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HCA Healthcare gets approval for new Angel Medical Center in Franklin

The new facility will continue to cater to Highlands/Cashiers patients

By Brittney Lofthouse

At the town of Franklin's Planning Board meeting Monday

night, the board OK'd a special-use permit for the Angel Hospital replacement facility – the first step in

making the facility a reality.

Mission Health announced

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Citizens discuss lack of area healthcare

By Brian O'Shea

The meeting room at the Cashiers Rec Park was jam packed with concerned citizens who lined

the walls to hear from a group who are upset over the lack of doctors in the area.

Pam Kerr, Mary Jane Bills,

and Ellen Haug organized the "Concerned Citizens Health Forum" to discuss issues with the existing and future health needs in the Highlands-Cashiers area.

Of primary concern was the lack of doctors and support staff to properly serve the Plateau. Kerr said the only primary care physician currently in Cashiers is Dr. Thomas Duncan who has practices in both Highlands and Cashiers.

The problem is, Dr. Duncan is set to retire in September. So, who's responsibility is it to retain new doctors?

HCA Healthcare bought Mission Health in February of this year for approx. \$1.5B. The deal entailed the purchase of six hospitals in Western North Carolina, which includes Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and its satellites, therefore the responsibility falls on HCA.

The \$1.5B went into the newly formed Highlands-Cashiers Health Foundation (formerly Highlands Hospital Foundation), which is required to give \$75M annually to grants aimed at improving healthcare in WNC.

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Highlands School's peers salute their own with annual designation



Macon County School System's Teacher of the Year and Support Person of the Year for each school was announced last week. For Highlands School, math teacher Gina Billingsley was voted "Teacher of the Year." The title of "Support Person of the Year" went to administrative assistant/bookkeeper, Annette Jenkins. Ballots were handed out and the Highlands School staff voted. "So essentially their peers voted for them," said Assistant Principal Sarah Holbrooks.

—Photo by Sarah Holbrooks



Pictured from left in front of the ActivPanel installed in the Highlands Middle School is Kedra McCall, Sheryl Wilson, Dennis Wilson, Stephanie Smathers, Anne Tate, and Gina Billingsley.

AHEC funds Smart Boards for HS Middle School

Submitted

Continuing the initiative to enhance learning resources at Highlands School, the Advance Highlands Education Committee (AHEC) has funded and installed six Promethean "ActivPanels" in the Middle School.

The first six installed ActivPanels are dedicated to Anne Tate, a 27-year teacher at the Highlands School, and were donated by her brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Sheryl Wilson. Mrs. Tate, joined by current High-

lands School teachers Stephanie Smathers and Gina Billingsley and Assistant Principal Sara Holbrooks, got the chance to experiment with the newly installed technology on Monday, July 8, 2019.

Promethean ActivPanels have the appearance of an 85" smart tablet affixed to the wall and are designed to promote student attentiveness and engagement, which has a positive impact on comprehension and knowledge

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• THE PLATEAU'S POSITION •

• MAYOR ON DUTY •

If it's not bears it's trash

The buzz last week was why the mayor removed the trash dumpsters at the recreation center. I have gotten feedback about the decision.

I did not make a unitary decision to remove the dumpsters. It was a decision made by both me and the Town Manager after visiting the site and discussing the situation with Public Works Director Lamar Nix and Director of Recreation Lester Norris. The Town Board was also notified.

After seeing the huge amount of garbage that had accumulated at the site, and how garbage was carelessly thrown into recycling bins, the decision was made. The recreation center was becoming a trash dumping ground replete with odors and liquid runoff.

Last fall a recycling trailer was placed at the recreation center as a convenience for local residents. A sign posted above the trailer stated that household garbage should be taken to the Buck Creek for Rich Gap sites. As a courtesy to folks who would recycle, I supported putting a dumpster next to the recycling trailer with



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

the idea that residents might drop off a bag or two of household garbage. It was a trial, wait-and-see effort.

Over the months, sanitation crews saw a growing demand, so additional dumpsters and pickups were added. The situation became so critical that three dumpsters would be filled and overflow daily. Crews had to transport these large loads and incur tipping fees at the

Rich Gap transfer station. In other words, the Town of Highlands was providing a de facto trash service for people not living and paying taxes within the town limits.

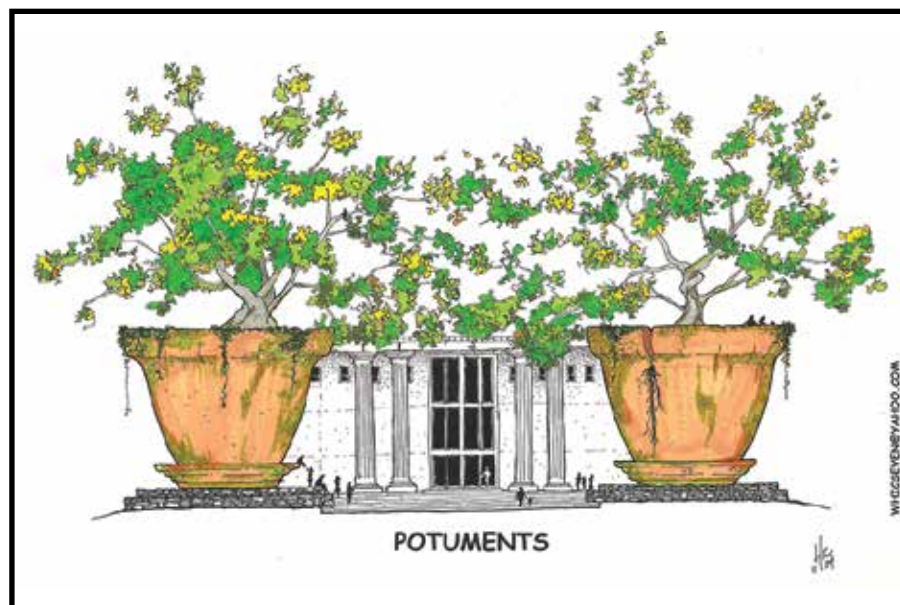
I have observed people using the dumpsters on several occasions. Folks would pull up with SUVs, station wagons and trucks packed with garbage bags and cardboard. As I witnessed bag after bag being thrown into the dumpsters, I came to realize that many folks were using these dumpsters as their sole means of depositing garbage.

