**Planning Board says ‘yes’ & ‘no’**

A barbecue/brewpub is destined to replace the old Smokehouse on the Franklin Road.

Don Reynolds, former co-owner of Mountain Fresh Grocery and current co-owner with JT Fields of the Smokehouse property (Franklin Rd. LLC) said barbecue and a microbrewery are in the plans.

Highlands hasn’t had a barbecue restaurant in a while and Reynolds said the old Smokehouse has what it takes – a pit barbeque.

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**Area croquet clubs are on the rise**

By Brian O’Shea

Dressing in all white and using mallets to strike balls through “wickets” or “hoops” is one of the pastimes that approximately 1,700 people on the plateau partake in.

Highlands Country Club Director of Croquet and Recreation, Joyce Baillargeon, said they started the croquet club called the “Strikers” in 2006 with 35 original members. Now the club has 271 members.

“Since we started the club it exploded,” said Baillargeon. “It’s a great thing for new members. You’re out there with 40 to 80 people so you get to meet a lot of people quickly, instead of being on a golf course with three other people.”

Croquet is also a method of raising funds. On Tuesday, the Country Club of Sapphire Valley hosted a croquet tournament to raise money for the Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) of Western North Carolina.

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The arts drive economies

The arts produce aesthetic works that symbolically capture shared human thoughts and feelings. As we enter the arts season here in Highlands, I believe this statement is an important reminder of the value of the arts. While the arts provide entertainment, they also take us beyond ourselves to see and experience the world in new and different ways.

My mentor and arts advocate, the late Lamar Dodd, said on many occasions that the arts are similar to religion in that both are transformative experiences of the mind and spirit. In fact, the visual, musical and performing arts can be powerful components of worship.

I was reminded of the power of the arts this past weekend when I attended two public events.

First, I took my family to the Highlands Motoring Festival to see all the beautiful vehicles on display in the park. What did that have to do with art? Everything. Those classic cars can be viewed as works of art with their aesthetic designs, dynamic forms, surfaces, textures and colors all melded into precise functionality. Art is a vital part of our community. The venue for the car show and this coming Saturday night low country boil, Founders Park, exemplifies a community work of art.

I also went to the groundbreaking ceremony for the new Performing Arts Center. I had the honor to make remarks before a distinguished gathering.

I opened my remarks by emphasizing the value of the arts with words similar to what I just posted above. But, I went further to emphasize the economic impact of the arts in communities. Cities across the country focus on sports and mega facilities as economic drivers. Ironically, study after study indicate a viable arts community has a greater economic impact. Case in point New York. Yes, it has the Yankees, the Giants, the Jets, the Mets, the Nicks and Rangers, but it also has two art Mets, the museum and opera, Broadway, the Philharmonic, the ballet, libraries, museums and concert halls galore.

I just read a report published by North Carolina Arts called, "It's the Economy, Genius!" This report emphasized the financial impact of the arts in North Carolina. The arts and culture industry in the state generate over 2 billion dollars in spending each year. The report highlighted that arts organizations spend $940,000 in programming and operations alone, while additional audience spending is $1.18 billion. Non-profit arts and cultural organizations in the state provide almost 72,000 full time jobs.

An important statistic in this report is an important reminder of the value of the arts in our communities. Cities across the country focus on sports and mega facilities as economic drivers. Ironically, study after study indicate a viable arts community has a greater economic impact. Case in point New York. Yes, it has the Yankees, the Giants, the Jets, the Mets, the Nicks and Rangers, but it also has two art Mets, the museum and opera, Broadway, the Philharmonic, the ballet, libraries, museums and concert halls galore.

Dear Editor,

Bears seem to be a topic for lots of discussion. Lots of talk – not much action. It is disturbing to see the May 31 issue of Highlands Newspaper with a photo on the front page of mama bear and babe on a deck with birdfeeder in hand. Duh, bird feeders attract bears as do the garbage left for them to scavenge.

It didn’t take long to pass an ordinance with a fine for dogs off leash and their poop. Why can’t we do the same with garbage offenders, give them a consequence – a fine. If a bear scatters your garbage, $250 might remind you to properly dispose of your garbage or make certain vacationers are aware of what to do with their garbage. To add to the insult, the garbage remains scattered for days, sometimes weeks. At least the poop is biodegradable. Let’s come up with a solution before someone gets hurt. It is up to us, not the bears.

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now; this is the real thing,” he said.

As a prerequisite to obtaining a Special Use Permit (SUP) from the Zoning Board of Adjustment Wednesday, June 13, at the June 11 Monday night Planning Board meeting, the plan was discussed.

A SUP is required when there is a change of use at a commercial site. The planning board always sees plans and offers recommendations prior to applications going to the Zoning Board.

In 2015, Reynolds and Fields got a SUP to make minimal exterior changes to the Smokehouse in preparation for a dinner club/event venue that ended up not happening. Those changes involved the color of the building, lighting and the extension of a new deck off the back over the existing impervious parking lot.

Those changes were OK’d but since it’s a change of use a new SUP is required.

“At the present time, the only changes we are looking at is the addition of a deck on the back of the building because part of the interior of the building will be used for beer brewing equipment,” wrote Reynolds in his application.

