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Baptist church and Brewpub get SUPs

Two Special Use Permits were unanimously issued at last week's Zoning Board meeting – one for the First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall expansion and

one for the Brewpub destined for 595 Franklin Road.

Both projects had received Special Use Permits (SUP) years ago but since work never started

and plans and uses changed, new SUPs had to be issued.

The First Baptist Church's plans changed in that there will

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'4 Paws' needed for Eliza

By Brittney Lofthouse

For one family in Highlands, securing a Seizure Alert Dog would not only be life-changing, it could be the difference between life or death.

So, for Eliza Leyland and her family, having a alert dog is paramount – but finding the funds to afford the life-saving measure has been challenging.

The family applied for the dog through an organization called 4 Paws for Ability, which helps families obtain specially trained pets. It costs the organization \$40,000-\$60,000 to raise and train a service dog for Eliza's needs, and the family is responsible for a portion of that. The family is working to raise the \$17,000 it would cost to be able to bring the service dog home. After launching an online fundraiser at the beginning of the month, the family has raised \$7,000 toward the goal. "We have been overwhelmed with the gen-

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The annual Bascom Family Day is Saturday, June 23 from 11 am – 2 pm



Featured at Family Day at The Bascom Saturday will be Pop-Ups in the Bascom Shop showcasing AWC Wood's hand made toys, Cowee Sam children's book series, and Annell Metsker's custom painted family portraits and more. Under the porte-cochere there will be a selfie booth with resident artists Vicki Provost, the portable planetarium by the Hudson Library, Big Brothers Big Sisters outdoor fun and music by Zori. In the studio barn, there will be ceramic demonstrations and a pottery sale; on the terrace it's woodturning demonstrations, interactive art activities and face-painting. There will be food and beverages available from the Flip and Whip Food Truck, free popcorn, prizes and giveaways. And don't forget the StoryWalk on the nature trail!

Addiction; no insurance driving NC children into foster care

Macon County is feeling the effects

By Brittney Lofthouse

The opioid epidemic has devastated North Carolina families, driving thousands of children into foster care, according to a new report by NC Child. The number of children in foster care across the state has steadily increased, and Macon County is no different.

Last year, the Macon County Board of Commissioners approved a new social worker for the department of social services when the county's foster care case load reached 50 children, way above the recommended state average.

Since 2012, the county's foster care social workers have managed at least 10 more cases at

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Keeping the town fiscally sound

We are entering a new budget year in Highlands. Tonight's Town Board meeting agenda includes a public hearing on the proposed new budget.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

Budget planning always centers around maintaining the fiscal health of the town. I recently read an article, "What is a Fiscally Healthy City?" by Christina McFarland. It appeared in the National League of Cities weekly bulletin. Let me share a section that makes me believe Highlands is fiscally healthy. The article states:

"During the International Conference on Municipal Fiscal Health hosted by the Lincoln Institute of Land Policy in Detroit, May 21-23, elected officials, policy experts and practitioners spoke to the issue of a fiscally healthy city from their unique vantage points. Here is what they said:

Mayor Mike Duggan, city of Detroit
"For Detroiters, the issue of self-determination is a core value...We earned our way out of state oversight through increased transparency, balanced budgets, improved tax revenues, and elected officials willing to say 'no' when a proposal takes the city off track."

Enid Slack, Institute on Municipal Fi-

nance and Governance, University of Toronto

"A fiscally healthy city is one that has the ability to provide a reasonable level of service at a reasonable tax rate, now and in the future."

Nick A. Khouri, Michigan State Treasurer

"To achieve true fiscal health, we must address three critical issues while we have the wind at our back: long term liabilities; efficient provision of services; and new revenues."

Eric Scorsone, Center for Local Government Finance and Policy, Michigan State University

"A city must achieve both fiscal solvency and service solvency to be fiscally healthy in a holistic way."

Tracey Hitchen Boyd, New York State Office of the State Comptroller

"Fiscal health requires management that accounts not only for the city's fiscal condition, but also the environment which is shaping fiscal health, such as the effectiveness of the services provided, demographics and the economy, and the appropriate levers to pull based on these unique circumstances."

A fiscally healthy city, then, is one with a balanced budget that meets the short- and long-term needs of the community and is resilient in the face of economic uncertainty. This can't be achieved overnight, but as leaders from cities that have emerged from

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• HIC'S VIEW •



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"I have to calculate target distance, windage, dive angle, Bomb density and speed. Today I got Ray's SUV smack on the hood."