This site has always been monitored by cameras, rather than having an attendant on location. Recent camera footage has been matched to vehicles and local addresses. Many are county addresses, so my suspicion that the town has been providing trash services for county residents has been confirmed. We have a cooperative agreement with the Macon County Solid Waste Department in operating and supporting the recycling trailer for everyone, whether they live in the town or county, but no agreement exists with regard to household garbage.

People tell me the town can't just remove the dumpsters and say it not our problem. I agree with that contention. On the other hand, disposal of trash is everyone's problem, and it will take both the town and county to find a solution. The Town Board will discuss the issue at the July meeting tonight.

A challenge is to find a centrally located property to build and operate a recycling and convenience center. Our experience at the recreation center makes it clear a center will have to be staffed. How we build this center without folks saying, "not near me," is another challenge.

• HIC'S VIEW •



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retention. Teachers may use the ActivPanels to conduct virtual science experiments, introduce mathematical concepts interactively, or model the writing process. When ActivPanels are paired with laptops, assignments can be instantly transmitted to students' desktops, and then "turned in" electronically and graded, so that teachers can provide immediate feedback, supporting an efficient and paperless learning process. "ActivPanels are a great investment because they are highly interactive, relatively low maintenance, and are environmentally friendly," says AHEC member Leigh Hartman.

Macon County School Board member Stephanie McCall again gives credit to Superintendent Chris Baldwin, Technology Director Tim Burrell, and his staff: "Once again, the IT department did a great job of managing the schedule and resources to

deploy the ActivPanels so that they are in place before the school year starts."

AHEC continues to enhance access to educational resources at the Highlands school through the funding of critical technology needs, capital improvements to the media center, and the establishment of an ongoing endowment. The installation of the ActivPanels follows the implementation of one-to-one iPads for Highlands elementary students.

In further support of their technology goal, AHEC is continuing to raise funds to ensure each of the 36 classrooms is outfitted with an ActivPanel, and each student has a tablet or laptop. If you would like to support the enhancement of our community school, please emailadvancehighlands@gmail.com for more information.

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• WEATHER •

	Friday 7/19		Saturday 7/20		Sunday 7/21	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	79 F	64 F	80 F	64 F	78 F	64 F
RealFeel	90 F	71 F	90 F	72 F	86 F	67 F
Winds	3 g 4	3 g 4	3 g 5	3 g 4	3 g 5	3 g 4
T-Storms	60%	24%	60%	24%	60%	24%
Rainfall	0.04	0	0.05	0	0.05	0
Snowfall	0	0	0	0	0	0

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NEW ON MARKET: This amazing home can live large or just right for two. Everything you need is on the main floor with easy access from the oversized two car garage. The great room is large and has soaring wood ceilings, gleaming hardwood floors, and a floor-to-ceiling stone fireplace. The kitchen has beautiful cabinetry and a great island with bar seating. The room opens to an oversized covered and screened porch part of which is glassed in off of the master bedroom.

MLS# 91454 | Offered for \$1,250,000



NEW ON MARKET: Pristine upper-level 2BR/2BA condo at Highlands Falls CC. The owner has enclosed the side deck and made it into a year round sun room. The great room has cathedral ceilings, a high transom window, and opens to a lovely deck. The eat-in kitchen also has a vaulted ceiling and lots of cabinetry and countertop space. The master is large and has access to the deck as well as a private water closet/shower area and a walk-in closet.

MLS# 91473 | Offered for \$245,000

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MLS# 89150 | Was \$1,198,500 NOW Offered for \$1,145,000



PRICE CHANGE: Wonderful location just a stone's throw from Harris Lake and a short walk to downtown Highlands. This lovely home has been remodeled and expanded. The focal point of the great room is a corner stone fireplace and there is plenty of room for dining. This room leads out to the covered and open back deck with a level yard. Walk to town properties do not come on the market often so don't let this opportunity pass you by!

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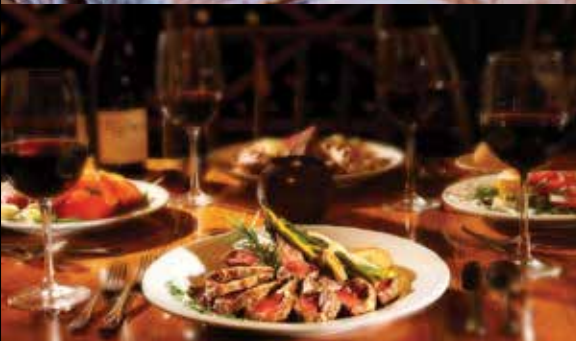
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MLS# 90499 | Offered for \$249,000



HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN CLUB Amazingly remodeled 3BR/2BA condo within Highlands city limits. Wood floors in main living area and brand new carpet in bedrooms. Both bathrooms are brand new with marble counter tops, marble floors and walk-in showers. Updated kitchen with brand new SS appliances, granite counter tops and has been reconfigured and opened to great room. Freshly painted and ready to move into. An excellent value!