Though the planning board didn’t object to the proposal, and in fact OK’d the change of use, it recommended the Zoning Board not hear the SUP request June 13 unless drawings or plans are submitted as outlined in the SUP requirements.

No plans or drawings were presented at the planning board meeting.

“They need to follow the rules just like everyone else,” said Planning Board Chairman Thomas Craig. “The current SUP rules say documents must be presented showing exterior changes.”

Tuesday morning, Reynolds said he was told by the town that plans weren’t necessary.

Town Planner Andrew Bowen said he assumed since the 2015 plans for the back deck addition were OK’d as part of the previous SUP he didn’t think plans were needed again.

Meanwhile, as per the town’s Unified Development Ordinance a brewpub is allowed on the site but “shall be limited to a maximum of 1,000 barrels of production per year.”

By definition, a brewpub is a brewery that sells 25% or more of the beer it brews onsite and generally dispenses it directly from the brewery’s storage tanks.

Also, the planning board once again OK’d the Fellowship Hall addition to the First Baptist Church whose SUP ran out since construction didn’t begin within the required 12-month timeline. It, too, goes to the Zoning Board Wednesday. – Kim Lewicki
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rent expenses for Macon County Schools. But while the budget included an increase in funding, it fell short of the additional $1 million the school system asked for in their proposed budget.

During a liaison meeting with County Commissioners Gary Shields and Ronnie Beale and school board officials Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin, Tommy Cabe and Fred Goldsmith discussed budgetary needs and how the county could better assist the school board to make up for funding shortfalls on the state level.

During the meeting with parents and teachers, school leaders explained that if the county did not provide additional funds, the system would have to look at cutting various areas of the budget.

The areas claiming to be cut without more money from the county included $150,000 from the local teacher allotment, which equates to three positions. School leaders could have the possibility of cutting $32,000 from teacher assistant allocation which would reduce two positions from full-time to part-time. The teacher assistant allotment is not only used to fund teacher assistants in the classroom but positions within the district such as the Graduation Coach at Franklin High School are classified as a teacher assistant position.

Other budget cuts include $50,000 from instruction supplies, $50,000 from transportation or charging for the use of buses for field trips and away games.

Both Shields and Beale told school leaders they recognize the need for additional funding and said they would recommend increases for funding in both the current expense budget as well as the capital outlay budget to address school safety. They said they would request increasing the current expense budget to $7.8 million, $500,000 more than the currently proposed $200,000 increase.

Shields said they would also recommend increasing the capital outlay budget, which is used for school renovations and safety upgrades by an additional $250,000 which would bring that total budget to $850,000.

With the proposed budget already outlined, Beale said the additional funds would likely come from the county’s fund balance this year and recognized the need for it to be recurring in coming years.

For the county to make that happen in future years, it will have to cut other areas of the county budget such as public safety or raise taxes. That decision will be made next budget year.

Tuesday, June 5 was the first opportunity the complete board of commissioners had to review the education budget and weigh in on the recommendations from Shields and Beale.

Commissioner Paul Higdon noted that while he supported education and was a proud product of the Macon County education system, recurring costs and expenses being requested by the

• See SCHOOLS page 10
Reflections from Lord Banjo

Lord Banjo asks, ‘Who’s Dad’s favorite?’

Believe it or not, I wasn’t always Dad’s favorite. I know my fans find that surprising. Even now, he has a favorite dog and a favorite cat so I can’t simply say, “I’m Dad’s favorite,” and leave it at that.

Mum has always felt the need to bring a second dog into the family as the first one ages. She never wants Dad to be without a canine companion. That’s why they started searching for someone like me when Tinker the Wonder Dog turned 10. They claimed they wanted a smaller version of Tinker, 40 pounds instead of her 60.

I love hearing Mum tell the story of how many times they were turned down for a dog because they had an electric fence or made Tinker sleep in the basement instead of in the master bedroom. They were getting desperate when Mum got off an airplane one day and found a Craigslist ad that had been posted just hours before. It broke her heart because it read, “Dog needs home; house in foreclosure; dog goes to humane society tomorrow.”

When she called and told the owners she couldn’t possibly get out to their house that evening, they offered to bring me to her. She was a bit hesitant because instead of 40 pounds, I weighed 80, but she agreed.

By now, you know how huggable and handsome I am so you can easily believe my parents couldn’t resist me despite my size. And that’s how I came to reside with Mum and Dad, but I was by no means the favorite. In fact, there were times Dad threatened to take me to the Humane Society himself.

Why? Well, the first threat came when I almost pulled him down the basement stairs. He has a bad back and was pretty darned upset with me. It wasn’t my fault no one had ever trained me. At my first home, I was either tied to a tree or in a crate and hadn’t learned manners. Mum cried and begged and signed me up for crate and hadn’t learned manners. Mum

Nowadays I’m near perfect; I mean I still occasionally roll in deer poop, eat the cat’s food, raid the garbage can, and bark; but I’m house-broken and lovable. That’s close to perfect, right?

Since Tinker’s gone to doggie heaven, I’ve spent more and more time with Dad. I try hard to split myself in two, so I can keep an eye out for both Mum and Dad even when they’re on separate floors.

