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May's Highlands UDO amendments about STRs to get a do-over

After months of discussions and heated arguments, at the May Town Board meeting the Highlands Board of Commissioners

voted to approve changes to the town's Unified Development Ordinance in regard to its short-term rental policies.

However, due to a failure to properly notify the community in the media of the February 24 pub-

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Rotary 'cook out' sales to help fund local's medical expenses

By Ann Porter

Join Highlands Rotary Club, Highlands School Interact Club and other members of the community as we support one of our recent Highlands School graduates, Seth Staffelbach.

Even if you don't know Seth by name, chances are you know him either from the Pizza Place or Bryson's Grocery as the young, polite, efficient young man who took your order, made sure you got your food, and now takes care of you at the Deli at Bryson's.

Seth is a remarkable young

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Cathy McIntyre-Ross holds a copy of the book she won for the Little Free Library in K-H Founders Park.

Contest puts Highlands' 'Little' library on the map

On Tuesday, June 7, Good Morning America announced that 150 Little Free Libraries worldwide won two copies each of its

June Book Club Pick "More Than You'll Ever Know" by Katie Gutierrez.

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Why Brevard is taking on the nation's largest hospital system – part 1

By Shelby Harris

Carolina Public Press

A small mountain city is challenging the nation's largest hospital system in court.

Brevard officials say that, after years of community complaints and declining medical care, they saw no other option.

"Somebody's got to be first," said Mack McKeller, Brevard city attorney.

On June 3, attorneys from Greensboro and Washington, D.C., filed a lawsuit on behalf of the city of Brevard alleging a scheme by HCA Healthcare

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Highlands Hurricanes win big at home meet

Submitted

On Thursday, June 9, the Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team hosted the Smoky Mountain Aquatics Club (SMAC) from Waynesville, NC and won 608-226.

Enroute to the win, all 35 of the Highlands swimmers scored, 20 qualified for the Mountain Swim League (MSL) Allstar meet in July; 4 swam Junior Olympic qualifying times, 2 broke three

team records, 2 broke three pool records, and Aniah McKim shattered the 100 breaststroke MSI record set in 1999 by 3 seconds.

McKim's 100 breaststroke swim also set a team and pool record. Tate Wilson set a team record in the 100 butterfly, and Jack Sumner set a pool record in the 100 backstroke.

The Hurricanes now have 10

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Understanding the legalities of legal notices

My heart almost stopped when Josh Ward told me that the public hearing concerning STR amendments had not been properly advertised as a legal notice in the Highlander newspaper. That oversight invalidated the subsequent actions of the Town Board in amending the UDO ordinances related to STRs. The process will have to be done all over again. While I view the failure to advertise as a technical problem, the town of course has to follow all NC Statutes in amending zoning ordinances.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

the newspaper and the town.

What is frustrating was that it was a technical error. No one was attempting to conceal the hearing. The date and time of the hearing had been posted on the town website. The Sunshine list of well over 100 people and been sent notified. All the local newspapers had written stories about the hearing. In this column I had written about the hearing and outlined the protocols for conducting the hearing. I also talked about the hearing on the Ask the Mayor radio show. I posted the hearing protocols on the personal website, Askmayor-pat.com. So, I was frustrated when I learned about the legal notice not being posted. I suspect that this oversight did not prevent hardly anyone from not knowing about the hearing.

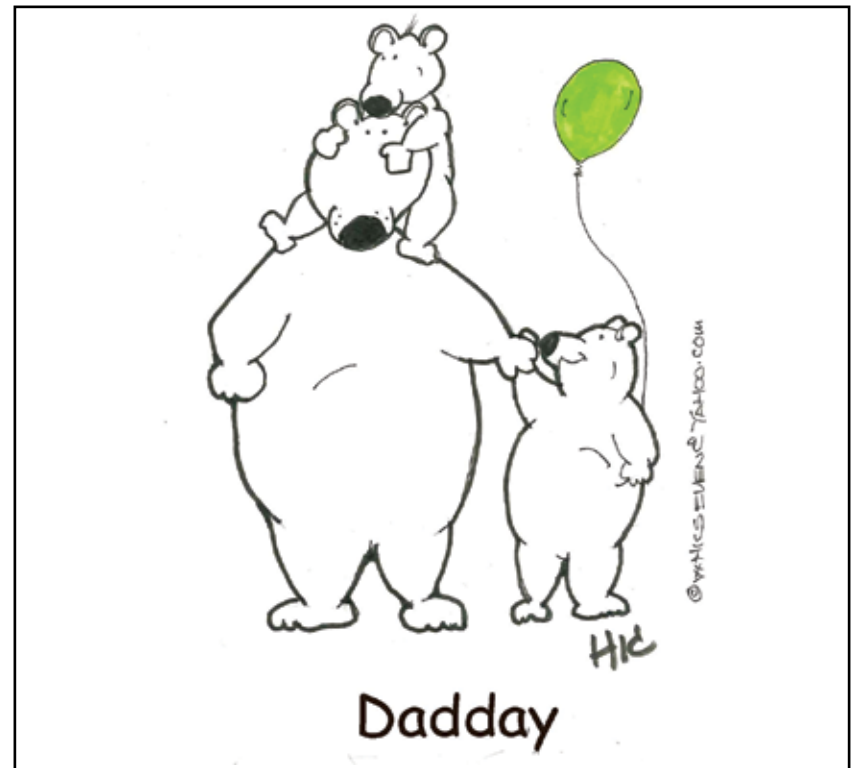
For what it is worth, I believe NC Statute 1-597. Regulations for newspaper publications of legal notices, advertisements, etc. is outdated and needs amending.

