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Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire in the storage building on the Playhouse campus.
— Photo by Brian O'Shea

Fire temporarily shuts down Playhouse shows

By Brian O'Shea
Plateau Daily News

Theatre-goers for the last week of Oklahoma! at The Highlands Playhouse will see a different backdrop and props for the remaining performances.

Gone are the bales of straw on stage which were used as the barn backdrop.

Highlands Fire & Rescue received a call at 9:22 a.m. Sunday morning for a structure fire next door at the Highlands Playhouse located at 362 Oak Street, which is between the HFR and the High-

lands Police department.

Playhouse Artistic Director Bill Patti was on a phone call in the parking lot when he saw smoke coming from the building to the rear of the Box Office and immediately called 911.

"The set is going to be rather conceptual," said Playhouse Director Lance Matzke. "I'm grateful we're dealing with such an experienced, close-knit cast because it's really going to allow them to shine, and our performance is going to rely on their strengths as actors

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Legislators support funding for unique K-12 schools

By Brittney Lofthouse

For years, legislators in Western North Carolina have worked to secure funding for Nantahala and Highlands Schools due to how isolated they are from the rest of the county. Both schools are K-12 schools and cost a significant amount more in operational costs than schools in the Franklin area. Past legislators were unsuccessful year after year, until Representative Kevin Corbin took office.

Rep. Corbin ran on the promise of working on behalf of Highlands and Nantahala Schools to get the state to allocate more funding for the unique geography of Macon County, and he was successful. With the help of Senator Jim Davis, during Corbin's first term in the House of Representatives he was able to get the state to approve \$1 million in recurring funds for Macon County to offset the operational costs associated with both schools.

During this legislative term, Corbin has been working with Bobby Hanig, who represents Currituck County to get nearly identi-

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This is a frame from a video shown at the Town Board meeting to depict the Chamber's proposal for light-wrapped trees on Main Street.

Chamber proposes 'lighting up' downtown

Wrapping 24 trees on Main Street with white, LED lights, seven months of the year was proposed by Chamber of Commerce representatives at the July 18 Town Board meeting.

The agenda item was listed as "Chamber of Commerce Holiday Lighting Proposal" but it entailed more than that.

Chamber chair Hilary Wil-

kes and Kay Craig suggested the 24 trees on two blocks of Main from 5th to 3rd streets, including the end-cap trees, be wrapped — trunks and limbs — with lights turned on dusk to dawn or some specific timeframe, October until just after Easter.

They showed a quick video of lighted trees along a street that

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

There are potential changes coming to residential trash pickup

I have been asked why the town wants to change the way residential garbage is collected. The old adage, "if it ain't broke, don't fix it," has been invoked. My response is that the way we collect trash is broken and out of date.

OSHA reports that 46,000 janitors, custodians and sanitation workers are injured each year. The vast majority are back injuries, and about 60% result from lifting garbage cans. These workers have 16th highest rate of occupational hazards. The average cost for these injuries, including medical treatment and lost time on the job is over \$60,000 per case.

I've had several people tell me I shouldn't discuss this problem because our workers will start filling claims. It would be morally wrong to not address this health and safety issue for our sanitation workers, just as if we ignored the potential health issues of firefighters exposed to toxic chemicals. As a community we have to take action and implement best practices.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

Also, our workers are already at times injured on the job. Those injuries cost the town money in medical treatment and the loss of productivity and work time.

Specifically, the procedure we have in place where our sanitation workers lift 35-gallon, or larger, trash cans when doing residential pickup is exactly what concerns OSHA. One worker may lift hundreds of trash cans on any day. We have about 2,000

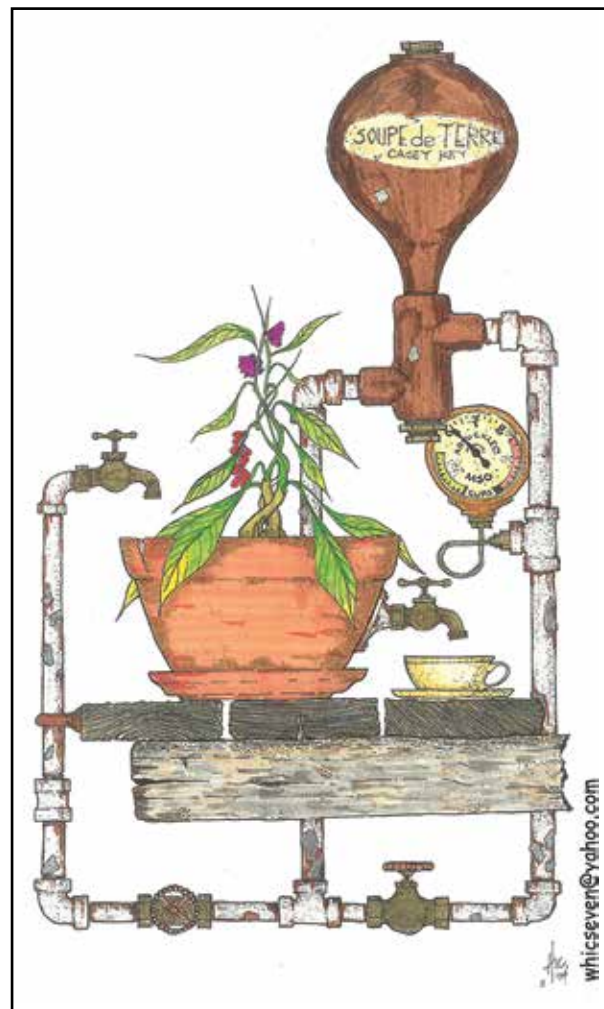
residential customers that get two pickups a week. This repetitive lifting adds up to a heavy burden for our workers.

