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This photo has been making the rounds on Facebook and it looks like it could be the duo in the story below. — Photographer is unknown

## Bear duo seen trekking around Mirror Lake

Bear families like to visit Sara Benson and her husband Don DeBat on Mirror Lake. Every “season” there’s a story and here’s another from a visit last week.

At 7 p.m. on May 22, Benson encountered a mother bear and her cub and watched her open her next-door neighbor’s gate on Cullasaja Drive.

“The mama bear stood up on her two hind legs, reached over my neighbor’s gate and lifted the latch to open it,” Benson said. “Standing up she looked 5½ feet tall. At first glance, I thought

it was a 300-pound man in a bear suit.”

When the mama bear turned toward her, Benson ran into her house to alert her husband.

“We came out armed with our cameras,” Benson said. “The mama bear and cub were in our driveway, less than 30 feet away. She hissed and lunged toward us.”

Then, the bears retreated but in doing so the mama bear temporarily lost track of her cub, which had scampered up a tree. She searched the area looking for

• See DUO page 8

## ‘18-’19 budget passes easily

Following just two budget worksessions, the town’s \$18,327,370 FY 2018-’19 budget was accepted by the Town Board last Thursday. Next step is the public hearing at the June Town Board meeting prior to enactment July 1.

For the first time in years, everything on the capital projects wish-list was included in the budget.

For the Street Dept., \$192,000 will be used to pave various streets including the top half of Satulah Road; the Oak Street wall along the Playhouse will finally be replaced with a rock wall to match the rest of the Town Hall complex for \$140,000 and another \$30,000 will be used for sidewalk repairs and four pieces of equipment for Street Dept. use totaling \$196,000.

In the Water Dept., the big item is the Buckhorn Water Tank & Pump Station replacement which will cost \$1,378,000.

In addition, Water Treatment Plant and Waste Water Treatment Plant repairs and equipment requests total \$231,000; the Police Dept. requested \$86,000 for one SUV and various communication equipment.

The MIS/GIS Dept. is getting \$69,000 for a replacement jeep, a new server to support the cameras around town and much

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Heavy rains have turned Mirror Lake brown, and though it is shallow enough to walk across, these paddle-boarders were determined to enjoy being out of doors between showers on Sunday. — Photo by Kim Lewicki

## Mirror Lake spurs talk & amendment to ordinance

Deleting redundancies and amending portions of the Unified Development Ordinance has been going on for a while and will likely continue until the document is streamlined and reflects what town officials want to monitor and enforce.

At the May 24 Town Board meeting, there was a public hearing and subsequent Town Board action on amendments to the ordinances involving boat docks on

Lake Sequoyah, and the draining of impoundments.

The draining of impoundments elicited the most discussion when Mirror Lake resident George Freisem spoke during the public hearing to lobby for the town’s help in cleaning up the sediment in Mirror Lake.

“Soil due to erosion has flowed into Mirror Lake over the years and the extent of the sediment is significant.”

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Ordinances passed; amended to protect town, citizens and visitors

Last Thursday's Highlands Town Board meeting was a lengthy session. With 15 agenda items it lasted almost two hours.

Two public hearings were held concerning docks and dams. After public input the board voted to modify the existing ordinance for lowering impoundments. Permission will now have to be secured from three regulatory agencies before a lake can be lowered inside the town limits. Lakes and ponds in this region are manmade, not natural formations, and any sudden change in these structures can impact other property downstream.

After the hearings the board also voted to allow small boat docks to be built on Lake Sequoyah using environmentally safe materials. Any new dock construction will require a town permit and a county building permit.

The board also approved a modification to the Verizon antenna contract for the Big Bear Pen tower. Verizon changed the equipment and design of their antenna unit so a modification to the contract was required. Hopefully, this change will result in Verizon quickly putting their antenna into service. We have been anticipating it be-



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

coming operational since the first of the year.

Another important vote by the board dealt with soliciting and merchandizing on town streets and sidewalks. Both I and the board have been receiving disturbing feedback that certain merchants have been having employees engage pedestrians on Main and 4th Streets by soliciting, advertising and merchandising their products

on the public sidewalks in front of a business. I have received feedback that there are even incidents of employees using tactics to direct and steer folks into the stores. The ordinance the board passed prohibits all of these kinds of tactics.