• MEMORIALS •

James 'Jim' Howard Fox

The family of James "Jim" Howard Fox will be holding a celebration of life in his honor on Saturday, June 23 at 1 p.m. at the Petrone Property 6478 Buck Creek Road, Highlands. The family would like to invite friends and acquaintances to the memorial in honor of Jim. The celebration of his life will be followed by a potluck. Casual dress is suggested.

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• WEATHER •

	Friday 6/22		Saturday 6/23		Sunday 6/24	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	75 F	59 F	77 F	56 F	78 F	61 F
RealFeel	83 F	68 F	85 F	66 F	88 F	68 F
Winds	5 g 8	4 g 6	6 g 10	5 g 9	5 g 7	4 g 6
T-Storms	52%	44%	60%	24%	60%	24%
Rainfall	0.1	0.04	0.2	0	0.1	0
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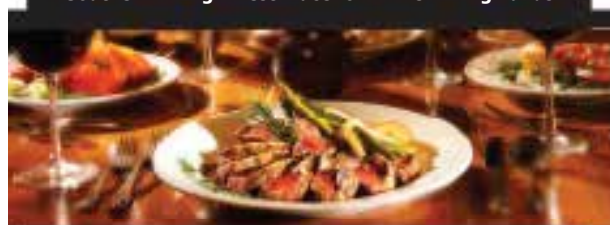
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Dorothie Garrett

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• LETTER •

Let's vote his kind out

Dear Editor,

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The disgraceful Donald Trump and Jeff Sessions are taking a page from the Nazi playbook and we are letting them do it. How can you call yourselves Christians and stand by and let Trump get away with this. This is not the country I grew up in. We are a nation of immigrants and have always welcomed those escaping tyranny. Donald Trump cares only about himself and has no moral compass. How can we ignore how he talks about what he can get away with women? How can we ignore the multiple affairs he's had and lied about? He admires murderers like the Korean dictator and Putin and calls our international friends derogatory names.

I call my Senators and worthless Congressman almost every day and I hope you do, too. They don't listen but that's all I can do until November. I can only vote and express my outrage.

Earl Walker
Highlands

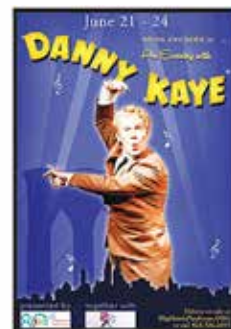


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any given time – more than what is recommended. Even with the new position added last year, the continued uptick in foster children this year resulted in the request of another position in the department.

Statewide, parental substance misuse was a contributing factor to children entering foster care in 39 percent of cases in SFY 2016-17, a 50 percent increase since SFY 2007-08.

The NC Child report argues that unaffordable health insurance puts treatment out of reach for many struggling to overcome opioid addiction. Closing the health insurance coverage gap could give parents the prevention and treatment options they need to provide a safe, stable environment for their children.

For Macon County, 80 percent of all foster care cases involve circumstances where the parent/caretaker is battling some sort of substance abuse issue. Pending legislation, House Bill 662 named Carolina Cares, would provide counties with additional resources to help families and children across the state battling substance abuse.

“Substance use disorder is a tragic disease that can tear apart families and leave children without stable, nurturing homes. The opioid epidemic is driving this crisis to

a new level in our state,” said Whitney Tucker, research director at NC Child.

All children who experience trauma must overcome significant challenges, but children whose parents suffer from substance use disorder often experience even greater obstacles. These children are more likely to be placed in out-of-home care and they are more likely to stay in care longer than other children, both of which lead to poor long-term outcomes.

Parents suffering from substance use disorder want to provide stable and nurturing homes for their children, but they can't do it alone. They need health insurance to access evidence-based treatment that can help them recover. Unfortunately, North Carolina's failure to close the health insurance coverage gap has left thousands of parents uninsured.

In 2014, an estimated 144,000 uninsured North Carolinians with a mental health diagnosis or substance use disorder had incomes below the income limit for expanded Medicaid eligibility authorized by the Affordable Care Act.