Dad and I do most everything together: take walks, take naps, eat lunch, work in the yard and the garage, even go on car rides. He comes in the house calling, “Where’s Daddy’s boy?” I’m confident that means he loves me best. I only need one more thing to make me sure. I want Dad to push the cat off his lap and let me up there instead. Then there’d be no doubt who the favorite is.

PS. Meet me at the Highlands Farmers’ Market June 16 where I’ll be with Mum and local author Jeannie Chambers.

• Lord Banjo lives in Georgia with his Dad and his Mum, Kathy Manos Penn. Find similar stories in his book, “Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch,” available locally at the Molly Grace in Highland, Books Unlimited in Franklin, and on Amazon. Contact him at inkpenn119@gmail.com.
board of education aren’t sustainable for the county if taken out of the fund balance.

Commissioner Higdon also noted that while the educational requests seemed justified, all county departments had requests above their budgets and in order to keep the budget at its current levels, sacrifices have to be made. He said in order for funding increases such as the $850,000 being proposed for education to be sustainable by the county, a tax increase is going to have to be considered.

If the board of commissioners vote to approve the additional $500,000 for current expenses and $250,000 for school security capital improvements, the board of education will be able to operate in a “maintaining” status which means operating next school year at the same level of this year.

The school board had discussed hiring additional personnel such as school counselors to address mental health and school safety concerns in the district, but even with an additional $850,000 from the county, Macon County Schools wouldn’t be able to hire those needed positions. An additional $300,000 on top of the $850,000 would be needed.

The county’s recommendation does however allow Macon Schools to lift a hiring freeze and operate next year without having to appropriate any of the district’s fund balance.

Dr. Baldwin said that while state legislators are currently boasting about adding $700 million to the state’s overall education budget, those dollars won’t trickle down to Macon County or impact the shortfall currently being anticipated locally.

On the state level, there is a $12 million project proposed to provide funding for capital improvements to economically distressed counties, of which Macon County ranks amongst the lowest.

With $12 million allocated statewide, the current formula proposed as to how to spend that money would translate to just over $12,000 for Macon County, which wouldn’t even begin to put a dent in the county’s overall $3 million in capital outlay needs.

Dr. Baldwin noted that while the overall state budget may be increasing by $700 million, due to inflation and the rise in retirement and insurance costs, something Macon County is experiencing as well, it is likely that much of that $700 million is just for the state to maintain its current levels and isn’t necessarily an addition of new funds for education.

The public will likely be allowed to speak about the FY ‘18-‘19 budget once it is discussed again on June 19.
Gluten-Free Blueberry Muffins

These low-carb gluten-free muffins are simply delicious! They are moist and fluffy with a smooth cake-like texture, proving once and for all that you don’t need white flour, sugar, or a long list of not-so-natural ingredients to make a genuinely delicious muffin. This muffin recipe can be used as a base for whatever type of muffin you crave - use vanilla extract or another flavor, add cinnamon, replace blueberries with strawberries, blackberries or peaches, or you can create savory breakfast muffins by adding cheddar cheese, real bacon bits and chives.

Servings: 9 muffins

Ingredients
- 2 ½ cups finely ground almond flour
- ¼ teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon sea salt
- 1 free-range egg
- ¼ cup organic unsalted butter, melted and cooled to room temperature
- 3/4 cup organic heavy cream
- 1 tsp stevia – or less, according to taste
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup fresh, small blueberries

Directions
1. Heat your oven to 375 °F/190 °C and line a muffin pan with 9 liners.
2. Whisk together almond flour, baking powder and salt.
3. In a large bowl, whisk together butter, heavy cream, egg, almond extract, stevia and baking soda until smooth.
4. Combine the almond flour mixture with the bowl of wet ingredients, stirring gently to combine. The batter will be thick.
5. Spoon the batter into the muffin tin, filling the cups almost to the top.
6. Bake until the muffins are lightly browned on top and a toothpick inserted into a muffin comes out clean, about 16 minutes. Allow muffins cool for 10 minutes in the pan before eating.
7. For optimal freshness, store these muffins in the refrigerator.
Ongoing

- Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Movies: Fri-Tue, 2, 5 8 p.m.
- The Glenville Historical Society Museum is open every Wednesday through Saturday 11 AM to 3 PM until October 13th. Church, club, school and family groups are welcome to visit the museum by appointment on any day of the week. The Museum is located at 4735 Highway 107 in Glenville next to Signal Ridge Marina. A historic time line, photos, documents, artifacts and antiques tell the story of Old Glenville, building the Lake Glenville Dam and new Glenville development from the 1940's to present day. Call 828-743-1658 for information or go to www.glenvillehistoricalsociety.com

First Mondays
- Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men’s Meeting at 7 pm

Mondays
- At the Rec Park, High Cardio Zumba Fitness with Certified Instructor Tiffany Austin at 5:15 p.m.
- Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30-6:30 at the Rec Park.

Mon & Thurs.
- The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more info, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.
- Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:30. All levels welcome.

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- Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.
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Tuesdays
- FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.
- The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morning from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library.