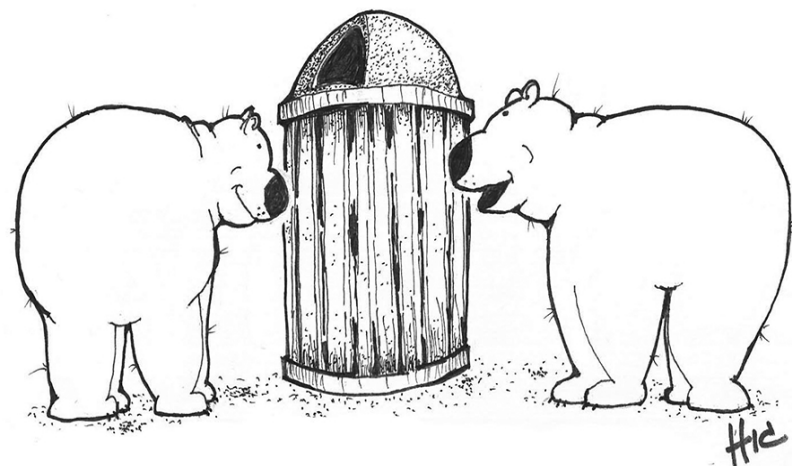
There are several reasons that the board passed this ordinance. Basically, people should be able to walk on public streets without being interrupted or disturbed by others trying to sell merchandise. The new ordinance goes hand in hand with existing ordinances prohibiting the display of merchandise and peddling on streets and public sidewalks. This is not to say a merchant can't stand in their doorway, greet passersby and invite them to come into their store. On the other hand, the merchant can't go on to the sidewalk with products in hand in an attempt to direct people into their store. Highlands has rather small sidewalks in the business area and any such activities can disrupt the flow of pedestrian traffic and especially handicap access. The downtown business district is a public space, not a private shopping mall, and pedestrian access and comfort must be assured. The over arching concern that Bob Kieltyka, the Director of the High-

lands Chamber of Commerce has expressed to me is that we must maintain an inviting and accessible business area in downtown. We want people to leisurely walk throughout the town with no pressure from merchants

trying to sell them items on the street.

Any violations of this ordinance can be reported by calling the non-emergency dispatcher at 526-4131. A police officer will investigate the complaint.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



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## Memories of Peek's Creek loom with rain

According to MC EMS Director Warren Cabe, there are flooded roads and some small slope failures along roadways due to consistent rain and soggy soils.

"We are starting to see flooding in low lying areas and Duke Energy is bypassing water at Nantahala that has lead to some flooded roadways. We are holding our own at this point. The only slope failure was Tuesday night on the Franklin end of Buck Creek Road. NC DOT is working to clear it. We are not watching any sites specifically but anything could happen at any moment," he said.

Year-to-date rainfall: 45.36 inches; month-to-date: 18.70, May 29: 5.10 and May 30 1.27 at 11a.

## • WEATHER •

	Friday 6/1		Saturday 6/2		Sunday 6/3	
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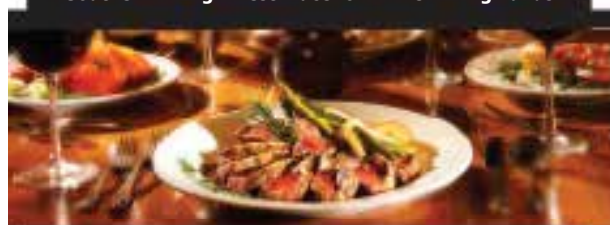
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ment has done away with the trout, bass and even brim," he said. "Now 10,000 cubic yards of sediment has been deposited in my back yard which goes to the center of the Cullasaja River in the middle of the lake. Does the town of Highlands have any responsibility for the lake to the homeowners on the lake? This has basically come down to the inverse condemnation of our property. It's not a lake anymore, but rather a pond with frogs and snapping turtles."

He asked what people have asked for years – will the town assist with the cleaning up of Mirror Lake?

The answer was no, due to the fact that it's a private lake and because it would cost millions of dollars – dol-

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lars previous mayor Buck Trott worked diligently to obtain at the federal level to no avail.

Commissioner John Dotson said the lake is owned by the property owners around it – to the center in most cases – and it is theirs to do with it what they want.

“This is a tough situation and has been over the years,” he said. “It started years ago when the Highlands Falls Country Club dam failed and the consistent failure by others to control sedimentation. It’s up to you and your neighbors to jump up and down as you are doing now to get something done, but the town has no standing.”

Mayor Pat Taylor said if property owners could get a grant to fund the expense of remediating the situation that would be the way to go but it’s been tried before.

