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Annual Twilight 5K connects community

By Kim Lewicki

When Highlands native Timmy McDowell loped across the Twilight 5K finish line at 17:14 minutes Sat., Aug. 16, he became part of a thread that weaves

through Highlands connecting its people with its institutions.

Each year proceeds from the rotaries' 5K races go to nonprofits and institutions that support youth. Last year the \$25,000 raised

went to Highlands' new playground destined for the Highlands Rec Park. Timmy won that race, too, crossing the finish line at 18:59 minutes.

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HCA Healthcare backs push for families on child welfare

With Medicaid cuts on the horizon, HCA Healthcare, Inc., one of the nation's leading health care providers, became the first hospital system to sign an agreement to join the statewide network for North Carolina's Children and Families Specialty Plan (CFSP).

A first-of-its-kind initiative, the CFSP is a single, statewide NC Medicaid Managed Care plan that will wrap Medicaid-enrolled children, youth and young adults currently and formerly served by child welfare with seamless, integrated and coordinated health care. When the North Carolina Department of Health and Human

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Highlands remembers 9/11



Highlands Police Chief Andrea Holland at ceremony.

Photo by Capt. Leah McCall.

The Highlands Police and Fire Departments held a heartfelt memorial to honor and remember the lives lost during the tragic terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. See story on page 19.

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Cashiers Greenway Ramble gets a boost from Jackson County

Goal is to make Cashiers walkable and more connected

Getting around Cashiers on foot is no easy task, but a plan in the works for the last 20 years is coming to fruition.

The extended Cashiers Greenway Ramble is one step closer to completion thanks to a \$212,000 grant from Jackson County. The award supports WALK CASHIERS, a collaborative campaign led by the Cashiers Area Chamber of Commerce, Jackson County, and Vision Cashiers to transform Cashiers into a walkable community.

The grant contributes to the \$4 million in funding needed to complete the Ramble's five-mile network of pathways, sidewalks, boardwalks, and public spaces. WALK CASHIERS and its partners extend sincere thanks to the Jackson County Board of Commissioners – Todd Bryson, Jenny Lynn Hooper, Michael Jennings,

Mark Letson, and John Smith – for their leadership and commitment to improving walkability in Cashiers.

20 Years in the Making

What began in the early 2000s as the Cashiers Walking Trail, a mulch-lined loop created by local innkeeper Bob Dews and fellow business owners, has evolved into a long-term vision for connectivity and community. Today, the initiative is guided by a master plan developed by Equinox Environmental and informed by the 2018 Cashiers Small Area Plan and the 2022 Urban Land Institute Advisory Report.

The expanded Ramble reflects the features of a "smart village," including WiFi, lighting, and 911 access, as well as pocket parks, educational features, public art, and informational kiosks.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Ordinance change discussion and more

Thursday, Sept. 18, is the monthly two-part meeting of the Highlands Town Board. The first meeting will be a workshop beginning at 6 pm, followed by the business meeting at 7 pm. Both meetings are at the Highlands Community Building next to the ball field and can be viewed remotely on the town website's YouTube channel.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

The agenda item for the workshop is an ordinance prohibiting merchandising and promoting products on the sidewalks of the B1 district. We currently have an ordinance, but many citizens are concerned that certain merchants are working around the current ordinance. The town attorney has reviewed other towns' ordinances concerning merchandising in public places and will share with the board a new draft ordinance. I encourage anyone who would like to make suggestions about this issue to come to the workshop.

As always, an issue reviewed at a workshop will not result in decisive action. A

formal vote will take place at a future town board meeting.

The business meeting at 7p has several items of interest. First on the agenda will be a recognition of Brian Stiehler for his long service on the town board. Also, Brian will give the board an update on the status of the new playground at the park, a project that he has spearheaded for several years. The playground is now at the point of starting construction very soon. I suspect Brian will also update us on the annual Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament, which took place at the Highlands Country Club on Monday. He has organized this important event for several years. The board and I are most appreciative of Brian's work and all the participants in the tournament. The event had 30 teams this year.

The board will also hear a request to install curb barriers and bollards on the sidewalk next to the sanctuary building of the Highlands Presbyterian Church. It is a very narrow sidewalk, and two vehicles have jumped the sidewalk and crashed into the church building this year. The board will need to approve funds for this much-needed project.

The board will also have a final vote on how to go ahead with the demolition of the Highlands Playhouse. It has been over two years since the Mountain Theater group relocated to the Performing Arts Center. Since then, and even before that time, the community was asked to suggest what to do with the playhouse building. The town board hired an architectural firm that specializes in restoring old buildings to do a study. That study conservatively estimated it would cost \$2.6 million to bring the building up to modern code standards. Their caveat was that it might even cost more once a detail assessment is completed. The consensus among several board members was that the figure would be more around \$3 to \$3.5 million dollars.

The town has received a low bid of about \$78,000 to remove the building. Two months ago, the board extended the playhouse final decision for 60 days to get any public comments or ideas. At the last town workshop meeting, which was intended to enable the people of Highlands to discuss

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• SNAPSHOT •







Dogwood berries are my favorite!

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Highlands, NC Real Estate:

Why this mountain town remains in demand

Highlands, North Carolina, has earned a reputation as one of the most desirable mountain communities in the Southeast. Nestled at over 4,000 feet on the Highlands Plateau, the town combines natural beauty, a thriving cultural scene, and a welcoming lifestyle that consistently draws buyers from across the country.