MLS# 91072 | Offered for \$245,000

HIGHLANDS MOUNTAIN CLUB You'll love this three bedroom, two bath spacious unit at Highlands Mountain Club, a popular place to spend the summers. Enjoy the pool, tennis, and clubhouse and the great mountain view from the unit itself. It comes furnished, with dishes and linens, so just move in. Already in great condition or you can renovate to your tastes.

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BUCK CREEK Only 15 minutes to downtown Highlands with a lovely mountain view. Cute three bedroom, one bath home with a basement is ready to move into. Plenty of parking. There are no restrictions, so this property may be used for commercial as well. Comes with an extra lot. Combined acreage of both home and lot is approximately 2.57 acres. Great buy at \$199,000.

MLS# 90712 | Offered for \$199,000



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\$315,000
MLS# 89579

One level with 3BR/2BA. The great room boasts vaulted ceilings, beautiful hardwood floors and built-ins next to the gas fireplace. The kitchen opens to the great room and has lots of cabinetry and granite countertops.



\$305,000
MLS# 89978

Great location in Chestnut Hill on a level lot with a small fenced yard for a dog in the back. Lovely rocking chair front porch plus a screened porch in the back.

\$298,000
MLS# 86978

One level living with two bedrooms and two baths. The large kitchen boasts white cabinetry and has easy access to the one car garage. Move in ready!



\$298,000
MLS# 89389

The open great room is vaulted, bright and airy. In addition to a screened-in back porch, there is an open deck at the front of the home off of one of the guest rooms.



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Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation Board Member Paul Robshaw said HCA has assured HCHF they are working diligently to hire new doctors, but it is difficult attracting them to the area and keeping them here. Enticements to lure doctors to the Plateau include offering memberships at country clubs, but it is still a difficult process.

After Thursday's meeting, Robshaw said he understands the community's frustration.

"HCA is calling the shots here," said Robshaw. "What the community is asking for is justified, they need doctors, but it's challenging for HCA to get them here."

Those in attendance asked why some of the annual \$75M in grant money is not being used to hire doctors and Robshaw said the nonprofit HCHF cannot give money to for-profit HCA.

Walter Clark, Chairman of HCHF, attended the meeting to hear the concerns of the people. As a Cashiers resident, he said he understands there is a shortage of doctors, both in Cashiers and Highlands.

"I went to feel the tenor of meeting, to hear concerns, and see if we could help," said Clark. "It was a good-will



Walter Clark addresses the crowd to explain some of the obstacles involved in retaining doctors in the area.

gesture. To hear people's voice and see what we could do."

Clark said HCHF can't go out and hire physicians, but HCA/Mission can. However, HCHF can help recruit physicians to feed into whatever system is available in Highlands or Cashiers.

He said there are two issues at play; a physician shortage, and the possibility of a consolidated multi-use facility in Cashiers.

"These are two totally separate things and I wish I had the answer," said Clark. "The physician shortage situation needs to be handled first and foremost. A new facility is hypothetical and is a possibility way down the road."

The HCHF owns 8.04 acres in Cashiers, which was bought 10 years ago with the idea of building a health park on the property. HCHF has no intention of building the facility, but a developer could build one. Clark said nothing is in the works as of now.

However, since HCA/Mission owns the facility across from High Hampton on Highway 107 and a clinic facility on Slab Town Road in Cashiers, Walters said he believes HCA/Mission would like to consolidate the two in one location as a multi-purpose clinic at some point.

Development and consolidation may be in the discussion phase, but Kerr said HCA is forcing Dr. Duncan into retirement and the solution in the meantime is to have a travelling doctor come to the area to provide medical services, which she said is not enough.

Vision Cashiers is another entity in the mix. It is a non-profit organization formed last year which took over the Village Conservancy – and it consists of seven task forces led by community members concerned about education, housing, and health and wellness.

Vision Cashiers would like to recruit physicians, too – retired and semi-retired – to fill the void in Cashiers and in Highlands. This is nothing new. For decades Highlands-Cashiers Hospital and then Mission recruited semi-retired or retired primary care physicians.

Over the years, younger recruits just don't stay -- usually leaving after a few years -- and no one says why.

Clark said independent doctors are a possibility – like Dr. Scott Baker in Highlands -- but it's extremely costly to open and operate an independent practice.

Back in Cashiers, a petition has been created to generate support for retaining Dr. Duncan until a transition to new doctors is made.

"The goal is to get HCA to renegotiate with Dr. Duncan to stay until a full-time doctor is hired and in place,

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•BIZ/ORG NEWS•

Note: The article, "Downtown: Highlands," which was featured in the July/August issue and also ran online, spotlights Highlands as an ideal summer destination

Downtown: Highlands

by Katie King
Our State Magazine

A posh downtown and abundant natural beauty offer plenty of ways to relax and reset in this quiet mountain retreat.

There's a reason people come to Highlands during the summer: It's cool. At more than 4,000 feet, this mountain town has summer temperatures averaging 76 degrees, a welcome respite from the hot, muggy dog days of lower elevations.