Commissioners said it’s the amending of ordinances that will give the town power in the future and that’s what’s being attended to now.

When the town took the developer of Riverwalk to court for allowing sediment to erode into the upper arm of the Cullasaja River, the judge ruled in the developer’s favor because the town didn’t have the ordi-

nances in place to back up its claim of contamination.

“We sued him and took him to court to get him to pay to get the sediment out, but we lost,” said Commissioner Amy Patterson. “Our ordinance was weak and we had a lack of expert documentation verifying the before and after.”

But Freisem said the town accepts money from residents for a myriad of things – fees and permits – yet the state of Mirror Lake has been “dumped in our laps.” “It’s not fair for the town to say it can’t do anything about it,” he said.

Commissioner Stiehler said the town simply doesn’t have the money to take on the project. “All we can do at this point is continue to monitor the projects we are permitting.”

Commissioner Dotson agreed. “Going forward we are tightening up discrepancies in our land disturbance ordinances do be able to do what needs to be done.”

About four years ago, Mirror Lake was drained without any notification to the town which caused alarm.

Consequently, the draining of im-

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it while emitting a whining sound.

DeBat shot a photo of the mama bear through the window, and moved to an upper deck for a better view. Then, he stepped

outside on to the patio to get a closer look.

"I was peering around the corner of the house, and found the mama bear sitting by our mailbox on the top of the driveway,"

DeBat said. "I raised my phone to take a video, and she hissed and leaped forward taking three long strides."

Fearing the worst, DeBat spun around and escaped to the safety of the house.

Meanwhile, cool and collected, Benson picked up a U.S. Coast Guard air horn and gave two short blasts. The bear retreated.

"Surprisingly, the mama bear returned around 10 p.m., setting off our motion lights and knocking over our empty garbage cans," Benson said. "She still had not located her cub and was agitated, panting, whining and stalking around our house."

Benson said this is the fifth bear encounter she has experienced on the Cullasaja Drive side of Mirror Lake over the past three years.

Last autumn, Benson witnessed a mama bear and two cubs climbing trees, eating dogwood berries and swimming in Mirror Lake.

In the spring of 2017, a mama bear and two cubs tore up grass and feasted on the grubs underneath in their front yard, which rims Mirror Lake.

Bear sightings are on the rise in Highlands, experts say. Although an accurate count has not been done since 2011, there is an estimated 15,000 black bears roaming the state. They are found on about 60 percent of the total land area in North Carolina. The bear population has been rising steadily since the 1950s, when greater wildlife management was put into place.

According to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission, there were 425 interactions between humans and bears in Macon County and the 11 other counties in the western zone of the state in 2011, up from only 24 encounters in 1992. In 2011, there were a total of 671 encounters in the entire state of North Carolina, up from 63 in 1992.

In the May 17 edition of Highlands



Cub and mama snug as a bug.

— Photo by Scott McDuff

Newspaper, in the front page article "Bear family comes calling," the McDuff family on Chowan recounted their encounter with a mama and two cubs.

Now, based on the description of the mama bear and single, tiny cub that visited Benson and DeBat, it appears the same duo paid the McDuffs a visit the morning of May 23.

"A mother bear was at our front door early this morning. It got ahold of a feeder we forgot to bring in," said Scott McDuff. "We yelled at it to go away, and it huffed deeply then snapped its jaw three times as a warning, so we left it alone to finish its breakfast."

"After it was done, it came to the front door, put its front paws on the glass door and stood up. It then tried the door handle. Luckily, it was locked," he said.

While his wife Kelly stood watch at

the front door, Scott went to the side door and threw a pack of lit firecrackers outside.

"Those scared her away from the door only to have her go to the side of the house where she climbed a tree. It was then we realized she had a very, small cub up the tree," said McDuff.

The mama and cub slept in the tree during the day while contractors and workers were on the property. McDuff said they eventually came down, and slowly walked away down the back yard and across the Franklin road on to Netsi Place.

McDuff said this mama and cub were not part of the family who visited before and said based on the photo from Facebook (on the front page) it could be the same couple.

"The female looks the same, and the cub was that small," he said. "It was the smallest cub we've ever seen."

— Kim Lewicki

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## • CAT SPEAK •

### Let me introduce myself ...

Not long ago, Mom allowed the dog to dictate a column which she graciously typed for him. Unlike the dog, I am perfectly capable of typing my column. After all, I've spent plenty of time on Mom's keyboard, though until now, I've kept my typing talents secret.



