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## New Oak Street restaurant OK'd

*Next step is Zoning Board issuance of SUP; opening planned for April '26*

By Kim Lewicki

If all goes as planned, a new restaurant is set for 446 Main Street/441 Oak Street – the name is yet to be decided.

The restaurant was the subject of the July Planning Board meeting because prior to getting the required Special Use Permit from the Zoning Board for out-

side dining, the Planning Board has to review the plans and submit recommendations.

Owners of Wild Thyme

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## Local WCU Alumna names WCU beneficiary of insurance policy

*English and media majors are eligible for financial assistance through the endowment*

By Bill Studenc

Future students majoring in English studies and participating in student media organizations at Western Carolina University will be eligible for financial assistance made possible by a planned gift of \$100,000 from a WCU alumna who has enjoyed a lengthy career in the education profession.

Monica Henson, who majored in English and was editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper and the student arts and

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Photo by Jim Lewicki

## Now more than ever 'May peace prevail'

By Jane Jerry

A quiet yet robust wish for peace rose from Highlands, NC, on Tuesday, July 29 when a new Peace Pole was unveiled on the front lawn of the Community

Building, adjacent to the ballfield on US 64 east.

The year-long effort to establish a tribute to peace is a joint project of the Mountaintop Rotary Club and the Rotary Club

of Highlands, joining 250,000 communities worldwide that host Peace Poles. Rotary Presidents Cath Connolly Hudson and Randy Foster gifted the 12-foot Peace

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## County to put alcohol referendum on '26 ballot

By Kristin Fox

While some consider Macon County a "dry" county, it really isn't. Macon County does have some restrictions on where and when alcohol can be sold, but it's not a blanket prohibition like in a true dry county.

In Macon County, the sale of alcohol is permitted in the Highlands and Franklin town limits and extra-territorial jurisdiction (ETJ); however, there are areas in the county that remain "dry" and are prohibited from alcohol sales. These restrictions include the Scaly Mountain area and on the Georgia Road from Tractor Supply to the state line.

At their recent meeting, the Macon County Board of Commissioners took the first steps toward easing these restrictions. Under the request of Commissioner

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### New business coming to WNC

I am on the executive board of the Southwestern Regional Planning Commission. I received an invitation from the Mountain West Partnership, a subsidiary of the commission, concerning a big economic development announcement in Robbinsville.

So, last Tuesday, I traveled to Robbinsville for the event. Sallie and I recently did a weekend getaway at a lodge close to Robbinsville. On our way back, we drove through Robbinsville and passed by the old, vacant Stanley Furniture Factory. I told Sallie that it was a shame that that building was vacant and no longer in use, that so many people had worked there for many years.

The meeting for the economic development announcement was packed with people from various sectors, including citizens, nonprofit representatives, business professionals, and elected officials. My colleagues from the Southwestern Commission were also there in full strength.

The big announcement was that Eco-



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

pack Company, also known as EcoKing, a Chinese company, was buying the old Stanley Furniture Plant building and would begin producing bowls, plates, and clamshell containers for fast food restaurants like Chick-fil-A and Chipotle. The great news is that all their products are biodegradable.

The meeting room was a buzz with excitement, especially for the folks from Robbinsville and Graham County. They had a lot to celebrate. At the start of operations, EcoKing will employ approximately 300 workers and is expected to exceed 500 eventually. The average salary will be \$46,700. That is a strong living wage salary for this region.

The president of EcoKing stated that they would produce approximately 75,000 tons of product annually and sell it worldwide. Shaun Adams, the mayor of Robbinsville, gave welcoming remarks to the new company and its leaders. It was a special moment for him since he had worked at the old Stanley plant before it closed over a decade ago.

The wonderful impact of this new manufacturing facility is the spin-off effect it will have on the area. Five hundred well-paying jobs will result in additional secondary employment opportunities, and new businesses will also be created.

As I was leaving the event, I told my Southwestern Commission colleagues that it had been a wonderful day for Western North Carolina, and I was honored to be there in Robbinsville. A rising economic tide will float the boats of many communities in this wonderful Appalachian Mountain region. Also, a diversified economy of manufacturing and tourism will give resiliency to the area.

I do not see any major manufacturing jobs being created here on the plateau, but I certainly see opportunities in Western Carolina. What we do need everywhere is an educated and prepared workforce. Our high schools, such as the new one in Franklin, our community colleges, and Western Carolina University, have key roles to play as we move toward a new era of economic prosperity.