While the legal notice in a subscription newspaper could be retained, there are alternative options. Why not allow municipalities and counties other ways to inform the public? I don't want to offend my journalist friends, but subscription newspapers are just one way the public accesses information. Many people use the internet, for instance town websites, to obtain information. Online newspapers and free, local newspapers routinely post information of a legal, governmental nature on their websites.

Like Highlands, many municipalities maintain list serves where anyone can subscribe. I'm just a little small-town mayor, but I will ask our legislative representatives to look into changes to NC 1-597. It is the age of the internet and social media, not decades ago when that statute was first written for print media.

Tonight is the Highlands Town Board of Commissioners meeting at the Highlands Community Center at 7 pm. First on the agenda will be a public hearing for the 2022/'23 town budget. After the hearing there is a full agenda, including the presentation of a completed draft of the Highlands Comprehensive Community Plan. See everyone tonight.

• HIC'S VIEW •



• WEATHER •

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man. One of his teachers had this to say about him describing him as someone who “possesses great perseverance, persistence, dedication, motivation, fortitude and accomplishment. He stands out and steals hearts due to his endearing personality and hardworking nature. Seth breaks through barriers and finds ways to succeed.”

During the COVID pandemic and the time that students and teachers were attending and teaching school via the Internet, Seth would find a way into town to use public wifi or the school’s wifi in the parking lot to attend his Google class meets and communicate with his teachers, because he had very poor wifi service at home. Seth has high ethical standards and creates big goals for himself.

He has held jobs since he was in the 9th grade and often when asked what his plans were after school on any given afternoon, he was going to work or home to help his granddad with firewood or other chores around the house.

Seth was chosen twice by his teachers to receive the Rotary Student of the Month recognition. He



Seth Staffebach

has also earned academic awards in several of his classes throughout his high school career. Seth’s future plans include attending a community college that has a fish and wildlife program in hopes of one day becoming a federal game warden.

There is one thing that Seth can use our help with. Seth needs some extensive dental restoration work, due to some asthma treat-

ments he received when he was a child.

Dr. Christopher Dyer, DMD, here in Highlands, has generously agreed to complete all the dental work necessary for Seth at a greatly discounted price.

Even with that, it is still more than Seth or his family can afford. This is where the Rotary and Interact Clubs and our generous, caring community come in.

The Rotary Club has agreed to use all the money donated at their Fourth of July Cookout to the Seth Staffebach Dental Restoration Fund. Every dollar donated will go to this Fund. You can donate at the Cookout on July 4th at the Town Ball Field from 11-1 or drop your donation off at First Citizens Bank in Highlands and note that it goes to the Rotary Charities Account for the Seth Staffebach Dental Restoration Fund.

All of us who know and love Seth want to see this great young man on his way to future successes and we feel this dental work will help him in many ways in the years to come.

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Highlands first Little Free Library which was erected in 2015 in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street, was one of the 150 Little Free Libraries that won the book.

Good Morning America (GMA) shares their book club selections with Little Free Library stewards across the U.S. and Canada each month. Registered stewards can apply to win copies of the newest GMA book club pick. A photo of the winner at their Little Free Library may even appear on air, with the library location featured on a special online map.

A Little Free Library, a weather-protected, wooden box on a post where neighbors can donate and borrow books are simple structures that have sprouted across the country and

are becoming more common in Macon County neighborhoods.

The first little free library was erected in 2009.

The model little, red schoolhouse built by Todd Bol of Hudson, WI, was a tribute to his mother, a teacher who loved reading. He attached it to a post in his front yard, filled it with books and added a sign: “Free books.” The concept took off.

There are now at least nine Little Free Libraries in Macon County which are sponsored by the Fontana Library System – three of which are in Highlands – but there are others around that have been privately sponsored. Wade Wilson donated one of the two at the Rec Park in honor of his father.

The one in Highlands at K-H

Founders Park is maintained by retired Highlands School English teacher Cathy McIntyre-Ross and her husband Hank.

“I have been the steward of the one in K-H Founders Park since the beginning,” said McIntyre-Ross. “The Fontana Library System paid for the construction materials; Dave Cashion’s construction class built it; Pat Taylor made the roof; Skip Taylor made the doors and Hank and I maintain it – painting, etc. It takes a village!”

McIntyre-Ross said registered Little Free Libraries can enter the GMA book contest monthly.

“This is the first time I won!” she said.

– Kim Lewicki



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• LETTER •

A 'Thank You' note

Dear Editor,

I wish I knew the names of all of the staff, the volunteers and the members of the Board of the Highlands Motoring Festival. If I did, I would name them all here, one by one, expressing not only my admiration and profound thanks for what they do, but even more, my inexpressible disbelief at how hard they all work to give Highlands these amazing festivals that they have produced for 15 consecutive years, including last weekend's first-rate example.

I hope all of our Highlands residents and visitors have enjoyed what this festival contributes to our town and appreciate the people who bring such a fun and worthy event to us all. And, of course, the bottom line is everything they do is for the express benefit of numerous non-profit organizations here on the plateau, and they do it free of charge. None of the staff, nor the volunteers, nor members of the board are paid a dime for all of their incredible work to bring this generous and excellent event to Highlands and the surrounding area year after year. We are all the beneficiaries and I say Thank You.