The Highlands Writers Group, a collection of professional and talented amateur writers, meets to read, workshop, or to just share information on writing every Tuesday, 3pm-5pm, in the downstairs board room at the Bascom Center for the Visual Arts. 323 Franklin Road, Highlands, NC 28741. For more information, please contact Bud Katz, 828-526-3190. If we’re unable to answer, please leave a message or send a note to budandlynn@me.com.

First Tuesdays
- The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. For info call 369-7385.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays
- OccupyWNC meets at the 7PM in the Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828-331.1524

Third Tuesday
- The Macon County Poultry Club meets at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights Rd., Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. Call 828-369-3916.

Tuesday and Thursdays
- Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:15. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.
- The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more info, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

First Wednesdays
- Family Movies at the Hudson Library at 3:30pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

3rd Wednesdays
- Recently released movies at Hudson Library at 2pm. Call 828-526-3031 for titles.

Wed. & Fri.
- Duplicate Bridge 12-4pm at Rec Park.
- The Highlands Writers Group, a collection of professional and talented amateur writers, meets to read, workshop, or to just share information on writing every Tuesday, 3pm-5pm, in the downstairs board room at the Bascom Center for the Visual Arts. 323 Franklin Road, Highlands, NC 28741. For more information, please contact Bud Katz, 828-526-3190. If we’re unable to answer, please leave a message or send a note to budandlynn@me.com.

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- The Joy Program at HUMC from 11:30a to 1:30p. Includes a free lunch and a variety of programs and games. All seniors are welcome. For more info, call Tricia Smith at 828-338-8167.

Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828-331.1524

First Thursdays
- The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. For info call 369-7385.

Fourth Thursday
- At the Hudson Library, Kids Zone LEGO Club. Intended primarily for kids in grades 1-5, LEGO Club allows creativity and STEM skills to develop together as kids enjoy making a wonderful variety of LEGO creations.

Fridays
- Live FREE music in Town Square on Main Street from 6-8 p.m.
An Evening with Danny Kaye at the Highlands Playhouse Thurs.-Sun.

When Brian Childers crossed paths with Danny Kaye, the entertainment giant had already passed into legend leaving behind a treasure trove of Broadway memories and comedic films. When initially approached to play Danny Kaye, Brian dove into and learned everything he could about the comedic genius and in doing so, found a connection and an uncanny ability to channel Mr. Kaye in all his unique glory. The one man show, “An Evening with Danny Kaye” was born and was received with Critical Acclaim. The Highlands Playhouse and the Highlands Performing Arts Center have partnered together to bring this production to the Playhouse.

An Evening with Danny Kaye runs Thursday, Friday & Saturday June 21-23 and Sunday June 24 at 8 p.m. Ticket prices are $25/$35. Call the Playhouse box office at 828-526-8811 for more information.
2018 Upcoming Events at the Center for Life Enrichment

- **Monday, June 18** The Kaiser’s Con idante
  Time: 10-12  Cost: $25/$35
  Presenter: Rick Hutto

- **Mondays/Fridays June 18,22,25,29 (4 sessions)** Beginning Drawing Workshop
  Time: 1-4  Cost: $95/$110
  Instructor: Freddie Flynt

- **Tuesday, June 19** Crypto Currencies: Bitcoin and Others
  Time: 10-12  Cost: $25/$35
  Presenter: Jonathan Wilkes

- **Wednesday, June 20** Lakeside Cooking Demonstration and Lunch
  Time: 11:30-2:00  Cost: $65/$75
  Chef: Jordan Brown

- **Wednesday, June 20** Mark Twain
  Time: 10-12  Cost: $25/$35
  Presenter: Elliot Engel

- **Thursday, June 21** Charles Dickens Time: 10-12  Cost: $25/$35
  Presenter: Elliot Engel

- **Saturday, June 23** Death, Mourning and Civil War Windows
  Time: 10-12  Cost: $25/$35
  Presenter: Angela Esco Elder

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  Holy Communion 1st & 3rd Sundays

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  First Thursdays 5p bi-lingual Holy Eucharist

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  Wednesdays – Supper at 6 p.m.

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  Sun.: 9:30am: Sunday School
  10:30am: Middle & High School; 10:45am: Child. Program,
  10:45am: Worship Service
  Wed.: 5pm Dinner ($7 adult, $2 child), 6pm CBC U.

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  828-526-4153  • www.fbchighlands.org
  Dr. Mark Ford, Pastor
  220 Main Street, Highlands NC 28741
  Sun.: Worship 10:45 am; Sun.: Sunday School
  10:30am at St. John’s Episcopal Church, Franklin
  Wed.: Men’s Bible Study: 8:30 am; Prayer Mtg: 5:15 pm; Choir: Gals

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  Wednesdays: Choir: Gals

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  **HIGHLANDS ASSEMBLY OF GOD**
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  Sundays: Worship: 11

  **HIGHLANDS CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**
  Pastor Dan Robinson
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  Wednesday: Prayer Service, 6:30 p.m.

  **HIGHLANDS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**
  Pastor Randy Lucas 526-3376
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  Wed. Supper: 5:15; youth, & adults activities: 6; Handbell rehearsal, 6:15; Choir Rehearsal 7. (nursery provided); 7pm Intercessory Prayer Ministry

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  **MOUNTAIN SYNAGOGUE**
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  743-2583  • Independent Bible Church
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  Rev. Marty Kelby
  Sundays: School —10 a.m.; Worship —11 a.m. & 7
  Wednesdays: Prayer Mtg.: 7 p.m.