Globalism may be taking a new form. It used to mean jobs leaving America for

## • SNAPSHOT •





### Fire truck rides this Saturday at the Fire Dept.



On Sat., Aug. 2, it's Highlands Fire & Rescue Annual Open House at the fire station at 149 Franklin Road, 11a to 3p. Celebrating 72 years of service! Free hot dogs and fire truck rides. Donations accepted.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

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## Half a tongue

My mother-in-law, Isabel used to say that a mother-in-law only had half a tongue. If you've ever bitten your tongue to keep from saying something, you get the meaning. It was her way of letting me know she had plenty to say but was holding back. Sort of.

In today's world of "say what you mean and mean what you say," it's unimaginable that anyone's tongue has any bite marks at all. To test this theory, just take a look at any social media platform and look at the comments. Maybe these days, it's as much as binding our fingers than biting our tongues.

In the world of real estate, sometimes things are said that may come across as a sales tactic or to pacify a buyer or seller, but there are also statements that are meant as a call to action.

Here are some statements brokers may have said or at least thought about saying to their buyers or sellers before biting their tongue. I'll start with the listing broker because these sound the most harsh.

- "Ninety percent of the people in the world hate wallpaper. The other ten percent hate YOUR wallpaper."

- "Your house is worth what it's worth, not what you want it to be worth."

Sometimes, it takes days, weeks or months for brokers to get sellers to reduce the price of their home, and some sellers refuse to budge. It may not mean the home was overpriced when the listing started, but markets can change. These next three represent the lament of listing brokers.

- "I reduce my commission every time we reduce your price to sell."

- "An expired listing means you were the highest bidder for your house."

- "The market is rejecting your price."

The next ones, meant for buyers are more light-hearted and can be taken like a proverb. Well, except the first one:

- "I have a question about the offer you want me to present: what half of the home are you attempting to buy?"

- "If you sleep on it, you probably won't sleep in it."

Mostly for a seller's marketplace, but there could be another buyer pop up at any time.

- "It's always better to buy real estate and wait than to wait and buy real estate."

(Oh, how many times have I heard this from buyers...



Jeannie Chambers  
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- "If I'd only bought then..." or "But this house was listed 200K less three years ago." Or one of my favorites, "Those sellers are crazy, they only paid XXX" and "There's no way the sellers have that much in it."

- "Buy the best – you'll only cry once."

This one is meant for the buyers considering buying a property with known DIY or renovating with a building contractor vs. buying a home that has already been renovated or a brand-new home.

The last two, assuming there will be far less crying over more money put into a home that's already perfect than the possibility of a never-ending project, otherwise known as a money pit.

Have you ever heard any of those statements?

- How do you feel about this one?

A broker is showing a home and says to his buyer prospect,

- "Now, this one is a maintenance-free home."

Everyone knows there's no such thing, so in this case, the broker is stating the obvious that the home they're about to see needs a "buyer's touch" because the sellers haven't touched it in years.

Some things brokers say could cause them to lose the listing or lose a buyer, but buyers and sellers need to listen to their brokers with both ears and brokers need to say what they mean, but with tact and understanding and of course based on their knowledge of the current market in which they're working.

Here's one more that I love:

- "If a low offer happens in a forest of good offers, did the low offer ever happen?"

I've written this before, but It's one of my mantras, especially during negotiation time. I don't remember the first time I wrote it, but it doesn't matter because it's timeless in the world of real estate.

## The Realtor's Prayer

Lord, please let my sellers not be greedy and my buyers not be needy.

- Jeannie Chambers is a broker at Chambers Realty & Vacation Rentals. She may be part salamander because her half-tongue tongue regenerates....a lot. 828-526-3717 or text 828-421-8225



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countries with lower labor costs. This new manufacturing facility in Western North Carolina may be indicative of a new trend: foreign companies investing in the United States, exporting from here to places all over the world.

Thirty-five years ago, I was a visiting art professor at a Chinese University. I was there just after the Tiananmen Square incident. The Chinese were adrift and desperate to reconnect with America and Europe to

restart their economy. And restart they did in later years.

At that time, I could not have imagined being an elected official in Western Carolina celebrating the new location of a Chinese manufacturer.

\My Chinese colleagues back then probably couldn't have imagined a similar scenario. Hopefully, everyone will benefit. Life has a way of being a full circle.

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literary journal, has identified WCU as beneficiary of a life insurance policy that will create two endowed funds of \$50,000 each.

The Dr. Monica Henson English Program Endowment will provide experiential learning and professional development opportunities for students in English studies, with preference given to financial support for students or helping with program expenses related to student media supported by the Department of English Studies.

The second fund, the Dr. Monica Henson English Endowed Scholarship, will provide scholarship assistance to undergraduate students majoring in English studies who have demonstrated financial need. Preference will be given to the Western North Carolina counties of Buncombe, Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, Swain and Transylvania.

A 1984 graduate of WCU who currently resides in Monroe, Georgia, Henson grew up in Western North Carolina as part of a long line in a family of Clay County educators. Her paternal grandfather was principal of a community schoolhouse, and her maternal grandmother taught second grade for 39 years.

