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New Jackson County fire tax benefits Highlands F&R

A new fire tax in Jackson County provides the Highlands Fire Department with \$50,000 to cover the cost of services for about 300 properties and 200 homes that are technically located in Jackson County – prop-

erties that are closer to the Highlands Fire Department than the Cashiers department.

The new fire tax was a bit of a peace offering on Jackson's behalf to appease Macon County which raised the question of border is-

ssues dating back to 2013.

A preliminary state survey of the Macon County border doesn't look like it will aid Macon County in being able to transfer the homes in question into Macon County tax roles.

Although the areas in question are landlocked by forest service and can only be accessed through Macon County, they technically are located in Jackson County, which means the prop-

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From left: MC Commissioner Vice Chair Ronnie Beale, Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor and NC Governor Roy Cooper at a brief meeting Wednesday afternoon at Highlands Town Hall.

Gov. Cooper said FEMA funds won't be coming to Highlands

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper visited Western North Carolina briefly last week to get a firsthand look at the damage from Hurricane Irma.

Gov. Cooper flew into the Macon County Airport on Wednesday afternoon and made the trek to Highlands with a

North Carolina Highway Patrol escort.

Before heading to Cashiers to meet with first responders, Gov. Cooper stopped at the Highlands Town Hall to meet with Mayor Pat Taylor and Macon County Commissioner Vice Chair Ronnie

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CWO invests \$200,000 in Highlands and Cashiers

The results of the Cullasaja Women's Outreach (CWO) 2017 fundraising effort have been record-breaking.

This independent collective of 83 women from the Cullasaja Country Club community is awarding a record \$200,000 in grants, solely for the benefit of Highlands and Cashiers area not-for-profit organizations.

Since its founding in 2006, CWO has invested over \$1,230,000 in the local community.

Funds raised this year are being awarded to 21 organizations in the Highlands-Cashiers area through a sophisticated grants process led by CWO Grant Co-Chairs Joy Abney and Lindy Colson. Individual awards range from \$5,000 to \$16,000. Grant recipients for 2017 include: Blue Ridge Free Dental Clinic; Boys

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From left: Obie Oakley, current president of HHS; Isabel Chambers, first president of HHS and the Realtor who alerted the society to the possibility of purchasing the Prince House; Linda Wright David (behind Isabel Chambers), portraying her cousin Elizabeth Wright Prince; Les Bryson and Alice Bryson Davis, children of Amelia Wright Bryson, who was born in the Elizabeth Wright Prince House in 1916; and Ran Shaffner, author of the National Register nomination – in front of the Prince House dedicated last Thursday.

Photo by Kim Lewicki

Years of work gets historic Prince House on Nat'l Registry

By Ran Shaffner
Historian/Archivist

On April 17, 2017, the National Park Service listed the Elizabeth Wright Prince House,

the oldest house in Highlands, in the National Register of Historic Places. It sits on the grounds of the Highlands Historic Village

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

The aftermath of Irma



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

I know what some folks were thinking when I signed a state of emergency on Monday morning before Irma arrived. Here the mayor goes again overreaching his authority just like the eclipse. For the record, I didn't declare an eclipse emergency.

Professionals like Warren Cabe, Macon County Emergency Management director, advised that the governor and the Macon County Commission Chairman, had declared states of emergency, and that I should do the same. Lamar Nix, our public works director, warned the town manager that based on past storms, for instance Opel and Ivan, the utility system could take a big hit. Lamar was right.

Monday was very pleasant until late afternoon when the weather quickly changed. By early evening electrical lines fell on Satulah Road. Crews attempted repairs, but when trees began falling around them they retreated to the town shed.

Many areas of Highlands, especially in higher elevations, were hit by hurricane force winds that night. Power was lost. The next morning our electric and road crews were struggling at daybreak just to remove

all the fallen trees from the roads. Mixed with the trees were power lines and even broken power poles. The hurricane wind levels that snapped power poles popped up throughout town.