Donald McDonald, executive director of Addiction Professionals of North Carolina, a statewide membership organization representing the interests of addiction

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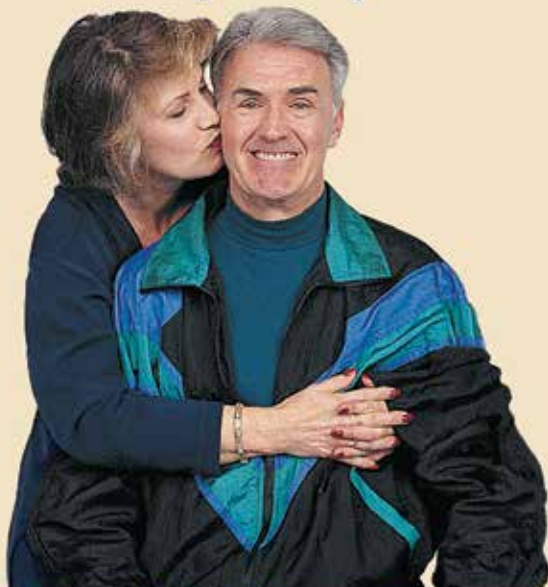
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Low County Shrimp Boil was held to raise funds for the park, and a great time was had by the sellout crowd of 300 patrons.

This event could not have been possible without those won-

derful patrons, our dedicated board members, the hard working volunteers and most generous sponsors: Jim & Shirley Johnson; Ray & Diane McPhail; Bobby Haynes; Highlands Chamber of Commerce; Rotary Club of Highlands; The Business Spot; Ross Landscape Architecture; Jannie Bean Custom Jeweler; Taylor Pottery; Don & Betty Fisher; Highlands Newspaper; Laurel Magazine; WHLC; The Highlander Newspaper; Dry Sink; Ugly Dog Pub, Inc.; Town of Highlands; Alfred & Marleen Salo; The Vineyard at 37 High Holly; Main Street Nursery; and Highlands Lawn & Garden.

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• ALL ABOUT BOOKS •

For Sherlock Holmes Lovers

I'm not only a mystery fan, but I also have a special place in my heart for books based on Sherlock Holmes. I didn't read the original Arthur Conan Doyle stories, but through the years, I've stumbled on the occasional TV productions and always found them enjoyable.

It may have been Laurie King's Mary Russell stories that got me hooked on all things Sherlock Holmes. The first in the series, "The BeeKeeper's Apprentice," came out in 1994. Mary Russell, a 15-year-old girl, literally stumbles across Sherlock Holmes while out walking, and their unlikely relationship becomes the stuff of fifteen novels. I realize as I'm typing this that I haven't read them all, so it's time to add a few to my library wishlist. I wanted to believe the foreword to the first book, wherein the author explains finding letters in a trunk either between or about Mary Russell and Sherlock. Forgive me; it's been almost twenty years since I read the book. Suffice it to say, I found the premise intriguing.

"The Sherlockian" is another book I couldn't put down. It features dedicated Sherlock Holmes fans who get wind of a missing Arthur Conan Doyle diary, one which would explain the final chapter in Sherlock's life. I found the mystery intriguing and also enjoyed learning about Conan Doyle's life even though the facts were interwoven with fiction.

Next, I discovered Anthony Horowitz's 2011 "The House of Silk: A Sher-



Kathy Manos Penn

lock Holmes Novel" through a review in the Wall Street Journal. "For the first time in its one-hundred-and-twenty-five-year history, the Arthur Conan Doyle Estate has authorized a new Sherlock Holmes novel ... The Arthur Conan Doyle Estate chose the celebrated, #1 New York Times bestselling author Anthony Horowitz to write 'The House of Silk' because of his proven ability to tell a transfixing story and for his passion for all things Holmes." It lived up to its

billing.

Bonnie MacBird's "Art in the Blood" is another novel written as a continuation of the original series. I may have stumbled across it as an Amazon recommendation. If you decide to give Sherlock a try, this, like "The House of Silk," is written in the style of Arthur Conan Doyle.

For a lighter Holmes themed mystery, I picked up "Elementary She Read: A Sherlock Holmes Bookshop Murder." The story takes place on Cape Cod where, at 222 Baker Street, of course, the Sherlock Holmes Bookshop and Emporium deals in Holmes paraphernalia, books, and collectibles. This modern day, humorous, murder mystery makes for a fun read.

Writing this column required a bit of research to refresh my memory, and I happily found yet another Holmes story to add to my list, "The Case of the Baker Street Irregulars." It promises to be a humorous mystery. I like to mix up my reading—a book with a literary bent and way with words

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professionals, described the importance of health insurance for those struggling with addiction.