  **SCALY MOUNTAIN CHURCH OF GOD**
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  Sun.: School: 10 a.m.; Worship: 10:45 a.m.; Worship: 6 p.m.

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  Sunday School: 10 am, Worship Service: 11 am
**Police & Fire**

The Highlands Police log entries from April 30. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

**April 30**
- At 2 p.m., officers were called to Old Edwards Inn & Spa where a watch was reported stolen.

**May 14**
- At 9:49 p.m., Alexandra Payne Ferguson, 24, of Franklin, was arrested for DWI when she was pulled over on N. 4th Street. She was issued a $2,000 unsecured bond. Her trial date is June 27.

**May 31**
- At 1 p.m., officers were called about a merchant advertising on a town side walk.

**June 1**
- A little past midnight, Jonathan Curtis Meadows, 22, of Candler, was arrested for DWI when he as pulled over on N. 4th Street. He was issued a $500 secured bond. His trial date is June 27.

**June 6**
- A little past midnight, officers were called to a residence on the Franklin Road concerning a verbal argument.

**June 10**
- At 4:40 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Pierson Drive.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. from May 29.

**June 5**
- At 1:17 p.m., the dept. responded to a medical alarm at a location on Spring Street.

**June 6**
- At 5:15 a.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.
- At 3 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence in Village Walk.

**June 7**
- At 2:35 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Highlands Plaza.
- At 10:50 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance on Clearview Lane.

**June 8**
- At 10:28 a.m., the dept. helped a stranded motorist on NC 106.
- At 1:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Oak Street.
- At 7:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Half-Mile Dr.

**June 9**
- A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Half-Mile Dr.

**June 10**
- At 11:40 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Country Club Dr.

**June 11**
- At 12:10 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Williamsburg Court.
- At 10:42 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.

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Depression is Real and Can Be Deadly

I shake my head at the simplistic comments people offer when someone we think we know suddenly and without any explanation takes his or her own life. “Why? She had everything.” “I don’t get it. He had the best job in the world!”

We have no idea what battles or demons Kate Spade and Anthony Bourdain were fighting when they took their own lives last week. But know this, both were dealing with things about which we have no clue, and seeing no solution for their constant invisible pain, they committed suicide.

Mental illness still carries enormous misunderstanding among people who either just don’t, just can’t, or just won’t get it. When some out-of-the-blue behavior occurs with someone who has a mental health issue, I’ve actually heard people say things like, “She’s doing that on purpose, for attention.” Or, “Come on, stop that nonsense and get with the program.” They believe people actually want to be seen in public crying their eyes out, or hope for applause when they become silent and unresponsive in the back seat of your car.

People who suffer from mental illness, in this case, one of the conditions bundled under the designation of depression, do so for a variety of causes, all of which are difficult to diagnose. As reported in April 2017 by Harvard Medical School: “It’s often said that depression results from a chemical imbalance, but that figure of speech doesn’t capture how complex the disease is. Rather, there are many possible causes of depression, including faulty mood regulation by the brain, genetic vulnerability, stressful life events, medications, and other medical problems.”

The brain is the single most complex organ in the human body. As with other internal organs, sometime things go wrong. Put simply: stuff happens. We can’t change what happens but we can change how we see things and how we react to things.

People with mental health issues don’t want to have those issues. In lucid moments they know they have a problem and wish passionately a solution, in whatever form, would magically reveal itself.

One of the major issues is the prescribing of medication by concerned and caring healthcare workers. Doctors of psychiatry, psychologists attempt to deal with symptoms presented by people who, themselves, don’t fully understand the source of their pain. There’s a word for when doctors don’t know why something is wrong: idiopathic. It means a condition that arrives spontaneously but with an unknown cause. They may not know why someone is depressed, but they prescribe medication because that’s what medical doctors do.

These meds need to come with a Catch-22 warning: These medicines may make you feel better without actually addressing the underlying cause of your condition. When you start to feel better you may reflexively decide to stop taking the medicine. This will result in the return of your symptoms, so DO NOT STOP TAKING THIS MEDICINE!!

Mental illness can be scary but mostly for the mentally ill. Most are not dangerous to themselves or to others. Some, however, are or become dangerous, when they stop taking their medications. They walk into schools filled with children and start shooting. They rise to positions of authority and responsibility before evidence of their illness surfaces. Sometimes, not knowing what else to do, they kill themselves.

It’s sad when people like Anthony Bourdain and Kate Spade are driven to end their own lives because they have an unseen medical condition. It’s also sad for the families and friends of the five people in America who take their own lives, often because of some form of mental illness, EVERY SINGLE HOUR.

When a celebrity, who appears to be living a charmed life, such as comedian Robin Williams, but carries with him or her an illness, hidden from view by some splendid acting skills, suddenly takes his or her own life, we see a new, or a continuation of an earlier “national conversation” on mental health issues.