Town Hall was inundated with power outage calls that Tuesday morning. Fortunately, the main supply lines from Duke didn't fail. Crews restored power to some areas, like downtown, quickly by re-attaching lines. But, the town had

many areas with entire sections of destroyed poles and lines. Some, like a line near Hudson Road, were in wooded areas unreachable by vehicle. Unless someone toured the entire town, it was hard to comprehend the system devastation.

One resident called Town Hall about 10:30 on Tuesday to expressed disappointment in the slow response to restoring his power. He stated that Highlands should be, "better than that." I hope the person simply didn't understand the magnitude of the problem. I am sure he came to realize that Highlands is better than that, and that our workers are the best. All of our crews and staff went well beyond expectations in getting the town back to normal. Our 9-member electric department made a heroic effort by working daily before dawn to dark.

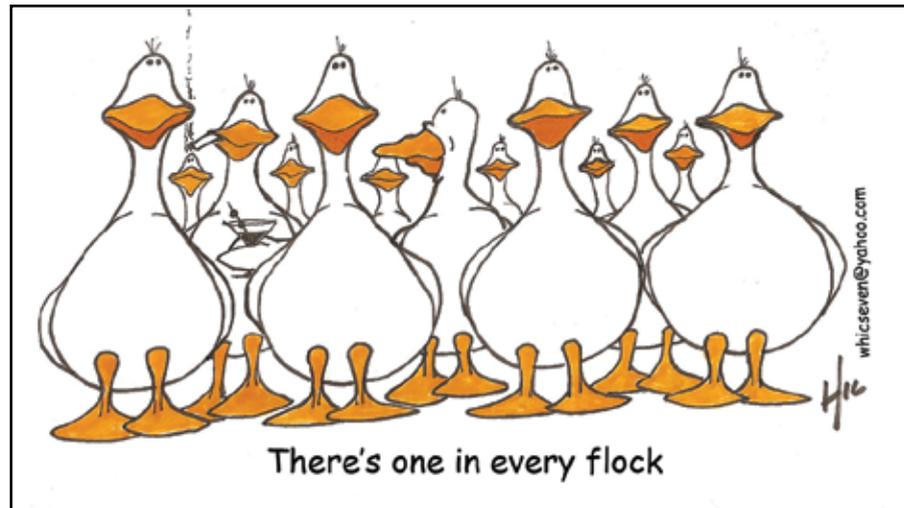
I rode around Thursday morning to assess what was left to be done. It was a lot. There were still poles and lines down on Big Bear Pen, Sherwood Forest, Horse Cove, Satulah, Satulah Falls, Wilson Road, NC 28 and 106, to name only a few. I wondered how our crews, and the private crews we had hired, could do this monumental task in a timely manner. To my surprise, they had restored power to many of these areas by the end of that day. By Friday about 90% of the town was on line and 100% Sunday.

I appreciate everyone's patience and understanding this past week. I can't say enough about our town workers who stayed on and went beyond their duty for this community.

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• HIC'S VIEW



MILESTONE



Boy Scout Troop 207 in Highlands recognized its newest Eagle Scout Micah Mullarkey on Saturday, September 9th.

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on N. 4th Street.

The Prince House was formative in the evolution of Highlands as a seasonal recreation-based economy during the mid-20th century. The historic period from 1935 to 1967, during which Elizabeth Wright Prince lived at and maintained the property as a boarding house, is important because her small operation served a different type of clientele from the visitors and tourists that populated the hotels, inns, and motels in town.

The appeal of Highlands was not just to a wealthy clientele but to all levels of society. Some visitors attracted to the resort town sought a less formal lodging than what the larger commercially oriented inns, hotels, and motels provided. Included among these were small business

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• WEEKEND WEATHER •



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• OBITUARIES •

Richard 'Dickie' Lee Worley, Jr,

Richard "Dickie" Lee Worley, Jr, 63, of Highlands, NC passed away Friday, September 15, 2017. He was born September 16, 1953 in Ft. Benning, Georgia to Virginia Johnson Worley and the late Richard Lee Worley, Sr. and has made Highlands his home since 1964.