Now, about that dog. Yes, he was here before me, and yes, he's certainly larger than me at 70+ pounds, but he knows full well he's NOT in charge. The silly boy thinks that because his DNA analysis indicates his ancestors are Great Pyrenees, the royal dogs of France, that he is somehow special. Pffft.

Haven't we all heard of folks who are royal but not all that intelligent or talented? That's Banjo. He's nice enough, easy to get along with, generous with his many dog beds, but bright or talented? Hardly. His main activities are lying around, taking walks and eating my cat food when I take a delicate pause between bites. Why he doesn't even chase balls or play with toys. Pretty useless, I'd say.

I, on the other hand, don't require a DNA test to prove how special I am. First, I am a calico cat with distinctive markings and—as are 99.9% of calicos—female. Need I say more? I'm also exceptional because I'm a calico tortoiseshell combo. Talk about a beauty.

We calicoes are considered good luck. Known for our distinctive orange patches on a white background, we originated in Egypt. Sailors saw us as especially good luck, and Japanese fishermen kept us on board their boats to protect them in storms and frighten away the ghosts of jealous ancestors.

The Fortune cat figurines you see in Asian restaurants originated in Japan in the mid-1800s as lucky charms, but did you know the calico version is considered the luckiest? Enough said about my heritage. If Banjo expects to be called Lord Banjo, then

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to MHS/GIS Director Mat Shuler's delight, a drone will be coming to track the town's growth and infrastructure. Plus, the police and fire departments can use it for search and rescue operations and for seeing inside structures with its infrared capabilities.

In the Parks & Recreation Dept., long

I certainly should be called Princess Puddin'. With or without royal lineage, I rightly rule the roost without lifting a paw.

I get first dibs on all the dog beds, sleep with Mom and Dad, and have special blankets on both couches. When I enter the kitchen meowing, someone promptly feeds me. They usually remember that milk is the first course in the morning, but occasionally they mess up, and I turn my nose up until my bowl is correctly filled. Banjo shares his water bowl with me and even his food dish when I'm so inclined.

When I speak in the evenings, Dad knows it's play time and obliges with the bird and the snake, my favorite toys. He exclaims over my leaps and flips and adores my flying white paws. I take turns in Mom's and Dad's laps, but as Dad points out, he has the best belly for kitties. It seems the birds are the only creatures impervious to my demands. No matter how loudly I squeak at them from my window perch, they don't respond. Maybe someday.

And I'm not only acrobatic; I'm smart too. When Mom needs to her office, I know to race ahead and hit the desk to await my treats. I'm also renowned for my ability to clean off a desk or nightstand with the swipe of a paw. Imagine the clutter if it weren't for me.

As highly intelligent readers, you surely now realize that I am the most special creature in our household—if not in the universe. Perhaps one day you, too, will be lucky enough to be owned by a calico.

• Princess Puddin' Penn resides in Georgia with her dad, her mom Kathy Manos Penn, and her canine brother Lord Banjo. This story can be found in "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" available at the Molly Grace in Highlands and Books Unlimited in Franklin. Please send comments, compliments, and questions to [inkpenn119@gmail.com](mailto:inkpenn119@gmail.com).

needed work will begin in the Community Building, more lighting will be installed at the K-H Founders Park and a scissor lift will be purchased for a total of \$74,000.

The Administration Dept. requested a vehicle so officials don't have to use their

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## • HEALTHY LIFESTYLE CONCEPTS •

### Go nuts for better health

If you're looking for a nutritious, quick snack or healthy addition to just about any recipe, raw or lightly roasted organic nuts are a great choice.

With healthy fats, fiber, plant sterols and many vitamins and minerals, nuts pack a powerful nutritional punch, all wrapped up in a tiny bite-sized package. Nuts are rich in various nutrients and minerals, such as vitamin E and selenium. Nuts and seeds are a great source of high-quality fatty acids. In fact, a recent epidemiologic study revealed that nuts offer many benefits for your health, even reducing your risk of serious chronic disease.

Nuts and seeds are an easy way to include healthy fats, crunch and rich flavor to your foods. They are a powerhouse of energy, as they are high in fat, calories and protein. Nuts and seeds help build the body and have a grounding effect. The protein and healthy fats in nuts make them a perfect snack- they help to balance blood sugar levels, eliminate sugar cravings and help you feel satiated throughout the day.

There have not been many epidemiologic studies undertaken to assess the effect of nut consumption on health risks, but a recent study involving more than 13,000 people, published in the Journal of the American College of Nutrition, set out to do just that.