"Addictions specialists see individuals daily who want to recover, but who don't have access to adequate and appropriate services. We know what causes substance use disorder and we know how to treat it and we know people get better then well. But only 1 in 10 get the help they need. Meanwhile, drug overdoses have doubled since 2010. Closing the health insurance coverage gap would unlock the full spectrum of addiction care – prevention, harm reduction, treatment, and recovery – which could make a substantial difference as we work to help North Carolinians find freedom and wellness," said McDonald.

States that have closed the health insurance coverage gap are making progress. Kentucky, for instance, expanded income eligibility for Medicaid in 2014. As a result, that state saw a 700 percent increase in Medicaid beneficiaries using substance use treatment services.

HB662, Carolina Cares, is legislation sponsored by Rep. Donny Lambeth (R-Forsyth) that would create an affordable health insurance option in North Carolina for adults who currently earn too much to qualify for Medicaid, but not enough to purchase private health insurance.

While HB662 includes a work requirement provision that would likely keep some people struggling with substance use disorders uninsured, overall, the proposal would boost access to needed prevention and treatment services. HB662 is not likely to move in the 2018 legislative session, but a similar bill could be reintroduced in 2019.

Macon County Commissioner Ronnie Beale said that House Bill 662 could be life changing for the families both in Macon County and across the state who need treatment, but it still may not be enough to curve a problem that has been plaguing families for decades.

"House Bill 662 would be a great start in providing health insurance to many poor North Carolinians who can't afford health insurance on the open market," said Commissioner Beale. "But some questions still remain such as why has the state waited five years to implement this type of program and why not implement full Medicaid expansion for all of North Carolina like 33 other states have done? It is estimated that in North Carolina some 500,000 more people would be covered if we had full Medicaid expansion. Since we all pay in the Medicaid expansion program it seems that this money should be coming back to North Carolinians and the citizens of Macon County."

North Carolina House of Representative member Kevin Corbin, who represents Macon County said that as an insurance agent, he supports the pending legislation and believes it would fill a gap in

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"Dogs Are Not Our Whole Lives, But They Make Our Lives Whole..." – Roger Caras

I know...this is a Real Estate column. But I am reminded that the value of Real Estate directly correlates with the values of a Buyer, a Seller, and a Community...and yes, this includes the value we give to our dogs (with sincere apologies to you cat people...may God have mercy on you).

Highlands, North Carolina is the place to be...especially if you're a dog. Walk downtown, and so many of our retail shops have water bowls on the sidewalks. Grab a picnic table outside Mountain Fresh Grocery, where you and your dog can take in breakfast, lunch, or dinner al fresco, and Sheila in the checkout lane stocks complimentary doggie-treats. Highlands Mountain Paws and Posh Paws Pet Spa are wonderful places. The Animal Wellness Hospital is the best Vet in the land. Our public Dog Park just behind the Highlands Rec Center resembles a scene from a Dr. Seuss book most mornings so bring your

coffee, your dog, and meet the neighbors. In-town and all-around the Highlands Greenway, Mill Creek, Lindenwood Lake, Mirror Lake, the Cullasaja River, Lake Sequoyah, and Harris Lake are cooling Dive-Ins for Dogs, with plenty of ducks and geese to harass.

When buying or selling property, try to think like a dog and ask the questions a dog would ask. "Will I have room to run? Can I slobber in the Kitchen? What's the attitude of the neighboring dogs? Are there doggie doors installed or will my master need to add them? Is there a healthy combination of shade & sun? Are the decks and screened in ar-



Pat Gleeson, Owner/BIC
White Oak Realty Group
with Gemma

eads suitable for long naps? Is the squirrel, rabbit, and chipmunk population up to my standards? What can you tell me about bear sightings?" Add value to your investment, and value to your life, by adding value for your dog!

As you roam about town, a "dog culture" prevails in the shops and the Real Estate offices. Meet "Max" and "Juney," fixtures at The Business Spot; there's "Mick" at Jannie Bean's Fine Custom Jewelry; "The 3 Pugs" (Boute, Tux, & Prince) grace the confines of J. Elliott Style on 4th Street; you'll meet "Gemma" and Susie's precious Golden Retriever "Sophie" on the sidewalk

in front of our office; go see Lucy (the singing Maltese) and "Mignon" at Pat Allen's office; Berkshire Hathaway features the "Barking Brokers" Thor, Bowie, Marlo, & Deacon. And there's Granddog Summer at Highlands Newspaper.

