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## Town considers FY 2019-'20 budget requests across departments

At the first FY 2019-'20 budget meeting last week, commissioner and staff considered what capital outlay items could be

financed this year based on projected revenues across enterprise funds and from property and sales taxes. Thanks to the property valu-

ation and subsequent collection rates, sales tax and healthy enterprise funds, the revenue side of

•See BUDGET page 8

## Celebrating Easter in Highlands

Thursday and Friday are the last days to walk the Labyrinth in Jones Hall at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation.

Maundy Thursday Services are Thursday, April 18 at various churches in town.

On Friday, April 19 there is a Stations of the Cross walk through town beginning at the Catholic Church on 5th Street and progressing to each church.

There are also Good Friday services at various churches.

On Saturday, April 20 the Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt is at 11 a.m. at the Rec Dept on N. 4th St. for ages 0-9 years old.

Easter Sunday, April 21 begins with the Ecumenical Sunrise Service at 6:45 a.m. at Memorial Park (town cemetery off US 64 east.)

Church services begin at area churches at 9 a.m. There are also Easter egg hunts at various churches.

After church enjoy Easter brunch at various restaurants in town.

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## Corbin and Davis differ when it comes to NC's redistricting process

By Brittney Lofthouse

Two bills have been introduced into the North Carolina House of Representatives addressing the ongoing controversy of redistricting in the state.

The House and Senate revise and approve General Assembly

and congressional districts based on population changes from the census. For generations, majority parties have pushed through maps favoring their sides, a practice often called gerrymandering.

While the two bills share

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## Vote for Highlands, NC!

Go to <https://www.10best.com/awards/travel/best-small-town-for-shopping-2019> and vote for Highlands!

USA Today's 10 Best Readers Choice 2019 contest is underway and the category is "Favorite small town for shopping and antiquing."

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# • THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

## • MAYOR ON DUTY •

### Celebrate pre-Earth Day by picking up litter

Saturday is the annual Highlands Plateau Cleanup. Volunteers will be picking up litter on the Gorge Road, NC 28 and NC 106 and US 64 between Highlands and Cashiers. I also encourage folks to pick up on any streets or neighborhoods in town.

Volunteers will meet at Founders Park at 8:30a for a light breakfast and to get equipment and instructions before hitting the road around 9a. Please be sure to call the Highlands Chamber of Commerce at 526-2112 and let them know you will be volunteering. That call helps the staff develop plans and assignments.

Volunteers will return to the park at noon to enjoy a picnic lunch. It is always a good time for community fellowship and to celebrate the collection of massive amounts of litter.

If someone wants to avoid the highways and simply collect litter around town, there will be two options. First, folks can bring bags of trash to the Highlands Conference Center next to the ball field and deposit them in a large dumpster, or they can bring the bags to Founders Park where there will be another large dumpster on Pine Street. Also, if bags of litter are left



Highlands Mayor  
Patrick Taylor

on the side of the road, please give me a call at (828) 506-3138, and I will come out with my truck to collect the bags. Last year I drove all the way to the Jackson County line collecting bags.

Everyone is encouraged to participate at this pre Earth Day event. The cleanup is a great way to celebrate Monday's official Earth Day.

Tonight is the April Highlands Town Board meeting at the Highlands Community Building next to the ball field. It starts at 7p with public comment.

The board will review proposed changes to the leash ordinance. At the last meeting I proposed extending the leash requirement to all residential areas. My proposal also permitted dogs to be off leash so long as owners had their animal under voice command control. The public safety committee and staff have developed a new proposal that I believe addresses safety concerns and is not too restrictive.

The first town budget workshop was held last Thursday. The Town Manager presented a list of capital needs that were over 3.4 million dollars. Some items were printed in red indicating they are subject to not being funded this year if there are budget constraints. Topping this red list were several road projects that could be postponed another year. By comparison other road projects, such as a section of Cullasaja Road, can't be delayed. The heavy rains this year have pretty much washed large sections of

paving away.

Another priority costing \$200,000 will be the retrofitting of the second water filter at the water plant. The first filter is currently off line being rebuilt. While the second filter

is functioning properly now, the concern is that it will begin to fail in the coming months if the work is not done.

See you tonight and on Saturday morning.

## • HIC'S VIEW •



Antarctic penguin on his day off  
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Mayor Patrick Taylor and Highlands Chamber of Commerce's Beverly Wichman display volunteer wearing apparel for Saturday's Highlands Plateau Cleanup.

## • WEATHER •

	Friday 4/19		Saturday 4/20		Sunday 4/21	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	59 F	36 F	43 F	34 F	65 F	41 F
RealFeel	58 F	46 F	39 F	30 F	74 F	37 F
Winds	7 g 10	6 g 10	8 g 12	7 g 12	4 g 8	3 g 6
T-Storms	47%	40%	20%	7%	2%	5%
Rainfall	0.25	0.04	0.05	0	0	0
Snowfall	0	0	0	0	0	0

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**MLS# 89105 | Offered for \$450,000**



**HIGHLANDS IN-TOWN** This one level home has a lovely courtyard in front that would make a wonderful spot for a garden of dahlias. The great room has a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace and opens to a back deck or a great screened porch. The kitchen is well appointed and allows the cook to interact with guests. On one side of the home the master is spacious with a lovely deck and good closets. On the opposite side of the home are three bedrooms and three baths. This is a great value - in town, low maintenance!

**MLS# 89168 | Offered for \$450,000**

**HIGHLANDS FALLS CC** Adorable cottage in Highlands Falls Country Club in a private location on a cul de sac. The home has an older pedigree but has been updated with the addition of a large master suite plus a lower level which features a family room and additional guest quarters. The main level features an updated kitchen with a breakfast bar and opens to the greatroom with stone fireplace. The back deck is large and is the perfect spot to enjoy the birds and the view of Shortoff Mountain.

**MLS# 89050 | Offered for \$445,000**

**HIGHLANDS FALLS CC** This villa overlooks the 6th fairway at Highlands Falls Country Club and also looks out to the national forest. This is the only unit in the Club Villas with a garage. There are two bedrooms and two baths on the main level. The lower level which has two other bedrooms and a family room is accessed from outside but you could also put in an interior staircase.