Since it was established in 1875, Highlands has welcomed the weary to relax and rejuvenate in nature. In the late 19th and early 20th centuries, wealthy businessmen made the town their summer escape (some still do), and a hillside nearby was home to one of the state's first tuberculosis sanatoriums, where fresh air was considered the best medicine. Nowadays, cool temperatures and natural beauty are still major draws, but downtown, people can rejuvenate in other ways, too: luxurious lodging and spa treatments, fine dining and shopping, hiking and golf. Surrounded by forests, rivers, and waterfalls, and far from chain restaurants and big-box stores, travelers and summertime residents take a break from the demands of everyday life, just as they've done for nearly 150 years.

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and to get immediate support for Duncan who currently has a five-week wait for an appointment because he is doing the job of two doctors and has been since January. HCA put Dr. Duncan in an untenable position without regard to consequences for our community," said Kerr.

Kerr added that HCA has known this staffing issue would be a problem and is not doing enough to hire more doctors.

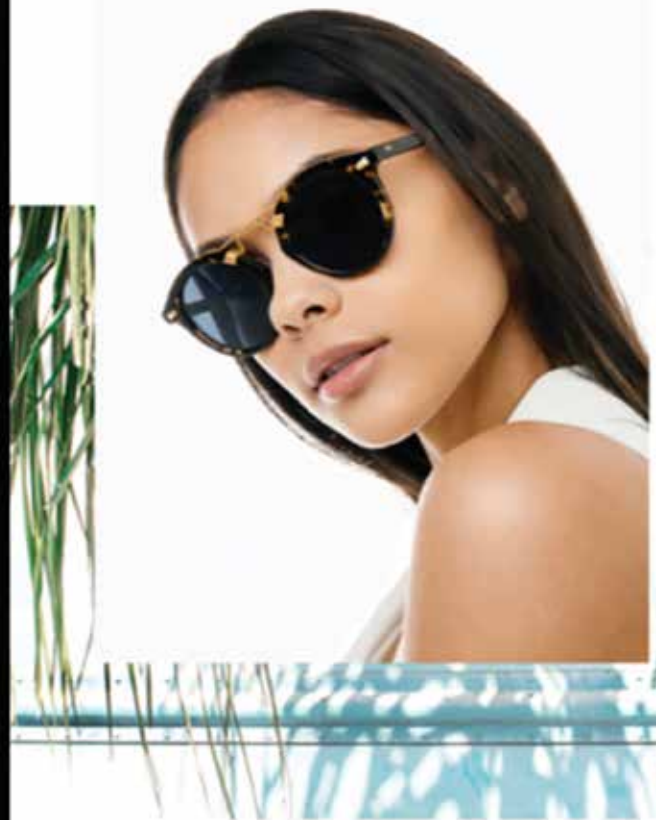
"We need the community's support in impressing the importance of retaining the only primary care doctor here covering Ca-

shiers, Glenville, Sapphire, and Toxaway," she said. "Dr. Duncan is well regarded by this community as competent and caring. A temporary doctor is not a solution. Extend Dr. Duncan's contract until a full-time doctor is hired, get him the additional support needed to cover two practices now, and get a traveling doctor in now. HCA has let the situation deteriorate since January."

Those in support of Kerr's goal can sign the petition and drop off petitions at the Albert-Carlton Cashiers Community Library or the Cashiers Rec Center.

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Trey Clegg Chamber Singers at July 24 Interlude

At 2 p.m. on Wed., July 24, the Trey Clegg Chamber Singers will be featured in an Interlude Concert at First Presbyterian Church.

Founded by Trey Clegg, the Chamber Singers is a group of 20 voices from among the 70 voices of the Trey Clegg Singers, Inc., Atlanta's premiere multi-cultural choral ensemble. The Wednesday Interlude Concerts are free. Dress is casual – come as you are.

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I'm sure you've read about all the different ways to choose the right realtor for you. You can look at their sales record, years of experience, professional designations, the company they're with, community service, reviews on Zillow or Realtor.com, recommendations from your friend who bought from them. These are all good ways, of course. But I'd like to go a step further and say that your emotional connection with them is really what you should look for—and it can be there, regardless of whether these things are or aren't in the picture.

OK, I may be one of those touchy-feely types that believes in the power of the relationship itself. I know that in the therapy world the biggest predictor of successful therapy for individuals is the relationship between the therapist and client—not the type of therapy used. Trust, empathy, compassion, loyalty, a willingness for the therapist to travel this journey with you—are all important. I don't know why that wouldn't apply to any relationship when one person is trying to help another person achieve a certain goal. I also know that when I have a real connection with someone I am willing to put forth more effort on their behalf.

I remember several years ago when I was shopping for a new car. I went to a Subaru agency in Greenville and got with the agent on floor duty (much like someone would if they wandered into a real estate agency in Highlands with no previous agent). The agent was courteous, polite, let me drive the car of my choice around, answered my questions and offered to help. He did absolutely nothing wrong from a professional standpoint. I just didn't connect with him. I can't tell you why exactly, but some necessary ingredient for me was missing. I knew that I wouldn't buy a car from him.

These days people don't wander into real estate offices randomly like they used to when "walk ins" were a large percentage of our market. Today most people start their property searches on the internet and their first communications with agents may be pretty distanced. Still, you can get signs of how it's going to go, even from far away. If you inquire about a property online, does the agent get back with you promptly



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and answer your questions to the best of their ability? Do they seem to take an interest in helping you by pointing out some of the things you wouldn't know about just from looking online? Do they offer to send you other listings that might be of interest to you or have a phone conversation with you so they can find out more about what your goals are for this area?

If you do speak with them on the phone, do they listen more than they talk? Can you tell they are trying to get a picture of what you really want and whether it exists for what you want to spend?