All of us believe the value of property has a lot to do with the value of our dogs...and yours too! We encourage you to bring your dogs along when you look at properties, even if it takes two cars, no problem!

I'll close with another quote I read recently from the AKC website that goes like this: "Dogs really do speak, but only to those who know how to listen" (Orhan Pamuk)... there's a message in there for all of us. GO DOGS!

• Pat Gleeson, his wife Deborah (aka Bee), and their dog Gemma are Owners and Brokers of White Oak Realty Group, located in downtown Highlands on 4th Street across from the Old Edwards Inn. White Oak Realty Group, founded in 2009 by Susie deVille, is one of the leading boutique brokerage firms on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. You can reach Pat, Bee, and Susie deVille at 828.526.8118.

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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 Mari-

na. 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.glenvilleareahistoricalociety.com

First Mondays

- Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Meeting at 7 pm

Mondays

- At the Rec Park, High Cardio

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

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 @ 8pm and Saturday & Sunday, June 23 & 24 at 2pm at the Highlands Playhouse. Tickets are available at the Playhouse box office: 362 Oak Street in Downtown Highlands, or our website HighlandsPlayhouse.org, or by calling (828) 526-2462.

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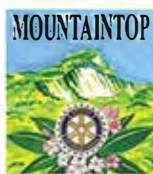
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Mon. & Thurs.

- 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 Din-

ner 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.occupywn.com 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.

Wed. - Sat. (starting July 5)

- At Highlands Inn on Main Street held in the dining room, Afternoon Tea 2-4:30pm. Royal Tea: \$45; Classic Tea: \$35. Call 828-526-9380 for more information.

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

Meet HCCMF's musicians at Festival of Feasts and Salons

Are you aware of the opportunities during the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival to meet its musicians in some of the area's most beautiful private homes while providing vital financial support to the Festival? The Feasts are wonderful dinners or cocktail buffets attended by Festival musicians (who engage in lively conversation in lieu of performing). The Salons are casual events from 5 to 7 PM with Festival musicians performing short programs followed by light hors d'oeuvres and drink.

The first Salons will feature Fei-Fei Dong, the brilliant, award winning pianist who will entertain with virtuoso solo music in two house concerts from 5 to 7 p.m. on June 30 and July 1 with different programs each night. Fei-Fei is a winner of the Concert Artists Guild Competition and a top finalist at the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano Competition. She was showcased prominently as a Cliburn finalist in the PBS documentary film, *Virtuosity*. The first salon will be hosted by Gay Graves and Boyd Letcher and Kendra and Roger Haines on June 30th at the home of Gay and Boyd in Cashiers. Dong's second salon on July 1st in Highlands is sold out.

The final feast will be at the beautiful home of Greg and Mary Thompson on September 15th. This feast will be an "exception" in that pianists Julie Coucheron and William Ransom will present a short 4-hands concert.

Some of these thrilling events have sold out, so you will want to call the Festival office at 828-526-9060 or email hccmfnc@gmail.com. Visit the Festival's website at www.h-cmusicfestival.org for a complete list of this season's feasts and salons.



•HIGHLANDS AREA EVENTS•

• 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

• Live FREE music in Town Square on Main Street from 6-8 p.m.

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 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 HUMC'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 (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 "Opening Celebration" at the Carolina Gallery of

Fine Art, corner of N 4th St & Carolina Way, upper level entrance with a show titled "The Art of Music" 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. 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. Instructor: 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 reservations call 828-526-8811.

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, The Carter Presidency. Time: 2-4p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Joseph Crespino. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

Thurs., June 28

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, "It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing:" An Enlightening Program of American Jazz Classics. Time: 4-5:30p. Cost \$25/\$35. Concert Presented by: Oliver Greene, Jr. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

Fri. & Sat. June 29-30

• Highlands Biological Foundation Rockin' the Highlands Plateau Highlands Biological Station. \$100 non-members, \$75 members. Call 828-526-2221.

Fri., June 29

• At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Conflict Resolution: How Does it Work? Time: 2-4p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Hrair Balian. For reservations call 828-526-

8811.