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several sponsors, the approach they take to address redistricting varies. The most recent bill, House Bill 140, Fairness and Integrity in Redistricting, is a bipartisan effort that would not only change state law but would also ask voters to cement those changes by adding them to the state constitution.

HB 140 states that federal law would dictate what map-makers could and couldn't considering during the redistricting process. The bill states that district lines cannot be based on:

- The political affiliation of registered voters
- Results of previous elections
- Where incumbents or challengers live
- Demographic information of voters, other than the population count
- Any other information which could help identify how voters cast ballots

Districts also would have to satisfy state and federal laws. As much as possible they must have equal populations;

shouldn't divide counties; and must be contiguous (connected geographically) and compact.

The bill also calls for the legislative maps to be made public for a period of 10 days before lawmakers could vote on them, increasing public input on the process.

House Bill 69 calls for an independent commission to draw the maps, (based on somewhat similar rules) and allows a vote on them in the General Assembly as soon as three legislative days after they're introduced. The 11-member "nonpartisan" redistricting commission would be comprised of four registered Democrats, four Republicans and three from neither party. Legislative leaders would submit dozens of nominees, who would be chosen for the commission at random. The commission wouldn't be allowed to use political data in drawing maps.

The panel would propose new legislative and congressional maps to the General Assembly after each decennial census, the next one of which occurs in 2020. The maps would be subject to the approval of the legislature.

HB 69 is also only a proposed statute and does not call for a constitutional amendment.

"I wanted to be a co-sponsor for this bill because I believe that a nonpartisan approach is just the fair way to approach it," said Rep. Kevin Corbin. "I believe that most members of the public also feel this way so I would like to help make it happen."

North Carolina Rep Kevin Corbin is one of the many co-sponsors for House Bill 140 and supports the bipartisan effort, however his counterpart in the senate, Sen. Jim Davis, said he has not had time to take up the thought of redistricting and can't speculate as to how a similar measure would fair in the senate.

"I know little about House bills and do not have time to digest them in order to provide an informed opinion," said Senator Jim Davis when asked about the proposed House Bills and if similar actions would be taken in the Senate. "[I] Also cannot predict if they would survive in the Senate."

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located at 520 Main St. Highlands, NC  
April 15-19 (Monday-Friday)

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – April 18**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II 6 pm – Chapel  
Stripping of the Altar  
Music offered by Fran McKendree

**GOOD FRIDAY – April 19**  
Ecumenical Stations of the Cross  
Procession Noon – Begin at OLM

**LITURGY FOR GOOD FRIDAY**  
Approximately 1 pm following the  
Stations Procession – Chapel

**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER**  
**April 20**  
Holy Eucharist Rite II – 7 pm  
Chapel

**THE DAY OF RESURRECTION:  
EASTER SUNDAY – April 21**  
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9 am – Nave Holy Eucharist Rite II  
11 am - Nave

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
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The Highlands Performing Arts Center is excited to announce the 2019 Concert Season. Mark your calendars for **Sunday, June 16**, 8pm for the thrilling Highlands debut of the internationally acclaimed fiddler, Mark O'Connor and The Mark O'Connor Band. Mark O'Connor Band's very first performance took place in 2015. In 2017 – less than a year and a half later – they took home the GRAMMY Award for Best Bluegrass Album for their debut recording, Coming Home.

**Friday & Saturday, June 21 & 22**, 8pm brings the return of Travis LeDoyt: A Tribute to The King. Travis performed here in 2016 for two SOLD OUT concerts (with waiting lists.) The biggest compliment LeDoyt has received came from D. J. Fontana who was Elvis Presley's drummer in the 50s who said, "This is as close as you'll get to seeing a concert by Elvis Presley in the



Broadway's "Next Hit Musical" early years."

**Saturday, June 29**, 8pm BROADWAY hits the stage with the hilarious Broadway's Next Hit Musical, the only unscripted theatrical awards show. Master improvisers gather made up, hit song suggestions from the audience and create a spontaneous evening of

music, humor, and laughter.

**Saturday, September 14**, 8pm transports us back in time with Jason Petty's Hank and My Honky Tonk Heroes, a tribute to Hank Williams. "I played with Hank for many years and I was his best friend. No one in my time has come closer to Hank's look, sound and natural charisma than Jason. He's the best, hands down!" ---Don Helms (1927-2008), member of the Drifting Cowboys (Hank's band)

**Sunday, September 29**, 8pm spot lights the Tenors Unlimited from the UK. A clever combination of popular opera, musical theatre, crooner standards and original songs has been the key to their success. That, combined with a wicked sense of humor makes their performance more than just a show and this is clearly apparent when 'the Rat Pack of Opera' (as they are also known) takes to the stage.

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## First Presbyterian Church of Highlands

Thursday, April 18

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Friday, April 19

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Sunday, April 21

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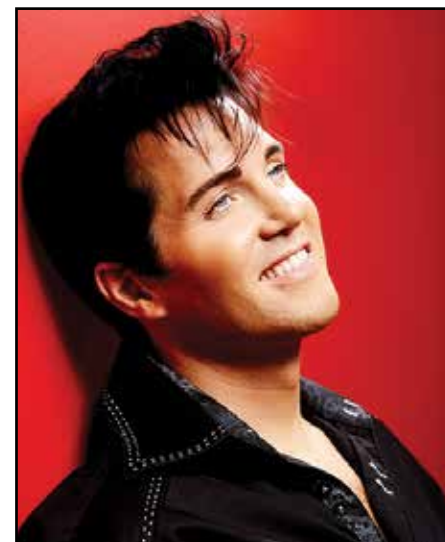
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# • WORD MATTER •

## Spring, Glorious Spring!

OK, I'm going to climb out on a limb for a moment. I think Spring is either finally here or close at hand.

I know, we can all read a calendar. It's mid-April and that means 'technical' Spring arrived nearly a month ago. I'm not talking about 'technical' Spring. I'm talking about warmer weather, longer days, short sleeves (or no sleeves, if that's your jam), and putting away the outdoor heating devices at local eateries.

Manifestations of Spring are all literally around us. Baseball is underway. Yay, Baseball! Shuttered businesses are beginning to reopen in advance of the ever-extending period of time we locals refer to as 'season.' Little, tiny buds are peeking from the ends of branches. Red, yellow and green. I can see them right outside my window. Here on the plateau they're not quite ready to pop, but ... they're close, soon.