Henson was among the third generation of her family to go to college, receiving a scholarship to help her with the costs of attending WCU, which inspired her to give back to her alma mater.

"I want to support the mission of the university. I do not have the means to make a substantial cash gift in my lifetime, but I can make that gift via my life insurance," she said. "I majored in English and had an incredible experience. I remember winning the Ashby Wade Award for freshman composition, and my professors had a profound positive impact on my career choices."

During her time at WCU, Henson served as editor-in-

chief of both The Western Carolinian newspaper and The Nomad arts and literary magazine.

"Both of these experiences had a significant influence on my time at the university. I follow the newspaper to this day on social media and enjoy seeing the students deliver a product every week on deadline, just as we did when I was in Cullowhee," she said.

"I hope to benefit deserving students in their pursuit of an English degree, and I hope that the student journalists will be able to defray expenses of attending events such as scholastic journalism conferences," Henson said. "We won several awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association when I was with The Western Carolinian, but we didn't attend any conferences or events."

Annette Debo, head of WCU's Department of English Studies, said she was thrilled to learn about Henson's gifts creating two endowed funds that will support students in her program.

"Scholarships are game-changers for our students. Most of them need financial assistance to be able to afford the cost of higher education. Getting people to college, especially from Western North Carolina, can be challenging right now in the wake of Hurricane Helene. Scholarships will help a great deal," Debo said.

The fund that will provide experiential learning and professional development opportunities for students will help equip them with skills they will need as they go out into the workforce.

"This is what we need in the 21st century in our department and, in fact, across the nation as we increase our focus on career pathways and what students will do after they graduate," Debo said. "Lots of our students want to go out and work in the media, so having funding for these activities

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Pole to the Town of Highlands. At the dedication, Mayor Pat Taylor expressed his gratitude to Rotarians for initiating a conversation about peace in this important way.

The first seeds for a Peace Pole were planted in Ishikawa, Japan, where a small gathering of peace workers joined Masahisa Goi to listen to his philosophy and visions for a better world. Masahisa Goi encouraged creative ways in order to carry the message to public view. In 1976, the idea of placing the Peace Message and Prayer on poles began to gain popularity. This was the first impulse that led to the beginnings of the Peace Pole Project.

Every installation is unique, but all include the phrase "May Peace Prevail On Earth" in languages appropriate to its respective community. In Highlands, the phrase is written in Cherokee, Gaelic, Spanish, and English.

The dedication ceremony included brief remarks by Jessica Jenkins, Rigo Ortega, Alistair Fox, and Cath Connolly Hudson, each of whom quoted a poem, prayer, or song emblematic of their culture.

Children from Highlands Community Child Development Center sang "It's A Small World" against a backdrop of hundreds of colorful pinwheels, peace doves, peace signs, and hopes for peace made by students from The Bascom, the Boys and Girls Club, The Gordon School, HCCDC, The Literacy and Learning Center, and individual

Highlands residents.

Highlands' unique culture was highlighted at the beginning and end of the dedication, when the solemnity of the occasion was marked by soulful airs played by bagpipers Margaret Tooke and Glenn Morris.

The idea for increasing the number of Peace Poles in North Carolina came from Western North Carolina's Rotary 2024-25 District Governor Connie Molland, who had the vision of illuminating Rotary's commitment to worldwide peace in this manner. Molland, who attended Highlands' dedication, expressed her personal appreciation and noted Rotary International's work to create environments of peace through education, mediation, advocacy and individual peace projects. The 2025-26 Rotary District Governor, Alex Portelli, was also in attendance.

Randy Foster noted that the creation and installation of Highland's Peace Pole was made possible with the talent of architect Jim Ward, landscape architect Hank Ross, contractors and suppliers Robi Decking, Yonah Mountain Timber Frame, Rigo's Stonework, and Bryson's Grading & Paving, Tate Landscaping and Reeves Ace Hardware.

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**Monica Henson (center), brother Matt Henson (left) and son Brook Smith (right) display a framed copy of her alumna grandmother's first teaching contract. All are alumni of Western Carolina University.**

will be really important.”

Henson is currently spending her final years of work teaching high school English in a small rural school system in middle Georgia, which she characterized as coming “full circle” in a career that began as a teacher in a small rural school.

After graduating from WCU, she went on to earn her master's degree in school administration from Seton Hall University and her doctorate in education from Nova Southeastern University. A National Board Certified Teacher, she has held leadership roles spanning the East Coast – from Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Hampshire, and Maine to North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Henson has served as a department chair, assistant principal, principal, central office administrator, regional administrator and superintendent in district, charter and independent public schools, including statewide school system leadership positions in Georgia. She also is an aspiring novelist and winner of Best Manuscript Sample and Best Pitch at the Atlanta Writers Club conference.