Alice Nelson, Highlands



About 2,500 people attended the motoring events during the 4-day festival. Proceeds will go to three local charities: the Literacy and Learning Center, REACH of Macon County, and the Community Care Clinic of Highlands. Next year's festival is June 8-11.

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lic hearing to discuss the Planning Board's recommendations about STRs, the town must hold another public hearing but this time the verbiage will be what the Town Board adopted in May rather than the verbiage presented in February.

The town is required by state law to notify the community of any public hearings through subscription-based media, in this case The Highlander newspaper as outlined by the following:

§ 1-597. Regulations for newspaper publication of legal notices, advertisements, etc.

(a) Whenever a notice or any other paper, document or legal advertisement of any kind or description shall be authorized or required by any of the laws of the State of North Carolina, heretofore or hereafter enacted, or by any order or judgment of any court of this State to be published or advertised in a newspaper, such publication, advertisement or notice shall be of no force and effect unless it shall be published in a newspaper

with a general circulation to actual paid subscribers which newspaper at the time of such publication, advertisement or notice ...

According to town officials, the notice for the Feb. 24 public hearing regarding the Planning Board's recommendations, was emailed to The Highlander newspaper for publication in its Feb. 10 and Feb. 17 editions, as required by law. Evidently, the notice never appeared which means the public hearing didn't count.

Mayor Pat Taylor said the email for the notice never "bounced back" so it was assumed it was received, however staff neglected to verify publication in either the Feb. 10 or Feb. 17 editions.

A "legal," as these types of advertisements are called, requires verification of publication with a notarized affidavit accompanied by clippings of the published legal.

Since they require more footwork than a regular classified, the charge is often more than the "classified" rate – charged by the column inch rather than per word

– which can add up to a lot of money.

Publication of these legal advertisements which state and county agencies as well as municipalities consistently run and for which taxpayers foot the bill, is a hefty, guaranteed revenue source that subscription papers do not want to lose.

There are three free newspapers available in Macon and Jackson counties – Highlands Newspaper, Macon News and Smokey Mountain News. Those three newspapers have far-reaching distribution both on the streets each week and on the web. If the true reason to require "Legals" be published in newspapers is to make sure citizens get critical information, then perhaps they should be published in the vehicles that reach the highest numbers of citizenry which in these times, are the "free" papers.

In addition, the thought is taxpayers shouldn't have to purchase a newspaper to get vital Legal information. As Mayor Taylor said, "this statute is indeed outdated."

Despite the fact that the meeting wasn't properly publicized, the Feb. 24 public hearing saw a packed-house and opinions about the Planning Board's recommendations were heard from both sides – those for STRs and those against them.

Nothing more was done or said about STRs until the May Town Board meeting where the Town Board adopted amended STR verbiage for the UDO basically scrapping the Planning Board's recommendations.

At the March Town Board meeting the "STR discussion" was deleted from the agenda. At the April Town Board meeting, the board voted 4-1 to hire two new Attorneys Chad Essick and Bob Hagemann from Poyner Spruill, to get a second opinion rather than going with what Attorney Craig Justus had recommended.

Early on, Justus told the

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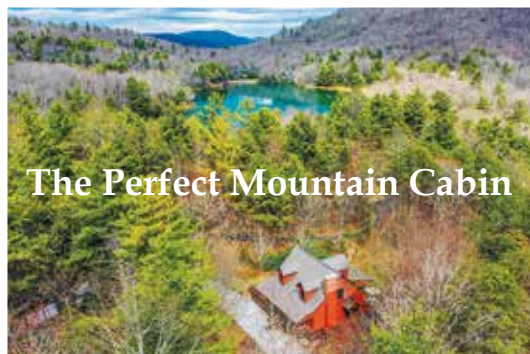
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Happy Father's Day 2022

In 1909, Sonora Dodd Smart was inspired by Ann Jarvis (founder of Mother's Day) to have a Father's Day. Sonora was attending one of the first official "Mother's Day" services and she started thinking of her father. If mothers deserved a day in honor of their loving service, why not fathers?

Sonora's father was a farmer and a Civil War veteran. Sonora's mother died giving birth to their youngest child in 1898. At that time Sonora was 16 years old and she had 5 younger brothers. By Sonora's account, her father performed brilliantly. "I remember everything about him, Sonora said many years later to the Spokane Daily Chronicle. He was both father and mother to me and my brothers."

In 1910, Sonora brought a petition before the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to recognize the courage and devotion of all fathers like her father. She requested that the day be celebrated on June 5th, her father's birthday. The local clergy liked the idea of a special Father's Day service but couldn't pull it together that quickly, so they settled on the 3rd Sunday in June.

On that first Father's Day, in 1910, church sermons across Spokane were dedicated to dear old dads. Red and white roses were passed out in honor of living and deceased fathers. The mayor of Spokane and



Kenny Youmans

governor of Washington issued proclamations, and Sonora found her calling. She would spend much of the next 60 years pushing for the official recognition of Father's Day as a national holiday.

Sonora won the support of her congressmen, who began to lobby for the creation of a national holiday. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson celebrated Father's Day in Spokane during a visit to

Washington. However, Father's Day would not become a national holiday until 6 years before Sonora's death at age 96 when President Nixon signed a Congressional resolution in 1972.

