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Family enjoys an afternoon playing croquet at Highlands Country Club.  
— Photo by Brian O'Shea

## 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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## 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 barbecue.

"Most are metal fabrications

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## More money is needed for MC schools

By Brittney Lofthouse

Lead by the Macon County Association of Educators, a social media campaign launched to solicit support from concerned teachers, parents, and community members has garnered the support of Macon County Commissioners to provide more funding for education in Macon County.

When County Manager Derek Roland released his preliminary budget earlier this month, he included a \$200,000 increase for cur-

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From left are PAC boardmembers Rick and Cindy Trevathan, Lyle Nichols Stiles Kellett, Executive Director Mary Adair Trumbly, Advisory Board Member, Jane Webb, board member Nancy Harrison and architect Paul Schmitt.

— Photo by Kim Lewicki

## In no time, a performing arts complex is a reality

For most communities the size of Highlands, garnering \$10 million from the public for a project would likely take years ... but not in this town.

In about two years, a \$5 million anonymous matching gift was matched so last Friday night "a

dream come true" was celebrated at the Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street in Highlands.

About 75 people turned out to enjoy a private Banks and Shane concert and witness the

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### 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.



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

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.

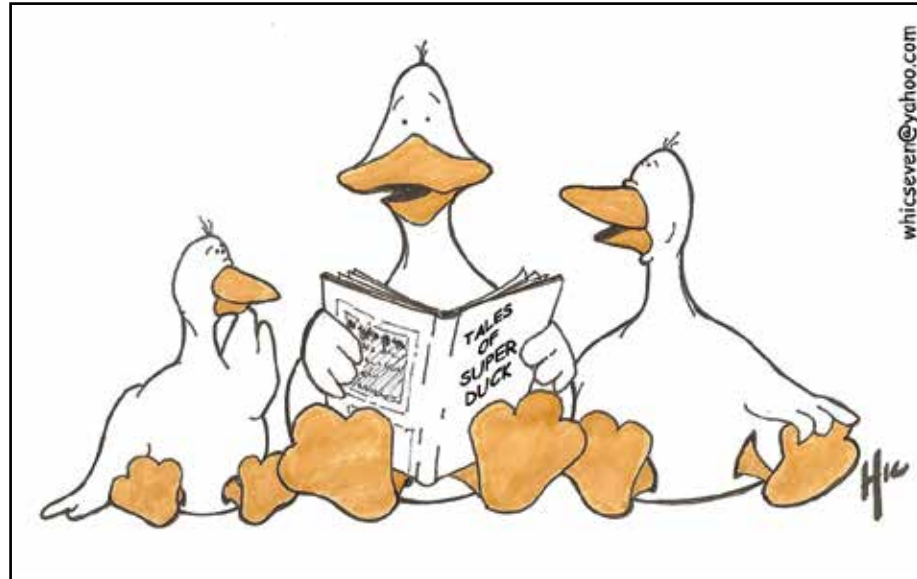
I opened my remarks by emphasizing the value of the arts with words similar to what I just posted above. But, I went further to emphasize the economic impact

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  
• See MAYOR page 21

## • HIC'S VIEW •



## • LETTER •

### Teeth needed in 'bear plan'

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.

Cherry Bittick  
Highlands

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	Friday 6/15		Saturday 6/16		Sunday 6/17	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp ○	79 F	58 F	79 F	58 F	80 F	60 F
RealFeel® ○	88 F	67 F	89 F	70 F	91 F	72 F
Winds ○	4 g 5	3 g 4	3 g 5	2 g 4	3 g 5	3 g 4
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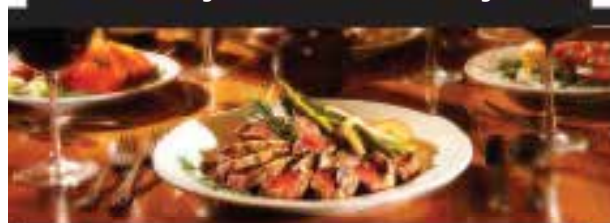
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## • OBITUARIES •

### Toby Allen Barnes

Toby Allen Barnes, born April 14, 1960, passed away unexpectedly on Hwy. 28, in one final ride down "the quarter" June 7, 2018.