The Masters at Augusta is behind us. And, how about that outcome, linksters? The Kentucky Derby is just around the corner; first Saturday in May, racing fans. These annual events are time tested harbingers of Spring.

Closets everywhere (except perhaps Florida) are being repurposed. Optimists are switching out long johns, flannels, and Uggs in favor of short-sleeved shirts, country club shorts, and sandals. Landscaping stores and departments are filling floors and hanging racks with bags of mulch and potting soil, fern and philodendron baskets, seeds packets ... I'm telling you ... it's on its way.

As for me, I say, bring it on!

But wait. 'Not so fast,' as Lee Corso will say every Saturday, later on in the year. Even though we take note of the arrival of tomato and vegetable plants for sale, along with selected herbs, we've all heard the warnings, loud and clear; don't start planting flowers and vegetables just yet. We've been known to experience what weather people call a 'hard freeze' as late as Mother's Day. That's the second Sunday in May, a week and a day after the Derby and six days before the Preakness.



**Bud Katz**

I recall when we moved to Highlands full-time, a little bit over eight years ago. We arrived on March 18th. Movers arrived on March 19. They wore shorts and t-shirts, and actually perspired while unloading. I know this because I provided the chilled beverages necessary to keep them going. Two days later, 'technical' Spring arrived.

Four days later, so did a dusting of snow! Yes. Snow!

I ask you, what's a person to do? How do we even begin to seasonally adjust?

Still, where I'm perched, out here on that limb, I have to tell you, from this vantage point I am seeing the signs, folks. It's going to happen and it's going to happen soon.

I know. You need not remind me. I remember the sage counsel of that great American philosopher, Lawrence 'Yogi' Berra. He said it, and I believe it. "It's hard to predict anything, especially about the future."

Sorry, Yogi, but you're not out here on this limb with me. You're not seeing it, but I can see it. Before you know it, we'll all be enjoying consecutive days of Carolina blue skies, bright sunshine, fluffy, white clouds (not those scary dark ones), and 'temperate' temperatures, in the 60s and low 70s. Or, as we locals here like to call it, Spring.

Mark my words, friends. You heard it here first. Main Street will soon be filled, crowded even, with South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Virginia license plates. Florida plates, as well, of course. Lines will form at area restaurants. Favorite grocery items will fly off the shelves at Bryson's and Ingles. Cars on our roads will start slowing down; some to view the awesomeness of nature's majesty, others, just because.

It's difficult not to get excited by the prospect of the canopy once again filling out throughout the Nantahala Forest. Look for that to be complete right around mid-May. Keep your eyes peeled for hikers and bikers on our meandering trails and twisty roads. They're on their way.

Make no mistake, fellow plateau-dwellers. It's coming. I can see it, smell it, taste it, feel it. It's heading our way. Not 'technical,' mind you, but the real deal. That's right! I'm talking about Spring!

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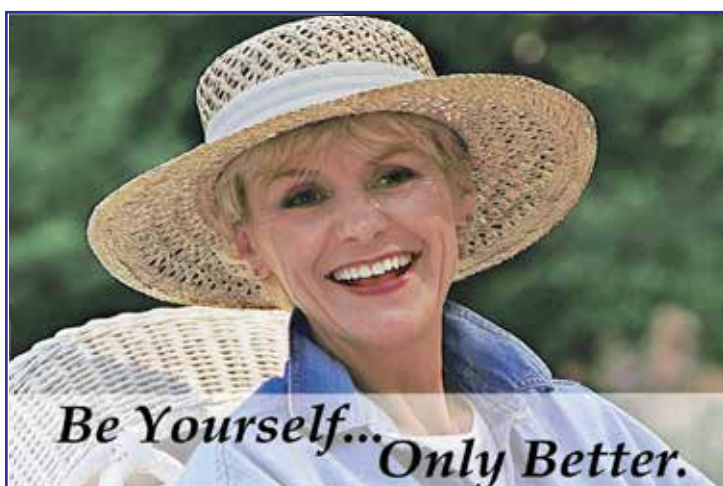
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## ...BUDGET continued from page 1

Highlands' business continues to be rosy.

Town Manager Josh Ward said he didn't see a need to raise the town's tax rate. It's .164 cents per each \$100 of assessed value with .015 cents of that earmarked for recreation capital improvements.

After the recent property revaluation, Macon County's real property assessment is \$1,737,843,910. That represents a 4.3% increase in value from the last reval but this is prior to possible appeals. Highlands expects to get \$2,793,062 of that. In addition, based on Jackson County taxable real property, Macon/Jackson taxable personal property and Macon/Jackson taxable utility property, in total Highlands expects to get \$2,950,801.

That in addition to proceeds from its enterprise funds will fund the capital and operational needs in the 2019-'20 budget year.

Highlands fire tax is currently .01 per \$100 assessed value and is collected in town and in the town-

ship which is in the county. It can only be used for fire department matters.

Since Highlands property values are so high, the fire tax is the lowest in the county. However, the fire tax will likely increase so the town can pay for the Fire Department's new building.

The town will take out a loan – now estimated to be \$3 million though that is not a firm number – and the town will pay itself back over the years from fire tax proceeds.

The Water & Sewer and Electric enterprise funds are healthy so no increase in rates is expected, but there will likely be an increase in sanitation fees because that fund is just breaking even. Money is needed to purchase the proposed bear-resistant toters in the commercial district.

Based on these financials, the administration is considering items on the capital outlay list.

Last Thursday several proposed projects were considered with paving a big issue.

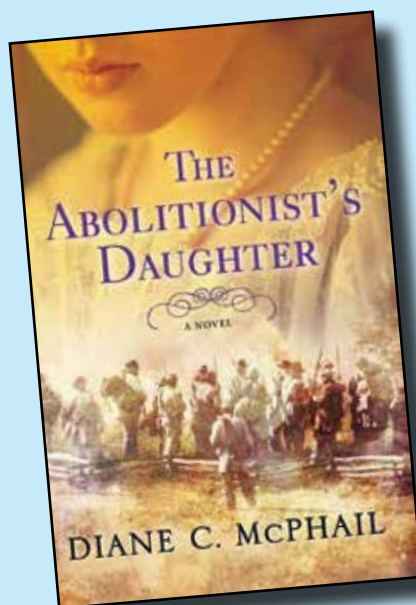
Commissioners say paving is a topic they are constantly asked about and with the rains this past year there are two roads that just can't wait – Satulah and Cullasaja Drive. Satulah would cost \$102,000 and Cullasaja – 1.1 miles long from US 64 east – would cost \$215,000.