Henson has extensive family connections to WCU. Her paternal grandfather played basketball at Western Carolina Teachers College and earned a degree in education.

“He became principal at the Elf School in Clay County before the consolidation of the schools into a single system. My mother's mother graduated from West-

ern Carolina College and taught elementary school in Clay County for 39 years. She attended on a work-study program, and her job was to iron the college president's shirts,” she said.

Her father also attended Western Carolina College in the late 1950s.

“He lived in Buchanan Hall on ‘The Hill,’ and that's where I lived during my years in Cullowhee. One of my brothers and one of my sisters graduated from WCU, and my son is the fourth generation of our family to earn a degree from WCU,” Henson said. “My son and I both celebrated our graduations with family dinners at the Jarrett House in Dillsboro, where my maternal grandmother roomed in the summers while finishing her degree.”

She also has several cousins who graduated from WCU, most of whom became teachers and coaches, as she and her brother did.

Henson served two terms on the Alumni Association Board of Directors, and she is a member of the university's Madison Society.

Henson's planned gift comes as WCU enters the public phase of its “Fill the Western Sky” comprehensive fundraising campaign, an effort to raise a minimum of \$100 million for the university's academic, student engagement and athletics programs. For more information or to make a contribution to the campaign, visit [WesternSky.wcu.edu](http://WesternSky.wcu.edu), call 828-227-7124 or email [advancement@wcu.edu](mailto:advancement@wcu.edu).



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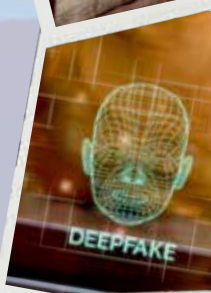
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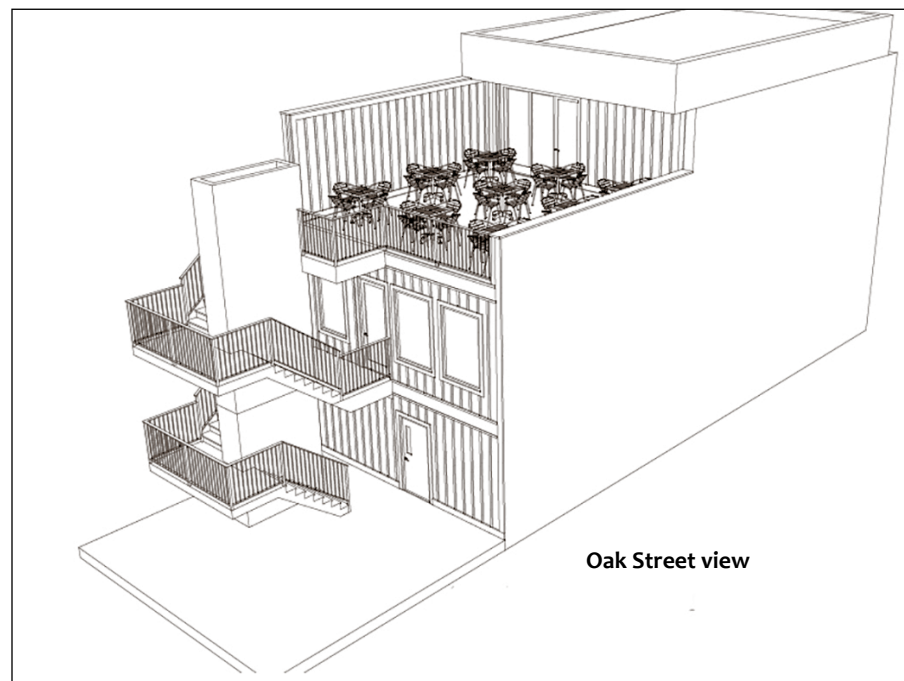
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Oak Street view

Gourmet, Dindu and Linlia Lama, who also own the 446 Main Street/Oak Street parcel have a tapas/international cuisine restaurant serving lunch and dinner in mine.

The plan is to tear down the backside

of the building -- the areas previously occupied by Jolie's men's apparel on the street level and the home-goods shop on the bottom level -- and rebuild the structure to

• See RESTAURANT page 16

## Week Five Concerts: August 2-5



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*"Sonata Mulattica"*

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### HIGHLANDS | \$1,695,000 | MLS# 1001019

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### HIGHLANDS | \$1,650,000 | MLS# 1001375

Located in the Sagee Mountain community, this exceptional 3BR/3BA home offers the perfect balance of privacy, luxury, and natural beauty. The thoughtfully designed single-level layout ensures an effortless flow between spaces. Beyond the main living area, a large open deck extends the living space outdoors. Though this retreat feels wonderfully secluded, it is just minutes from downtown Highlands where you can find boutique shopping, fine dining, and more.