A Market Defined by Lifestyle Appeal

For many, the decision to purchase in Highlands is about more than just a home – it's about a way of life. Buyers are drawn to the area's cool summer climate, panoramic mountain views, and access to national forests, waterfalls, and trails. The proximity to Atlanta, Greenville, and Charlotte makes Highlands a convenient weekend or seasonal escape, while the abundance of luxury amenities – from golf courses to fine dining – has positioned it as a premier second-home market.

What's Driving Demand

- **Limited Inventory:** With geography restricting large-scale development, available homes are often scarce. This supply constraint helps support strong property values.
- **Luxury and Lifestyle Buyers:** High-net-worth individuals seek mountain retreats that combine privacy with access to cultural and recreational amenities. Properties within club communities, such as Cullasaja Club, Highlands Falls, and Old Edwards Club, remain especially competitive.
- **Downtown Proximity:** Homes within walking distance of Main Street are among



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the most sought-after, often commanding premium prices.

Market Trends

- **Price Resilience:**

While national headlines point to market fluctuations, Highlands continues to see steady appreciation. The median home value now hovers close to \$1 million, with luxury listings often exceeding \$2–3 million.

- **Longer Days on Market:**

Homes in need of updates or priced above market expectations may linger,

but well-positioned properties – especially those with views, acreage, or modern renovations – are moving quickly.

- **Cash Purchases:** A large percentage of Highlands transactions are cash deals, giving sellers confidence and shortening closing timelines.

Who's Buying

The buyer pool in Highlands is diverse:

- Retirees seeking a peaceful, active lifestyle.
- Second-home buyers escaping hot Southern summers.
- Investors interested in rental income, though short-term rental rules in certain communities affect decision-making.

The Outlook

With limited land for new construction, steady demand, and the enduring appeal of mountain living, Highlands is positioned to remain one of the South-east's most desirable real estate markets. For sellers, this means opportunity – particularly for homes that are updated, well-maintained, and priced appropriately. For buyers, patience and preparation are key, as the most desirable properties often attract multiple offers.

Highlands offers more than just a house – it offers a lifestyle. For those looking to combine mountain beauty with refined living, this unique town continues to prove why it stands among North Carolina's most coveted real estate destinations.

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This year, the \$35,500 the 5K raised went to the Highlands Community Child Development Center (HCCDC) which cares daily for ages infant to 5-year-olds.

"HCCDC was a big part of my childhood and who I've become today," said Timmy. "Without that foundation, I wouldn't be where I am now."

In 9th grade, Timmy was awarded an academic and need-based scholarship to Rabun Gap Nachoochee School in Georgia (RGN) to which he transferred from Highlands School. For his junior year, he was awarded a cross-country, academic, and need-based scholarship to Christ School who wooed him from RGN to come run cross-country for them.

It was 14 years ago, that HCCDC cared for Timmy, setting him on the path to the academic success he exemplifies today.

"Timmy began his journey at HCCDC as a toddler with bright blonde curls and an infectious smile," said Director Pat Hedden. "Full of energy yet remarkably focused for his age, he eagerly engaged in every classroom activity. Timmy grew with us until graduation, leaving a lasting impression on every teacher who had the joy of having him in their class."

Timmy's memories of his time at HCCDC are bountiful.

"I have so many memories from my time at HCCDC – playing on the playground, riding bikes around the track, and attending the art classes the school provided. I remember snowy days, standing inside watching the flakes fall outside the windows. I remember playing tag with friends and running up to the corner where the big tree used to stand. I remember nap time, when instead of sleeping, I'd whisper and talk with my friends while pretending to be asleep. I remember Ms. Pat, the principal, and even a few visits to her office, and Ms. Janice, who always made sure we had food every day."

Timmy said it's kind of amazing that a mere 14 years ago he was at HCCDC and now he ran in a race whose proceeds will help give kids the same opportunities he was given.

"I'm glad HCCDC is part of our community because I know so many parents rely on it as a resource to give their kids a strong start in pre-education. I hope this support will allow even more kids and families to access the resources they need," he said.

It was also 14 years ago the first Twilight 5K race began – the brainchild of Highlander Derek Taylor who came up with the idea to raise money for youth and recreational activities in Highlands.

The first recipient of 5K proceeds was the free-weight room downstairs at the Highlands Rec Park. The race raised \$22,000, which was used to renovate the room which was dedicated to the late Dr. David Wheeler who used the room frequently.

Right away Taylor realized he needed help to orchestrate the race and that's where rotary came in – manning the park and the roadways during the race.

"I would never have stepped off that cliff if they had not been plugged in," he said. "Every year they have shown up and proven themselves."

Taylor, an avid runner, became a running mentor for Timmy. Recognizing him as a runner, he invited him to run with the group of adults that ran daily in town.

"During COVID, team sports were cancelled so we invited him to run with us. We soon realized 'Timmy got some chops,' so we got him a running watch which he figured out fast and the rest is history," he said.

Taylor said Timmy is a great example of a good public school [Highlands, which Timmy attended kindergarten through 8th

grade] and a community that cares.

"Timmy and other kids have been given a lot of opportunities by this community that aren't available elsewhere. Anywhere else – city or town -- things may not have turned out the way they have for him and others," he said. "HCCDC, Highlands School and the Highlands community are collectively saving a lot of kids," said Derek.