Road and sidewalk repairs and maintenance is another hot issue. So, \$30,000 will likely be allocated for sidewalk repairs, \$30,000 for salt and \$20,000 for paint striping.

Of course, the water/sewer department has a lot of issues.

The Buckhorn Water tank and pump station that was a surprise "need" last year is expected to come in at the vicinity of \$600,000 when all is said and done. The Split Rail waterline improvements – on the back burner for a few years – is now front and center. Public Works Director Lamar Nix said he would really like to get that done as water delivery to that area is crucial. That will

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cost \$876,000.

In the news lately are the water plant filters. The #1 filter is being repaired with money available in the 2018-'19 budget. Upgrades to the #2 filter need to be done as it's carrying the load. Being proactive by spending the necessary \$200,000 in FY 2019-'20 for an upgrade will likely keep it from failing.

Sewer pump SCADA and hardware replacements are needed for Shelby Place and the old sewer plant and the Buckhorn/country club plant for a total of \$86,000.

Then there's Wastewater Treatment Plant hardware and equipment needs totaling \$176,500.

A reconductor portion on US 64 east within the town limits needs to be replaced for \$147,000 and a chipper truck needs to be replaced for \$890,000. The reconductor portion of Horsecove Road won't be financed in the 2019-'20 budget.

In the sanitation department the "need" is the commercial bear-resistant toters for \$123,000 and \$30,000 to change out dumpsters which is done on a rotating basis.

In the MIS/GIS department a re-

placement Jeep has been requested for \$33,000 as well as a GPS replacement for \$5,000. Ground penetrating radar which was requested for \$30,000 probably won't make it in the budget this year.

In the Parks & Recreation Dept. a tennis court replacement for \$105,000 is on the list as is \$54,000 for exercise equipment and a new pool slide.

Landscaping of the Town Hall complex – particularly around the veterans' memorial – will likely make it this year for \$159,000.

The total considered across all departments: General Fund, Water/Sewer Fund, Electric Fund and Sanitation Fund minus the items that were cut this first go-around is \$3,004,000.

The idea is that projects in particular departments will be funded with money from those funds. Tax revenue will be used to fund everything else.

The town's current General Fund balance is \$4 million. The General Fund Reserve is \$3.8 million and the Electric Fund Reserve is \$4 million. Last year, the town didn't need to use any of that money.

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## If these walls could talk

When selling or renting your home, your walls DO talk, and sometimes they tell stories you wouldn't believe. Telling stories aren't always a bad thing however, some should be left untold. When prospective buyers and renters view your home, are they getting the full picture? Should they see the full picture? Although a buyer's experience can and should be totally different than a renter's experience, there are similarities as well.

When renting, the owner of the home is saying, "Stay here, and live like we do. Treat my home as if it were your own, but respect all my things. See? I've left everything you need to enjoy your time here in the mountains."

When buying, the seller of the home is saying, "I hope you like my home. I want you to buy it and enjoy your time here in the mountains like we have for X amount of years..." This is where the seller's story can

have different endings. There are at least three scenarios that complete the seller's story.

#1. Here's one we see a lot "I've left everything you need to start your own story in my house, you don't have to bring a thing but your toothbrush, at least I hope I remembered to take mine out. I hope you have a dog, because I've left my supply of leashes and dog bowls just for you. The artwork includes everything from my beloved framed shell collection (those shells came from all over the world you know) to the starry night from Van Gogh (it's not an original) to the beautiful gold macaroni art my granddaughter made at summer camp-priceless."

We see this a lot for several reasons, a second home is full of things the seller has that are no longer needed in their new stage in life, or in their primary home, and their children and/or grandchildren don't want them. I've seen buyers almost run to get away from these homes, and that's too bad because most of them just needed to be 'de-previous' owned."

#2. This is more common these days, maybe because their Realtor has suggested "less is more." This is what these sellers are saying, "Welcome to my home. I hope you enjoy it as much as we did. When we bought it, we were overjoyed with the amount of space it had to offer. We're leaving everything you need to move right in, but just the basics because you will want to fill it with treasures you find along your new home journey. Believe me, we know how expensive the basics can be, so we've got you covered here with nice bedding, matching window treatments, and we're leaving the grill and all the deck furniture as they seem to fit perfectly." You can feel the welcome when you walk into those homes, and guess what? The buyers can too.

#3. These aren't as common, in our marketplace, but they're there. These sellers are saying, "Welcome to your next home! Here it is a blank slate and it's broom clean. We've had everything freshly painted with a



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neutral color, and the floors have all been refinished (or newly carpeted, or tiled), so please use the booties we've provided when viewing. We hope you like all the space, we sure enjoyed our years here. Oh, there's one thing 'original' we've left, if you don't like it, you can always have it

refinished. There's a hallway door-frame with etched marks showing the growth of our children, I just couldn't paint over that."

When buyers look at these homes, sometimes they're taken aback at the starkness, the coldness, the nothingness. It helps when the home's character shines through with wood, stone, natural light, etc. Sometimes though, buyers can see through all the fresh paint. They imagine behind that neutral painted bedroom may have once been purple with a teenager's posters hanging on the walls, music blaring as they did their homework. The bland living room, kitchen, and outdoor areas used to be alive with conversation and laughter. One wonders, did someone ever propose in this garden? How many football wins were celebrated here? Christmases? Easter brunches and Thanksgiving dinners with family gathered around a festive table.

Buyers come in all shapes and sizes. Some say "Oh, I'll know when I see it, the perfect house for me. I can look over clutter, design or anything really."

Sometimes, those are the ones who go running, but the same can go for a stark empty home because they can't imagine what to do with the space. Buyers and sellers are just people after all, some need a little help imagining things, while others can "see" a multitude of things no matter how the house is presented.