Services will be held Saturday, June 16 at Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church - 11 a.m. friends and family; 12 p.m. Service by Reverend Oliver Rice

He is survived by his eternally loving wife of 39 years, Patricia Munger Barnes; one son Casey Barnes (Sally Zachery), one daughter Caprita Barnes (James Plemmons), three grandsons: Toby, Matthew, and Robbie Barnes; and one granddaughter: Mazie Barnes.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Ophelia Cal-



loway, his father, Clifford Barnes, and his sister Clela Barnes-Potts.

Toby was the youngest of five siblings: Diane Barnes-McCall, Keith Barnes (Nowanna Barnes), Sheila Barnes-Munger (Ricky Munger), and an extended family of all who knew him.

Donations to aid in funeral expenses and help ease the financial shock of this loss may be sent to: Mrs. Patricia Barnes, PO Box 1801, Highlands, NC 28741

A Go-Fund-Me account will soon be activated in Patricia's name and will be shared via FaceBook.

### Miriam 'Mimi' Greenfield

Miriam Greenfield "Mimi" passed away June 3, 2018. Born in Beaufort, SC June 22, 1922. Mimi was known for her great humor and an artist that loved Seascape paintings. Her paintings revealed that beach life was very important. Mimi never complained about getting older, only made jokes, often heard "getting older is not for sissies." She will be missed by all who knew her.

Her wishes are to have her final rest next to her siblings in Savannah at Bonaventure Cemetery. She left behind four children Sue, Helen, Dick and Nancy Greenfield.



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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 up-

grades 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

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## REFLECTIONS FROM LORD BANJO

## • DOGSPEAK •

## 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 doggie school.

While I was enrolled and learning, I had a ways to go before I was the perfect pup. The next two threats came when I sailed out of the yard over the front hedge and loped down the street. When he tells



The Royal Pooch Lord Banjo

the story, Dad laughingly describes me as floating over the hedge and setting sail, but he was fit to be tied when I did it. Mostly he was furious that, as he chased me, I'd look back at him and keep going.

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 housebroken 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](mailto:inkpenn119@gmail.com).

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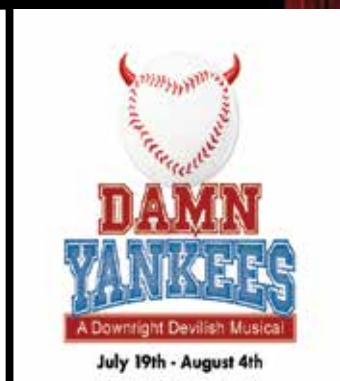
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board of education aren't sustainable for the county if taken out of the fund balance.

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, sac-

rifices 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 on when it is discussed again on June 19.

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## Gluten-Free Blueberry Muffins

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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
- ¾ cup organic heavy cream
- 1/4 teaspoon almond extract



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- 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.



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# •HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS•

**Ongoing**

• Movies at the Highlands Playhouse: Movies: Fri-Tues, 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.glenvilleareahistoricalsociety.com](http://www.glenvilleareahistoricalsociety.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.

**Mon. and Wed.**

• Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:30. All levels welcome.

**Mon., Wed., Fri.**

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8:30am-9:30am.

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

**Mon., Wed., Thurs.**

• Pickle Ball at the Recreation Department Gym 10:30am -1pm

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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.

**Thursdays**

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15 pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street in Franklin Call Donita for more info (828) 526-9510.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt at 6:30-7:30 at the Rec Park.

**2nd Thursdays**

• Sapphire Valley Needlepoint Guild meets at the Highlands Rec Park at 10 a.m.