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HARDSCRABBLE RIDGE ROAD

**HIGHLANDS | \$6,595,000 | MLS# 1000674**

Tucked into one of Highlands' most prestigious neighborhoods, this stunning home offers the best of mountain living with style, comfort, and a serious "wow" factor. Step inside the great room and you're immediately struck by the soaring 30' ceiling, a dramatic stone fireplace, and sweeping views of Whiteside Mountain. Don't miss the one-of-a-kind wine cellar built around a natural granite formation. Just a short drive from the heart of Highlands.



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**CASHIERS | \$6,580,000 | MLS# 1000774**

Jim Fox created homes that are both timeless and one-of-a-kind — and this home is no exception. Restored and updated in 2024, the interior showcases soaring ceilings with exposed beams, dramatic stone columns, custom millwork, and hardwood flooring. An indoor water feature with planting wells brings the peaceful sounds of nature indoors. A guest house echos the aesthetic of the main home and has a lower level game/exercise room. 4.35 acres.



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**HIGHLANDS | \$2,900,000 | MLS# 1000606**

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WYANOAK ROAD

**HIGHLANDS | \$2,395,000 | MLS# 1001313**

This beautifully updated home sits on a peaceful knoll in the heart of Highlands. The spacious living and dining area features rich wood paneling and a stunning masonry fireplace. The enclosed porch off the main living space is a true highlight, featuring large glass doors and a wood-burning fireplace. The fenced backyard is ideal for pets or gardening. Don't miss your chance to own the best of both worlds: effortless modern updates with classic Highlands charm.

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Barry Breedon, the item was included on the July agenda for discussion. Commissioners voted 5-0 to have this put on the November 2026 ballot for the people to decide.

"There will be a lot of people voting in the mid-terms and that's when we will get the voice of the people," said Commissioner John Shearl.

Since a resolution will have to be drawn up and approved by the board, commissioners requested County Attorney Eric Ridenour to review the state guidelines and draft several resolutions for consideration by the commissioners.

The board will have to decide whether the alcohol expansion would be just to allow beer and wine sales or would include liquor. In North Carolina, liquor is primarily sold at state-operated ABC stores. Businesses would be required to purchase the

liquor for their restaurants from the towns' ABC stores or the county could open its own ABC store.

Before voting the board discussed the economic benefit that the county would realize with an expansion of alcohol beverages in the county. In addition, several business owners from Scaly Mountain and on the Georgia Road spoke in favor of allowing the sale of alcohol, expressing that they are struggling to stay open because they can't sell alcohol.

Business owners said most small restaurants or markets can't survive without being able to offer a beer or glass of wine. In addition, corporate-owned restaurants are not interested in locating to an area where alcohol is prohibited. Statistics show that economic development in the county hasn't grown while business in the city limits of Highlands

• See **ALCOHOL** page 17

## • LETTER •

### Correcting a 'correction'

Dear Editor,

I would like to acknowledge that Mr. Ford letter-to-the-editor in the July 24 edition of this paper entitled "My corrections to Moore's letter" is correct in his response to my July 10th letter but only partially correct.

Once again, Congress serves up "smoke and mirrors" legislation to the American people, and health insurance coverage for federal legislators is an excellent example. While the ACA may have required legislators and some of their staff to leave the FEHB and participate in an ACA plan, the net result is pretty much

the same because the federal government provides a 72% subsidy to their policy without regard to their income.

This is very different from the average American, either self-employed or without employer provided health insurance, who must qualify for the subsidy and there is an income test. See Section 1312 of the ACA.

My original point was that unless legislators are required to navigate the same system as most Americans, they will not experience the same challenges and appropriate changes will not be made.

**Jerry Moore**  
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house the kitchen on the Oak Street level, a dining room/bar on the Main Street level and rooftop, open-air dining on the top level.

Millie's currently occupies the front of the building on Main Street. The restaurant will be accessed through a hallway adjacent

to Millie's from Main Street.

Accessing the restaurant from Oak Street via steps is also a possibility, similar to entering the back of Stubborn Buddha from Oak Street.

There are no parking requirements in the B1 zone in relation to seats as in other commercial zones in town.

The bottom floor will house an extensive kitchen with a walk-in cooler and a walk-in freezer, multiple stove tops, sinks, work areas and more.

The floor level with Main Street will house a large bar and dining room capable of having 32 seats and the open-air rooftop dining also with 32 seats.

Planning Director Michael Mathis said the project complies with the Unified Development Ordinance.

The Planning Board unanimously approved the plan. Next it will be reviewed by the Zoning Board at its Wed. August 13 meeting at 5:30p in the Community Building.