As a Realtor, we need to allow buyers to imagine themselves in THEIR new home. Imagine that.

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**Offered for \$1,450,000. MLS 90299**



### Sky Valley

Beautifully maintained & spacious southwestern facing newer construction home offering three levels of living. Sits at +/-3100 feet, showcasing evening sunsets & cool mountain breezes. Open floor plan with hardwood floors, granite, master on main, wood burning fireplace, mud room, screened porch & wrap around deck. 2BRs up & 2 flex rooms down w/full baths.

**Offered for \$315,000. MLS 89938**



### Highlands In-Town

Historical renovated Joe Webb log cabin! New tile and luxurious baths, designer kitchen with new upgraded appliances, custom cabinets, gorgeous granite, gleaming hardwood floors, beautiful screened porch, courtyard dining area with fireplace. Sited on a level lot with lush rhododendron and a small stream with gazebo. Just 5 minutes from Main Street!

**Offered for \$729,000. MLS 88148**



### Highlands In-Town

Walk to town from this well-maintained, low maintenance rustic chic cottage. Old Highlands charm with one of the prettiest yards in town with green space galore! Linger at the huge stone fire pit or rock your cares away on the covered porch! A stunning architecturally designed window is framed by wooden walls and glass in the den with a stone fireplace and built-in bookcases and hardwood floors.

**Offered for \$675,000. MLS 89947**



### Scaly Mountain

This upscale home has a dramatic kitchen opening to the dining and great room, boasting vaulted ceilings with hand-picked beams and lovely hardwood floors. A large stone wood-burning fireplace is sure to take the chill off and an outdoor firepit is waiting! A light and bright master bedroom on the main is complete with luxury bath. A 2nd den and 2 BR on the lower level allow privacy. Numerous decks allow majestic mountain views.

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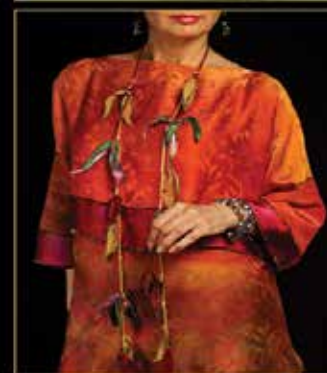
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• The Bascom is open Friday – Monday 10am -5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm). The Bascom galleries



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### GOOD FRIDAY

**April 19**

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### HOLY SATURDAY

#### EASTER VIGIL

**April 20**

OLM – 7:30 p.m.  
St. Jude – no service

### EASTER SUNDAY

**April 21**

St. Jude – 9 a.m.  
OLM – 11 a.m.

and shops will be closed Tuesdays - Thursdays. Admin offices and The Dave Drake Studio Barn are open normal business hours. Visitors are welcome to enjoy the newly updated Story Walk Trail throughout the week.

## Monday - Saturday

• At the Bascom, 10am - 5pm, Sunday 12pm - 5pm: Open Studio in The Dave Drake Studio Barn. For more information call 828-526-4949.

• At the Bascom, Art By Appointment private ceramic classes in The Dave Drake Studio Barn. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## Monday - Friday

• At the Bascom, You Too Can Raku by appointment class in The Dave Drake Studio Barn. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## First Mondays

• Shortoff Baptist Church non-denominational Men's Mtg at 7p.

## Mondays

• At the Bascom, 10am - 1pm: Studio Alive drawing group. For more information call 828-526-4949.

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit classes with Tori Schmitt at 5:30pm.

## Mon. & Thurs.

• The Joy Program at HUMC 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.-Wed.

• Hip Hop classes with Tori Schmitt 5:30-6:30.

## Mon., Wed., Fri.

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:30am-9:30am.

• Step Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9a.

• Gentle Yoga at the Rec park at 9:15-10:30 a.m.. All levels welcome.

## Mon., Wed., Thurs.

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

**Tuesdays beginning April 23**

• 6-week Dog Obedience class, one-hour sessions at 6 p.m. Graduation will be Tues., May 28. Classes are held at the West Macon Track next to Cartoogechaye School. All profits will be donated to the Macon County Hmane Society. Cost of 6 sessions is \$85. For more information call Saly Mass at 828-421-4587.

## Tuesdays

• FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.

• At the Bascom, 3pm - 5pm: Writers group. For more information call 828-526-4949.

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets from 10:30-11:30 am in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

## 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 to discuss topics related to raising backyard chickens. For more information please call 828-349-2046 or 828-369-3916.

• Highlands Area Indivisible Group meets at 5 pm in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

## Tuesday and Thursdays

• At the Rec Park, Dance2Fit with Tori Schmitt at 7:30am.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with many different styles of exercise at Rec Park.

## Wednesdays

• Power Flow Yoga with Nalicia Allio a certified Yoga Instructor 12-1pm and 6:30-7:30pm.

## 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 at Hudson Library, 10:40 am. Open to the public

• Kids Zone at Hudson Library, 3:30- 5 pm. A different STEAM Program each week, with LEGO Club on the 4th Thursday.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 – 8:15pm 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

## 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 LEGO creations.

## First Fridays

• The Bascom at Sotheby's series features different artists each month with a reception the first Friday of every month at Highlands Sotheby's International Realty from 4-5:30p at the corner of Main Street and Highway 64 across from The Old Edwards Inn. The public is invited to come meet the artist, view the exhibit and have some wine.

• At the Rec Park Pool. Movie Float-in Night - all ages First Friday night of every month. Pool opens at 6:30p and movie starts at 7 p.m. Call for movie title and prices. For any other information call 828-526-1595.

## Fourth Friday

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room from 11a until noon.

## Friday - Monday

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• At the Bascom, 10am - 5pm (Sundays 12pm - 5pm): Free Admission to exhibition spaces and SmArt Space for children. For more information call 828-526-4949.

## Saturdays

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

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

## Sundays

• Live Music in OEI's Hummingbird Lounge 8 p.m. to close with Paul Jones.

## Sat., April 20

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

• The Town's annual Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday at 11 am at the Rec Dept. For ages 0-9 years old.

