth.

I hope that you have the assurance of going to heaven. If not, you may have that assurance even now. Simply say to the Lord: "I repent of my sins. I come to you by faith. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the Cross for me. I now receive Him by faith and commit the rest of my life to Him. Amen.

God bless you, dear reader. Thanks for taking the time to read a very personal reflection from me about my Dad.

Happy Father's Day!



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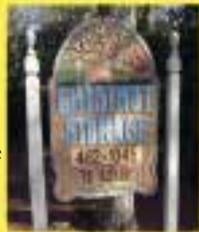
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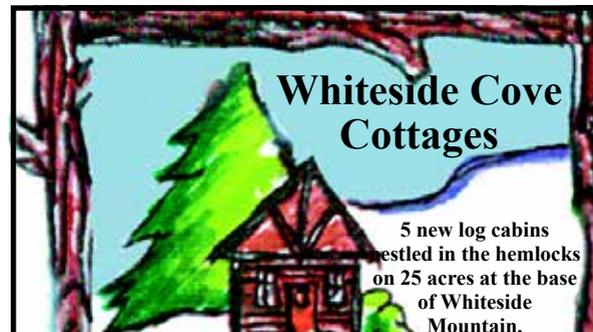
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Hello! I am Holly Ruth Gale. My first season at Highlands Playhouse was in 2016 in Steel Magnolias as Truvy, and I come back every chance I get. You may have seen me on the Playhouse stage as an actor and singer (most recently Aunt Eller in Oklahoma!), but this year I'm excited to wear a different hat...that of a Production Assistant! I love the process of making theatre and I am crazy excited about this summer. This theatre and its people are dear and precious to me.

When not doing summer theatre, I teach at Arkansas Tech University, where I am an Associate Professor of Music. I stay busy as a singer, actor, recitalist, lecturer, director, clinician, and teacher. I've been active with shape-note music and singing schools, presented vocal masterclasses and sessions both abroad and in the US, and created the vocal ensemble Jargon which sings music of early American tunesmiths. I live in Russellville, Arkansas with my dear husband, dreamy John Gale. There, we raised our real-life Anna and Elsa, Talley Beth and Ian Katee.

The fact that Highlands loves and supports the arts speaks volumes about this community.

My idea of the perfect Highlands day is ambling through the darling town, grabbing a coffee, finding treasures at a spiffy shop like Shakespeare and Co. or Fibber Magee's Closet, getting a spoiling pedicure with my friends, grabbing a yummy meal at the Pizza Place, Market Fresh, or any of the great eateries, and then after seeing, or being part of, a wonderful show at Highlands Playhouse ending the day with a glass of wine, enjoying the gorgeous scenery.

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