Do they seem genuinely interested in helping you? Do they think of you when listings come up that meet your parameters and send those to you, whether you're planning a trip soon, or just to educate you on what on the market? Do they keep in touch and follow up? Do you feel like they "get" what you're looking for and they're willing to invest their time in you?

And finally, when you meet, do you feel like you've found a friend, an ally, someone who is in this with you for the long haul? Do they work hard on your behalf? Are they willing and able to help you navigate all the choices out there and be your guide through the buying process, with its hills and valleys, obstacles and surprises? If so, you've found a meaningful connection in a realtor and a person, one that will last beyond the sale and may become a lifelong friendship.

If you're working with a "ho hum" agent who doesn't seem all that interested in helping you, move on. Look for the ones that make you smile when you think of them, the ones you'd like to recommend to your best friends. Look not for a run-of-the-mill experience, but one that can create magic when you team up together.

• Betty Holt named her counseling practice *The Consious Connection* because she believes strongly in the power of connection. A Highlands native, she has over 30 years' experience helping people buy and sell real estate here. She is a full time broker with Berkshire Hathaway Home Services Meadows Mountain Realty's Main Street office and can be reached at 828-526-4218 or at betty@bbbsmmr.com.

•WORD MATTER•

Season! Yay!



Bud Katz

I mean, 'oh, good grief,' is, "Why are all the roads around here so twisty? The twisty roads make me nauseous."

I sympathize. The roads had the same effect on me until I acclimated.

"Do you know where you are?" I ask, and then quickly add, "In geographical terms, I mean?"

Blank stares. "Highlands?"

Sigh. "First, we are in the

southern Blue Ridge portion of the Appalachian Mountains. Second, we are positioned in and among actual mountains. Straight roads are, for the most part, not an option. Third, we are, depending where you happen to be standing, at an altitude of approximately 4,000 feet. This means that if where you're going is up or down a hill or mountain, you can't go straight up or straight down. You have to kind of wind your way up over gradual inclines or declines."

Blank stares again, so I try another tack.

"Okay. This all used to be Cherokee territory," I explain. "The Cherokee built ... wrong word ... they cut, or blazed trails through the forest that helped them, often on horseback, get from one place to another. Many of our paved roads follow those trails. I'm sure you've noticed that the roads into and out of Highlands are all two-way, two-lane roads, right?"

This question is typically met with vigorous head nodding and eye clarity.

"Yes! I was going to ask about that! Why are there no four-lane roads? Especially on that crazy road between Highlands and, what's that place, Franklin?"

Sigh. They are, of course, talking about US Highway 64 West, what locals refer to as the gorge road.

"That road has been designated one of the prettiest scenic drives in the United States," I say, proudly. "And, it runs alongside and above the Cullasaja Gorge, and Dry Falls, and Bridal Veil Falls, which demonstrates why it's only one lane each way." At this point I'm working to keep my voice at a conversational level.

"Okay, thanks," they say, and head off, in search, I suppose, of Starbucks, or Olive Garden, or Macy's.

Just to be clear, we're delighted you're all here, day trippers, weekenders, vacationers, summer people, etc.

Watch out for bears, pay attention on the roads, and have a wonderful time on our plateau.

It's season on the Highlands Cashiers Plateau. Our day-trippers, weekenders, vacationers, and our treasured summer people are here. This becomes clear as soon as you try to walk into a restaurant, park a car, or navigate a retail shop.

And, it's all good!

Those of us who live here all year long look forward to the vibrancy, energy, and ringing of cash registers throughout the area. Occasionally though, we are reminded you're here in some humorous ways.

I volunteer at The Bookworm one afternoon every week, so I manage to come in contact with many first-time visitors. We go through the, "Where's the nearest Starbucks? Where's the nearest Olive Garden? Where's the nearest Macy's?" questions, and always, patiently, I direct these folks, who want to be here and home at the same time, to Ingles in Cashiers, Arden, just past Asheville airport, and Haywood Mall in Greenville, respectively.

Some don't like the answers, but we do what we can.

The amusing questions are also asked with a straight face but it's sometimes hard to answer them the same way. I won't address the one about when we turn the waterfalls on and off. We don't.

"Where do we go to see bears?" That one always gets a quick smile before I realize they are serious.

"Well," I typically begin, "there is no specific 'viewing area' kind of place, if that's what you're asking."

"But, we came up here (from Florida, Atlanta, South Carolina, etc.) to see bears!"

"You do realize," I say, "that black bears are wild animals, right?"

"But we ..."

"We don't have a zoo here on the plateau," I say, patiently, "but the truth is, all of us live inside the Nantahala National Forest, so you can stumble across a bear, a coyote, a bobcat, and lots of other animals, birds, flora and ..."

"But, isn't there a place where we can look at them? And take pictures?"

Sigh. At this point I usually direct them to Highlands Hiker or the Visitors Center. I once came close to suggesting that a particularly tenacious young couple camp out in my driveway, but I didn't do that because they might not have realized I was joking.