• The Highlands Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Plateau Pickup on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help clean litter on the highways and roads leading to and around Highlands. Cleanup supplies and a "thank-you" tee-shirt will be provided for all volunteers. The event will start and end at Kelsey Hutchinson Park. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the pickup will begin at 9 a.m. Following the pickup, volunteers will be treated to a cook-out provided by Fresser's Courtyard Café. If you're interested in helping, please contact the Highlands Chamber at 828-526-2112

• Nantahala Hiking Club members and others celebrate Easter on the trail by bringing hard boiled eggs, fruit and goodies to hand out to the hikers on the Appalachian Trail. Meet at the Nantahala Clubhouse to pack the items before taking them out on the trail. Call Elena March, 369-8915, if you'd like to participate in this enjoyable (and appreciated) activity.

• The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 4.5-mile hike to High Falls and Rough Run Falls, elevation change 600 ft. This hike is about 3 miles north of Glenville and

takes you into a box canyon with vertical walls 200' high and with an awesome view of the magnificent falls directly in front of you. This fall is on the West Fork of the Tuckaseegee River. Rough Run falls is on a side creek coming into the Tuckaseegee. Meet at Cashiers Rec Park at 10 am, drive 22 miles round trip. Call leaders: Mike and Sue Kettles, 743-1079, Visitors welcome.

## Mon., April 22

• Harris Regional Hospital will offer a free educational event entitled Running 101: Essentials for Success at noon on Monday, April 22 in the Harris Regional Hospital boardroom on the first floor of the hospital. Physical therapist Jared Sonnier will present the session. Lunch will be served. Please call 844.414.DOCS (3627) to register.

## Wed., April 24

• At Hudson Library, Author Talk with Jim Costa on Darwin at 12:30 p.m. The program is free, and lunch bites will be provided by the Highlands Biological Station and Foundation. Jim Costa, WCU professor, Highlands Biological Station Director. Dr. Costa's talk, titled Charles Darwin's 'Fool's Experiments' –

Lessons from an Inveterate Experimentiser, will delve into the remarkable array of experiments Darwin performed on his way to formulating his groundbreaking theories of evolution.

## Fri.-Tues., April 26-30

• The Rec Park gym will be closed for gym floor screening and refinishing.

## Fri.-Sun., April 26-28

• PAC Youth Theatre Spring play "Great Scenes from Shakespeare's Plays (with Combat) at the Performing Arts Center on Chestnut street at 7 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Sunday. For information about the play and the PAC Youth Theater Program, call Ms. Greenlee-Potts at (828) 526-9047 or email [PACYouth.highlands@gmail.com](mailto:PACYouth.highlands@gmail.com).

## Fri., April 26

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor at the Hudson Library in the Meeting Room 11a until noon. Guest speaker is Jackie Medland President/Chief Nursing Officer discussing HCA Mission H/C Hospital.

• At the Rec Park, the last Senior Lunch of the season at noon.

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# • H-C HOSPITAL NEWS •

## Highlands-Cashiers Hospital to enter a new and exciting institutional era

Spring is on its way to the Plateau and with it, Highlands-Cashiers Hospital, the Eckerd Living Center, and our affiliated practices are entering an exciting new era of growth with Mission Health's becoming part of HCA Healthcare. We are already feeling how the health system is benefiting from the foundational reinforcement and deepened financial strength of the transaction. In the midst of this change, our Board of Trustees is also in transition and ready to blossom.

Involvement on our Hospital Board of Trustees requires an incredible commitment of heart, intellect, and time. When our members sign on, they are faced with an awesome responsibility – to make certain that the care we deliver to our community is of the highest quality. To that end, they make decisions about clinical privileges for providers, oversee hospital performance, participate in long-range planning, and ensure that we're in compliance with a myriad of local, state and federal laws. In particular, I rely on our talented Board of Trustees to both assist and advise me as we endeavor to meet the needs of our community.

Board participation then, is not for the faint of heart. Our members don't hesitate to jump in and provide service reflective of their unique areas of expertise, experiences, and intentions. This is a case where the sum of many different parts truly forms a force that can't be replicated.

As we say farewell to Board Chairman Sam Lupas, Stephanie Edwards, Paul Robshaw and Walter Clark, I want to express my deep gratitude for their tireless work, consistent and clear communication with our community members, and caring stewardship. They saw to it that we navigated successfully through a time of change unlike any other in our history.

James Maurin will continue his work on the Board, stepping forward as Board Chairman and Jack Austin will continue to serve as well. I'd like also to formally welcome new members Marc Hehn, Nancy Dunlap, M.D., Bob Carton, and Peter Pavarini, who represent the communities of Highlands, Cashiers, and Glenville. Their



**Jackie Medland**  
CEO/CNO  
H-C Hospital

combined professional experience and civic involvement spans the legal, medical, real estate development, public utility, technology, and finance industries, as well as higher education and local government. Further, these appointments follow periods of service on other organizations' boards and among their respective communities.

The efforts of our community members will be complemented by members of our HCA team, including our Family Medicine Physicians Dr. Patti Wheeler and Dr. Robyn

Restrepo, Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer at Mission Hospital Dr. William Hathaway, and Kathy Guyette, Senior Vice President of Patient Care Services and Regional Member Hospitals President.

A healthy and productive Board of Trustees requires not just meaningful practical experience, but a true passion for healthcare and its sustainability. Our members are called to do this work for diverse reasons – some do it because their professional lives have intersected with healthcare, while others have been personally affected by an experience in the care system.

Our Trustees are caregivers of a different sort; their work is dedicated to maintaining our institutional health. I look forward to all we will accomplish together to make our community grow stronger and healthier.

• *Jacqueline Medland, PhD, RN, is the Chief Executive Officer/Chief Nursing Officer of Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. Jackie has enjoyed a career as a healthcare leader for over 30 years, including positions in direct patient care, advanced practice nursing, nursing management and hospital administration. Jackie received her MSN from the University of Illinois, College of Nursing, and her PhD in Organization Development from Benedictine University. She is a member of the American Association of Critical Care Nurses, the American Organization of Nurses Executives, the Illinois Organization of Nursing Leaders and Sigma Theta Tau. Jackie's unique leadership and mentorship was recognized by the University of Illinois, College of Nursing with the Sage Award.*



# DOGSPEAK

## • REFLECTIONS FROM LORD BANJO •

### A Spring trip to Anytown, USA

Mum and Dad have a friend who has a cabin in a mountain town, and he invited us to use it for a week. That's right; he invited me, too. Now, it's taboo for me to mention other mountain towns in the Highlands Newspaper, but I had so much fun that I just have to tell you about it. Let's just say this cabin was in Anytown, USA. By the way, if anyone wants to offer us a free stay in Highlands, I'll be happy to write about that experience, too.