Our garbage trucks are equipped with lift bar devices. They are used for lifting the 95-gallon toters deployed in commercial districts. The next step is to move toward using toters in residential areas. The wheel toters and lift bar devices will make it much easier for our workers to deposit the trash in the trucks. Almost all toters are designed to work with the universal lift bar system. The use of toters is a standard operating procedure in sanitation departments across the country.

If we convert to toters that are bear-resistant, another important issue of better managing wildlife will also be addressed. These bear-resistant toters are more costly than standard toters, but they are also built stronger to withstand the assault by a hungry bear. I have looked at bear resistant-toters on the Internet. Most vendors sell 64- and 95-gallon toters. Prices range from \$200 to \$300 plus. Some folks may say they are too expensive. My response is that handling and disposing of trash on the plateau is not a cheap operation and with a bear-resistant totter people won't have to pick up messes left by bears who get into traditional garbage cans.

The public works committee will be researching and reviewing how to address both of these issues. Questions of how, and when we implement these new residential practices will have to be answered. The cost and how and who will pay for the conversion will also need to be determined. There are a number of options to be decided, but to do nothing is not an option.

• HIC'S VIEW •



Candidates line up for Town Board seats

Incumbents John Dotson, Brian Stiehler and Eric Pierson will be on the Municipal ballot come November 5, 2019. Joining them are Mark Hehn, Hank Ross, Michael "Bud" Rogers and Nick McCall.

• WEATHER •

	Friday 7/26		Saturday 7/27		Sunday 7/28	
	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight	Daytime	Overnight
Temp	73 F	54 F	74 F	56 F	74 F	57 F
RealFeel	82 F	63 F	83 F	63 F	84 F	64 F
Winds	4 g 5	3 g 4	3 g 5	3 g 4	3 g 4	3 g 4
T-Storms	14%	7%	16%	9%	24%	17%
Rainfall	0	0	0	0	0	0
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NEW ON MARKET: Adorable cottage in Highlands Falls Country Club in a very 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 great room with stone fireplace. The back deck is large and is the perfect spot to enjoy the view of Shortoff Mountain.

MLS# 91516 | Offered for \$445,000



NEW ON MARKET: This 1927 charmer sits on over 2 acres, located in-town Highlands! This cottage could be restored back to its original cottage or torn down and developed into four cottages. Walking distance to Mirror Lake and to downtown. The main house has 2BR/2BA; the guest cottage has 1BR/1BA. Step back in time as you enter this very private setting with its beautiful wooded and lush rhododendron level grounds.

MLS# 91504 | Offered for \$399,900

NEW on MARKET & PRICE CHANGES!

PRICE CHANGE: This great home is in pristine condition. The living room is spacious with a stone fireplace, wood floors and opens to the expansive screened porch. The master suite has "his and hers" closets, "his and hers" vanities and high-end fixtures in the bath, and opens to the deck. The lower level has an office area with a view, another outdoor living space, two lovely guest suites plus a large family room with wet bar and bookcase/wet bar built-ins.

MLS# 91259 | Was \$895,000 NOW Offered for \$849,000!



PRICE CHANGE: This great property backs up the National Forest so when relaxing on the huge covered deck, only nature is in the view. With handsome wood floors throughout the common areas, a stone fireplace and vaulted ceilings, the home has a terrific floorplan that makes entertaining a breeze. A new kitchen features an oversized island, granite countertops and stainless steel appliances. Offered beautifully furnished.

MLS# 89562 | Was \$995,000 NOW Offered for \$949,000!