Another great question, and by 'great'



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- **What is Capitalism? Really**
Monday, July 22 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Steven Marks
- **Lipstick on a Pig (cooking class)**
Monday, July 22 Time: 5-7 Cost: \$90/\$100 Chef: Rachel Lewicki
- **Update on South Africa and its Challenges**
Tuesday, July 23 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Cedric Suzman
- **Medical Science Fiction**
Wednesday, July 24 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: John Jackson
- **The Limits of Judicial Power: The Political Role of the Supreme Court**
Thursday, July 25 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Bill Lasser
- **2019 College Football Preview**
Friday, July 26 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Tony Barnhart
- **Birthday Botanical Watercolors with Lucy**
Mon, Wed, Fri July 29, 31, August 1, 5, 7, 9 (6 sessions)
Time: 2-4 Cost: \$85/\$100 Instructor: Lucy Stackpole
- **What Drives Vladimir Putin?**
Monday, July 29 Time: 2-4 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Steven Marks
- **The Cuban Missile Crisis**
Tuesday, July 30 Time: 10-12 Cost: \$25/\$35 Presenter: Kent Germany
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ALL ABOUT BOOKS• **THE INK PENN** •**Colorado Mysteries by Stephen White**

Books by Stephen White are some of my favorites, but I'd all but forgotten him because he ended his series six years ago. He wrote twenty Alan Gregory mysteries from 1991 – 2013, and I was sorry to see the series end. Most of his fans are likely wishing he'd pick it back up, and for those of you who haven't encountered his books, you have plenty to look forward to.

**Kathy Manos Penn**

I have learned a lot about the disease, how it manifests itself, and its treatment by reading these books.

As with most series, I recommend starting with the first book, "Privileged Information." It's been so long, I can't recall if I read it first or not, but if I didn't, I know I went back and started at the beginning once I discovered the author. I like to follow characters as they develop

so if I stumble across a book in the midst of a series, I feel compelled to find the series start and move forward from there.

Interestingly, I've always assumed the 1997 novel "Remote Control" was inspired by the JonBenet Ramsey case, but have since learned the draft of the novel was completed prior to those events. It's an eerie coincidence.

As a writer, I like to read what a novelist's process is. White says he doesn't always know where his characters will end up when he starts a book. Surfing his website, I found he'd participated in a six-word memoir challenge in 2009. I think most writers would appreciate his six words, "Live, read. Love, read. Write, rewrite." Isn't that what the writing life is all about?

• *Kathy is a Georgia resident. Find her books "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday" and "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" at Books Unlimited in Franklin and on Amazon. "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" is also available at Highlands Mountain Paws. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com, and follow her on Facebook, www.facebook.com/KathyManosPennAuthor/.*



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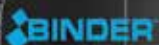
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- At the Highlands Recreation Dept. pool. Public Swim Monday-Thursday 11a-7p Friday and Saturday 11a-6p and Sunday 1-6p.

Monday - Saturday

- Mountain Findings Thrift Store on Spruce Street is open from 10a to 4p.
- Fibber Magee's Clothing Thrift Store on Laurel Street is open Tues.-Friday 10a to 4p and on Saturday from 10a to 2p.

First Mondays

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

Mondays

- At the Nature Center. Free. Garden Tour. 10:30am. Enjoy a walk through the Botanical Gardens with our knowledgeable staff, viewing beautiful native plant life in diverse habitats.
- 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 through July 30

- Free Community Yoga and Gentle Movement at The Ball Field with Rachel Kinback, Certified Yoga Teacher, 500hr; 5:30-6:15p. People of all ages and ability levels are invited to meet at the Ball Field for fun, expressive, gentle Yoga and Movement. This 45 min guided practice will be inclusive, so come as you are. Packing a blanket or exercise mat and water bottle is encouraged. The baseball field site is located adjacent to the Highlands Community Building off N. 4th St./ Hwy 106 headed toward Cashiers. Restrooms will be available on site.

Tuesdays

- At the Nature Center. Free. Turtle and Toad Feeding. 11:30am. View our live animals at their most active -- feeding time!
- FREE Community Table Dinner at the Community Bldg. at 6p.
- The Highlands Writers Group meets Tuesday, at 3pm in the downstairs boardroom at The Bascom. Writers at all levels of proficiency are welcome. For additional information, contact Bud Katz, 828-526-3190 or budandlynn@me.com.
- The Humanist Discussion Group meets from 10:30-11:30 am in the Meeting Room at the back of the Hudson Library.

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.

Lunch with the Docs at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital noon to 1 p.m. RSVP to Kara Miller at 828-526-1345. Limited to 50 attendees.

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

- At the Nature Center. Free. Mad Science. 2:30pm. Try your hand at scientific inquiry with a brief hands-on program aimed at youth ages 7+ (younger ages OK with supervision).
- At Community Bible Church, 5-5:30p - Dinner - Free (Donations Appreciated) 5:45-7p - G.R.O.W. Get Real on Wednesdays - Classes offered on money management, addiction, discovering your spiritual gifts and personality type, studying the bible, evangelism, parenting, marriage, grief, and more. All are welcome! Visit www.cbchighlands.com.
- 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

- Through July 18, The Church of the Incarnation Grief Support Group Thursdays, from 4 - 5:30, The group will not meet on July 4th. The purpose of the group is to offer support for those suffering from life transitions, such as terminal illness, death of family or close friend, miscarriage, and relationship or job loss.
- At the Nature Center. Free. Exploration Hike 2:30pm. Visit

forests, streams, and other spots across our campus, experiencing unique habitats and honing your observation skills.

- Storytime at Hudson Library, 10:40 am. Open to the public
- Kids Zone at Hudson Library, 3:30
- 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 (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.

Fridays

- At the Nature Center. Free. Turtle and Snake Feeding. 11:30am. View our live animals at their most active -- feeding time!
- Live music in Town Square from 6-8 p.m.


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 Pool opens at 6:30p and movie starts at 7 p.m. Call for movie title and prices. 526-1595.