An unofficial Father's Day was held July 5, 1908 in Fairmont, West Virginia. The people of West Virginia were holding a memorial service to honor the 362 men killed in the Monongah mine explosion. It is the worst mine disaster in American history. The people of Fairmont, West Virginia wanted to honor the men who died and their families. The Father's Day service was held at Century United Methodist church by Reverend D. D. Meighen.

Just a few Fathers' Day poems

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A Tribute to Miss Lucy

With so much negativity in our country I had planned to write this week about what a dog friendly town Highlands is and the joy they bring into our lives. They are seen on Main Street, at Kelsey Hutchinson Park, or simply being strolled on our sidewalks on leashes. Many people dine outside at restaurants so their dogs can be with them. Several merchants and banks have treats for them and with the car windows down their heads are out the window with a nose struggling to sort out all the smells. Most people in town know your dog and its name and look forward to a visit. I had no idea I would be writing the words I'm putting on paper today.

Today, being Sunday, is such a sad and heart-wrenching day personally for myself and my daughter, Julie Osborn. Last night at 1 am little Lucy, Julie's Maltese, could not walk or stand and after finding an emergency vet she drove to Asheville with little Lucy in her arms. Lucy tried to stand in Julie's lap and couldn't and then screamed in pain and that's when we think a clot caused her to lose her sight. She had a stroke at 7 years old. She went into cardiac arrest and was revived but went into a coma with no brain function. The attendants kept her alive until we could drive back to the clinic to say goodbye. We knew we had to let her go and it is one of the most heart-breaking things to ever experience. Death knows no mercy and it can be sudden or prolonged by disease. I've never been able to determine which is better. With one you have more time together, even if there is suffering, and with the other you are in shock but know there was minimal suffering.

Julie, having no children, considered Lucy to be her baby. She wouldn't allow anyone else to groom her and bathed her in the sink, combed out the matted hair and then would blow dry her until her snow-white hair was perfectly coiffured, complete with a little pink tie. She bought her so many toys and Lucy would go to the over-filled toy box and pick the special one for the day, then run through the house wanting to be chased. There would never be enough belly rubs throughout the day. Julie bought her a pink baby-style stroller



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so when little Lucy's legs got tired, she strolled her around town. Many thought she was a baby until they peeked in and laughed but thought she was adorable. Julie researched the best foods for small dogs and cooked her chicken and rice. After eating Julie would brush her teeth with chicken-flavored toothpaste, which she loved. She had little winter coats and cute Halloween costumes. Their love for each other was no less than a mother and daughter.

Lucy was referred to in our real estate office as the "Barker-in Charge" and greeted every single visitor. She was fluffy white with the most precious and beautiful face. She was prissy and head strong. If we were walking her on her leash and she didn't want to go in that direction she would plant her feet firm and turn and look at you with defiance, so we always gave in! She was terrified of thunderstorms and would shake all night and sometimes they would sleep in the closet to mask the sound. Lucy would even bark at the wind if it was loud and barked at the vacuum cleaner. She, being a tiny 6 pounds, would try to attack big dogs and had no sense of danger. She loved to "sing" and we taught her to "say", I love you. She was very good at both! She was quite the celebrity and was even on the big movie screen at the Playhouse in ads we wrote, with jingles that matched her. Many considered her Highland's "mascot" and she had many nicknames: Lucy Goosie, Goose, Goose Girl, and just plain Goosie-my favorite.

When death occurs, whether 2 legged or 4 legged, it reminds us to focus on what really matters in life. Our job, as brokers, is to sell you the right house but we can't create the wonderful memories and love that remains in those walls even after you're gone. Love is the greatest gift you will ever give, and dogs give it unconditionally. Thank you for the sweetest memories, Goosie...you were so loved.

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STR committee made up of Commissioners Amy Patterson, Brian Stiehler and staff that despite what Town Attorney Jay Coward decreed in August of 2021, the town couldn't abruptly prohibit STRs, that NC was a property rights state and grandfathering of uses would be allowed to continue even if properties sold because uses follow the land.

When the amended UDO was adopted at the May Town Board meeting, attorneys for SAVE HIGHLANDS – the group for STRs -- quickly noted that procedural errors had taken place, among other things, and so in an Open Letter (see the June 9th edition, page 4) contended that “Last year, the Town complied with N.C. Gen. Stat. S 160D-604(b) and Section 4.3.1 by submitting to the Planning Board its proposed draft amendments of the UDO. The Planning Board did its part, considered the proposed ordinance taking into account public comment, and submitted a revised ordinance to the Town on February 1, 2022.

“The Town, however, scrapped its originally proposed ordinance and the revised version the Planning Board recommended. Instead, the Town hired new legal counsel, had them draft a completely new ordinance, and only publicly revealed the new ordinance the evening of May 16, 2022, mere days before the Town Board meeting.

“Not only that, on the evening of May 19, the Town on the fly made the newly proposed ordinance substantially more restrictive by prohibiting — for the first time — vacation rentals in the R-2 zoning district. No previous draft ordinance contained this restriction. Property owners in R-2 had no notice that the Town planned to restrict their property. Because of these issues, the Town must resubmit the draft ordinance to the Planning Board per N.C. Gen. Stat. S 160D-604(b) and Section 4.3.2 before it can be validly adopted.

“The Town, however, needs to act quickly to rescind what was passed or else we will proceed with motions for preliminary injunction and attorneys’ fees pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. S 6-21.7.