Those who ate nuts gained numerous benefits compared to non-nut eaters, including:

- Decreased body mass index and waist circumference
- Lower systolic blood pressure
- Lower weight
- Less likelihood of having two risk factors for metabolic syndrome: high blood pressure and low HDL (good) cholesterol (for nut consumers)

• Less likelihood of having four risk factors for metabolic syndrome: abdominal obesity, high blood pressure, high fasting glucose and a lower prevalence of metabolic syndrome (for tree nut consumers)

Other research has further proven that nuts, such as almonds, confer superior heart health benefits to complex carbs like whole-wheat muffins; a study in the journal



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Circulation found people with abnormally high level of lipids, such as cholesterol, in their blood, were able to significantly reduce their risk factors for coronary heart disease by snacking on whole almonds. Those who snacked on whole-wheat muffins got no such benefit.

It's likely that nuts impact your heart health in numerous ways. For instance, many nuts, such as walnuts, hazelnuts, pecans, Brazil nuts, almonds, cashews and peanuts contain the amino acid L-arginine, which offers multiple vascular benefits to people with heart disease, or those who have increased risk for heart disease due to multiple cardiac risk factors. L-arginine is a key nutrient in promoting efficient blood flow and overall cardiovascular function. L-arginine is considered one of the "semi-essential" amino acids—meaning, often your body can't produce it in sufficient quantities, so you must obtain adequate quantities from your diet.

### Will Eating Nuts Make You Fat?

It's one of the biggest nutritional myths of all times that eating a food high in healthy fat will make you fat. If you're watching your weight, a small handful of nuts like almonds is a better snack choice than a snack high in complex carbohydrates, such as a bran muffin. In one study comparing those who ate a low-calorie diet that included either almonds or complex carbs, the almond group had a:

- 62 percent greater reduction in their weight/BMI
- 50 percent greater reduction in waist circumference
- 56 percent greater reduction in body fat

A separate study in the journal Obesity also found that eating nuts two or more times per week was associated with a reduced risk of weight gain.

### Which Nuts are Healthiest?

You can't really go wrong when choosing nuts to eat, as long as you pay attention to quality. By this I mean look for nuts that are organic and raw, not irradiated or pasteurized (see below for more details). One exception is peanuts, which I typically avoid, and which are technically in the legume family. Along with being one of the most pesticide-laden foods you can eat, most peanuts are also contaminated with aflatoxin, a carcinogenic mold.

*Next week: More on Which Nuts are Healthiest.*



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poundments ordinance has been tweaked so that won't happen again.

Town Planner and Watershed Administrator Andrew Bowen said the amended ordinance outlines steps that must be taken to drain an impoundment within the town limits.

The town must be notified 30 days prior and must provide the Watershed Administrator two signed copies of written permission from the following regulatory entities – the regional office of the Army Core of Engineers, the regional Office of the North Carolina Department of Envi-

ronmental Quality (NCDEQ) and the regional office of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

At that point, a permit will be issued but those three agencies will be the watchdogs and the regulatory agencies who will issue penalty fees if the work isn't done properly.

Bowen said the town can and would issue penalty fees, too, but they would pale in comparison to the fees levied by the agencies.

The next ordinance amendment was about boat docks on Lake Sequoyah which is now the town's Class 1 water source.

Previously, only repairs to existing docks was allowed but now

new docks on Lake Sequoyah are allowed if criteria are followed involving placement, square footage, length, height and construction materials. To keep the water pure only untreated wood or plastic, concrete or PVC can be used.

Boat docks and boat houses

in existence which are larger than what is now allowed will be grandfathered and can be repaired or reconstructed to the same size provided there is no substantial disturbance of the grounds. Neither can be expanded.

Once the public hearing was

closed, commissioners unanimously passed the amendments to the two ordinances.

– Kim Lewicki

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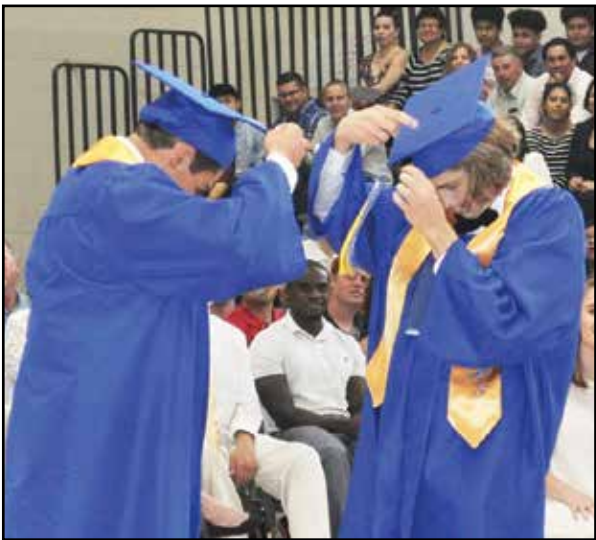
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personal vehicles for continuing education and out-of-town meetings and interior and exterior repairs will be made to Town Hall for a total of \$48,000.