Fourth Friday

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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.
- At the Nature Center. Free. Creature Feature. 11:30am & 2:30pm. Experience one or more of our live animal ambassadors up close while learning about their fascinating adaptations.

- Free music in the K-H Founders Park on Pine Street 6-8 p.m.

Sundays

- Live Music in OEI's Hummingbird Lounge 8 p.m. to close with Paul Jones.
- Church in the Wildwood, hymn singing each Sunday through Labor Day weekend from 7-8 p.m.

Through July 27

- At the Playhouse, "Oklahoma For ticket call 828-526-2695 or go to highland-splayhouse.org.

Thurs., July 18

- Zahner Lecture Series "The Creation of a Piet Oudolf Meadow Garden" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

- Lunch with the Docs at H-C Hospital noon to 1 p.m. Act F.A.S.T: Stroke Awareness with Dr. Patti Wheeler. RSVP to 526-1345.

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Fri. July 19

- The Friends of the Library presents guest author Diane McPhail at the Cashiers Library Author Talks Speaker Series at 3 p.m. Her critically acclaimed debut novel is The Abolitionist's Daughter. The Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library 249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers

- The High Mountain Squares will host their 37th Anniversary Dance, Friday night at the Robert C Carpenter Community Building, GA Road (441 South), Franklin, NC from 6:15-8:45p. Jerry Biggerstaff from Marion, NC will be the caller accompanied by his lovely wife Judy. We dance Western Style Square Dancing, main/stream and plus levels. Check out our next class Sept.16. Everyone is welcome. For information call: 828-787-2324, 727-599-1440, 706-746-5426

- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Ben & Marce.

Sat. July 20

- The Highlands Post 370 monthly meeting is at the Highlands United Methodist Church at 315 Main Street in the Faith & Fellowship Center. Entrance on 3rd Street. Breakfast is at 9 a.m. Meeting is at 10 a.m. All Military Veterans are welcome.

- The Highlands Plateau Greenway will conduct its monthly work day on the Greenway Trail from 9a-12p, Saturday. 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. Bring work gloves and water.

- Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Andrew Scotchie & The river Rats

Tues., July 23

At the Nature Center. Free. Nocturnal Nature. 9-10p. Experience the night like never before: through the eyes and ears (and even noses!) of nocturnal animals! Compare your senses with our native creatures of the night.

Wed., July 24

- At 2pm on Wednesday, the Trey Clegg Chamber Singers will be featured in an Interlude concert at First Presbyterian Church. It's free. Dress is casual. Come as you are. First Presbyterian Church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

Thurs., July 25

- Children's Concert and Ice Cream Social at 3pm at the First Presbyterian Church featuring the Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival "Just Jazzin' Around" featuring The Gary Motley Trio. An Ice Cream social will follow in Coleman Hall sponsored by Kilwin's of Highlands. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at the corner of Main and Fifth Streets. Handicapped accessible entrances are located on Church Street and on Fifth Street.

- Zahner Lecture Series "Bears and Fire in the Southern Blue Ridge" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

July 26-28

- At The Bascom, 8th Annual Dave Drake Studio Barn Pottery Sale 10a-5p. Enjoy wonderful and beautiful handmade pottery with an added bonus of demonstrations including wheel throwing, sculpture, hand building, carving, and sgraffito.

Fri., July 26

- Coffee with the Mayor at the Hudson Library at 11 a.m. Subject: "How Can Highlands Implement Green and Sustainable Practices?" with Mayor Patrick Taylor and guest speaker Olivia Stewman.

- Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Sycamore Flats

Sat., July 27

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• The Glenville Area Historical Society Historic Cemeteries Self-guided Tour is Saturday, \$20 per person. Includes the tour map and guide can be purchased on the 27th from 10a to 12:30p at the Hamburg Baptist Church, 4673 Highway 107 N. in Glenville or in advance at the Glenville History Museum, 4767 Highway 107 N. For info email historical-societyglenvillearea@yahoo.com.

• Live music at K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8 p.m. Charles Walker Band.

Sun., July 28

• Highlands Biological Station annual summer soiree is Sunday. This annual event supports all of the programs at the Highlands Biological Station including research grants, the nature center and the botanical garden. 6 p.m.

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plans to build a new hospital in Franklin in May 2017, just after announcing it would be shutting down the hospital's labor and delivery unit. When Mission Hospital finalized the buyout with HCA HealthCare, the state's approval included a caveat that HCA keep Mission's original commitment to build the new hospital.

HCA Healthcare, which operates 185 hospitals and 1,800 care sites in 21 states and the United Kingdom, purchased all of Mission Health care for \$1.5 billion earlier this year. That includes six hospitals in WNC including two in Macon County, Angel Medical Center and the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital.

Currently, the Highlands-Cashiers Hospital is a weigh-station from where patients are mainly sent either to Angel Medical Center or Mission Health in Asheville for surgical procedures. Therefore, the new hospital would continue to cater to patients in the Highlands/Cashiers area.

During a public comment period on the relocation of Angel Medical Center in December 2017, administrators proposed constructing a two-story, 82,600 sq. ft. hospital with 30 acute-care beds and three operating rooms near the intersection of US Highway 23/441 and Hunnicut Lane in Franklin. This is approximately one mile

from the existing hospital. At the time, the project was expected to cost \$45 million and be completed in October 2022.

Interestingly, the replacement hospital at 82,500 sq. ft. will be about one-third the size of the current facility which sits at around 140,000 sq. ft.