The 2026 Twilight 5K is set for Sat., Aug. 15. The recipient of proceeds will be the Gordon Center housed in the Highlands United Methodist Church that supports a half-day preschool program, an early childcare program and an after-school program.



Timmy McDowell crosses at 17:14 min.

• CHHS NEWS •



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• LETTERS •

A different way of looking at our current divide

Dear Editor,

Much of today's political debate seems driven by anger toward our current President. But if we step back and look at what happen in the last four years, there are some real issues that deserve honest discussion—issues that affect our safety, our families, our finances, and the strength of our communities.

1. Border security and safety.

Millions have entered the country without proper vetting, and the costs to taxpayers are enormous. Beyond dollars, tragic cases—like that of Laken Riley—remind us that failure to secure our borders has real consequences for American families. Shouldn't we all agree that immigration policy must balance compassion with safety and accountability?

2. Protecting women's opportunities.

From restrooms to sports to job opportunities, many women feel their rights and spaces are being compromised. How do we ensure fairness for our daughters and granddaughters without dismissing concerns about biology and competitive advantage?

3. Fairness in education policy.

Billions of taxpayer dollars have gone to forgive student loans. But what about those who worked hard, sometimes

for decades, to pay off their debts? Policy should reward responsibility, not create resentment by shifting burdens unfairly.

4. Government growth.

Why were over 130,000 new federal employees hired in just two years, despite no national emergency or census? Was this the best use of taxpayer money, or does it risk expanding bureaucracy for political gain?

5. Trade and foreign policy.

For decades, trade agreements and foreign policy decisions have weakened U.S. manufacturing and too often empowered adversaries. Both parties share responsibility. But now, when bold action is taken—such as confronting Iran's nuclear program—shouldn't we recognize leadership instead of condemning it?

These are not partisan talking points. They are real issues shaping our economy, our safety, and our community life. And yet, protests and political outrage often drown them out. If we truly care about fairness, safety, and opportunity, then we should be able to debate policies honestly — without assuming that disagreement equals hatred.

Steve Rondone
Alpharetta, GA

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Thanks to the Bryson family, tourney nets most ever

The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament brought to you by the Bryson Family generated a total of \$72,000 for the Scholarship fund.

2025 marked the 50th anniversary of the scholarship fund, initially started in 1975. Since then, the Town of Highlands Scholarship fund has benefitted Highlands School graduates by giving scholarships to those furthering their education at a university or trade school.

All Highlands School graduates are eligible and will receive some form of support for the duration of their post-secondary education, provided they apply each year. The event this year was held at Cullasaja Club, where the Club's staff went above and beyond to make this a memorable event, hosting a record 32 teams.

"It is an honor to have the support and partnership of the Bryson Family because it enables us to generate substantially more for the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund," said event chair, Brian Stiehler. "This is such a unique program, and we know the community has been, and will continue to be, behind this 100%."

Highlands Mayor, Pat Taylor, said the town is so fortunate to have Bryson Family's support for this important annual event.

"This year is particularly special because we are celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Scholarship Fund. We couldn't ask for a better Club to host the event than Cullasaja Club. Without the Club, we wouldn't have had that kind of success."

The winning score was a 55 shot by the foursome Corey Page, Bailey Fisher, Chris Clay, and Nick Howell.

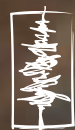
If you have any questions about next year's event, reach out to Brian Stiehler (787-2778) or to register, contact Rebecca Shuler at Town Hall by calling 526-2118. The event is scheduled for September 21, 2026 at Cullasaja Club.



Sept. 17-23 is 'Constitution Week'

With Mardy Ashe with the Battle of Sugar-town Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution, Mayor Pat Taylor signed a proclamation proclaiming the week of Sept.17-23 as Constitution Week in honor of the birthday of the US Constitution. The constitution isn't as old as the U.S. — this year the Constitution is 238 years old. It is the oldest document of its kind that is still pertinent and in use today.

In 1956, President Dwight Eisenhower signed Public Law 915 guaranteeing the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States to designate September 17-23 as Constitution Week.



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man Services launches CFSP on Dec. 1, 2025, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) will manage it under the name Healthy Blue Care Together.

“We are proud to participate in the Children and Families Specialty Plan network and its innovative approach to delivering care for children and families served by child welfare services,” said Greg Lowe, CEO of Mission Health and Mission Hospital. “These children and their families are among some of the most vulnerable in our state and they deserve our support. This partnership reflects HCA Healthcare’s ongoing commitment to improving health outcomes for all and strengthening the communities we serve.”

Healthy Blue Care Together is part of North Carolina’s commitment to improving the long-term health and well-being of children experiencing child welfare services and to strengthen and support families. While informed by local needs and coordination, the CFSP will operate statewide, ensuring members can access the health care services they need, including behavioral health, and continue to work with their doctors as place-

ments may move them across the state.

“We are thankful to have HCA Healthcare join us in this important work to improve the health and well-being of children, youth and families currently and formerly served by child welfare services,” said Angela Boykin, CEO of Blue Cross NC’s Medicaid Managed Care plans, Healthy Blue and Healthy Blue Care Together. “HCA has shown its commitment to our state and supporting a strong and healthy future for children in foster care. We encourage hospital systems across the state to join us in serving the state’s most vulnerable children as we prepare for Dec. 1, 2025, launch.”

At launch, Healthy Blue Care Together will serve approximately 32,000 children, youth and young adults currently and formerly served by child welfare. Children of these eligible populations will also be enrolled at launch and maintain enrollment while their parents are enrolled.