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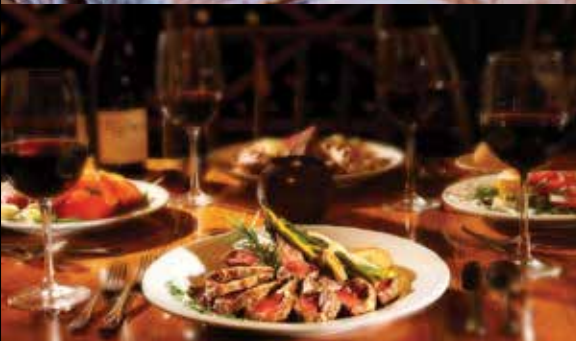
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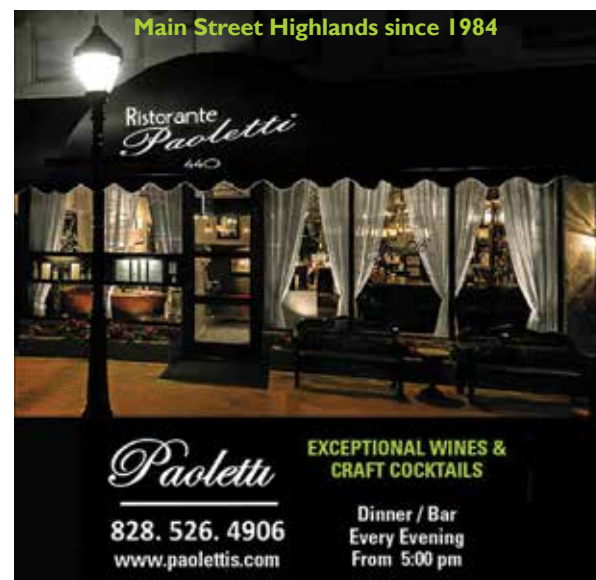
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HIGHLANDS CC Stepping inside this home, you are immediately taken back to the hillsides of Scotland by a massive wooden door and wall of stone. The large stone fireplace with hand carved mahogany mantle and the high, wood coffered ceilings in the elegant living room reminds one of a Scottish manor house. Glass doors in the great room lead onto the covered porch with stone flooring and another stone fireplace, offering unparalleled views across Blue Valley and beyond.

MLS# 90525 | Offered for \$5,000,000

HIGHLANDS CC This magnificent home is just perfect in every way. Completely renovated, the home sits at the top of the Brushy Face Ridge at an elevation of over 4,200 feet with amazing panoramic views of Whiteside Mountain and beyond. Along one side is over 700 feet of national forest land creating a very private setting. No expense was spared when the home was restyled in 2016. The home is beautifully furnished and ready for the next family.

MLS# 90776 | Offered for \$2,950,000



RAVENEL RIDGE You will be instantly captivated by the beautifully landscaped grounds and lovely gardens as you approach this home. You'll love the babbling sound of the water feature that flows through the stone driveway and is visible from the kitchen window. This 4 bedroom, 5 1/2 bath home has spectacular views of a range of 30 mountains, including Satulah, Little Bear Pen and Shortoff, as well as overlooking picturesque Highlands.

MLS# 90266 | Offered for \$2,997,000

CULLASAJA CLUB A picture of good taste and style, this superbly positioned house is surrounded by gardens and trails, plus babbling water features, gazebo, and dock on Lake Ravenel with 350 feet of lake frontage. The living room ceiling soars two stories with a floor-to-ceiling native stone fireplace, a wall of glass which opens the room to the spacious covered deck, and a built-in bookcase. This private retreat has many options for enjoyment both indoors and outdoors.

MLS# 89386 | Offered for \$2,900,000



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the company who would do the work "We Hang Christmas Trees" did elsewhere.

Wilkes said one of the Chamber's goals is to make the experience of visitors as heightened as possible while they are here.

"Throughout the country small towns use lights during all times of year to make guests feel welcome and they create an ambiance in the downtown area which encourages folks to stick around, relax, maybe walk around after dinner and make use of the Main Street area," she said.

Craig said she has heard from a lot of people Highlands is dreary after the Christmas lights are taken down.

"With the lights, when folks come here in February, March, and January and they are pulling into town, even though its 6 o'clock at night instead of pitch black what they would be coming into is something lit up, more welcoming," said Wilkes. "It may help with commerce, but this is really just to provide ambiance for our downtown area. If we like it, we can look at going up and down 4th street toward the park."

Wilkes said she doesn't want the moniker "holiday lights" attached to the proposal because it's more a "fall and winter lighting" proposal.

She said the Chamber board has already approved this as an expenditure. "We Hang Christmas Lights" has proposed \$30,700, to install the lights, check them once a month, maintain them and take them down.

"What we seek from the town is the electrical piece of this - making sure we have access to power and for the town to also pay the power bill," said Wilkes.

Wilkes said they wanted approval from the Town Board that night, because "We Hang Christmas Lights" has to start preparing lights tomorrow."

She said then the company needs three to four weeks to get them on every tree by late August early September so they are ready for the fall season, the first of October. They would be taken down just after Easter - this year April 19; that would give the trees four or five months to grow before the lights are put on again.

She said people have asked if the town's traditional colored lights would still be up during the holidays to provide a distinction but she said she didn't know if it's possible with the lights planned for the project, or if there is a need for the colored holiday lights.

"It seems like we would have enough decoration with the wreaths around town," she said.

Wilkes said they hadn't discussed the logistics of the project with anyone at the town level. Mayor Pat Taylor said a lot of questions needed to be answered including the feasibility. Public Works Director/Town Engineer Lamar Nix, who was not at the meeting, would have to be consulted before the project could possibly move forward, he said.

Commission Amy Patterson, John Dotson and Eric Pierson said they weren't ready to give a blanket "yes" that night.

"I am certainly not prepared to approve this tonight because that [the video] was too gaudy. Every one of those trees had sooooo many lights on them. That to me doesn't look like Highlands at all. It looks like Las Vegas or something," she said. "There is a lot of light pollution, too. I like our dark skies so you can actually see the stars."