After the Town received the letter from Derek J. Allen of Allen, Stahl & Kilbourne on June 9 and at the direction of Attorney Craig Justus, the town released the following statement about the procedural mishap.

“The Town of Highlands held a public hearing for the proposed amendments to the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) pertaining to, among other things, Short Term Rentals. Staff sent proper notice of the public hearing to the newspaper to be published on February 10 and 17. The

public hearing was held with a large number in attendance. Recently, however, Staff learned the affidavit had not been received from the newspaper confirming the publication. After contacting the newspaper, it was discovered the publications were never published by the newspaper. Due to the newspaper’s failure to publish the notice as required under State law, the Town plans to re-notice the public hearing and send the current version of the proposed UDO amendments to the Planning Board for a second review and recommendation. A second public hearing will then be held before the Town Board of Commissioners where the Board can again consider adoption of the proposed UDO amendments.”

With the release of its statement, Attorney Allen said, “The Town acknowledges the new ordinance is not effective because the required process was not followed; the Town blames the newspaper for dropping the ball on the publication; because the ordinance is not effective, there is nothing new they can enforce through it.”

Since there are two physical newspapers in Highlands, the free Highlands Newspaper, and the paid subscription newspaper The Highlander, Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor clarified that the “newspaper” in the statement is The Highlander newspaper.

“According to NC statutes, official legal notices can only be run in subscription newspapers, i.e. The Highlander,” said Taylor. “We sent in the request to run the legal notice. Our staff failed to follow up to make sure the notice would appear in the paper.”

Taylor said he will discuss the issue further in his column this week and that the policy to notify the public should be reviewed.

“I think the statute concerning legal notices in subscription papers is outdated and flawed,” he said. “There should be other options for municipalities.”

There is a Special Meeting and public hearing Thursday June 30 to finalize the Comprehensive Plan which by state law must be accepted by July 1. At that meeting a proposed public hearing on the Planning Board’s recommendations – which will be discussed at its July 12 meeting – will be proposed for July 28.

After the July 28 Public Hearing, the Town Board can move to adopt the Planning Board’s recommendations or scrap them as it did after the Feb. 24 hearing.

– Brian O’Shea and Kim Lewicki

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swimmers qualified for the 2022 AAU Junior Olympic Games to be held at the end of July in Greensboro, NC.

High scorer for the team was Bella Batista with 4 wins and 28 pts.; Margaret Cole, Jr. Olympic qualifier Tate Wilson, Jr. Olympians Finneas Garner, Anaih McKim, and Liliana Chambless all won 3 events and scored 27 pts.

Justin Powell also won 3 events and scored 26 pts.; Jr. Olympic qualifier Blake Kenter and Jr. Olympian Jelehna McKim both won 2 events and scored 25 pts.; Jayce Powell and Jr. Olympians Paolo McCrae and Corena Dearth all scored 23 pts.

Jr. Olympian Jack Sumner won an event and scored 22 pts.; Emilina Hernadez also won an event and scored 21 pts.; Chris Burnette and Ian Batista scored 20 pts.; Jr. Olympian Conner Sadler scored 19 pts.; Trinity Faust scored 18 pts.; Elizabeth Burnette, Max Jestin, and Jr. Olympian Chase Kenter all scored 17 pts.

Penelope McRae and Asa Garner scored 16 pts.; Luke Highsmith scored 15, Ian Kittrell 14, William Burnette and Bo Curcuru scored 9 pts.

Bria Taylor and Aleksanar Petric-Sakonjic scored 8 pts.; Sadie Bysura, Katherine Wise, Valerie Nazorau, and Eli Highsmith scored 7 pts.; Walker Kittrell scored 5, and Shacon Ureca scored 1.

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"Grammy Winner Bailey with Gold Medalist Gurt"
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\$75/Person - 20 Places

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"The Eminent Cellist"

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Performing Guest: cellist Sara Sant'Ambrogio
Hosts: Peggy & J. F. Bryan



"Zuill Bailey and Bach's Six Suites - Part I"

Thursday, July 28th - 5 PM

\$75/person - 90 Places

Performing Guest: cellist Zuill Bailey

"Bach in a Sacred Space"

Episcopal Church of the Incarnation Chapel - Highlands
Hosts: Lana Jordan & Nancy Gould-Aaron



"Zuill Bailey and Bach's Six Suites - Part II"

Thursday, July 28th - 7:30 PM

\$75/person - 90 Places

Performing Guest: cellist Zuill Bailey

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to monopolize medical services in seven Western North Carolina counties — a scheme that the lawsuit claims has led to inflated prices, lower quality of care and loss of services.

HCA bought roughly a third of the hospitals in Western North Carolina, including Transylvania Regional Hospital in Brevard, from nonprofit Mission Health System in 2019.

“HCA purchased Mission’s assets, in significant part, because Mission had monopoly power in the (general acute care) market in the Asheville Region — monopoly power that HCA knew it could exploit to maintain and enhance Mission’s monopoly power in the relevant markets,” the lawsuit states.

Relevant markets include Madison, Mitchell, Buncombe, Transylvania, McDow-

ell, Macon and Yancey counties, where HCA owns between 70% and 90% of the counties’ acute care providers.

City struggles with alleged monopoly

Since HCA’s purchase of Transylvania Regional Hospital, Brevard Mayor Maureen Copelof said the hospital and connected HCA health care providers have both declined and become more expensive.