Phase 2 of the new health plan will include Medicaid-eligible families of CFSP members.



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President Randy Foster, Tracy Wade, Marci Sherwood

Highlands Rotary names two 'Rotarians of the Year'

At the Rotary Club of Highlands meeting of Sept. 2, Rotary President Randy Foster recognized Tracy Wade and Marci Sherwood as Rotarians of the Year. Marci and Tracy set themselves an ambitious goal of doubling the amount of sponsorship funds raised the previous year to \$80K in 2025-26. The timeframe was extra challenging due to the urgent need to raise funds to respond to Hurricane Helene. Sherwood and Wade subtly reminded Rotarians about the campaign every week with interesting facts about 1945, when the Rotary Club of Highlands was founded.

The dollars they raised will support

the Rotary Club's philanthropic work in the coming year. Randy had previously made that presentation on Sat., August 16 at the conclusion of the Highlands Twilight 5K and as part of the 80-year anniversary celebration of the Rotary Club of Highlands at Kelsey Hutchinson Park. That celebration, marking 80 years of "Service Above Self" honored many past Rotary presidents able to attend that day. A torrential rainstorm sent many folks home before the end of the race and prior to that big announcement, so Randy happily repeated the presentation last Tuesday. Congratulations to these two fine women for an outstanding job.

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the playhouse, only one person spoke. That person proposed letting CLE use the building for lectures, etc. The problem with that plan, and almost any use of the building, is parking. Most of the CLE lectures are held during the day, and parking is not available, as I confirmed during a recent mid-morning site visit. The limited parking is used by town, business, and visitor vehicles. Moving to the playhouse would not alleviate the parking issues that CLE currently faces at its venue.

The big question will be what is the best use of the playhouse property? A complete survey of the entire town track is underway. The original Kelsey map des-

ignated the area on or near the playhouse as a town park. The property might become some type of park or public space. The deeds to the property in question prohibit the land from being used for private or commercial purposes.

Certain facilities on this town property are pretty much fixed. The newly renovated ABC store has been in place for a long time, as have the Police Department and Town Hall. My recommendation would be for the planning board to head up a process to repurpose the playhouse property.

We hope everyone can join us on Thursday, either in person or remotely.



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• UPCOMING EVENT •



Come to the Sept. 25 ArtSpace reception at First Presbyterian Church

By Cynthia Strain

The First Presbyterian Church of Highlands invites the public to join us for a reception on Thurs., Sept. 25 at 3 p.m. to celebrate our fall ArtSpace exhibit and to meet some of the artists.

The exhibit features paintings, photographs, glass, and ceramic works by artists from the Highlands/Cashiers area. The show includes celebrated artists Carol Misner, Mase Lucas, Sallie Taylor and Leslie Jeffery.

The exhibit begins at the Church Street entrance, where you will find the first display. There are 30 works in all. Each piece is numbered, so pick up a program and follow

it through to the lower level of the faith and fellowship building.

We are certain that you will enjoy the remarkable talent and creativity on display. In addition, most pieces are available for purchase through the artists, many of whom you will have an opportunity to meet at the reception.

ArtSpace is open Mondays through Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. This show will be in place through the end of November. For information about the exhibit or participating in the winter exhibit, please contact fpchkelley@gmail.com or 828-526-3175.

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Today's Rotary of Highland's meeting featured speaker Bob Wacker, Retired VP Human Resources, Walt Disney World. With over 25 years' experience at Disney, Bob shares the story and vision behind Disney's success: "Client Relations" and shared values of balance, courage, diversity, honesty, integrity, openness, and respect. Disney is recognized among the International Organizations of Distinction which includes the US Army and Rotary International.

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Fall Home Improvement

Discover the Top 3 Interior Design Trends Right Now

(StatePoint) As the theme of “home holistic wellness” has expanded over the last year, distinct trends are leading the direction of interior design.

Moen, North America’s leading consumer faucet brand, has identified the top three trends as: creative expression, personal well-being and biophilic design. Based on her visits to trade shows like Paris Maison et Objet and Milan Salone del Mobile; research from Moen’s internal consumer market insights team; and observations from fashion,

interior design and pop culture, Moen’s senior creative style manager and trend forecaster, Danielle DeBoe Harper, uncovers how these trends reflect the cultural, social and technological shifts happening today.

Creative Expression

As people continue seeking design choices that align with their distinctive personalities, the trend of creative expression emphasizes customization, transformation and versatility. It’s built on empowering consumers to select fixtures, paint colors, furniture

and décor accents that authentically reflect their own inspired style and individuality.

“Homeowners and designers can foster a greater sense of personal identity and belonging through imaginative and expressive design,” says DeBoe Harper. “Elements of this design direction include statement details like bold colors, mixed metals and dramatic proportions; era-mixing for a dynamic maximalist feel; surrealist-inspired pieces that challenge conventional boundaries; and rugs, furni-

ture and other accents that reflect high levels of craftsmanship to bring a feeling of authenticity to a space.”

Available in an array of customization options, the Moen Cambium bathroom suite features a unique blend of raw elements and soft modern design that creates a bold and unforgettable look ideally suited for this trend. The suite highlights a captivating combination of machine textures, fluted patterns, and a new mixed polished/brushed nickel finish that all work together to enhance the bathroom aesthetic.

Personal Wellbeing

The trend of personal wellbeing reflects the growing societal emphasis on mental and physical health, with design approaches that prioritize comfort and rejuvenation.