Craig and Wilkes both said the video depicted a street with many more trees than Highlands and Highlands' trees are much more spread out.

Wilkes said timers could be considered - with the lights coming on at dusk and going off at 11 p.m.

"There are considerations. We want to make sure it's tasteful and not overly done but that it will create a night glow when people are milling about right after dinner and window shopping," she said. "When people arrive in town at 5 or 6 on a Friday for a winter weekend and it's dark it's hard to tell what's open or if anything is happening. We want the lights to be part of the atmosphere in town without taking away from the beautiful nature of our town. And yes, light pollution has come up ... but timers and the percentage of lights can be discussed."

Commissioner Pierson said first up Nix had to be in the mix.

"I would hate to say yes to this and find out the town has to spend thousands to make it happen," he said. This is just very new to us and we haven't seen anything about

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On July 20, 1969, the astronaut Neil Armstrong became the first human being to walk on another world, famously marking the moment with the phrase: "That's one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind."

Remembering the 50th anniversary of America's first step on the moon

By Curtis Fussell

Co-pastor First Presbyterian Church

It may come as a surprise to learn the story about the first liquid and food consumed on the moon. We just celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of humans walking on the moon with the landing of Apollo 11. It happened on July 20, 1969. On that day, history was made when the first human beings walked on the surface of the moon.

But it might surprise you to hear what Buzz Aldrin did before he and Neil Armstrong exited the Lunar Module and set foot on the moon: Buzz Aldrin took communion on the surface of the moon.

The background to the story is that Buzz Aldrin was an elder at Webster Presbyterian Church in Webster, Texas at this time in his life. Being a person of faith and knowing that he would soon be doing something unprecedented in human history, he felt that he should somehow mark the occasion. He asked his minister to help him and so the minister consecrated a communion wafer and a small vial of communion wine. Aldrin then received special permission to take the wafer and wine with him on the lunar mission.

Aldrin and Armstrong had to wait more than an hour before stepping out on the lunar surface. During that time, when Aldrin made the following public statement:

"This is the LM (Lunar Module) pilot. I'd like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be, to pause for a moment and contemplate the events of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way." He then ended radio communication, and there, on the silent surface of the moon, 250,000 miles from home, he took communion.

Here is his account of what hap-

pened: "In the radio blackout, I opened the little plastic packages which contained the bread and the wine. I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine slowly curled and gracefully came up the side of the cup. On a three-by-five card on which I had written the scripture, I read out loud: 'I am the vine, you are the branches. Whosoever abides in me will bring forth much fruit ... Apart from me you can do nothing (John 15:5).'

"I ate the tiny wafer and swallowed the wine. I gave thanks for the intelligence and spirit that had brought two young pilots to the Sea of Tranquility. It was interesting for me to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon and the very first food eaten there were the communion elements." Armstrong looked on quietly and respectfully; but he did not participate in the ritual.

Later, Aldrin hinted that he could have been more inclusive:

"Perhaps, if I had it to do over again, I would not choose to celebrate communion. Although it was a deeply meaningful experience for me, it was a Christian sacrament, and we had come to the moon in the name of all mankind – be they Christians, Jews, Muslims, animists, agnostics, or atheists. But at the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the enormity of Apollo 11 experience than be giving thanks to God. It was my hope that people would keep the whole event in their minds and keep and see... a deeper meaning -a challenge, and the human need to explore whatever is above us, below us, or out there."

To this day, Webster Presbyterian church celebrates a Lunar Communion Sunday every July. The church also has in its possession the chalice that Aldrin took with him to the moon.

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and musicians. While the fire has certainly presented a challenge to us, our goal is to get up and running as quickly as possible and continue the momentum we've been building this season. After all, the show must go on!"

According to Fire Marshal Jimmy Teem, the cause of the fire was spontaneous combustion of bales of straw that were in the storage building adjacent to the Playhouse.

Teem said the bales of straw which were being used as backdrop props on the stage for Oklahoma! inside the Playhouse and extra bales being stored in the building had been treated for bugs with a borax and water solution, which in itself is OK.

"They sprayed the bales to get rid of the insects and that's fine, but then they put them back in the storage building while they were still wet. This caused them to build heat – just like if wet or green hay is put in a barn. They would have had to let them dry out completely before storing them."

Teem said the bales put back on the stage didn't ignite because the building is air-conditioned so it was a different environment.

However, he issued a fire-code violation because bales of straw can easily ignite with a spark from an outlet or any number of things, he said.

"That building isn't sprinkled and it's very old. All that's needed is a good spark to start a fire, so bales of straw aren't allowed in there," he said.

Even if the building was "sprinkled" he said bales of hay would have had to be treated with some kind of flame retardant prior to being used.

He ordered the power turned off in the building Sunday which shut down Sunday's

matinee production as well as the movie set for later that afternoon and evening. He allowed the power to be turned back on around 2:30 p.m. Monday after all the bales were removed and a punch list he left previously was completed.

No one was in the building at the time of the fire and there were no injuries.

The out-building to the rear of the campus is used to store set equipment and wardrobe, and after inspection appears to be structurally sound.