Dickie lived life to the fullest and he enjoyed attending Christ Church of the Valley in Cashiers.

In addition to his mother, survivors include his brother, George Worley (Cathy) of Virginia; and his sisters, Eliza-



beth Worley of Panama, Ruth Worley of North Carolina and Mary Lou Worley of Arizona.

A memorial service will be held at 4pm, Friday, September 22, 2017 at Christ Church of the Valley with Rev. Steve Kerhoulas officiating.

The family will greet friends following the service at the church.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Worley family. Online condolences may be made at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Dana Fresa

Dana Fresa 57, of Highlands, passed away unexpectedly on September 14, 2017 at his home.

He was born in Clerksburg, WV on November 3, 1959 to the late Edward Karl Fresa and Diana Colombo Fresa. Dana had a passion and flare for life that was contagious; he loved painting, cooking and nature. Dana was a chef and also raised English Setters; he and his wife enjoyed training and competing his dogs in field trials. October was

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• CORRECTION •

In the Sept. 14 edition the wrong cutline was associated with this year's JV Volleyball team. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

2017 Highlands JV Volleyball Team



Pictured are: #2 Tessa Weisnewski, #4 Allyson Deyton, #8 Morgan Olvera, #9 Hadley Templeton, #11 Ann Marie Moore, #12 Chela Green, #14 Brooklyn Houston, #15 Megan Rehemeir, #17 Joanna Reyes, #22 Savannah Shaheen.

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Beale.

He surveyed damage during his trip up the mountain and then he and his staff met with local Emergency Personnel and members of the North Carolina National Guard at the fire station in Cashiers.

Mayor Taylor told the governor residents were still without power, county officials had set up temporary areas for debris removal, and at some point the town will need assistance due to budget constraints from the hurricane.

However, Gov. Cooper delivered bad news to Mayor Taylor.

He said unfortunately, FEMA dollars would likely not be available as they were being expended to Texas and Florida, areas that were completely devastated by recent storms. Gov. Cooper said since FEMA dollars were immediately needed

in Texas and Florida, the already anticipated federal dollars for last year's Hurricane Matthew that devastated the coast were at risk now, too. He said new funds for the western part of the state were unlikely, despite the need.

"While I heard the governor express concern about FEMA providing reimbursement funds for the state, counties and municipalities, we will not let that potential problem slow us down in fully funding recovery efforts in the town," said Taylor. "One of our biggest expenditures is hiring private electric utility companies to come in and assist with repairing damage to the electric grid"

He said once the electric utility contractors send Highlands a bill, checks will be issued from the town's utility reserve funds.

"As a small utility we have to pay for these services before FEMA money is available. If and when we receive FEMA reimbursements, months or even a year from now, that money will go back into the utility reserve," said Taylor.

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owners and salaried workers who serviced the vacationers and tourists in town as well as former or prospective residents, relatives, and friends.

Possessing no home of their own, they preferred a familiar domestic setting. To meet this demand for informality, Highlands opened its private homes, converting them to low-key, small-scale boarding houses and cottages.

With the National Register listing, the Prince Boarding House has been formally recognized as associated with this type of lodging that made a significant contribution in support of the town's development as a popular tourist resort, and as such it remains a local treasure.

This designation has been welcomed with tremendous support and pride in the Highlands community. In the bimillennial year of 2000 the house became home to the newly re-activated Highlands Historical Society, whose members devoted more than a decade to restoring it within preservation standards as a living history museum for the people of Highlands.

The Prince House is the gem of the Highlands Historic Village at 524 N. 4th Street. It is open through October, Wed-Sat from 11a to 3p.

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Books with staying power

Facebook all too often takes me away from more productive activities, but occasionally there's a post that's thought provoking. This example is right up my alley: "List ten books that have stayed with you; don't take more than a few minutes; don't think too hard. They don't have to be great works, just books that have touched you. Post your list and keep it going."