“The largest fear of our community is that our hospital will become just an emergency room and most services will only be available at Mission Hospital in Asheville,” Copelof said. Mission Hospital is roughly an hour’s drive from Brevard’s city center.

Since 2019, HCA has closed outpatient rehabilitation, primary care and chemotherapy service clinics in Candler, Asheville, Brevard, Franklin, Marion and Spruce Pine, according to the lawsuit.

Additionally, 79 physicians “had left or planned to leave the system since HCA’s

takeover” as of March 2021, and several nurses described their units as “inhumanely understaffed.”

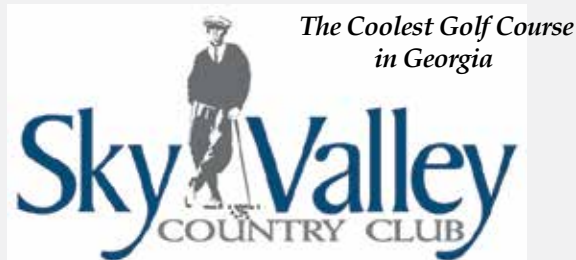
“Other doctors describe new employment contracts with HCA in which the compensation equations remove quality-of-care metrics and focus almost entirely on the number of patients seen and amount billed,” the lawsuit states.

“A significant number of patients have lost their preferred family doctors either due to doctors leaving the system or from HCA’s clinic restructurings and closures.”

Copelof’s concerns with HCA’s alleged monopolization is not only rooted in the fear that the hospital system is decreasing services and quality of care but also that it’s wasting taxpayer money.

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provider and foots the bill for the employee medical costs — Brevard officials say they are also concerned that the lack of options has led the city to pay more than it should have for employee medical care. This, consequently, meant more expensive health insurance rates for city employees.

“These higher costs impact the city in what we pay, and it also impacts the individual through their copay requirements,” Copelof said.

“No one is happy paying more than they should for health care. When extra tax dollars must be spent on paying for the city’s health care plan, then those tax dollars are not available for other pressing community needs. This impacts our entire community.”

Because HCA holds claim to the majority of hospital services in Western North Carolina, McKeller said, the system is able to inflate prices because insurance companies, without any other provider options, know they’re ‘are going to have to deal with (HCA).’

In some cases, he said, the region’s residents are paying as much as 75%-100% more for a procedure than its average cost in North Carolina — percentages also cited in the lawsuit.

“By tying their services and regions together, defendants coercively rob health plans of the ability to choose which service and providers are in or out of network,” the complaint states.

“At the heart of the scheme is this immutable fact: Because of Mission’s monopoly power, health plans require in-network access to HCA’s (acute care) services in the Asheville Region in order to offer any minimally viable health plan in the relevant geographic markets.”

Brevard is not the first issue to file a lawsuit against HCA, which grossed more than \$50 billion in 2020, according to the June 3 complaint. Another case filed in Buncombe County last summer by a group of individuals alleged the same monopolistic practices. But Brevard is the first local government in Western North Carolina to take this step.

Next week: The meeting before the lawsuit

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Mondays

• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 5:30-6:30pm. No registration required - just show up and participate. Questions? Visit www.maconncliteracy.org, call 828-526-0863 or email info@maconncliteracy.org

Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. More meeting places call

president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

Tuesdays

• Covid-19 Testing at Village Green in Cashiers every Tuesday from 9-5. Walk-ins accepted, but you can schedule an appointment by calling (877) 562-4850 or going on line at lhi.care/covidtesting.

Wednesdays

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Mon., Tues., Thurs.

• The Food Pantry behind the Methodist Church on Spring Street is open from 10a to 6p.

Mon. & Wed.

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• New Mobility Class with Anna Norton It's all about movement. 5:30-6:30pm and Wednesday 6:45-7:45. For more information, call Anna 267-825-0716.

Mon, Wed, Fri

• Heart Healthy Exercise Class 8:30-9:30am. \$25 a month. The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

• Aerobics w/Tina Rogers 8-9a.

1st Tuesdays

• Indivisible Highlands from 5-6:30 pm at the Hudson Library.

Tuesdays

• Strength Training 8:15-9:15am. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone.

Tues. & Thurs.

• Pilates-Strength and Stretch with Autumn Lucas

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• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at 5:30. A combination class with different types of exercise.

Thursdays

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Fridays

• Friday Night Live Concerts in Town Square on Main Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Bring chairs.

Saturdays

• Saturdays on Pine in K-H Founders Park on Pine Street. 6-8:30 p.m. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic.

2nd Saturdays

• The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club meets in Highlands at The Bascom at 10 a.m. March thru November.

3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main Street in their Community Room/ 909 Chapel. We serve breakfast at 9AM and hold our monthly meeting at 10AM We invite ALL Veterans to attend. Contact Ed McCloskey, Commander for any information @828-787-1660.

Thurs., June 16

• At Shakespeare & Co., Diane McPhail booksigning of The Seamstress of New Orleans at 5 p.m.

Fri., June 17

• Live music in Town Square on Main Street. McIntosh and the Lionhearts. 6-8:30p.