"There's some smoke and heat damage, but the structure was mostly metal so there's not much damage there," said Highlands Fire & Rescue Chief Gearhart. "It was mostly content damage."

HFR Firefighter and Town Commissioner Eric Pierson was the first on the scene and said the source was easy to locate upon entering the building.

"Right when I walked in, the fire source was easy to spot in a back corner," said Pierson. "But moving through the dark there was zero visibility and we had to go through all the clutter to get to the flames, then we just put it out with a hose."

Playhouse staff walked through the theater portion of the Playhouse to check on the stacks of straw bales that were on stage. Besides a slight odor of smoke, the stage appeared unscathed.

Matzke said the metal out-building will probably not be used again. If anything, it'll be completely stripped to just a shell, he said.

Cashiers-Glenville Volunteer Fire Department was also on scene providing support as is policy with structure fires.

Oklahoma! continues through Saturday, July 27.

HEC fundraiser is Sat. in K-H Park 11a to 2p

The Highlands Emergency Council (HEC) presents their 6th Annual Bluegrass Event at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park on Saturday, July 27 from 11a to 2p. Join HEC volunteers for hot dogs, raffle and the very best bluegrass music by Aubrey Eisenman & The Clydes.

Aubrey Eisenman & The Clydes are an Asheville-based, Americana act featuring Aubrey Eisenman in the upright bass and vocals, Justin Eisenman on the guitar and vocals and John Duncan on the fiddle and Vocals. Their distinct sound blends elements of classic country with progressive bluegrass and has kept them at the forefront of regionally up and coming acts with their biggest boom yet to come!



Come join HEC for fun event and to help support projects to benefit low income people of the Highlands area.

•WORD MATTER•

The word for today is friendship

For a long time I've pondered the idea of friendship.

I've been unable to attribute this particular reference to any particular person, but we've likely all heard that people come into your life for a reason, a season, or a lifetime. Of course, not all of them become, depending upon your definition, a friend.



Bud Katz

the designation, friend? Sometimes, perhaps. For a while, perhaps. But to me the notion of these kinds of transactional relationships doesn't rise to the level of true friendship.

We have people at work with whom we are amiable, but does the relationship extend beyond work? Will we introduce these folks to our families? Will we travel with them? Will we

share, not gossip, but real, significant, honest, joys, fears and regrets with them? Will we show them our authentic selves? Will we take long, quiet walks with them and be able to stand the silence, and just bask in their presence?

Speaking personally, I believe the "friend playing field" is not a level one. I believe the friendship dynamic is different for men and for women, for children and adults, for straight and gay people, and, I believe the rules can be adapted based on one's cultural identity.

I believe proximity matters, but not always. I believe frequency of interaction matters, but not entirely. I believe the depth of interaction matters, but not exclusively. Don't we all have people who don't necessarily share our demographic profile, our ZIP code, our politics, our faith, even our gender, with whom we share a certain level of history, commonality of values, and just enjoy being around?

If we do, and, if we're smart, we treasure those folks.

I don't have any empirical evidence for these beliefs. I've lived for a while. I've considered the complex notion of friendship for a while. I don't use the word flippantly.

I doubt I'd be able to ask most folks with whom I'm friendly to bail me out of jail and I wouldn't expect a single one of them to provide me with an alibi.

Lincoln asked, "Do I not destroy my enemies when I make them my friends?" Finding common ground on which to stand, together, is a great first step to friendship.

My own definition is also attributable to someone unknown. "A true friend understands your past, believes in your future, and values you just the way you are." If I count my best friend, the one with whom I wake every day, I have two such people in my life.

And two true friends, at least to me, are definitely enough.

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PRINCESS PUDDIN'

• CATSPEAK •

Health tips from Princess Puddin'

As I stand on Mum's desk chair typing this column on her keyboard, it's only fitting that she's here in the office huffing and puffing through a workout with her exercise ball and weights. Once she's finished with her ball wall squats, situps, bicep curls, and such, she'll want her computer back so I need to hustle. It's possible she'll decide to add a walk to today's workout, but you never know.

My health routine combines huffing and puffing with relaxation techniques and doesn't involve props. Some might say I lean more to the stress relief side of the equation, but I also find time to exert myself daily.

I was prompted to write about this topic when I read a column in our local paper: "Bird-watching might mean better health, less stress." Humans are so funny. They had to conduct a study to establish this fact, while we kitties have long known about the health benefits of bird-watching.



I will grant you that my kitty friends who go outside sometimes do a bit more than watch, as in chase a bird here and there. Me? Confined to the indoors, I either watch the Outdoor Channel from the kitchen and living room windows or in warmer weather from the screened porch. It's Dad's responsibility to keep all bird feeders stocked so that I have entertainment in living color — bluebirds, cardinals, goldfinches, you name it.

The study conducted by the University of Exeter in Great Britain "[f]ound mental health benefits — less stress anxiety and depression — when people can see birds shrubs and trees around their homes." Well, duh! "The researchers conclude: 'Birds around the home, and nature, in general, show great promise in preventative health care ...'"