First, our friend cautioned Mum not to let me roam outside at night because of the bears. After hearing that, Mum was vigilant about standing outside with me at all times of the day, and she was quick to cut short any attempts at wandering. No sooner would I pick up a good smell than I'd hear, "Banjo, come back here right this minute."

Still, I enjoyed the cool, crisp mornings and the walks I went on with Mum and Dad. New places and new smells put a spring in my step. Indoors I rotated between protecting Mum and Dad in the top floor master bedroom and warding off invaders by holding down my dog bed in the living room.

During the cool mornings and evenings, we hung out in front of the fireplace, but when it warmed up in the afternoons, the front porch rockers called to us. Mum and Dad and their friends would rock and read, and I'd lie around and attempt to wander off, but you know I couldn't get far without hearing, "Banjo, where do you think you're going?" We never did see any bears in Anytown, so I don't know what all the fuss was about.

Besides not being able to wander freely as I do in our woods at home, what I really missed was Puddin' — well, mostly I



The Royal Pooch Lord Banjo

missed Puddin's food. I get to lick up any dabs of wet food the Princess leaves in her kitty dish, but she didn't come on this trip, so no wet food for me.

I made up for that by sneaking into the garbage. I know, I know, that's against the rules, but desperate times call for desperate measures. There was no lid on the tall kitchen garbage can, and I could easily dip my nose in.

When Mum and Dad came home to wet coffee grounds on the floor, they fussed and laughed and said, "Guess Banjo's wishing we'd cook so there'd be something better in there." They put a cookie sheet on top of the can to keep me out, which worked fine until they forgot to put it back. I was on full alert for garbage opportunities and scored a few tasty tidbits that way.

When Dad started loading luggage into the car, I hopped right in without an invitation. I was more than ready for cat food and an extended exploration of our backyard. I don't typically stay outside too long, but I took my time inspecting my domain when we reached our house. Dad watched as I sniffed and meandered up and down and through the trees. My coat was yellow with pollen when I barked at the kitchen door to be let in.

After a few dabs of cat food, I settled down beneath Mum's desk to dictate the tale of our trip to Anytown, USA. As a reminder, I'm available to tell the tale of a trip to Highlands, NC if only some kind person would offer me a cabin. And, of course, the Royal Parents must be invited too.

• Lord Banjo lives in Georgia with his Mum, Kathy Manos Penn. Find similar stories in his book, "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," available at Mountain Paws in Highlands, Books Unlimited in Franklin, and on Amazon. Contact him at [ink-penn119@gmail.com](mailto:ink-penn119@gmail.com).

### Annual 'Litter Pick-up' is Sat. April 20

On Saturday, April 20, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce is hosting its annual Plateau Pickup on Saturday. Volunteers are needed to help clean litter on the highways and roads leading to and around Highlands. Cleanup supplies and a "thank-you" tee-shirt will be provided for all volunteers. The event will start and end at Kelsey Hutchinson Park. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m. and the pickup will begin at 9 a.m. Following the pickup, volunteers will be treated to a cook-out provided by Fresser's Courtyard Café. For more information, contact the Highlands Chamber at 828-526-2112 or [visitor@highlandschamber.org](mailto:visitor@highlandschamber.org) or [mailto:visitor@highlandschamber.org](mailto:mailto:visitor@highlandschamber.org).

### April 27th is MC's Safety Town Day

Safe Kids Macon County and Franklin Daybreak Rotary will be teaming up for the third annual Safety Town on April 27 from 10a-2p at the Robert C. Carpenter Community building on 441 in Franklin. The event will feature all things kids and all things safety! Car seat checking station, K9 demonstration, bike rodeo, emergency vehicle car show, and Operation Medicine Drop.

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# • SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



## Then Came the Dawn

Pastor Randy Lucas  
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Come, child, listen.  
Lean forward, lend an ear.  
"It's the greatest story ever told,  
whether far, or near.

The story of a carpenter  
who walked long dusty roads,  
healing weary travelers  
and lifting heavy loads.

He cured the sick, healed the lame  
and made the blind to see.  
He said he came for captives,  
to set the prisoners free.

But the powerful and mighty  
were threatened by his life.  
Convicted by the truth he told,  
they stirred up hate and strife.

And thinking they could stop his reign  
they hung him on a tree  
and he died a cruel and painful death  
for all the world to see.

And those with good and gracious hearts  
wept tears of grief and pain.  
For it seemed as if the darkness  
forever more would reign.

While in the tomb love rested,  
without a twitch, or sound.  
And Death rejoiced in victory  
and bought another round.

Defeat. Darkness.  
Silence. Stillness  
for three long days.

Then came the dawn.

Suddenly the earth, it shook  
and Heaven gave a shout!  
And Hell and Death fell prostrate  
as the carpenter walked out.

For in God's love, incarnate.  
God's Kingdom, now decreed  
that Christ the Lord is risen.  
He is risen. Yes! Indeed!

## Proverbs 3:5

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Choir 5p

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# • PLACES TO WORSHIP •

## John 3:16

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# • POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

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

## April 2

• At 10:05 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on Hudson Road.

## April 4

• At 4:48 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 west near NC 106.

• At 6 p.m., officers were called about breaking and entering and larceny from a vehicle on S. 3rd Street where a purse, credit cards money identifying documents and a wallet were taken.

## April 5

• At 1:20 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on NC 106 near Spring Street.

• At noon, Charles Alexander Hyland, 36, of Charlotte, NC, was arrested on two embezzlement charges -- one over \$100,000 and one under \$100,000. He

was issued a \$9,999 secured bond. His trial date is June 24. The arrest was in response to a report filed in June of 2014 regarding a report of embezzlement from GoodBurgers DBA, Flipside Smokehouse and Big Dog Restaurant DBA Rukas Table.