HCA remains on track with that plan as the town's planning board approved the required special-use permit Monday night. According to Franklin Town Planner Justin Setser, a special-use permit is required for any building over 30,000 sq. ft. within the city limits. Based on HCA's application to the town, the proposed facility will be 82,500 sq. ft.

The land where the new hospital is supposed to be built is currently owned by Entegra Bank, but according to the special-use application, HCA is under contract to purchase it. Hunnicut Lane is an extension of East Main Street when it cross US Highway 23/441 near the Entegra corporate center.

The new facility will be a critical-access hospital, meaning it will have no more than 25 beds. The new facility is planned to feature more space for behavioral and mental health patients, a need that has increased in recent years.

Setser said the next step for HCA is for the town of Franklin to hold a public

comment period on the special-use permit during the August board meeting of the Franklin Town Council. Following a public

comment period, the town would have to approve the special-use permit before the project could move forward.

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It's hard to believe we are already halfway through summer. In just a few weeks, our children will start back to school.

I still remember, like it was yesterday, the start of another school year. I remember tying up new pairs of shoes, organizing all the perfectly sharpened pencils, and carefully arranging the subject tabs of my binder. But what I remember, maybe more clearly than all the items I packed into my backpack, were the emotions I carried with me on the first day of class. I'm sure you can recall those same feelings of anticipation, uncertainty, excitement, and every other emotion that accompanied you to school after the long days of summer.

While I'm not sure I want to relive those first days of class again, I do find myself longing for that great sense of anticipation that marked so much of my childhood. The kind of anticipation born from the knowledge that there is still more of the world to experience and discover.

Part of the loss of such anticipation is born, I think, from the false notion that growth, discovery, and development are categories reserved for children and youth alone. To put it another way, it is the misguided idea that we adults have already "grown up."

Thanks be to God, that life in Christ doesn't allow for such narrow ways of thinking! The Christian tradition, like many other faith traditions, doesn't assume we will ever stop growing, learning, or discovering more about God and the world he has made. There is a verse in Psalm 27 in which the psalmist declares "You [God] speak in my heart and say, 'seek my face.'" The psalmist replies: "Your face, Lord, I will seek." This verse affirms and tells us that the Spirit of God is always reaching out to God's people in order to draw us out of our own selves and into the fathomless depths of God's life and love.

Saint Augustine, one of the great Church Fathers, observed that "we seek [God], because [God has] already found us." What a remarkable claim! But Saint Augustine also asked, "How can you draw close to God if you are already far from your own self?" It seems if we are not in touch with ourselves, it will be very difficult to be in touch with God.

As our children and grandchildren head back to school may we strive to rediscover the great anticipation of our childhood. The first step to such recovery might be getting in touch with our own hearts - what we fear, what we love, what we hope for, and what we most deeply desire. Reading the scripture of our own lives, and an openness to the next human moment, might allow for the kind of anticipation that prayerfully looks for God's life and action in the world around us.

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

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

June 27

• At 4:30 p.m., officers received a report of a restaurant receiving harassing phone calls.

July 1

• At 8:12 a.m., officers received a call for service about a unwanted solicitation.

• At 4:20 p.m., officers received a report of damage to personal property at a residence on Laurel Street where a mailbox was damaged.

July 3

• At 10 p.m., officers received a report of a verbal argument between a 77-year-old woman and a 61-year-old man at a residence on Oak Street.

July 6

• At noon, officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Mountain Fresh Grocery parking lot.

• At 3:43 p.m., officers received a report of someone entering a business on Main Street and engaging in an argument.

July 7

• At 4:20 p.m., officers received a report of damage of property on Vinca Lane where trees were cut without permission,

July 8

• At 4:45 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

July 10

• At 6:50 p.m., officers responded to a call of Affray and simple assault at Bryson's Food Store.

July 11

• At 8 a.m., officers received a report of items being taken from the Fibber MaGee's

donation bin,

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 24

June 24

• At 8 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on N. 4th Street.

• At 9 p.m., the dept. investigated smoke on Satulah Road.

June 25

• At 11:44 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Jess Mine Lane

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• At 5:34 a.m., the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm on Church Street.

• At 3:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident at Spring and NC 106.

June 28

• At 2:40 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hicks Road.

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• At 8:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to Spring Street.

June 29

• At 10:03 p.m., the dept., was first-responders to Holt Road.

July 1

• At 3:16 a.m. the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm at a residence on Hickory Knot Gap.

July 2

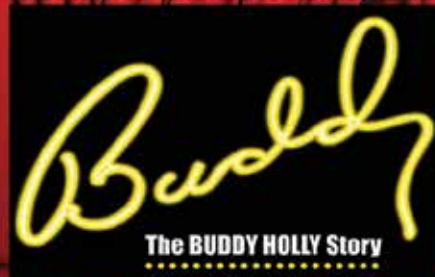
• At 7:41 p.m., the dept., was first-responders to a residence on US 64 east.

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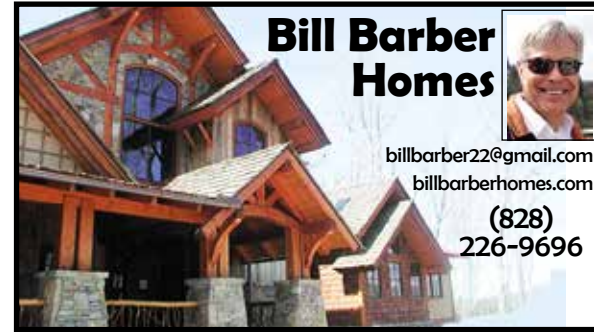
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