I, being the intelligent kitty I am, try to begin every day watching the birds. It's my Ohm moment, followed occasionally by a calm purring spell in Mum's lap as she drinks coffee. At some point thereafter, I stretch and then dash upstairs to do my sprint workout. Mum and Dad wonder why I seem only to sprint upstairs, not downstairs. Isn't it obvious? I have an uninterrupted running track from the far wall of the guest bedroom, down the hall, all the way through Dad's office — from one end of the house to the other.

I sprint back and forth over and over, while my parents are downstairs laughing at the sound of "dunt, da-dunt, da-dunt, da-dunt." With that routine complete, I choose between napping on Mum and Dad's bed or getting several treats in the office — when Mum is available to place them in my cute kitty treat dish, that is.

My interval workout along with leaping atop tables, beds, and the backs of couches keeps me in super aerobic shape; and my relaxation routines like bird-watching, meditating on Mum's yoga block, and of course, napping ensure I'm stress-free. Mum has a lovely purple yoga block I'm partial to. I fold my paws on it and close my eyes just like a yogi.

Mum practiced yoga for years but gave it up when her long-time yoga teacher quit. She said it was her only calm time of the week because she focused solely on holding her poses without interference from a gazillion thoughts. Personally, I think she could benefit from finding a new teacher. Barring that, she could assume the lotus position and join me as I meditate. Repeat after me ... Ohm.

• Princess Puddin' Penn resides in Georgia with her dad, her mom Kathy Manos Penn, and her canine brother Lord Banjo. Please send comments, compliments, and questions to inkpenn119@gmail.com. She appears in "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch," a book that can be found on Amazon, at Books Unlimited in Franklin, and at Mountain Paws.

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Dreaded 'due diligence'

We are so busy right now and real estate is "hot" in Highlands and Cashiers! But there is one thing that really frustrates us and complicates our job as brokers. And I refer to it as "dreaded due diligence!"

When we write an offer, the contract allows for due diligence which is basically an investigation period. If you are a broker on the seller's side of a real estate transaction this is a nightmare for many reasons.

When North Carolina replaced the inspection clause in our offer-to-purchase and contract a few years ago followed by a date for repair requests, the



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number of offers written and subsequently terminated increased dramatically! Let me explain.

It used to be that buyers requested an inspection as soon as we, the brokers, could get an appointment – usually within two weeks. Then we, being brokers, would fill out a repair request asking for some or all repairs to be done before closing. Another option was a credit at closing for an estimated cost of repairs. An agreement was signed by the buyers and sellers and we headed to

closing.

The current situation is that buyers ask for a certain number of days for due dili-

gence – typically we see 21 -45 days, depending on the time frame required to get an inspection, survey, or contractor to estimate costs to remodel.

This may seem reasonable to a buyer, but the clincher is that up until 5 p.m. on the final day of due diligence the buyer can terminate for ANY or NO reason and receive their earnest money back.

This has ultimately taken the home off the market and then when it shows active again in MLS (our multiple listing service), brokers and potential buyers are curious why it fell through and are likely to believe there is a major problem with the house. Most times this is not the case. Some buyers simply change their minds...this is certainly not fair to sellers.

Meanwhile, brokers need to tell their sellers not to start packing or arrange a move until "dreaded" due diligence is up! It slows down everything and sellers must play the "wait and see" game. I always feel terrible having to call a seller and tell them the buyers terminated -- and many times with no

valid reason.

I urge buyers' brokers to explain due diligence at length and make it for the shortest days possible. I also encourage buyers to understand they are taking someone's home off the market and that time is of the essence. If they don't terminate before 5 p.m. on the last day of due diligence the contact goes to pending and their earnest money is forfeited. At that point everyone hates "dreaded" due diligence!

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this prior to tonight's meeting. Lamar has to look at this from an electrical standpoint."

Commissioner Dotson agreed on both counts and said the town also has a holiday lighting ordinance and its likely it would have to change for the chamber's proposal to happen.

Town Attorney JK Coward said the ordinance may have to change because the lighting involves "land use" which would require a public hearing prior to an ordinance amendment.

Commissioner Patterson said she also wanted more citizen input not just recommendations from committees.

Wilkes said the chamber has gotten great response from the business owners and "public comment" would be good to hear before the Town Board ultimately votes.

Wilkes reiterated that the purpose is to create an atmosphere of energy, and of things going on so people are encouraged to use the sidewalks at night.

"We thought, in lieu of just holiday time, let's really try to help our businesses throughout the winter and in particular keep people downtown – make people want to be downtown – even though it's so

dark and foggy sometime."

She said the issue is time-sensitive but the chamber wants to do it right and with the blessing of the town.

"We clearly can't do it without your blessing, and we want everybody to get their questions answered," she said.

Commissioner Patterson said there is a huge spectrum from what she saw on the video and what could be done.

"And I don't know where that is. For me anyway, it would be hard to just give a blank 'yes' and say, 'do whatever you want to do.' We need a concrete proposal about what can and can't be done from Lamar. Plus, our Christmas lights will be going up during the holiday season and they will be using our power."