To present a balanced budget, \$1,354,033 was appropriated from the undesignated General Fund Balance and \$644,752.00 from the electric reserve fund for a total of \$1,998,785.

Due to the ability to transfer funds from the Electric Reserve, the town has been able to keep its long-term debt extremely low and to fund capital projects as needed.

The current General Fund Balance is about \$4,000,000; the current General Fund Reserve Balance is about \$3,500,000; the current Electric Reserve Fund Balance is about \$3,600,000.

The ad valorem tax rate will remain at \$0.164 per \$100 valuation which includes .015 earmarked for recreation capital projects which is scheduled to sunset June 30th of 2020. The valuations are determined by the Macon and Jackson County Tax Departments. This rate is based on an approximate valuation of \$1,762,000,000 and an estimated collection rate of 99%.

The current Highlands Volunteer Fire Department tax rate of .01 per \$100 valuation won't increase nor will charges for electrical, water, sewer and sanitation service.

All revenues are projected to be stable with a continued strong Local Option Sales Tax Distribution.

The proposed budget includes a cost-of-living adjustment of 2% for all full-time employees; an 8.8% reduction in the employee health insurance premiums, due to a change from Blue Cross Blue Shield to MedCost for a savings of about \$67,000.

In Town Manager Josh Ward's budget message, he said the financial outlook for the Town of Highlands is good.

"The Town's undesignated General Fund Balance remains strong, and with the exception of the Sanitation Department, all Enterprise Funds are stable and covering their operating costs.

"The Electric Fund continues to provide substantial capital necessary to offset capital project costs in other departments and to keep our long-term debt extremely low. As with all Town utilities, the electric fund revenue should be monitored closely each year, as Duke Energy continues to increase wholesale rates," he said.

— Kim Lewicki

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

**The Highlands Police log entries from April 27. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.**

## April 27

• At 1 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Talley Lane concerning a larceny and trespassing where someone took black aluminum fencing.

## April 30

• At 7 p.m., officers responded to a braking and entering and larceny from a residence on Wyanoak Road.

## May 2

• At 12:18 p.m., offices were called about an abandoned vehicle on Spring St.

## May 3

• At 2:15 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hummingbird Lane.

## May 4

• At 9 p.m. officers were called to N. 4th Street about someone in possession of large amounts of mail, packages and documents addressed to other people

## May 6

• At 1 p.m., officers responded to a call of a braking and entering with larceny at a residence on Cherokee Drive.

## May 9

• At 9:10 a.m., officers responded to a call of a breaking and entering of a motor vehicle and larceny of auto parts and accessories at the Frontier Communications sub station on Spring Street.

• At 4:55 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Main Street.

• At 11:17 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

## May 11

• At 3 p.m., officers were called about someone trying to enter a house on Redbird Lane.

## May 14

• At 9:18 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Main Street.

• At 5 p.m., officers were called about vandalism to a car door parked on Oak Street.

## May 17

• At 2:15 p.m., officers responded to a larceny with intimidation at a residence on Smallwood Ave.

## May 18

• At 8 a.m., officers were called to a residence on Split Rail Row where they were told about someone transferring cash funds without account holders approval.

• At 11 a.m., officers were called about a bear vandalizing the inside of a vehicle on Three R Lane.

## May 19

• At 12:15 p.m., officers were called to

a residence on Hickory Hill Road concerning a barking dog.

## May 20

• At 12:58 p.m., officers were called to Sky High Pizza concerning a problem with a customer.

• At 9:30 p.m., officers were called to Country Club Properties in Wright Square where someone had opened the door to the business.

## May 21

• At 3:58 p.m., officers were called about an ordinance violations involving junked a vehicle on property at Dog Mountain Road.

• At 5:08 p.m., officers were called to Helens Barn Ave. about disorderly conduct in a residence.

## May 22

• At 3:47 p.m. officers were called to the Skate Park at the Highlands Rec Park concerning a simple assault to a minor when he was hit with a fist.