Sun., July 1

• The Playhouse fundraiser, StarStruck is at the Highlands Country Club beginning at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$200 per person or \$1,800 for a table of eight which includes eight complementary movie tickets at the Playhouse for use at any time. Along with a multi-course plated dinner and drinks, StarStruck will showcase live theatrical vignettes

from the casts of Guys and Dolls and Damn Yankees. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a live auction and bid on unique lifetime experiences. Highlands' own Al Scudder will lead the fast-paced and exciting auction that is sure to "up the ante" for a good cause. Tickets to StarStruck can be purchased by calling (828) 526-2695 or by visiting HighlandsPlayhouse.org or the Playhouse Box Office.

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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING.

Good News: America now has a cool infrastructure for revival?

Pastor Dr. Gary Hewins
Community Bible Church



Can you name two common practices, of nearly all Americans, that could facilitate the spread of a monumental revival in this nation? Historically speaking, revivals and mass awakenings follow long seasons of moral and spiritual decline. Good news, America is prepped for a historic revival in more ways than one. We are certainly in the throes of a moral and spiritual decline.

#1 A "Voice"

In times past, an American had the opportunity to "voice" their opinion through something called a vote. We still have this wonderful right or "voice" but it is now heard multiple times a day rather than annually or every four years. Twenty-first century Americans have a "voice" or a "platform" from which they launch stories, opinions and humor while also living vicariously through other people expressing themselves on their social media platform. Nearly everyone has a "voice" and nearly everyone is using it.

While the world has been falling apart, God is patiently building a communication infrastructure to make Him the most talked about figure in all the world. Just like the Roman road system, trade routes and shipping lanes were the ideal first-century infrastructure to spread the gospel. Social media is the twenty first century, ideal infrastructure for sharing testimonies regarding the presence of God, radical personal transformation, healings, reconciliation and deliverance from life-stifling addictions. The personal "voice" longed for in America is now here. In a revival atmosphere, Facebook will one day move people's faces to the Book. People will be greatly challenged as they try to describe, in 140 characters, how they just encountered the presence of God or came under conviction in a bar or office or living room.

Just as phenomena like the "Arab Spring" took place years ago, people all over the world will instantaneously be informed of mass revivals springing up in various places. The cell phone, which has so seized our attention, will one day be our immediate connection to how the Spirit of God is sweeping through towns, parishes, counties and cities. The awareness of events like we see in Revelation 11:8-14, become quite understandable with cell phones in mind.

#2 The Joining of "Voices"

Americans now enjoy having a "voice" but they also enjoy "joining their voices" to make movements. Our culture is enamored with causes and movements. Individual voices are good but when these voices bond with one another, they become a cause-oriented, synergistic, symphonic movement that brings about transformation. Our cultural craving for movements will soon be satisfied with a Divine movement in which once disgruntled tweeters will become 2 Corinthians 5 ambassadors using their "voice" to move people closer to Christ. Be thirsty for that kind of move-

• See SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING page 22

Proverbs 3:5

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no longer be a parking area between the current Fellowship Hall and Jim Tate's building to the east. Originally, half of the half-circle drive was going to stay to access handicap parking onsite. Now the entire drive will go away. In its place will be a large welcoming arm entrance with steps and plantings off Oak Street.

The Planning Board always sees plans before the Zoning Board and usually its recommendations are taken into consideration.

However, last Wednesday, the Zoning Board didn't consider the Planning Board's request to soften the look of the existing Fellowship Hall/Education building with plantings on the Oak Street side.

According to Town Planner Andrew Bowen, the First Baptist Church is on two lots. The lot for which the new SUP applies has nothing to do with the lot housing the current building so stipulations of plantings couldn't be applied to the new SUP.

He said he learned after last Monday's Planning Board meeting that there were two lots.

Since the Brewpub on the Franklin

Road is a change of use, a new SUP was needed. A couple of years ago, Don Reynolds and JT Fields got a SUP to open a private club/event venue on the site. That fell through. Now a Brewpub is planned.

When the application was seen by the Planning Board, it included a deck extending off the back of the building. Since no drawings were submitted with the request, the Planning Board suggested the Zoning Board not issue the SUP. As per the town's Unified Development Ordinance, plans must be submitted.

That being the case, Reynolds said a deck was not planned at this time. Bowen said when and if a deck comes into play, a new SUP would have to be requested.

Wednesday night, the Zoning Board issued the SUP for the change of use and extended the hours for outdoor music to 11 p.m. Under the previous SUP, the cut off for outdoor music was 10 p.m.