Sorry, but another “national conversation” is not what anyone needs. Depression is real. Mental illness is real. It needs to be viewed in the same manner as any other health-related issue is viewed. Treatment needs to be provided, and costs need to be covered by health insurance.

The biggest need, though, is recognition and acceptance that a problem in someone’s brain is the same as a broken arm. Just because you can’t see it doesn’t mean it isn’t real.

• Bud Katz is a full-time resident of Highlands and a member of the Highlands Writers Group.
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- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, iOS Applications. Time 10:30a-3:30p. Cost $75/$85. Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith. For reservations call 828-526-8811.


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**Southern with a Twist**
Sunday, July 8 @ 7:15 PM
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Hosts: Marie Sharpe, Dennis & Fran Leftwich

**A French Cajun Feast**
Saturday, July 14 @ 7:15 PM
$125/Person - 15 Places
Special Guests: American String Quartet
Hosts: Dick & Beck Crowell

**An Evening with Jazz Greats**
Sunday, July 15 @ 7:15 PM
$125/Person - 18 Places
Special Guests: Gary Motley, Johnaye Kendrick
Hosts: Diane & Ray McPhail

**To Your Musical Taste**
Saturday, July 21 @ 7:15 PM
$125/Person - 20 Places
Special Guests: Philippe Quint,
Elizabeth Pridgen, Ani Aznavoorian
Hosts: Judy & Louis Freeman

**Celebratory Evening at Highlands Falls**
Sunday, July 22 @ 7:15 PM
$125/Person - 13 Places
Special Guests: Philippe Quint,
Elizabeth Pridgen, Ani Aznavoorian
Hosts: Dianne & Myron Mall

**Cena Italiana**
Saturday, July 28 @ 7:15 PM
$125/Person - 10 Places
Special Guests: David Deveau, William Ransom
Hosts: Cheryl & Carl Parlato

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**New Orleans Comes to Highlands**
Saturday, August 4 @ 7:15 PM
$125/Person - 14 Places
Special Guests: Zuill Bailey, Natasha Paremski
Hosts: Marjory & Ronnie Elliot

**Cocktail Buffet on Whiteside Mountain**
Saturday, September 15 @ 6:30 PM
$150/Person - 35 Places
Mini-Concert (Four Hands) with Pianists
Julie Coucheron and William Ransom
Hosts: Greg & Mary Thompson

**Fall Feast with the Argus!**
Friday, October 12 @ 7 PM
$125/Person - Places TBA
Special Guests: the Argus String Quartet
Hosts: Cathy & Mike Crosby

Join us at this season’s events by calling the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival office at 828-526-9060 or email us at hccmfnc@gmail.com. These annual FEASTS/SALONS provide important and vital financial support for the Festival which allows us to bring world-class chamber music to the mountains each year.

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groundbreaking for the soon-to-be expanded performing arts complex that will include all the performing arts in town on one campus within the next two years.

“We are very, very close,” said board member and spokesperson Cindy Trevathan. “We believe this will take the performing arts to a new level previously unimagined and we couldn’t have done it without all of you!”

To call the performing arts center home will be PAC for its concerts and LIVE at the Met series, the Highlands Playhouse, Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music and the H-C Players.

The $10 million project includes a state-of-the-art theater with seating for 350 people. A Black Box theater with seating for about 85 will be used by the Highlands Playhouse for its performances and movies. The space will also be used for rehearsals, lectures and other small live theater productions.

Plans include updates to the existing PAC hall which won’t impact the acoustics, so carefully installed in that space over the years.

The new venues will be connected to the existing PAC building so patrons can move freely to each space. The lobby will be available for parties and meetings.

The project also includes a $1.5 million endowment to assist with future operating costs – in keeping with the mission which is “to provide a low-cost performing arts facility in the community.”

Fundraising continues with “naming opportunities” for theatre seating, the stone wall, the elevator, lobby chandelier, rehearsal space, dressing rooms, offices, audio system, kitchen, green room, lobby, and more.

Trumbly reported getting pledges and checks for just over $100,000 Friday night for “naming opportunities.” For a list of what is available, email Trumbly at highlandspacnc@gmail.com.

~ Kim Lewicki

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**Two Salons: Fei-Fei Dong dazzles!**
Saturday, June 30 @ 5 PM @
home of Gay Graves and Boyd Letcher
Hosts: Gay Graves & Boyd Letcher,
Kendra & Roger Haines
$75/Person - 40 Places

**Pianist Fei-Fei Dong will entertain with virtuoso solo music in these two house concerts with different programs each night.**

**Salon: Quint and Ransom together again!**
Thursday, July 19 @ 5 PM
Hosts: Carlton & Andrea Cole
$75/Person - 24 Places
Violinist Philippe Quint will charm and delight us again with a private recital.

**Salon: The Art of Music with the Vega**
Wednesday, July 25 @ 5 PM at Carolina Gallery
Hosts: Michael & Martha Dupuis
$75/Person - 40 Places
As part of the Festival-long “The Art of Music” exhibit and auction/fundraiser, the Vega Quartet will perform music inspired by artworks.

**Salon: Just Jazz**
Saturday, August 25 @ 5 PM
Hosts: Lynne & Jim Browne
$75/Person - 27 Places
Festival favorite Jazz/Master pianist Gary Motley returns for an encore performance.
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The tournament had 48 players and raised over $11,000 dollars, said one of the event organizers, Nancy Albers, who is also on the committee for BBBS.