## May 23

• At 2:40 p.m., officers were called to the Farmers Market on NC 106 and Main about someone coming on to the property and entering the store.

• At noon, officers were called to a residence on Split Rail Row about someone attempting to collect a credit card in the victims name.

**The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. from May 15.**

## May 15

• At 9:02 a.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a location on Church Street.

## May 16

• The dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a location on Church Street.

• At 7:16 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Main and First streets.

• At 5:59 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Horse Cove Ranch Road.

## May 17

• At 8:59 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers FD on a structure fire.

• At 4:49 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 9:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road. There were no injuries.

## May 18

• At 5:32 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

• At 8:39 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Main Street.

## May 20

• At 7:19 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a location on Rocky Ridge Road.

## May 21

• At 4:39 p.m., the dept. assisted in a search on Yellow Mountain Trail off Buck Creek Road. The person was located by the Glenville/Cashiers Rescue



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# • AREA EVENTS •

**Ongoing**  
 • Movies at the Highlands Playhouse:  
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**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.

**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

**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

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

**Saturdays**  
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**4th Saturdays**  
 • Scaly Mountain Women's Club Pancake Breakfast 8-10:30a at the old Scaly Mtn. School at Buck Knob and NC 106.

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# • WORD MATTER •

## Tackling the big questions



**Bud Katz**

As with many of you, I grew up in a place and time when America was the world's unquestioned economic and military leader. Our armed forces are still the most powerful in the world. Our economy is still fundamentally, very strong, but our nation's physical and social infrastructure, healthcare, education and cultural institutions are no longer the envy of the rest of the world.

I wrestle with the notion of whether America is, indeed, "one nation under God," or 50 individual states with competing interests, or 330-plus million individuals only concerned with their personal wants and needs. It would be nice if we were one nation but the longer I'm around, the more I worry we've become a society mostly obsessed with selfish desires.

I wonder what America would look like if we adopted some baseline principles focusing on the general welfare of all Americans, while each individual remains free to pursue his or her own version of happiness.

Government at all levels has at its disposal the human, financial and natural capital of our great nation. We tacitly "contribute," through various taxing mechanisms, to those resource bases. Why can't WE take it as our collective national responsibility to ensure all Americans have access to a safe place to live, enough nutritious food to eat, clean air to breathe and pure, clean water to drink? Why can't all Americans have basic healthcare, and an education to prepare future generations for the competitive global economy in which we all must exist?

It may be an oversimplification, but if everyone had their basic human needs met, perhaps over time, crime, ignorance and poverty could be reduced, if not erased from our society.

Simple, right? Not so easy to pull off.

I surely don't have the details worked out. I probably don't know all the questions that need to be asked, but there is, I believe, a case for something like this worthy of a further conversation.

Perhaps we can agree that as a nation, we can ... indeed, we must do better. But in order to do better each of us has to be better. If we all held good thoughts, spoke

good words and did good deeds, I believe we could advance without sacrificing the principles and values that once allowed us to claim the status of world leader. We can take care of those on the margins — children, the elderly, the poor, and the different — effectively and efficiently within the construct of our capitalist, free enterprise economic system.

We can educate and prepare our young for their place in a globally competitive future, while honoring those who came before us with a dignified and comfortable old age. And, we can address complex issues involving race, gender, equality, immigration, and national security by doing so with respect, a spirit of cooperation and a pinch of good, old-fashioned compromise.

We can do all of this. It just takes will.

Maybe we need to review what the framers had in mind when they drafted the preamble to the U.S. Constitution:

"WE, THE PEOPLE, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do hereby ..."

It doesn't matter where you went to school, where you grew up, or who your ancestors are. It doesn't matter what your race, religion, gender or national origin happens to be. It doesn't matter what political affiliation or philosophy you follow. It only matters that you care enough to get involved and do what you can do, without letting what you can't do get in the way. Focus, not on what's wrong but on ideas and actions you can build upon. Do what's right, and before you know it we'll all be living once again in that shining, city on a hill envisioned by those first settlers who stepped ashore in Massachusetts and Virginia four centuries ago.

It doesn't seem complicated. We need to think and act beyond ourselves. We need to turn anger and frustration into passion and resolve. We need to put partisan politics to the side and become what we all are, the descendants of the men and women who built American democracy and defended our way of life from those who would erase it for authoritarian or theocratic motives.

Do these things, and I believe, together, there's nothing on God's green earth we can't accomplish.