**3rd Thursdays**

• Kidney Smart Classes in Franklin: from 4:30-6pm, Angel Medical Center, Video Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 120 Riverview St. Contact Majestic 828-369-9474

**1st and 3rd Thursdays**

• Indivisible Highlands, a non-partisan activist group meets weekly at the Hudson Library at 5p. For info call 770-823-0601

**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**

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On Friday, June 15, Hudson Library will offer free planetarium shows in Fontana Regional Library's inflatable planetarium. Public shows for children will be at 11:30am and 1:30pm in the library. These shows are part of the library's Summer Learning Program.

The planetarium can be used to show a variety of specially produced films designed to be projected on the interior walls of the planetarium. Shows may include Secrets of the Sun, Journey to Mars, 3000 Years of Stargazing, or others.

For more information, contact the library at 828-526-3031.



# •HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS•

## Saturdays

• Live FREE music in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street from 6-8 p.m.

• At The Bascom, Pottery Sale in the barn from 10a to 5p.

• Scrabble at Hudson Library from 1-4 p.m. Bring board if possible. All are welcome. 727-871-8298.

• The Bascom Knitters on the Terrace at The Bascom from 10 am until noon or downstairs in The Bascom Library room.

## 4th Saturdays

• Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30a at the old Scaly Mtn. School at Buck Knob and NC 106.

## Thurs., June 14

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, History of the 5-String Banjo. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Mary Z. Cox. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Apple Music. Time 10:30a-3:30p. Cost \$75/\$85. Instructor: Nigel Sixsmith. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• OPEN HOUSE at the Highlands Civic Center on N. 4th Street to show off the recent upgrades to exterior campus and interior from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Refreshments provided.

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• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, The Dumbest Generation? Understanding the Millennials. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Mark Bauerlein. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• The High Mountain Squares will host their "Beach Party", Friday night, June 15th, at the Robert C Carpenter Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin NC from 6:15 to 8:45 PM. Dr Jim Duncan from Otto, NC will be the caller. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Everyone is welcome. For information call: 828-342-1560, 828-332-0001,

## Sat., June 16

• The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9:00-12:00, Saturday, June 16th. If you are interested in participating, please email [highlandsgreenway@nctv.com](mailto:highlandsgreenway@nctv.com) or leave a message at 828-342-8980. We'll meet at the large upper parking lot behind the Recreation Center at 9:00 AM for a brief orientation session, and you will be furnished with the necessary tools and safety equipment. The Annual Meeting will follow at 12:00 at the Rec Park picnic tables.

• Annual Reese Reunion at the Highlands Rec Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

• Low Country Shrimp Boil to benefit K-H Founders Park from 5-8 p.m. Tented event. Rain or Shine on the plaza. \$60 ticket includes Low Country Boil Dinner, dessert and 2 drink tickets. Tickets are available at [www.foundersparkhighlands.org](http://www.foundersparkhighlands.org). The Dry Sink, Highlands Chamber of Commerce and the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust office in the Peggy Crosby Center. Live music from Fletcher's Grove – Appalachian Jam Rock from Morgantown, West VA.

## Mon., June 18

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby

Center on 5th Street, The Kaiser's Confidante. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Rick Hutto. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

## Tues., June 19

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Crypto Currencies: Bitcoin and Others. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Jonathan Wilkes. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• At the Nature Center, Going Batty at 8 p.m. \$2.

## Wed., June 20

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Lakeside Cooking Demonstration and Lunch. Time: 11:30a-2p. Cost \$65/\$75. Chef: Jordan Brown. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Mark Twain. Time: 2-4p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Elliot Engel. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

## Thurs., June 21

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Charles Dickens. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Elliot Engel. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

## Sat., June 23

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Death, Mourning and Civil War Widows. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Angela Esco Elder. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

• Well-known author, Mary Alice Monroe, is the featured speaker for the Highland's United Methodist Church's fifth annual Author's Tea Saturday 2-4 p.m. in the new Faith and Fellowship Center on 3rd Street. Tickets are \$25. Call the Church Office at (828) 526-3376 or the event Chair, Gay Kattel, at (828) 526-2746.