“I think it’s awesome, this is our fourth year doing this,” said Albers. “We had a great turnout and croquet is making a huge comeback in North Carolina.”

Kevin Moir, director of croquet, tennis and pickleball at Country Club of Sapphire said after adding a croquet lawn in 2013 it became obvious they needed to add a second lawn.

“Every event we host we’re pretty much at capacity,” said Moir.

Croquet players usually wear white outfits; the history of that is somewhat hazy.

Baillargeon said she thinks the idea came from England, Moir summed it up as tradition.

“It may have started at Wimbledon in London,” she said. “But it gives it a certain elegance. Tradition is a big part of croquet.”

Baillargeon said learning how to play croquet is fairly simple. There are two teams, the goal of which is to use a mallet to hit a ball through a wicket in a certain order.

William Cummings, 13, from Atlanta said he enjoys playing croquet and he spent an afternoon playing at Highlands Country Club.

“I guess it’s just relaxing,” said Cummings. “The hardest part is hitting the ball straight on with the face of the mallet. It takes skill.”

William’s sister, Lily, said it’s a good sport to play with friends.

“It’s fun and it’s competitive,” she said. “I really like the competition.”

A rehabilitator from the Balsam Mountain Preserve visited children at the Hudson Library last Friday as part of the library’s ongoing summer learning program. The educational Birds Of Prey Program provided audiences an up-close glimpse of birds ranging from owls to falcons to eagles.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

Birds of Prey at Hudson Library

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states that for every three attendees of arts/cultural events one is not a local attendee. That means the arts promote tourism in many parts of the state like in this area. Cultural/arts tourism is one of several critical components to the hospitality industry of Western Carolina.

So, it is also economically important that Highlands continue to be an arts and cultural venue in Western Carolina. While the arts are life affirming experiences, they are also economic drivers for a community. Like our current arts facilities, this new performing arts center will be a tremendous asset for the community for years to come.
**Classifieds**

**GARAGE SALE**
Sunday, June 17 from 8a to 3p at 628 N. 5th St.

**WANTED**
**USED 220-VOLTWOOD LATHE:** Powermatic 3520B, Oneway, Nova, or Laguna. 706-662-0075. (st. 5/31)

**HELP WANTED**
**CHURCH CUSTODIAN NEEDED.** First Baptist Church Highlands. Job Description available on request. Bids being accepted. 828-526-4153. (st. 5/24)

**MARKETING AND PROJECT MANAGER (FT), HIGHLANDS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND VISITORS CENTER** is seeking a passionate and enthusiastic marketing and project management professional to join our team. Through a combination of hands-on skill and vendor coordination, this position manages all aspects of marketing, including print collateral, digital outlets, social media, newsletters, content development and media relations, and provides marketing support to the Events and Membership Manager. Requires project management skills, layout skills, an eye for design, as well as experience with and aptitude for data/list/CRM management and website updating. Requires BA/BS in Marketing plus commensurate experience, or Associates Degree in Marketing and at least three years of demonstrated relevant experience. Salary D.O.E. Send letter and resume to: Send letter, resume and salary history to president@highlandschamber.org. (st. 5/10)

**SALES ASSOCIATE HIGH END RETAIL CLOTHING STORE IN HIGHLANDS AND CASHIERS, NC.** Full time, part time and seasonal. Inquire to 828-200-0928. (st. 5/10)

**PART-TIME RETAIL CUSTOMER ASSOCIATE – CKSWAN** an established home furnishings and gift store is seeking a creative, customer focused individual, who has a friendly nature and the ability to multitask. Previous retail experience preferred. Please apply to info@ckswan.com. (st. 5/10)

**ASIA HOUSE** – Now hiring experienced bussers and waiters. Call 828-787-1680 or stop by 151 Helen’s Barn Ave. (May 3)

**FRESSERS COURT YARD CAFE** hiring cooks, counter help and food runners. Call 828-526-8847. (st. 4/19)

**YEAR-ROUND, FULL-TIME RETAIL POSITION IS AVAILABLE AT TJ BAILEY’S** in Highlands and Cashiers. Must have flexible hours and have excellent people skills. Sales experience is a plus. Call 8285262262 or email resume to store@tjbaileys.com. (st. 4/5)

**WOLFGANGS RESTAURANT** is looking for experienced waitstaff, bartender, line cook and backer. Please call Jacque at 828.526.3807. (st. 4/5)

**SWEETREATS –** Earn great tips in a fun and fast-paced setting. New ownership is looking to fill full and part time positions for May 2018 in our newly renovated space. Apply on our Facebook page. (st. 3/29)

**PAOLETTI’S ON MAIN STREET**
Now hiring for 2018 season. Bartender, Server, Bus person, cook. Call 828-526-4906. Email resume to amp28741@yahoo.com. (st. 3/29)

**HIGHLANDS INN & HIGHLANDS INN LODGE** now accepting applications and interviewing for all positions. Front Desk, Housekeeping, Night Audit, Breakfast Host & cook. Full time and part time available. Call 526-5899 for appointment or stop by 96 log cabin lane for application. Resumes or questions may be emailed to sales@highlandsinnlodge.com. (st. 3/11)