Since no adjacent property owners attended the meeting to voice opinions or concerns, the Brewpub will be allowed to have outdoor music until 11 p.m. like other venues in town.

— Kim Lewicki

... ELIZA continued from page 1

erosity and giving spirit of the Highlands community," said Renee Hamett, Eliza's mom, who serves as the Data Manager at Highlands School.

"To say we are grateful and thankful is an understatement. We are amazed at the love and support we have received from this community."

Eliza has grand mal seizures that occur once or twice a week with no warning during the day and/or night.

"We live in constant fear that she will have a seizure, fall, hit her head and get seriously injured...or worse," said Renee.

Eliza is a student at Highlands School. This year, she was diagnosed with epilepsy. Eliza had her first seizure during the night when she was seven. According to Renee, Eliza's neurologist was able to prescribe medication that stopped them within a month. The medicine worked until about two years ago when the seizures returned.

"Within the last two years her seizures have been getting progressively worse, increasing in frequency, duration and intensity" said Renee. "Within the last six months her seizures have changed from just happening at night, to happening during the day. Within the last month and a half she has had four ER visits, with two trips to the hospital by ambulance."

Eliza has seen numerous doctors and specialists at Duke and Chapel Hill, all of which have been unable to stop the sei-

zures. A seizure alert dog can smell/sense a seizure coming on up to ten minutes before it happens. That alert time is life-saving and can give Eliza and her family time to get her to a safe place and at the minimum sitting down so she won't fall and hit her head.

"At night I sleep in the room next to her with a baby monitor. The precursor to her seizures at night is a change in her breathing. I sleep very lightly listening to her breathe so if it changes I can be by her side

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The Barnes Family needs help



Toby Allen Barnes

The sudden passing of Toby Barnes on June 7 has left the family in dire straits. A Go Fund Me page has been set up so those wishing to donate funds.

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• WORD MATTER •

Sorry, Mr. De Niro. No Applause Here

My wife and I always enjoy watching the television broadcast of the Tony Awards. The Tony Awards annually recognize excellence in live theater among productions featured in New York City's "Broadway" theaters. The production this year was an absolute gem; hosts Sarah Barreilles and Josh Groban displayed wonderful wit and, as expected, vocal and musical brilliance.

Amid an evening filled with wonderful performances two occasions stood out; one, enormously positive, the other, not so much.

After their teacher was honored by the American Theater Wing, a group of 15 drama students from Marjorie Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida brought the audience both to their feet and to tears with a stunning performance of Seasons of Love, from the musical, Rent. It was a singular achievement considering these young people, still reeling from the school shooting in Parkland, were performing on one of the biggest stages in the



Bud Katz

world, and in front of many of their heroes.

Everything else at the Tony Awards was perfect until near the end of the broadcast when actor Robert De Niro came out to introduce Bruce Springsteen, who was awarded a special Tony for his one-man, acoustic show, Bruce Springsteen on Broadway, at the City's Walter Kerr Theater.

De Niro, arguably the finest screen actor of his generation, chose this moment to exploit an undoubtedly kindred audience by hurling an unnecessary and vulgar epithet at President Donald Trump. I will not share the epithet; let's just say he wasn't wishing the president good luck. By now, many probably know what he said.

Now, before anyone misunderstands, I'm not here to defend Donald Trump. In fact, he has absolutely nothing to do with this. But, what De Niro did was similar to what South Carolina Republican Representative Joe Wilson did in September of 2009, when he interrupted an address by then-President Barack Obama by yelling the

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• BUSINESS/ORG NEWS •

Wong awarded for hard work on Greenway Trail

Greenway President Ran Shaffner presents Betty Wong with the Trail Worker of the Year Award at Saturday's (May 16th) Annual Meeting. Betty can install posts and rails where everyone else has failed. Photo by Hillrie Quin.



'Mike & Dooley' headed for the big-time!

Mike & Dooley, a local show filmed in and around Highlands, NC, in partnership with Backlot Cinema located in Franklin, NC, has announced it will join WATC channel 57 out of Atlanta, GA to produce and air daily segments of their "Here We Go with Mike & Dooley" show.

The two-minute segments will air daily on WATC in the mornings as well as throughout the day as needed. The goal of the show will be to provide inspirational and uplifting messages so that viewers can start their days off with positive thoughts. WATC has been broadcasting their shows focusing on family, Christian, and educa-

tional programming for over 22 years. They are located in Atlanta (the 10th largest television market in the U.S.) and their programs can be seen on Roku, the WATC app, and online at www.watc.tv in addition to airing in over one million cable and satellite homes.