## Thurs.-Sun June 21-24

• At the Highlands Playhouse, "An Evening with Danny Kaye." Shows are at 8 p.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call 526-2695 for tickets.

## Sat., June 23

• The Highlands-Cashiers Music Festival will have their "Opening Celebration" at the Carolina Gallery of Fine Art, corner of N 4th St & Carolina Way, upper level entrance. Gallery Artists have created special works in honor of this occasion in a show titled "The Art of Music" Opening 5 - 7pm refreshments served, free and open to the public for info call 526-3705

## Sat. & Sun. June 23 & 24

• Highlands Village Square Art & Craft Show-10 to 5 at Kelsey-Hutchinson "Founders" Park on Pine Street downtown. High quality fine art, folk art and regionally made crafts. Sponsored by Highlands Rotary Mountaintop, who will also be serving lunch. Free admission. (828) 787-2021 for info.

## Sun. - Thurs., June 24-28

• At HUMC, Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School 5-8 p.m. Ages Birth through 5th grade. Dinner is 5-5:30p each night. To register, call 828-526-3376 ext. 113.

## Sun., June 24

• At PAC, a free concert to benefit Highlands PAC> "Life Unfurled. Donations accepted. 507 Chestnut Street.

## Mon., June 25

At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Colonialism in Algeria. Time: 2-4p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Max Owre. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

## Tues., June 26

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Cultural Landscapes of French North America.

• See EVENTS page 16

## An Evening with Danny Kaye at the Highlands Playhouse Thurs.-Sun.



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An Evening with Danny Kaye runs Thursday, Friday & Saturday June 21-23 @ 8pm and Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24 @ 2pm at the Highlands Playhouse. Tickets are available at the Playhouse box office: 362 Oak Street in Downtown Highlands, or our website [HighlandsPlayhouse.org](http://HighlandsPlayhouse.org), or by calling (828) 526-2462.

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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: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35  
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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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# • 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 was 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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# • WORD MATTER •

## 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 of 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



**Bud Katz**

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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Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Max Owre. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

- 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.

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, John Steinbeck's Masterwork: East of Eden. Time: 5:30-8:30p. Cost \$40/\$50. In-

structor: Brian Railsback. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

- At the Nature Center, Nocturnal Nature at 8 p.m. \$2.

### Wed., June 27

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, "Precious Lord, Take My Hand:" A History of Gospel Music. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Oliver Greene, Jr. For res-




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## ... COMPLEX continued from page 1

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 im-

pact 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](mailto:highlandspacnc@gmail.com).

– Kim Lewicki

## HCCMF 2018 Feasts/Salons of the Festival

### Southern with a Twist

Sunday, July 8 @ 7:15 PM

\$125/Person - 18 Places

Special Guests: David & Julie Coucheron

Hosts: Marie Sharpe, Dennis & Fran Leftwich

### A French Cajun Feast

Saturday, July 14 @ 7:15 PM

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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



### 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:

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### Two Salons: Fei-Fei Dong dazzles!

Saturday, June 30 @ 5 PM @

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\$75/Person - 40 Places

Sunday, July 1 @ 5 PM @ home of Teri Dolci

Hosts: Teri Dolci, Sybil Fishburn, San Hollis

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### Salon: Quint and Ransom together again!

Thursday, July 19 @ 5 PM

Hosts: Carlton & Andrea Cole

\$75/Person - 24 Places

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### 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.*



## ...CROQUET continued from page 1

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 Sap-

phire 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."

## Birds of Prey at Hudson Library



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

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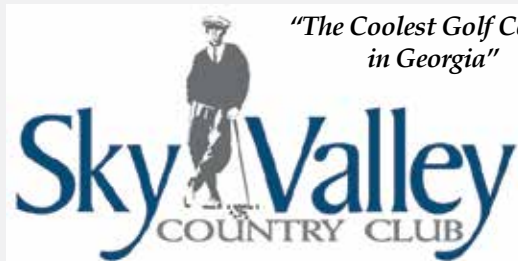
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