“Your home is a sanctuary – a place of peace and relaxation,” says DeBoe Harper. “Personal wellbeing, as a design trend, embodies décor and style elements that embrace coming home to that sense of comfort and mental tranquility. This can be achieved through soft color palettes, opting for literal comfort pieces, such as oversized sofas and chairs paired with shag rugs; or embracing joyful design through playful, brightly colored aesthetic choices.”

Some also find comfort in nostalgia, pulling design inspiration from everything from old English country houses to Art Deco and even the 1970s; while others ensure wellbeing through thoughtful fixture and appliance choices. One example is installation of a robust water filtration solution like Moen’s Whole

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Types of Windows Every Homeowner Should Know About

There are more of them than you think.

By Stefanie Waldek

Home Water Filtration systems help remove chemicals and contaminants from every drop of water in the home to support a healthier lifestyle.

Biophilic Design

Humans have an innate desire to connect with the outdoors. The biophilic design trend welcomes the wish to create healthier, more sustainable and more harmonious living and working environments that bring people and nature together.

“Biophilic design goes beyond incorporating plants into your space,” says DeBoe Harper. “Invoking the sky, desert and sea in furniture, lighting, rugs and even curtain choices can elevate the sense of being in the natural world within your own four walls. We see this trend through design choices like cloud motifs or florals, applications of geological shapes and textures, and creating movement through splashes of water.”

Sustainability is a large part of this trend as well. Investing in high-quality pieces crafted from recycled or reclaimed materials, responsibly sourced wood, or rapidly renewable resources like bamboo, helps create beautiful, durable and functional spaces that not only enhance daily life, but also actively support conservation efforts and lessen your ecological footprint.

For more information on design trends, visit moen.com.

Leaning into today's top trends can mean cultivating a healthier, happier and more functional home.

Think a window is simply a pane of glass stuck into a frame? Turns out it's a little more complicated than that. There's a surprising diversity among types of windows, each with its own list of pros and cons. So if you're building a new house from the bottom up or you're renovating your home and want to upgrade the windows, it's a good idea to research and weigh all your options. Check out our complete guide to nineteen different types of windows to help inform which ones you'll want to install in your own space.

Single Hung

In a single-hung window, two sashes (a sash is a pane combined with its own movable frame, but does not include the larger static frame of the window) are stacked one atop the other, with only the bottom sash sliding open.

Double Hung

Like with single-hung windows, a double-hung window also has two stacked sashes, but both can be opened. It's one of the most common window types in America, praised for its practicality (hello, fresh air!) and space-saving measures (it doesn't require any additional indoor or outdoor space to open it).

Casement

A casement window has a single sash that opens outward on a hinge on the left or right side of the frame, like a door. Two can be paired next to each other to create a double-door-like window.

Hopper

A hopper window is similar to casement windows, as it comprises one sash that opens on a hinge.

But its hinges are located at the bottom of the frame, so it opens via tipping inward. They're commonly used in bathrooms and basements.

Awning

In the reverse of hopper windows, an awning window is hinged at the top, and its panels swing outward. In essence, it creates an awning, which is great if you'd like to open your window on a rainy day while keeping the water out.

Slider

Whereas single-hung and double-hung windows have sliding sashes that slide vertically, a slider window has sashes that slide horizontally. It either has two panels where one or both can slide open, or three panels with a static middle section and two sliding ones on the side.

Bay

A bay window is more three dimensional than many of its counterparts. A semi-hexagonal frame with three panes connected at angles creates a window that protrudes outward from a structure.

Bow

A bow window is a riff on a bay window: It protrudes outward from a structure, but instead of having a sharp, three-pane form, it has a number of panes joined together in a curved shape.

Arched

More decorative than practical (at least in terms of getting fresh air), an arched window is exactly what you might expect—it has an arch shape. Many arched windows can't be opened, but some have casement-style panes within the frame. They're usually added on top of a

rectangular window for some panache.

Round

Drawing inspiration from rose windows in Gothic cathedrals, round windows are circular windows used primarily for decoration.

Garden

In essence, a garden window is a mini bay window, designed for growing plants. It often has a glass pane on the top to let more light in, which is not a common feature in standard bay windows.

Picture

A picture window is a solitary pane of glass that isn't broken up by frames or other elements, allowing for unobstructed views. It is fixed, however, so you can't open it.

Skylight

Most windows are

installed into walls, but skylights are installed into roofs to provide extra natural light in a space. Some times they're hinged and can be opened for ventilation.

Storm

A storm window is an extra window attached to the exterior of your current one to provide extra insulation and protection from harsh elements.

Dormer

A dormer window is a combination of a window and an architectural feature on a house: It's a vertical window that protrudes from a sloped roof while has its own mini roof structure. Some dormer windows are false and intended to simply add curb appeal to a home, whereas others are actually practical in upper-story spaces.

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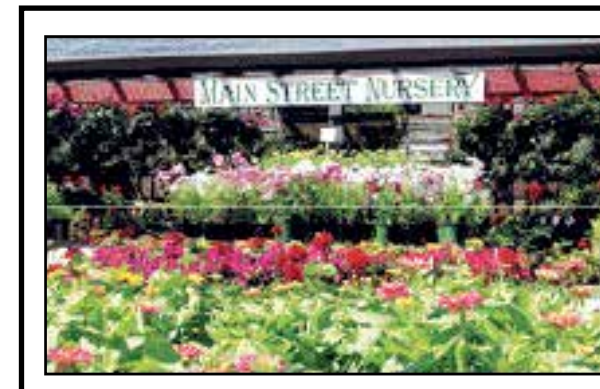
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• EVENT •

Empty Bowls Soup Lunch - A Favorite Highlands Tradition

Sunday, October 12, marks the 14th annual Empty Bowls community lunch held at the Highlands First Presbyterian Church from 11 am to 2 pm. The event raises critical funds for the Highlands Food Pantry.