Kathy Manos Penn

The Camp of the Saints: Translated from the French, this book was recommended by my boss at the executive search firm where I worked during college. It wasn't an easy read, but the unforgettable story wherein "... Third World mass immigration to France and the West leads to the destruction of Western civilization," is eerily timely given today's refugee situation.

The Once and Future King: This

wasn't the first King Arthur book I read, but it's the one that popped into my mind when compiling this list. Just recalling it makes me think of all the other King Arthur books I've read and loved, though they're not among my top ten: *Crystal Cave, Morte D'Arthur, Idylls of the King, and Mists of Avalon.*

The Tipping Point and *Blink:* Both of these non-fiction books by Malcolm Gladwell are fascinating reads, the first about how trends take hold and the second about how we think without thinking.

The Hobbit: Need I say more?

Gifts Differing: Understanding Personality Types: Once I was trained in interpreting the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, this book was invaluable in understanding personality traits and how they play out in day-to-day life. I've found myself dipping into this book for over thirty years and recommending it to others.

Which books are on your list? This activity was such an enjoyable trip down memory lane; I may have to compile a list of my top ten childhood books next. Ah yes, I do love to read.

• Look for Kathy's new book "Lord Banjo the Royal Pooch" and find her collection of columns, "The Ink Penn: Celebrating the Magic in the Everyday," locally at *The Molly Grace in Highlands* and *Books Unlimited in Franklin* and on Amazon. Contact her at inkpenn119@gmail.com.

I'm an avid reader, so this was fun for me. I whipped out a notepad and had no trouble coming up with ten books and could easily have kept going.

In the order they came to mind, here's my list:

Watership Down: I must have read it long after it was published in the US in the 70's. The tale of a rabbit colony in search of a new home when their old one is in danger of destruction, it's an adventure story of the fight against tyranny and evil, all the more engaging with rabbits as the characters.

World According to Garp: I read this John Irving novel while on a sailing vacation and have a photo of me standing in the galley of our tiny sailboat in my nightgown reading. I couldn't put it down.

The Women's Room: This tale of a 1950's housewife discovering there's more to life than having a husband and a spotless home fueled a few heated debates at parties in the 70's. I vividly recall one woman proclaiming that any woman who was raped had somehow invited it. I can't recall ever being as incensed as I was that evening, and the resulting argument was long and loud.

Tears of Autumn: This novel not only makes my top ten list but also ranks as the best spy novel I've ever read, and I've read plenty.



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Tuesdays

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

• The Humanist Discussion Group meets every Tuesday morn-

ing from 10:30-11:30a in the Meeting Room in the back of Hudson Library,

First Tuesdays

• The monthly family support group for those with family members, friends, or loved ones living with the challenge of mental illness meets at 7 p.m. at Memorial United Methodist Church, 4668 Old Murphy Road, Franklin. For info call 369-7385.

2nd and 4th Tuesdays

• OccupyWNC meets at the 7PM in the Sneak E. Squirrel Community Room (1314 Main St., Sylva. Visit www.occupywnc.org or call 828.331.1524

Third Tuesday

• The Macon County Poultry Club meets at the NC Cooperative extension office located at 193 Thomas Heights Rd., Franklin on the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm. Meetings are open to the public. Call 828-369-3916.

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• Zumba with Connie at the Rec Park 8:15 a.m. \$5.

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• Exercise Class with Tina Rogers are held Tuesday and Thursday at 5:15p.m.

1st 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.

Wednesday-Saturday

• The Highlands Historic Village is open June-October. It's free. Visit the Highlands Historical Museum, the Prince Houe, Bug Hill Cottage, Furman Vinson's Boat, The Old Jail while taking a break in the peaceful setting that commemorates Highlands' past.

Thursdays

• Storytime with Miss Deanna at Hudson Library 10:40 am. Open to the public.