Architect Darren Whatley said the rooftop dining will overlook the skating rink and park and the restaurant will clearly improve the overall façade of Oak Street.

The Lama's are shooting for an April 2026 opening.

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and Franklin is prospering because of the alcohol laws.

"There are obvious tax benefits to having stretches like the Georgia Road opening up to more business," said Matt Jackson, a local real estate agent. "I think we would see more business coming in from people who might stop at Clayton and Rabun who aren't coming all the way up. We see Clayton and Rabun growing exponentially, however, for some reason we're not seeing as big of a growth."

He said he's had a number of investor clients who are only interested in investing within the city limits of Franklin.

"If I can't sell them anything in the Georgia Road area, they go to Clayton. I think we are missing a lot of opportunity of what could be beneficial by opening up the county," he said.

Commissioner Breeden said when he was growing up in the '90s, there were a lot of things happening on the Georgia Road but not now.

"As the years have gone on, everything's kind of falling apart and falling down," he said. "I just think it would help with the tax revenue and bringing in new business. We've talked about this issue on the Economic Development Commission and how to bring in new business. I think this is probably one of the first steps to do such thing."

Stacy Rivers, general manager and one of the owners of Magliocca's Ristorante, an upscale restaurant in Scaly Mountain, discussed the impact the law has on her business.

"We are just having a struggle with the antiquated law and not being able to offer our guests a glass of wine with dinner because that's what they want," said Rivers. "We're an upscale Italian restaurant and people don't even understand why they can't order a glass of wine. This would help us so immensely to be able to give our customers what they want. It doesn't make a lot of sense to us or to our customers."

Laura Puckett owner of Fire Mountain Resort in Scaly Mountain also discussed the impact the alcohol restrictions have on businesses in the area.

Her business as well as The Vineyard at High Holly are allowed to serve alcohol because they invested in building tennis courts which classified them as a "sports club/resort" which allows the sale of alcohol.

"We spent the last year building tennis courts that no one is going to use, but that is what we had to do to get our license to operate," said Puckett. "There are a couple of restaurants in the area that are being affected by the restrictions. It's really sad to see them struggling."

She said the county would benefit from an extended tax base.

"You guys struggle to balance the budget and you could always use more tax dollars to go toward worthwhile projects. I think you're really missing out. I encourage you to put this on the ballot for the next election season and hopefully it will pass," she said.

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# SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



## To love is to see the image of God in everyone

Pastor, Emily Wilmarth  
First Presbyterian Church

One of my favorite memories of my niece was when she was about two years old. It was Christmastime, and our family was all together. She had just finished dinner and was given a cookie for dessert. She and my mom had spent the afternoon mixing the dough, rolling it out, and cutting shapes.

After dinner, the dessert plate in front of her, she picked up her cookie, and with the proudest grin on her face said, "I make dis!"

Pride is one of the seven deadly sins, but I have to say I don't think that kind of pride is deadly. That kind of pride feels very alive, in fact. My niece wasn't bragging. She wasn't showing off. She was celebrating her accomplishment. And don't you know I picked up a cookie from the plate and celebrated right along with her.

There is a point when pride becomes deadly. When we grow to believe that we exist and achieve everything on our own, that is deadly pride. When we think we have no need for each other, and no need for God, we cannot be fully alive in the way God created us to live.

My sweet niece wasn't craving undue exaltation. She was craving a cookie. Had she made bold and false claims about her ability to make cookies without the help of a loving grown up, or had she slapped my hand and told me, "You can't have a cookie. You don't deserve a cookie," then we would have problems.

Jesus once told a story about two men who went to pray. One man, looking at the other, prayed, "Dear God, Thank goodness I'm not like that fellow. I am devout. I am upstanding, good, and right." The other man, carrying himself in a posture of humility, prayed, "God have mercy on me, a sinner."

Jesus says that everyone who exalts themselves will be humbled, but everyone who humbles themselves will be exalted.

Pride centers us at the heart of our very own universe. It keeps us from trusting that anyone else has the capacity or the intelligence to be our equal. Pride makes sure we never compromise, that we never surrender. Pride will never let anyone see us down, suffering, or desperate. Pride gives us the right to judge others as less than us. As weak. As pathetic. Pride allows us to put up walls between ourselves and our neighbors. And worse, between ourselves and God.

I think the antidote to pride is love. Because love, at least as Jesus calls us to love - to love God and our neighbors as ourselves - keeps us from seeing ourselves as the center of the universe. To love like Jesus loves is to see the image of God in everyone we meet. To love like Jesus loves is to understand just how much we need each other

• See SPIRITUALLY page 19

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

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

## June 18

• At 11 a.m., officers responded to a call of a woman being stalked on Upper Lake Road.