In the end, Mayor Taylor said the series of events leading up to a vote would be a Public Works Committee meeting with Nix, a discussion at the Planning Board as to appearance, which could also mean a recommended verbiage amendment to the ordinance which would require an advertised public hearing prior to a vote from the Town Board.

– Kim Lewicki

Invasive Plant workshop is Fri. Aug. 2

On Friday, Aug. 2, it's The Coalition for Nonnative Invasive Plant Management, CNIPM, fourth annual gardening seminar for the public on Friday 9a to noon at the Community Building next to the ballpark in Highlands. Packets of educational materials will be available for those who preregister. For information or preregistration call 828 526-2651 or register online at <http://hincashlt.org/cnipm/html>. Cost is \$10 per person payable by cash or by check payable to Highlands Cashiers Land Trust. Walk-ins are welcome.

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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

Bel Canto back for the 27th year



Bel Canto is celebrating it's 27th year in performing "beautiful music." The performance, as always, is followed by a gala dinner at Highlands Country Club.

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Scott Quinn who has been

acclaimed for his brilliantly clear, emotion-laden tenor voice was a participant in San Francisco Opera's prestigious Merola Opera Program and has sung in many of the leading opera houses across the US. Likewise, Christopher Clayton has also appeared in opera houses across the US and is a versatile singer praised for his golden baritone and dynamic stage presence.

Put Sunday, September 8, 2019, on your calendar now and plan to attend the 27th Annual Bel Canto Recital!

To contact Bel Canto and get on the mailing list or to purchase tickets mail your contact information to Bel Canto Recital, P.O. Box 2392, Highlands, NC 28741 or call The Bascom at 828.787.2867.

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- 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.

- Highlands/Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Open meetings are held in Highlands @ the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Wednesday & Fridays at noon. And held six times a week in Cashiers at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Rte 107, Cashiers. For meeting times in Cashiers visit our website www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828) 349-4357.

- 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

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

Friday - Monday

- 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.

- 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 tickets call 828-526-2695 or go to highlandisplayhouse.org.

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

- At Acorns at 212 S. 4th Street, a Dena Lyons Collection & Jude Frances Jewelry Trunk

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- Author Tom Baker at Cashiers Library "Author Talks" speaker series at 3 p.m. 249 Frank Allen Road, Cashiers.

- 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

- Scaly Mountain Summer Fest at the Scaly Mountain Fire Station. Food, music, chili contest, arts and crafts.

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Week four of world-class chamber music with the HCCMF



Fei-Fei



Gary Motley

The Highlands-Cashiers Chamber Music Festival continues on July 26th-29th in Highlands on Friday and Sunday evenings at the Performing Arts Center and in Cashiers on Saturday and Monday evenings at the Albert Carlton Library. The weekend begins with Festival favorites Vega String Quartet, the Gary Motley Trio and pianist Fei-Fei presenting "Jazz Meets Classics: Impressions and Reflections" on the 26th and 27th. This inspired program offers "reflections" by Debussy and Ravel and "impressions" in the form of piano improvisations and jazz works. On July 28th and 29th the Solera String Quartet and pianist Norman Krieger will make their Festival debuts with works by Beethoven and Brahms.

The Vega String Quartet, Quartet-in-Residence at Emory University, is creating and cultivating a new generation of passionate chamber music lovers and has developed innovative programs with other

art forms including dance, painting, poetry and theatre. Jazz pianist *Gary Motley* will dazzle with solo improvisations as well as join bassist Kenny Davis and Winard Harper on drums as the *Gary Motley Trio*. Juilliard-trained *Fei-Fei* was a top finalist at the 14th Van Cliburn International Piano competition and continues to impress audiences across the globe.

The New York City-based *Solera Quartet*, winner of the 2017 Pro Musicis International Award, is the first and only American chamber ensemble invited to join Pro Musicis' illustrious roster. Joining the Solera Quartet on the Festival stage will be pianist *Norman Krieger*, a native of Los Angeles and currently Professor of Piano at the Jacobs School of Music at Indiana University.

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cal legislation passed to help small schools on the Eastern part of the state – specifically the only other K-12 school in the state which is in Currituck County. There are three.

House Bill 96 and House Bill 97 easily passed through committee in the house of representatives and were sent to the floor for a vote.

Rep. Corbin not only served as a primary sponsor for the legislation, he also lended the language of the bill that secured funding for Macon County for HB 96 and Currituck County.

“Our districts may be 600 miles apart, from the mountains of Western North Carolina to the sea along the Outer Banks, but we face the same issues in terms of geographical challenges,” said Rep. Corbin. “I am proud to be able to help my fellow House representatives fight for public education within our state.”

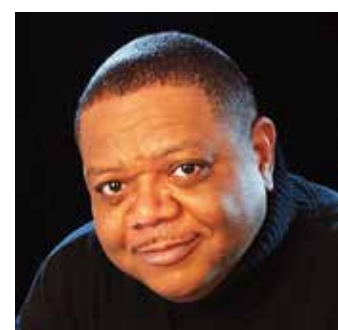
HB 96 would essentially require the state to allot funding for additional classroom teachers to the geographically isolated K-12 school in Currituck County, as they did for Macon two years ago.