• Weight Watchers support group meets every Thursday at 5 pm at Christ Church of the Valley. Call Lisa 828-506-3555.

• NAMI Support Group for individuals dealing with mental illness and the family members of individuals dealing with these challenges from 7 - 8:15 pm. at First United Methodist Church Out Reach Center on West Main Street beside Bryant's

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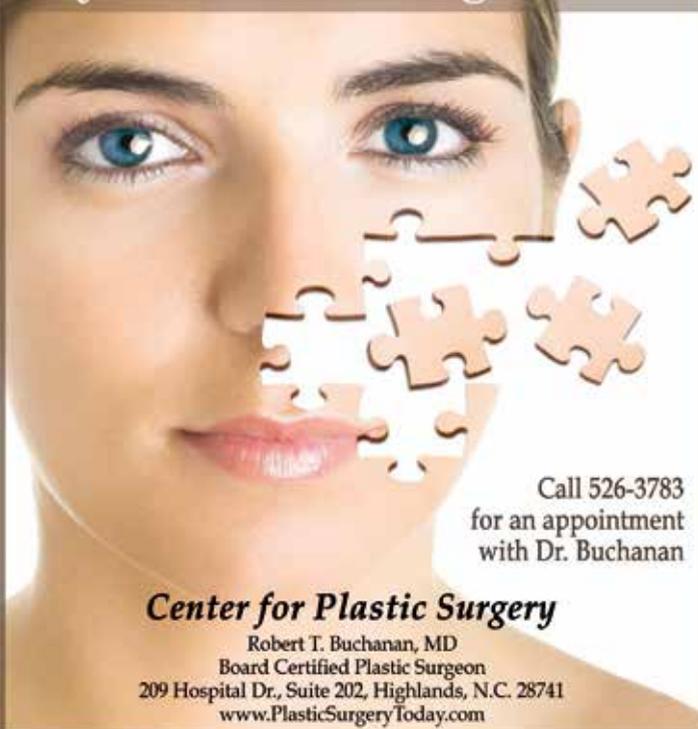
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3rd Thursdays

• 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

2nd and 4th Thursdays

• Indivisible Highlands, a non-partisan activist group meets weekly at the Hudson Library at 5p. For more information call 770-823-0601

Thurs., & Sat.

• Zumba with Mary K. Barbour at the Rec Park from 11a to noon. For more information, call 828.342.2498.

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• Live music in Town Square from 6-8 p.m.

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Saturdays

* Farmers Marketplace in K-H Founders Park from 8a-12:30p.

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

• Scrabble at Hudson Library from 1-4 p.m. Bring board if possible. All are welcome. 727-871-8298.

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

Sat., Sept. 23

• Brewing and Brewery Tour in Beer City, USA, 9a-late afternoon. Cost \$125/\$140. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• At the Nature Center, GO: Get Outside! All Ages • 11:30 am – 4:30 pm • Free. The Nature Center will be open and offering nature-based activities and programs throughout the day. For info, call 526-2221

Sun., Sept. 24

• A fundraiser for the Literacy Councils features "Tea for Three" the Off-Broadway hit, about the lives of president wives: Lady Bird, Pat & Betty. at 5pm at the PAC to benefit the Literacy Council. To see a video clip: <http://teaforthree.com> Tickets are \$35. Call the Literacy Council, 828/526-0863

Tue., Sept. 26

• The Art and Craft Debate, 2-4p Cost \$25/\$35 Presenter: Anna Fariello. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• Village Nature Series: Save Water, Drink Beer - Tales of a Satulah Mountain Brewer with Dale Heinlen, Satulah Mountain Brewer. Co-hosted by Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust and The Village Green. 5:30 PM, rain or shine.

Wed., Sept. 27

• Paoletti's Restaurant will once again host the charity dining event "Peaceful Jour-

ney" in support of Hospice House Foundation of WNC (HHFWNC). Dining patrons will indulge in a decadent 4-course menu and wine pairing specially selected for the evening. The evening will be accompanied by a silent auction of fabulous items, including assortments of distinguished wines. 6:30pm Cocktails - 7:30pm Dinner. \$300/person. (\$125 is tax deductible) Call Phyllis Racine for reservations and information - 828-524-8261.