## July 5

• At 12:10 p.m., officers responded to a call of shoplifting at Uashmama on Main Street where a wallet valued at \$119 was taken.

## July 15

• At 3:39 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on N. 2nd Street.

## July 18

• At 1 p.m., officers responded to a call about fraud regarding the WellSpring business on Main Street.

## July 21

• At 2 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Oak Street.

• Officers took a report of a woman being stalked on Upper Lake Road.

## July 23

• At 3:33 p.m., officers responded to a shoplifting incident at Sphinx on N. 4th Street where an alcoholic beverage valued at \$7 was taken.

## July 25

• At 9 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Post Office parking lot.

• At noon, officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Highlands Smokehouse parking lot.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from July 22.**

## July 22

At 6:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on VZ Top Road.

## July 23

At 8:06 a.m., the dept. was first-re-

sponders to a residence on Raoul Road.

At 10:17 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Flat Mountain Estates.

At 4:01 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Mountain Ashe Lane.

## July 24

At 12:16 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Crisp Road.

At 12:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 east.

At 12:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Bob Zahner Road.

At 7:30 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Sassafras Court.

At 7:52 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Summit Trail.

## July 25

At 1:29 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a utility line down on North Drive.

## July 26

At 12:46 p.m., the dept. was first-responders at a residence on Holt Road.

At 1:54 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to the Cashiers FD.

At 5:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Buck Creek Chapel Road but it was canceled en route.

At 5:56 p.m. the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Skyline Lodge Road.

## July 27

At 10:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Azalea Lane but it was cancelled en route.

## July 28

At 6:52 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a gas leak at a residence on Humming-

bird Lane.

At 10:39 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Sequoyah Drive.

At 11:31 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 4th Street.

At 3:40 p.m., the dept. responded to

a fire alarm at a residence on Falls Drive West.

## July 29

At 5:49 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a gas leak at a residence on US 64 east.



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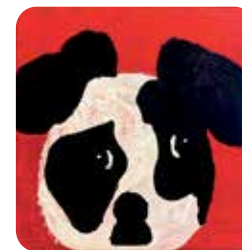
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# • BIZ/ORG NEWS •

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From left: CLE board president Martha Pearson, Benjamin Wittes and Andrew Weissmann.  
Photo by Jim Lewicki



# • HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

## A Retreat with Immaculee

Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church  
315 N. 5th Street, Highlands

### AUGUST 1

Registration/Bookstore: 4-5pm  
Immaculee Talk One: 5-6:30pm  
Break/Book Signing: 6:30-7pm  
Immaculee Talk Two: 7-9pm

### AUGUST 2

Fellowship/Book Signing 8-9am  
Immaculee Talk Three: 9-10:30am  
Break/Book Signing: 10:30-11am  
Immaculee Talk Four: 11am-1pm



Join us for a weekend with Immaculee Iligaziba, author of the New York Times best seller "Left to Tell" and most recently "The Rosary: The Prayer That Saved My Life."

Immaculee's story of survival of the 1994 Rwandan genocide captured the imagination of the world. Since then, she has been a source of inspiration by sharing her journey of faith, hope and forgiveness, and the power of the Rosary in her life before and after the genocide. Immaculee also leads annual pilgrimages to Medjugorje, Lourdes and Kibeho, Rwanda.

The event is FREE to all. Donations will go to the Capital Campaign for the building of the new church.

The suggested donation is \$35.

For further information call Ellen Nolan at 307-690-4111

Register by emailing the office at [olmountainhighlands@rcdoc.org](mailto:olmountainhighlands@rcdoc.org)

## POOL SCHEDULE

- Lap Swim: Mon.-Fri. 6am-9:45am, and Saturday 10am-11pm - 6 lanes. Water Aerobics: 18 y+ Mon.-Fri. 10-11am with Karen Chambers. Adult Swim: 18y+ Mon.-Thurs. 11am-3:30pm, Friday 11am-1:30pm. Public Swim: Mon. thru Fri. 11a-7pm, Saturday 11am-6pm and Sunday 1-6pm

## PICKLE BALL

- At the Recreation Dept. every Monday - Friday 10am-1pm indoors for the winter (notice the days and time has changed),

## THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

- No movies until September

## MOUNTAIN FINDINGS

- Open: 10 am - 1 pm. Spruce Street. [www.mountainfindings.org](http://www.mountainfindings.org)

## SATURDAY MARKET

- Farmers Market in KH Founders Park on Pine Street from 8a-12:30p rain or shine.

## ALL WEEK

Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Highlands @ the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Monday at 5:30 p.m. and on Wednesday & Fridays @ noon. Open in person meetings are held in Cashiers @ the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library, 249 Frank Allen Rd. on Sunday at 5 pm, on Tuesday @ 7 pm, on Friday at 5 pm and on Saturday at 9 am. For more information, please visit our website [www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org) or to speak with a member of A.A. 24/7 call our HELP Line 828 349-4357.