Backlot Cinema is owned by Phil and Josh Drake and run and managed by Ben Walker.

About Mike & Dooley in the Morning: Mike & Dooley is a local and national show that is taped in Highlands, NC and Macon County, NC and aired throughout the country via www.MikeandDooley.com.

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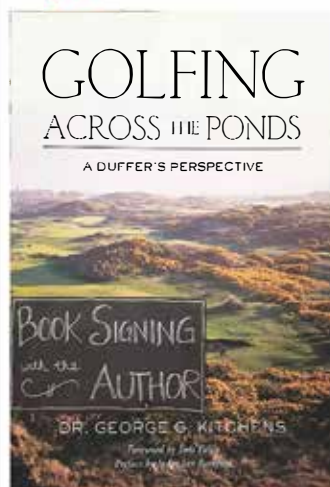


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words "You lie!" at the president. President Obama was addressing a joint session of Congress.

In my opinion, there was no reason for either man to do what he did or say what he said when they did it and when they said it.

Before anyone gives in to the impulse to either compare or contrast these two occasions, don't bother. Neither forum was appropriate for such behavior. Neither epithet-hurler deserves to be pardoned. They were both wrong.

These days, hurling nasty epithets at or by political figures is an almost daily occurrence. Many of us aren't even shocked anymore. I was immediately offended when I saw and heard Rep. Wilson's vile and inappropriate behavior in the U.S. House chamber. I wasn't quite as quickly bothered by what Mr. De Niro said at the Tony Awards because CBS had the foresight to run the broadcast on a seven second digital delay. His comment was erased from the broadcast for the viewing audience.

The live audience at New York's Radio City Music Hall, however, heard every word. And yes, there were children in attendance. Enough said about that. As with Mr. Wilson's remark, wrong time, wrong place. Just plain wrong.

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the system.

"I fully support HB 662," said Corbin. "Working in the health insurance arena for over 30 years, I fully understand where that coverage gap exists. If folks make less than the minimum income for the Affordable Care Act tax credits, they have to pay full premium for health insurance. They are the folks who can least afford to pay it. There needs to be a plan for these folks. I think this plan accomplishes it with a requirement for working and paying a small premium."

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Last Saturday's 3rd annual Low Country Shrimp Boil fundraiser for K-H Founders Park was the best one yet. About 300 people showed up – a sell-out crowd. Patrons enjoyed great food, drinks, music and comradery all in support of the park.
– Photos by Rachel Lewicki

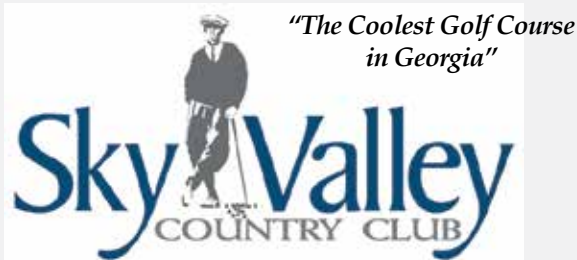


Rec Park Director Lester Norris in the fitness room.

Rec Park upgrades

The Town of Highlands Rec Park renovations are almost complete. Last Thursday, the chamber's After Hours event was held there to show off the upgraded facility. The town's 1.5 cent tax increase is earmarked for the Rec Park and now \$1.5 million has been spent on improvements which include an expanded fitness room, upgrades to the free weight room, new restrooms, a new front desk, an exercise classroom on the old stage, new flooring, bleachers and more.

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and then one with a lighter, witty story. Once again, I have more books on my "To Be Read" list than I'll ever get to, but I'll enjoy the pursuit.

• *Kathy Manos Penn is a Sandy Springs resident. Her latest book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," and her collection of columns, "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday," are available locally at the Molly Grace in Highlands and Books Unlimited in Franklin and are also available on Amazon. Contact Kathy at inkpenn119@gmail.com.*

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the brink of fiscal distress can attest, political will, creativity and vision are good places to start."

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and she won't have to go through a seizure alone and I can get her help if she needs it. If we had a seizure alert dog and I knew that I could rest at night knowing that if Eliza was going to have a seizure, the dog would wake me up. It would be life changing for us all.”

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