## April 6

• At 3:15 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on U.S. 64 west near Raoul Road.

## April 11

• At 2:25 p.m., officers were called about a littering incident in the lot at 299 Oak Street.

## April 12

• At 7:20 p.m., officers were called about destruction to property a residence on N. 4th Street where the back door was broken into.

## The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from April 4

## April 4

• At 2 p.m., the dept. responded to a gas/fire alarm at a residence on Brushy Face Road.

• See **POLICE & FIRE** page 20



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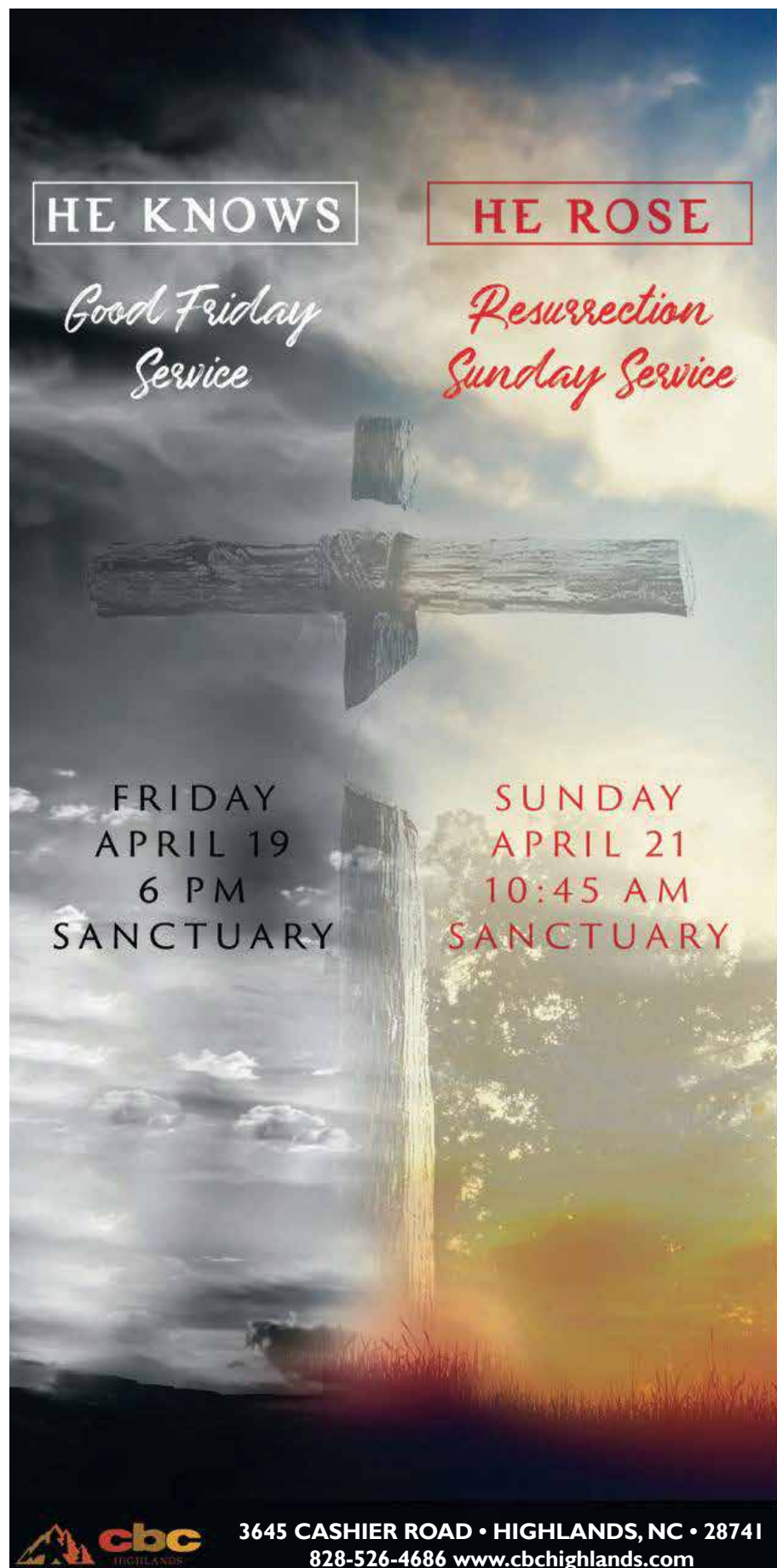
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# ...POLICE & FIRE REPORT continued from page 19

- At 3:24 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a possible missing person from a residence on Chestnut Walk.
- April 5**
  - At 10:30 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Myrtle Speed Road.
  - At 12:40 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cherrywood Drive.
- April 6**

- At 7:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Brewster Lane.
- April 7**
  - At 4:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Lost Trail.
  - At 7:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident at NC 28 south and Clear Creek Road.
  - At 11:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main

Street.

## April 8

- At 10:25 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

## April 10

- At 12:18 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on US 64 west.
- At 3:45 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clear Creek Road.

## April 14

- At 10:18 a.m., 12:16 p.m. and 3:19 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.
- At 11:21 a.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers FD.


- At 6:38 p.m., the dept. responded to a call about a downed tree at US 64 east and Cullasaja Road.

- At 8:42 p.m. and 11:01 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.

## April 15

- At 11:39 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.
- At 1:38 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Spring Street.

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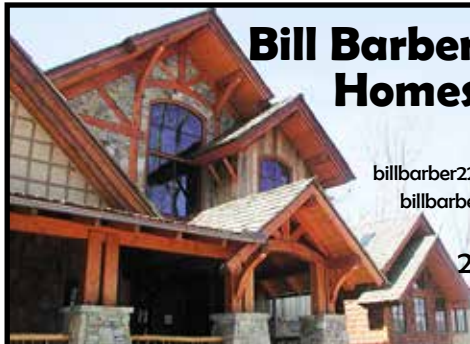
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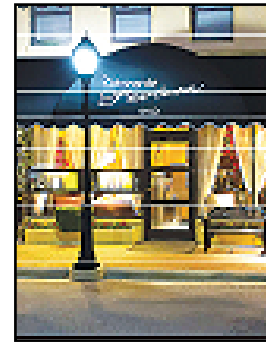
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