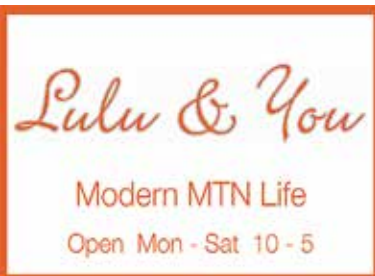
Sat., June 18

• The Shop at Old Edwards Inn, on Saturday 12 to 3pm. The signing features the book "Mountain Blue, the Beauty and Grandeur of America's Southern Appalachian Mountains" by Brevard, NC, authors Les Saucier and Janet Garrity Saucier.

• Live music at K-H Founders Park 6-8:30p. Featuring Firecracker Jazz Band. Bring chairs, blankets and a picnic.

Sun., June 19

• At PAC, this year's Live Music Performances begin with Sherma Andrews presenting "Legendary Ladies" at 7:30 p.m. For tickets go to HighlandsPer-



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Tues., June 21

• At Hudson Library Summer Learning begins at 10:30a. Balsam Mountain Trust presents a thrilling Birds of Prey program, including several live raptors to meet. Learn more about these big beautiful birds and the essential role they fill in our ecosystem. The program is suitable for children of all ages. For more information, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-303.

Wed., June 22

• At Hudson Library Summer Learning begins at 10:30a. Talewise (formerly ScienceTellers) presents Pirates, an exciting adventure tale with lots of special effects. Learn how those effects are created, and volunteers from the audience will be invited to help out. Suitable for ages 4 and up. For more information, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031

Thurs., June 23

• At Hudson Library Summer Learning begins at 3:30p. Balsam Mountain Trust brings slithery Ssssnakes This program is suitable for children of all ages. For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

Fri., June 24

• Live music in Town Square on Main Street featuring Southern Highland Band. 6-8:30p.

Sat -Sun, June 25 & 26

• Highlands Mountaintop Rotary Art & Craft Show in Kelsey-Hutchinson Park on Pine Street in Highlands from 10a to 5p. Fine art, folk art, crafts and furniture. Dogs are allowed, and food will be available. For info contact coordinator Cynthia Strain at (828) 318-9430 or visit: www.mountaintopshow.com

Sat., June 25

• The Women's Guild of St. Francis Church will hold its annual Good Stuff Sale 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the church hall of 299 Maple St. in Franklin. The event supports the Guild's ministry activities.

• At PAC, Live Music Performances continue with Chris Collins & Boulder Canyon – a John Denver Tribute at 7:30 p.m. For tickets go to HighlandsPerformingArts.com

Fri. & Sat., July 1 & 2

• HCCMF 2022 season launches with Three Concertmasters on Friday and Saturday. The regular Concert Series performances are held Fridays and Sundays at the Highlands Performing Arts Center – 507 Chestnut Street; Saturdays and Mondays at the Village Green Commons in Cashiers at 160 Frank Allen Road.

Sun. July 3

• HCCMF will celebrate Indepen-

dence Day with American Salute on Sunday at the Highlands Performing Arts Center. This suite will feature selections about America and works by American composers. For more information or to purchase tickets for the season or for individual concerts, call (828) 526-9060, send an email to hccmfnc@gmail.com, or visit hccmusicfestival.org.

Sat., July 3

• Low Country Shrimp Boil to benefit K-H Founders Park at the park. Doors open at 5p and Dinner is at 6p. Rain or Shine. \$70/person. Live music. Tickets are available at www.foundersparkhighlands.org and The Dry Sink on Main Street.

Sun.-Sun., July 10-17

• The Village Green will be hosting the 6th biennial Plein Air Festival July 10-17, 2022. Easels on the Green-Cashiers Plein Air Festival will feature over 20 professional artists painting throughout the community. The art will be displayed in the Lewis Hall and the gallery is open to the public (free admission) from Thursday, July 14 through Sunday, July 17. A portion of the art sales benefits The Village Green. For additional details and a full schedule of events please visit the Easels on the Green website: www.easelsonthegreen.com.

Tues., July 13

• HCCMF presents, in collaboration

with OEI, a special concert entitled Martinis & Mozart featuring the Ulysses String Quartet at 5:30p at The Orchard House at Old Edwards Farm. An hors d'oeuvre reception will precede the performance, with a cash bar available. Tickets are \$75 each. Make reservations by calling (828) 526-9060 or email-

ing hccmfnc@gmail.com.

Thurs. July 21

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I saw you the other day,
you didn't know I was watching.
I saw you speaking kindly
to the tired cashier at the store.

Others had shown some impatience,
some were distracted on their phones.
But you took time, you listened.
I saw your smile, and the cashier's too!

I saw you the other day,
though I don't think you noticed.
You offered encouragement to the waiter
who had just been chastised by others.

The soup had been too cold, I guess,
or the porridge was too hot.
Either way, the waiter was having a bad day
until you happened by.

I didn't hear everything you said,
but your words were caring, patient, kind.
You must have left a very generous tip.
I'm pretty sure I saw the waiter wipe a tear.

I saw you the other day,
you didn't know I knew,
that your kindness made a difference,
your generosity did, too.

Life's about encounters,
some are big and some are small.
And we seldom know the stories
where our shadows briefly fall.

But watching you the other day,
I remembered something grand.
Sometimes just the smallest grace
helps weary legs to stand.

I saw you the other day,
and you may never know,
how the impact of your goodness
will flourish, spread and grow.

And if our paths should cross again,
you may not see my face.
But I'll be standing with the hopeful,
who long for signs of grace.

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from May 21. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

May 1

• At 1:02 a.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the parking lot of Old Edwards The Farm.