According to TJ Smith, Executive Director of the International Friendship Center, which operates the Food Pantry, the event is essential so the pantry can sustain its food purchases which average around \$7,000 monthly.

This year's soups and desserts will once again be donated by a lineup of local favorites including Mountain Fresh, 4118, the Highlands Tavern, the Highlands Supper Club, Chef Roberto deJong, Lakeside, the Baked Bunny and Kilwin's.

Tickets are \$35 per person and include a delicious soup and a handmade pottery bowl. Tickets can be purchased online at <https://highlandsfriendshipcenter.org/empty-bowls-2025> or at the Highlands Food Pantry, located on the bottom floor of the Highlands United Methodist Church, accessible via Spring Street, on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays between 10 am and 5 pm.

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We did not know where to turn, as almost all our food donations came through Manna and we needed to help feed our regular low-income neighbors and wanted to send help where it was most needed.

You stepped up in the most wonderful ways and donated blankets, propane, warm clothing, tarps, pet food, diapers,

tools, and mountains of food. The outpouring of love and the desire to help others was amazing to see and experience,

Please come by and see us at 71 Poplar Street, right next to Wilson Gas and behind the ball field on Saturday, Sept. 20 during our regular hours of 8a to 2p for some fun, refreshment and to see what we do for our community on a daily basis and learn how you can become a part of the solution to the ongoing struggles of our hard working, low income families and seniors.

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• HS SPORTS WEEKLY RECAP •

Highlands' Highlanders dominate week with key conference victories

It was a triumphant week for Highlands School athletics, as multiple teams secured crucial wins and showcased their competitive spirit across various sports.

From thrilling comebacks on the volleyball court to commanding victories on the soccer pitch, the Highlanders proved their mettle.

Varsity Volleyball Rallies for Unforgettable Comeback

In one of the most exciting matches of the week, the Varsity Volleyball team mounted an incredible rally on Tuesday,

September 9th, against Summit.

After falling behind 0-2, with scores of 16-25 and 23-25, the Highlanders stormed back to win the next three sets in a row, with scores of 25-15, 25-11, and a decisive 15-11 in the final set.

The monumental win takes their conference record to a perfect 2-0. The JV team also had a dominant performance against Summit, winning in straight sets with scores of 25-17 and 25-13.

Middle School Teams Showcase Dominance

The Middle School athletics programs had a fantastic week, highlighted by strong performances from both the soccer and volleyball teams.

MS Boys Soccer

The MS Boys soccer team had a stellar week, beginning with a convincing 4-0 win over Rabun Gap on Thursday, September 11th.

Goals were scored by Camden Westendorf, Todd Vilaro,



Brett Lamb
Athletic Director

Jensen Bowers, and Matthew Morales.

They followed up this performance with a resounding 6-1 victory over Blue Ridge on Monday, September 15th, with goals coming from Todd Vilaro, Brian Munoz, Porter Bowers, Matthew Morales, Camden Westendorf, and Jensen Bowers.

MS Volleyball

The MS volleyball team secured a solid 2-0 win over Blue Ridge on Monday, September 15th, demonstrating their skills and teamwork.

Swimming and Cross Country Compete with Grit

Highlands' student-athletes also showcased their talent in individual and team events.

Cross Country

Both the Middle School and High School cross country teams competed at Swain County on Saturday, September 13th.

Gage Hennequin was the top finisher for the MS boys with a time of 14:38.

For the HS boys, Francisco Gooch led the way with a time of 25:36.

The MS girls were led by Valentina Gooch and Yasmin Montalvo, who posted times of 15:27 and 15:51, respectively.

MS Swim:

The MS swim team had two strong outings. At a meet hosted by Macon Middle School with seven teams competing, the boys' team of two finished 4th.

Justin Powell led the way, winning both the 50 freestyle and 50 butterfly to score 40 points, while Aleks Petric scored 36 with a first in the 100 freestyle and a third in the 100 IM.

The girls' team of three finished 6th. Sixth-grader Bella Batista scored 37, winning the 100 IM and placing 2nd in the 50 backstroke.

In their second meet at Brevard, the girls finished 5th out of 7 teams with 151 points, while the boys were 6th with 77 points. Emilina Hernandez was a standout, winning the 50 butterfly by 4 seconds and placing 2nd in the 100 IM to score 52.5 points.

Looking Ahead

The Highlanders have another busy week on the horizon. Thursday, September 18th is a big day for home games, with

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Varsity Soccer

Rowen Carnes, sophomore; Pierre Damian, junior; Aiden Dendy, junior; Blaine Dendy, junior; Francisco Gooch, junior; Elmer Hernandez, junior; Conner Hughes, senior; Bryan Juarquin, senior; Chase Kenter, junior; Kris Magglicca, senior; Aniah McKim, senior; Paolo McRae, senior; Jesus Mendoza, senior; Michael Munoz, freshman; Stephen Pierson, junior; Gavin Small, senior; Jack Sumner, junior; Isaiah Vilardo, senior; Coach: Caleb Brown; Asst. Coach: Brian Crook



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MS volleyball playing Summit at 4 pm, followed by JV and Varsity volleyball matches against Hiwassee Dam at 5 pm and 6 pm. MS Swim will also be at Brevard. The week concludes on Saturday, September 20th, as the cross country teams compete at Murphy.