## Mon. Thurs.

- At First Presbyterian Church, ArtSpace is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next exhibit will start in mid-August. For information contact [fpchkelley@gmail.com](mailto:fpchkelley@gmail.com)

## Fri. & Sat., Aug. 1-2

- A Retreat with Immaculee at Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church in Highlands. 315 N. 5th Street. Join us for a weekend with Immaculee Iligaziba, author of the New York Times best seller "Left to Tell" and most recently "The Rosary: The Prayer That Saved My Life." The event is FREE to all. Donations will go to the Capital Campaign for the building of the new church. The suggested donation is \$35. For further information call Ellen Nolan at 307-690-4111. Register by emailing the office at [olmountainhighlands@rcdoc.org](mailto:olmountainhighlands@rcdoc.org)

## Sat. Aug. 2

- Highlands Fire & Rescue An-

nual Open House at the fire station at 149 Franklin Road 11a to 3p. Celebrating 72 years of service. Free hot dogs and fire truck rides. Donations accepted.

- The Pop-Up Pipers will appear at 114 N. 4th Street Highlands 4:30-5p.

## Tues. Aug. 5

- National Night Out, where communities come together with law enforcement, first responders, and local organizations to build relationships, have fun, and strengthen the neighborhoods we call home is from 5-8p at the MC Recreation Park.

## Aug. 6 - 30

- At PAC, Mountain Theatre Company presents The Burnt Part Boys. For tickets go to [boxoffice@mountaintheatre.com](mailto:boxoffice@mountaintheatre.com). 828.526.2695

## Wed., Aug. 6, 13

- At the Literacy Council, Tinker Time for Tots and Caregivers, 11 am - Noon. FREE. No registration required

## Wed., Aug. 6

- At First Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Gray Pearson, Organist at 2pm.

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

- Antique Show on The Village Green Commons at 180 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers. Fri. 7:30-9a (Early Buying); Fri., Aug. 8 9a to 5p; Sat., Aug., 9 9a-5p; Sun., Aug. 10, 11a to 4p. Early Buying tickets are \$35 and good all days; Regular tickets are \$18 and good all days. For more information call 828-226-5325

## Sat., Aug. 9

- Highlands Dems Summer Gathering at the Community Building from 6-8 p.m. Dinner served and featuring Anderson Clayton, chair of the NC Democratic Party. Suggested donation is \$100..

## Wed., Aug. 20

- At First Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Charles Wood & Friends at 2pm.

- Highlands School will host an open house/meet the teacher on Wednesday, August 20th, from 3-6p.

- Mirror Lake Improvement Association Annual Meeting. 5-7 p.m. at the Community Building next to the ballpark.

## Fri. & Sat., Aug. 22-23

- At Peak Experience, Suzy Landa Trunk Show. 2820 Dillard Road. 828-526-0229

## Fri., Aug. 22

- Free Community Shredding Event in Highlands Plaza 91 to 12p. Donations to benefit The Gordon

Center and the Literacy & Learning Center.

- Laurel Garden Club's Elevated Living Home and Garden Tour is from 10 am until 4 pm. and begins at the Church of the Incarnation, 520 Main Street in Highlands. Tickets can be purchased on the LGC's website: [laurelgardenclub.com/home&garden\\_tour](http://laurelgardenclub.com/home&garden_tour). Select your tour times and plan on seeing beautiful homes and gardens and enjoying a special day that is sure to leave you feeling "elevated" in every sense of the word. Community Shred Event. Protect personal information and help the environment by bringing documents to the Community Shred Event for secure, eco-friendly disposal. For more info, go call 828-526-2112.

## Thurs.-Sun. Sept 4-6

- At The Bascom, the Dazzling Dahlia Festival..

## Sat., Sept. 6

- The Pop-Up Pipers will appear in unexpected locations throughout downtown Highlands 4:30-5p

## Sept. 12-13

- At the Highlands Biological Station, Roots & Resonance, a two-day celebration of native plants, Appalachian heritage, and the deep connections between people and place. The weekend includes a Friday night concert by Tanasi with acclaimed singer-songwriter Anya Hinkle, followed by a Saturday of guided garden tours, hands-on activities, and a tribute to George Masa. For more details on Roots & Resonance, please visit: <https://highlandsbiological.org/2025-native-plant-celebration/>.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### ANNUAL MEETING MIRROR LAKE IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

WED., AUGUST 20, 2025  
5PM-7PM  
HIGHLAND'S COMMUNITY BUILDING

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- Dredging Update
- Fundraising
- Park Proposal
- Panel Discussion + Q&A
- Election of Officers

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