May 30

• At 9 p.m., officers received a report of destruction and vandalism of a vehicle in Highlands Plaza.

June 3

• At 4:50 p.m., officers responded to a 1-vehicle accident on NC 28 south and Stacey Russell Road.

June 4

• At 7:30 a.m., officers received a report of felony larceny and injury to personal property at a construction site on South Drive where about \$2,100 worth of tools were taken.

June 5

• At noon, officers received a report of prize fraud from a resident on Hummingbird Lane.

June 8

• At 2:30 p.m., officers were called to a residence on Perquin Road about a custody dispute.

June 7

• At 4:45 p.m., officers received a report of a larceny of a phone taken from the bathroom of a convenience store on

From the Highlands Police Department

Avoid being scammed

Several residents in the Highlands area have reported phone calls from scammers misrepresenting themselves as Duke Power employees and Publisher's Clearinghouse representatives.

In the last week, telephone calls from individuals claiming to be Duke Power employees have increased. The frauds claim that the individual's power will be turned off within thirty to forty-five minutes for non-payment. Two victims told the scammers that they paid bills online. The scammers then claimed that Duke power was revising the website and that letters had gone out advising people to avoid paying online for a specific time as their payments would not be credited properly. The caller then instructs the person to go to an online website called Zelle to make a payment or asks them to proceed to a large retailer to purchase a Moneypak gift card. They claim that Duke will reimburse this money as soon as the website is back up and running. The scammers tell their victims to remain on the line with them so that the technicians will not turn off their power, keeping victims from calling their bank and Duke Power to verify the caller's claims.

In reality, Duke Power will not call customers about

the Dillard Road.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from June 4. June 4

• At 12:07 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Oak Street.

June 7

• At 2:03 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Dogwood Ave.

June 8

• At 12:47 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on BigView Drive.

• At 4:45 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hidden Springs Way.

June 9

• At 3:36 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Azalea Circle.

• At 11:55 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance to a residence on BigView Drive.

• At 10:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Country Club Drive.

June 10

• At 2:13 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Dillard.

billing issues and will never ask the customer to purchase a prepaid debit card to avoid electric service disconnection. Customers can make payments online, by phone, by automatic bank draft, mail, or in person.

Duke will send multiple notifications to customers with delinquent accounts several weeks before electric service disconnection.

The residents who reported callers representing themselves as Publisher's Clearinghouse said these scammers tell victims they have won the grand prize but must pay upfront to collect. Similarly, these con artists instruct their victims to purchase gift cards and mail them to a specific address. The monetary amounts that these people ask for vary and once these gift cards are mailed, they cannot be recovered.

Another scam sends an email claiming a friend of the email recipient has been injured in a car wreck or stranded in another country and needs money. Anytime you receive a call, text, email or any other means of communication asking for money, make sure you verify any information you receive, prior to sending any money.

The Highlands Police Department urges anyone who receives this type of call to hang up immediately.

house, Highlands Police Department, Highlands Town Hall, and Highlands Civic Center.

Auction of suitable property will be handled by www.govdeals.com and funds from the auctioned property will be turned over to the Macon County Public School System.

Unclaimed property will be donated to a charity organization. Property not suitable for donation or auction will be destroyed.

This notice is given in accordance with provisions of the General Statutes of North Carolina, Chapter 15, Section 14.

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June Schedule

- **The Magic of Falconry: A Hands-on Experience,**
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Presenter: Peter Kipp-duPont
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Friday, June 17, Time: 4:00-6:00p
Cost: \$60/\$70
Presenter: Carlton Chamblin
- **Ecotour: Wildflowers and Plants of Whiteside Mountain,**
Monday, June 20, Time: 9:00a-12:00p
Cost: \$50/\$60
Guide: Adam Bigelow
- **The Strange and Unsettled memory of World War I in America**
Monday, June 20, Time: 2:00-4:00p
Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Al Tuchfarber
- **Senator Sam Ervin: The Humor of a Country Lawyer**
Tuesday, June 21, Time: 2:00-4:00p
Cost: \$25/\$35
Presenter: Karl Campbell
- **Debating Racism: A Historical Perspective**
Wednesday, June 22, Time: 10:00a-12:00p
Cost: \$25/\$35
Presenter: Karl Campbell
- **Big Bearpen: Home & Gardens Tour**
Wednesday, June 22, Time: 2:00-4:00p
Cost: \$40/\$50
Presenter: Bill & Stephanie Reeves
- **The Art & Heart of Stories**
Thursday, June 23, Time: 3:00-5:00p
Cost: \$25/\$35
Presenter: Connie-Regan Blake
- **Orpheus' Son, the Life of Sidney Lanier**
Monday, June 27, Time: 10:00a-12:00p
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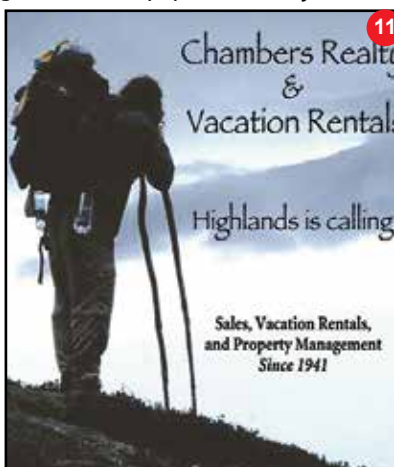
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