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### Through June 10

- At The Bascom in the Loft Gallery. Noon-Day Land...Anna Norton exhibit. Video Installation of the movement of light within the Nantahala National Forest. For more information on these events please visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call Lin Sheffield at 828.787.2866

### Thurs., May 31

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

### Tues., June 5

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, The Battle Over the Southern Past. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Fitzhugh Brundage. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

### Wed.-Fri., June 6 - 8

- At the Bascom, Painting -- Gone Wild! Smokey Mountain Wildflowers in Watercolors with Hillary Parker from 10 am - 4 pm Levels I, II, III. Tuition: \$450/\$500. For more information on these events visit [www.thebascom.org](http://www.thebascom.org) or call Lin Sheffield at 828.787.2866.

### Thurs. - Sun., June 7-10

- Highlands Motoring Festival all

over town. In K-H Hutchinson Park on Saturday.

### Thurs. June 7

- Free Practice Yoga class at The Bascom in the Loft Gallery, offered by Yoga Highlands. from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Practice will be lead by Yoga Highlands' instructor Rachel Kinback and is open to all levels. Bringing you own yoga mat is encouraged, though some will also be available for borrowing.

### Fri., June 8

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Women in Latin American Literature. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Angélica Lozano-Alonso. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

### Sat., June 9

- Take medicine back! Dispose of unused medicine at Bryson's Food Store in Highlands and the new Ingles on the Georgia Road from 11a to 2p.

### Mon., June 11

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, CLE OPENING PARTY. Time: 5-7p. No Cost. Everyone is Welcome. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

### Tues., June 12

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, The Future of Health and Long-Term Care. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Larry Polivka. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

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

### Wed., June 13

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Gardening with Succulents. Time: 10a-12p. Cost \$40/\$50. Instructor: Gail Bell. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

- At CLE in the Peggy Crosby Center on 5th Street, Changing Cities of the World. Time: 2-4p. Cost \$25/\$35. Presenter: Oliver Porter. For reservations call 828-526-8811.

### 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.

### Fri., June 15

- 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.

### Sat., June 16

- 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.

### 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.

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## Life changes...and so do we!

As I sit and gather my thoughts on Memorial Day, I think about how my own life has changed in a year's time. My dear husband of 33 years passed away suddenly last May and my sweet brother left this world on March 26, 2018. The loss of loved ones changes us and puts things in perspective. We learn quickly what really matters in life.

I'm thinking today of our military men and women who went off to war never to return. Those who left behind women and children who prayed for their safe return but who never saw them again. Their lives changed dramatically in an instant with a dreaded phone call or official visit. All so young who gave up their lives for our freedom.

When a loved one passes away we pull memories from the corners of our minds, hidden somewhere, like a treasure chest covered with dust. We open the box to reveal the best times of our lives. Our hearts are warmed by the love and a bright light shines through the darkest of clouds...if only for a short time until the box closes once more, waiting for the next time.

So many memories have been made here in these magical mountains by my clients and the friends I meet. The children



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remember hikes with their parents, watching water cascade down the mountains, feeding ducks on Mirror Lake, family gatherings around the dining room table, and simply remembering the love that surrounded them.

To everything there is a season and now the older parents are selling their large mountain homes or little cabins due to illness or death. I have helped several who were battling cancer or another terminal illness move on with their lives by selling their properties. I have also helped many to find the "right" place to start making memories with their own children and grandchildren.

This is a great time to invest in our little "Hallmark" town, where people call you and your dog by name on Main Street. A town where people mourn with you, a town where you are accepted, a town that supports non-profit causes, a town where good food and wine await you and chefs give their all, a town where shopping is a delight, where plays and performances rank at the top, a town where you long to be.

As I have learned, the hard way, the only thing that truly matters in life is the love that surrounds you at the present time that leads to cherished memories to get you through

the tough times. Invest in your life...invest in us.

• Pat Allen is owner of Pat Allen Realty Group, a small and independent firm who specializes in personal service. Of-

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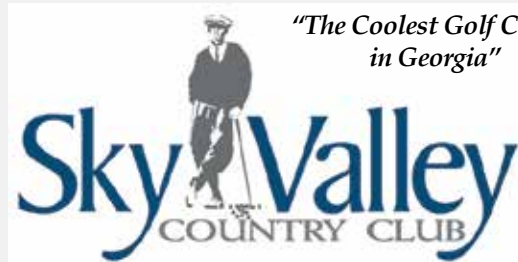
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