This would be based on qualifying criteria for geographic isolation, to include schools located in an area containing all or a portion of at least one national wildlife refuge owned by the federal government and managed by the United States Fish & Wildlife Service. If passed this would begin with the 2019-20 school year.

HB 97 addresses transportation issues and would provide Currituck County with additional dollars for school buses due to the terrain along the Outer Banks.

“After seeing how important those additional funds have been for Highlands and Nantahala, it only made sense to address funding gaps on other similarly geographically isolated schools,” said Corbin.

Once the bill clears the House for a vote, it will be sent to the Senate for consideration before adopted.



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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.

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• The Highlands Emergency Council (HEC) presents their 6th Annual Bluegrass Event at the Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park on Saturday from 11a to 2p. Join HEC volunteers for hot dogs, raffle and the very best bluegrass music by Aubrey Eisenman & The Cydes.

• 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 historicalsocietyglenvillearea@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 soirée 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.

Tues. July 30

• At the Nature Center. Free. Starlight Stroll 9-10p. Explore the myths and mysteries of the night sky on a night stroll to Sunset Rock! Hear stories of the stars and learn to identify constellations.

Aug. 1-17

• At the Playhouse, "Always, Patsy Cline." For ticket call 828-526-2695 or go to highlandisplayhouse.org.

Thurs., Aug. 1

• Gospel singing at Shortoff Baptist Church on Sunday, at 5 p.m.

• Zahner Lecture Series "The History of Climate Change on Planet Earth for the Last 65 Million Years" at the Nature Center at 6 p.m. Free.

Aug. 2-4

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Franklin library on Siler Farm Road, Friday through Sunday. 7:30 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Fri., Aug. 2

• The Coalition for Nonnative Invasive Plant Management, CNIPM, will hold the fourth annual gardening seminar for the public on Friday 9a to noon at the Community Building next to the ballpark in Highlands. Packets of educational materials will be available for those who preregister. For information or preregistration call 828 526-2651 or register online at <http://hicasht.org/cnipm/html>. Cost is \$10 per person payable by cash or by check payable to Highlands Cashiers Land Trust. Walk-ins welcome.

• Live music at Town Square from 6-8 p.m. Mountain Dulcimers

Sat., Aug. 3

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Tues., Aug. 6

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In Christ, you know truths many others may never know. You know of the deep reality of a deeper beauty. Before the throne there is a sea of glass, clear as crystal. This sea acts as a mirror reflecting the beauty that cannot be harnessed. In Christ, that beauty is yours as well. You too are a mirror reflecting His beauty. Because of Him, you are beautiful. You radiate beauty in Christ.

You are never more beautiful or never more handsome, before a throne. When you worship in spirit and in truth, you are so truly beautiful. You are lost in a gulf of quintessential beauty and your countenance and your response reflect such beauty.

In Christ, you are beautiful. You see the power of beauty and you see the power in seeing beauty in others. You see others as God sees them and that makes you fascinating. People long for your beauty. People are stirred to jealousy concerning your beauty. Your beauty causes others pause.

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Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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Highlands Police entries from July 12. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

July 12

• At 4:50 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on Main Street.

July 14

• At 7:50 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident on Spring Street.

July 16

• At 9:40 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on Hickory Street.

• At 10:20 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident on N. 4th Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from July 3

July 3

• At 8:01 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance on N, 4th St.

• At 8:51 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm on Main Street,

July 4

• At 6:32 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Hill Road.

• At 8:47 p.m., the dept. investigated smoke on S. 4th St.

July 5

• At 10:10 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to N, 4th St.

• At 12:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on S. 2nd St.

• At 7:06 p.m., the dept. investigated smoke on US 64 east,

July 7

• At 6:31 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on W. Knoll Dr.

July 8

• At 3:29 a.m. the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Wildwood Dr.,

• At 10:23 a.m., the dept. responded to a CO2 alarm at a residence on Hickory Knut Gap,

July 9

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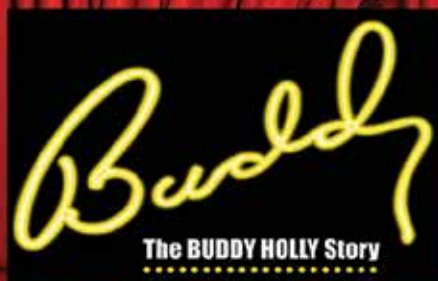
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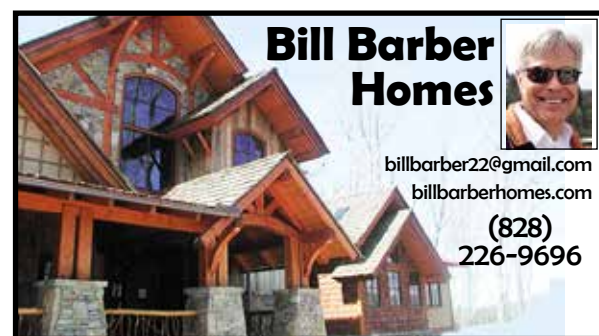


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