**SKYLINE LODGE –** Housekeeping staff, front desk clerks for 2018 Season. We offer training, and employee housing. Call 828-526-2121 for an application. Background checks done. (st. 2/22)

**DUTCHMANS DESIGNS on MAIN STREET** – Full and Part time (year round) sales associates wanted. Retail and computer skills preferred. Please email resume to gabbidutchmansdesigns.com or bring to store. (st. 5/10)

**CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL CUISINE.** Hiring All Positions. Please Contact Dan At Cyprus332@gmail.com. Or Visit Us At 332 Main St. Highland NC (st. 1/11)

**MOUNTAIN FRESH GROCERY** has full and part-time positions available. Competitive wages in all positions. Please come in person to 521 east Main Street in Highlands to apply or call 828-526-2400.
- Food Server, Cashier and Barista (includes tips)
- Dishwasher
- Positions in the ice cream dept.
- Pizza
- Experienced Breakfast Cook

**ITEMS FOR SALE**

**1979 SOHMER WALNUT CONSOLE PIANO** Piano workings in very good condition. Front leg has a break-unseen and causes no problem once in position. Original price $2200, now $600. 828-507-9726. (st. 6/7)

**EXCLUSIVE ROBERT TINO ORIGINAL PAINTINGS**. Call 281-908-6476. (st. 6/7)

**2013 LANDROVER LR4, HSE LUX.** Dark grey. 53,000 miles. Excellent condition. $36,000. Call 864-373-4022. (st. 4/19)

**SERVICES**

**GUTTER CLEANING, METAL FABRICATION** roof repairs, debris removal. Call. 371-1103. (st. 4/26)

**PRIVATE DUTY HEALTH CARE PROVIDER** – Do you need a caregiver for yourself or a family member? I am a CNA trained caregiver with many years of experience. Please call Marcie at 828-342-3750. References available upon request. (5/24)

**MALE HEALTH CARE PROVIDER.** 25-years experience. Have taken care of many high profile people. Call Desmond. 828-342-9015. (5/17)

**PROTECTIVE COATINGS INC.** Custom interior/exterior painting, pressure cleaning decks. Log home staining. Water damage repair. Insured. Call 828-421-6361. (st. 3/22)

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**HEALTHY COOKING CLASSES**

**IN YOUR HOME.** Learn simple techniques & recipes to make fresh foods taste delicious, as you save money and improve your health! Call Medea Galligan, MS Nutrition, Health Coach at 828-989-9144.


**HIGH COUNTRY PHOTO/KEVIN VINSON:** scanning photos, slides & negatives to CD or DVD for easier viewing. Video transfer to DVD. Everything done in house. Leave message at 828-526-5208. (st. 3/1)

**MOLD AND MUSTY SMELL IN YOUR home?** Call for free inspection. 828-743-0900.

**REAL ESTATE FOR SALE COZY COTTAGE.** Walk to Main St. 674 Chestnut. 1 BD/1 BA. Asking $140,000.

**HOMES FOR SALE:** 3 Bd 2&1/2 Ba home includes 1Bd 1Ba cottage 2 miles from downtown Highlands. By owner 803-315-0715. (st. 2/22)

**3.20 ACRES UNRESTRICTED** Power underground, borders National forest, 190 degree view. 10 min to Main Street. 3 septic fields, 1 well 7 g.p.m. 2 house foundations established and approved by county inspectors. 2Bed/2Bath Clayton home livable while building. Spring rights and more land available. For beautiful sunsets contact gracefamilia@yahoo.com. (9/21)

**1.21 ACRES FOR SALE** By OWNER - OTTO, NC - $28,000. Lot 12 Quail Haven Road. Otto, NC. Price not firm...open for negotiation. Please email if interested to ddmarsh15@aol.com or call/text to 239-980-0531. If no answer please leave a message. (st. 7/20)

**RENTALS**

**STUDIO APT. IN SCALY MOUNTAIN, $450 per mo. Utilities included. Annual lease, references required, no pets. (828) 526-3752.** (st. 5/31)

**3/3 OLDER HOME NEAR BASCOM FOR RENT year-round, $1075/month.** Furnished. 828-526-5558. (st. 5/10)

**LUXURY APARTMENT IN TOWN.** Walk to Main Street. 1BR 1BA. $3,500 per month. 3 month minimum. Sorry, no pets, no smoking.Adults only. 828-421-1709. (st. 5/10)

**SOUTHERN BELLS RESTAURANT** on Cashiers Road for lease. Experienced restaurateurs only. Call 706-782-6252. (st. 5/3)

**FALLS ON MAIN** — Up and Down units available. Call 706-782-6252. (st. 5/3)

**3 BD 2&1/2 BA HOME $2400 monthly 1Bd 1Ba cottage $1200 monthly All utilities included, fully furnished. 803-315-0715. 2 miles from downtown Highlands.** (st. 2/22)

**MISSING**

Tika, our African Grey Parrot went missing about 2 weeks ago. If you have seen her or know where she might be, please call 828.371.1301.