Be sure to come out and support your Highlanders!

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faith. We may well call this operation not Overlord, but Lord-Over.

And that is the question. Namely, is He the Lord-Over your life?

I hope so. No one knows you better and no one loves you more than Jesus Christ.

Hanging on the wall of my study is a framed T-Shirt. It reads On June 6, 2008,

D-Day, Dan Robinson did his first solo in C172 N247OU.

I remember the day vividly. After weeks of training and instruction it was time to fly the airplane. It was indeed a solo. No one else was with me.

Has that time come for you? A Spiritual D-Day? A lone decision? Perhaps (at this point) no one else will follow you. It's

just you and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I encourage you! go ahead! Make the decision! Fly the airplane! Invade the world with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ! And when you do, you can become the catalyst for untold numbers of others in the world being liberated from the oppression of the enemy.

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •

Is it time for your 'spiritual D-Day'?

Pastor Dan Robinson
Highlands Central Baptist Church

The first twenty-four hours of the invasion will be decisive. For the allies as well as for Germany, it will be the longest day.

These words (spoken ironically) by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel became the title of the film by the same name. The Longest Day produced by Darryl F. Zanuck has become the Gold Standard for military-war movies.

It recounts the Allied invasion on the Normandy coast on June 6, 1944. Also known as Operation Overlord (and more popularly D-Day) it was the decisive and critical turning point of WW2.

There were some ten thousand Allied casualties including over four thousand killed and the remaining number either wounded or MIA.

By the end of 1963 this film had grossed over forty million dollars and won two of the five Oscars for which it was nominated.

I've watched the DVD so many times that in many instances I know the next lines the actors are going to say.

It's good to know what's coming.

Recently my daily Scripture readings have been in the Book of Revelation. To say it tells us what's coming would be a huge understatement.

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What is this like? To what can we possibly compare it? Isn't this something like a sling-shot against a tank? The odds are impossible.

This battle will be both brief and decisive. Do I need to tell you who wins? The One who wins is the same one who has never lost a battle. And we remember that Calvary was not a loss, but even the greatest victory in history.

The day of the final battle will be one of carnage and terrible bloodshed. And soon after that, Jesus Christ will establish His earthly kingdom in Jerusalem.

With determination Darryl Zanuck said he would spend whatever it took to make The Longest Day.

Likewise, but infinitely more so, Lord Jesus Christ spent whatever was necessary to pay for the sins of the human race and to defeat the world, flesh and devil. His cost was His blood. His victory was complete. His trophies are all of those who have come to Him in repentance and

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Aug. 31. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Aug. 31

- A little after midnight, Reid Harlow Fravert, 32, of AL, was arrested on US 64 for DUI. He was issued a \$800 secured bond. His trial date is Nov. 12.

Sept. 6

- At 10:47 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Farmer's Market/Texaco parking lot.

Sept. 11

- At 11:30 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Main Street.

Sept. 13

- At 11:16 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on South 3rd Street.

Sept. 14

- At 9:15 a.m., officers responded to a 2 vehicle accident on US 64 west (Franklin Road) near Raoul Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Sept. 9.

Sept. 9

- At 10:37 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Skyline Lodge Road.

- At 5:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Cullasaja Club Drive.

- At 9:20 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

Sept. 10

- At 10:02 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

Sept. 11

- At 6:53 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Spring Street.

Sept. 12

- At 12:05 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Willow Way.

- At 1:35 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Ravenel Road.

- At 5:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 4th Street.

- At 6:48 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Carolina Way.

- At 11:08 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Bowery Road.

Sept. 13

- At 1:56 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

- At 7 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Kelsey Court, but it was cancelled en route.

Sept. 15

- At 10:58 a.m., the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm at a residence on Satulah Road.

- At 9:15 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hemlock Circle.

Sept. 16

- At 1:12 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the hospital.

- At 5:07 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.

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During this 2025 Sept. 11 gathering, fireman Travis Brooks welcomed the attendees, and Chief Holland spoke of the impact of that day.

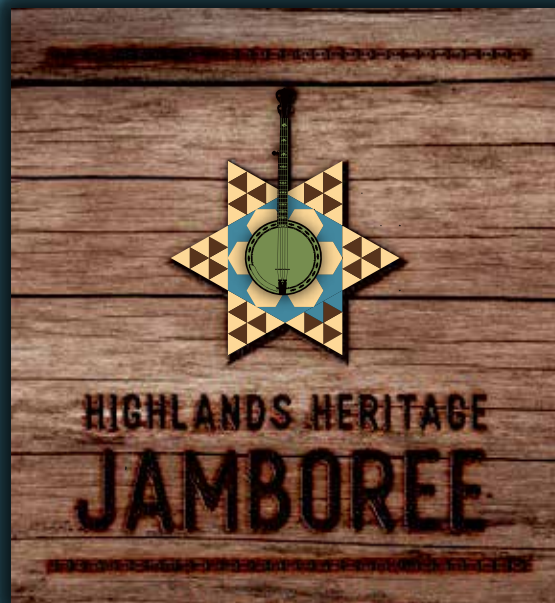
Victims, families, and the brave first-responders and other people who assisted were honored for their bravery in the aftermath of the country's tragedy.

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Highlands Fire & Rescue officer Travis Brooks remembers.



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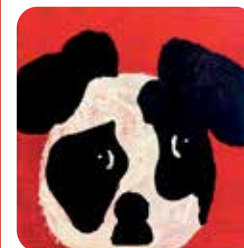
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• HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS •

POOL SCHEDULE

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

MOUNTAIN FINDINGS

• Open: 10 am - 1 pm. Spruce Street. 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 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

Mon-Wed-Fri

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9am at the Rec Park.
• Balance, Stretch & Strengthen Class at the Rec Park 8:30-9:30am. The cost for the class is \$30 a month and is led by Cathy Hodgson. Call the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a-6p.
• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at the Rec Park at 5:30. A combo class with different types of exer-

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Mondays

• At the Literacy Council, Free Online Weekly Classes. 6:30 - 7:30p. Online via ZoomFor the link, visit <http://theliteracyandlearningcenter.org/esl>

Second Mondays

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

2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings For more info contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

Tuesdays

• Strength Training at the Rec Park 8:15-9:15 am.
• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers – Tuesdays from 5-6:30 PM.

Wednesdays thru Sept.

• Farmers Market every Wednesday May-Sept. at the Cowee School Arts & Heritage building in Franklin at 51 Cowee School Dr.

2nd Wednesdays

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health topics, at 11 AM.. To register, stop by the library or call 828-526-3031.

2nd & 4th Wed.

• Digital Navigators will be at the Hudson Library the second and fourth Wednesdays 1PM - 3PM of each month to help patrons with their tech needs. Bring a smartphone, laptop, or other digital device to receive free assistance and support. No appts are required - all are welcome.

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15a. at the Rec Park. No martial arts background necessary Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more info.

• At First Presbyterian Church a free concert "Music for Prayer" at noon. These casual concerts are almost entirely improvised and last 30-45 minutes. This offering is called Music For Prayer.

• At Hudson Library, special children's events will be on tap on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 Kids Zone programs.

Fridays

• At Hudson Library, Friday afternoons at 2 PM, there's a variety of children's programs including board games, STEM programs, and crafts.

3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. We serve breakfast at 9a and hold our monthly meeting at 10a. We invite ALL veterans to attend. Email ncpost370@gmail.com or just join us at 9am.

Sundays

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Sunday Service: 10a Sunday Morning. Stick around for visitation and coffee hour immediately after service. (Coffee hour is replaced by potluck dinner the 1st Sunday of each month).

Thurs.-Sun., Sept. 18-21

• The annual – Highlands Cashiers film festival. It's four days of competition film screenings, workshops, emerging filmmakers, and panels with acclaimed industry presenters and award-winning professionals. All genres will be showcased, including features, documentaries, shorts, and international films. For complete schedule and tickets go to <https://www.highlandscashiersfilmfestival.com/>

Fri., Sept. 19

• At Rejuvenate Laser Center, OBAGI Day. 10a to 4p. 20% all products, free mini-facials, give aways, refreshments. 209 Hospital Road. #202.

• Community Coffee with the Mayor at Hudson Library. in the Meeting Room at 11 a.m. Mayor Taylor will be discussing "September Board Meeting Updates: Street Solicitations, The Playhouse Property and Sidewalk Safety Improvements."

• Free Veterans' Appreciation Dinner at the Glenville Community Building, 5012 Hwy 107N. Guest speakers, music, food and camaraderie. R.S.V.P. Liz Nichols at 828-507-7212.

Sat., Sept. 20

• At the Highlands Emergency Council, Appreciation Day from 8a to 2p. 71 Poplar Street.

Thurs., Sept. 25

• At First Presbyterian Church of Highlands, Artists' Reception celebrating the fall ArtSpace exhibit.

Meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. Faith and Fellowship Building 3 to 4:30 p.m.

Sat., Sept. 27

• The Heritage Jamboree Descendants' Reception will be held from 11a – 1p at the Highlands Community Building at 869 N. 4th Street. The event is free and a light lunch will be included. If you are interested in participating in this year's Descendants' Reception, please pre-register at highlands100plus@gmail.com. For more information go to highlandshistory.com.

• Highlands Jamboree – a celebration of Highlands' 150th Anniversary, – at 1p in KH-Founders Park. Music by the Navy Band, bluegrass music with Darren Nicholson and the Shedhouse Trio, clogging, moonshine and more! For more info, go to highlandschamber.org or call 828-526-2112.

Tues., Sept. 30

• To benefit The Literacy & Learning Center, Celebration of Education, Guest Speaker - David Baldacci at 2 p.m. at PAC. Tickets are \$100. VIP Dinner at Old Edwards Club, 688 Highlands Cove Dr, Cashiers is a 6 p.m. For tickets, go to <https://www.theliteracyandlearningcenter.org/events/coe>

Sat., Oct. 4

• Join the Highlands Plateau Greenway for a hike on the historic Kelsey Trail. Register now before it fills up. Email highplateaugreenway@140687645.mailchimpapp.com. \$100 per person. Shuttles will leave from the back parking lot of the Rec. Park (600 N 4th Street) on Saturday morning at 7:30, 8:30, and 9. The five-mile walk takes about four hours. It is suggested you bring good hiking shoes or boots, rain gear, water, a day pack and your camera.

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