Thur., Sept. 28

• Tasting the Difference Between Old World and New World Wine, 3:30-5:30p Cost \$45/\$55 Presenters: Davis and Tina Picklesimer. To Register Call 526-8811 or www.clehighlands.com

• Law enforcement agencies in Macon County will be trading in their holsters for aprons for the annual Tip-a-Cop fundraiser at Motor Company Grill in Franklin. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. and will feature a live band. 100% of the tips received from 5:30p-8:30 p.m. will be donated to the Macon County Sheriff's Office Shop with a Cop program, which provides Christmas presents to children in need in the county.

Fri., Sept. 29

• Regions Bank is celebrating with GREEN! Join us as we commemorate 15 years of serving our friends in Highlands. Drop by for food and fun on Friday from 11am to 1pm. The first 50 visitors on Friday take home a Regions GREEN piggy bank as a thank you. Until Sept. 29 enter for a chance to win a GREEN bike!

• Community Coffee with Mayor Pat Taylor in the Hudson Library Meeting Room 11 a to noon. The topic "The Future of the Playhouse."

Sat., Sept. 30

• "Satulahbration 2017" The Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust second annual event to celebrate its first and one of its most visited properties, Satulah Preserve. Visit www.hicashl.org for details.

Sun., October 1

• At the Nature Center, Highlands on the 1/2 Shell -- 4:30pm 'til dark. Cost: \$75 members, \$100 non-members. Feast on oysters, shrimp and jambalaya while enjoying live music to benefit the Highlands Biological Foundation. For info, call (828) 526-2221.

• The First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will host the Empty Bowls luncheon from 11.30-1.30 in Coleman Hall. Tickets \$20 each at local churches or call 828/526-0890. Proceeds benefit the Food Pantry.

Mon. Oct 2

• The Episcopal Church of the Incarnation presents Jeffrey Small, a popular CLE speaker, in the sanctuary Monday, 10a to noon. The topic is God and the Brain. Jeffrey will discuss how humanity is wired to believe in God. Please join us.

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Sat., Oct. 7

• Macon County Health Dept. Flu Shot Clinic 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Highlands First Baptist Church. \$30 for the regular dose and \$50 for the high dose. Insurance will be filed.

• Macon TRACS 10th Annual Blue Jean Ball! at the Macon County Fairgrounds ! 6 PM to 8:30 PM. Cowgirl & cowboy attire encouraged. BBQ Dinner, Cake Walk, Music & Dancing, Silent Auction & Raffles ! Adults \$15 Children & Takeout \$7

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Thurs-Sun., Oct. 12-22

• Highlands-Cashiers Players production "Guilty Conscience" at PAC Thursdays through Sundays, Tickets will go on sale for season subscribers on Thursday and Friday, October 5 and 6, and for the general public beginning on Saturday, October 7. Requests for reservations may be left at the HCP box

office, 828-526-8084, or reserved on line at highlandscashiersplayers.org.

Sunday, Oct. 15

"Bending the Arc" documentary about the work Dr. Paul Farmer, Ophelia Dahl, and Jim Yong Kim have done to provide world-class level medical care in unlikely places like Haiti. It will be shown at the Martin-Lippscomb Performing Arts Center as a fund-raiser for Highlands Friends of Haiti at 6 p.m. at the Martin-Lippscomb Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$50 and are available at incarnationwnc.org and beginning October 1st at the Church of the Incarnation in Highlands.

Thurs., Oct. 19

• Wildcat Cliff Country Club will once again host the annual Scholarship Golf Classic. The event kicks off at 7:30am with breakfast and practice on the range tee and putting green. A 9am shotgun start is followed by cocktails, lunch and awards ceremony. The cost for the event is \$150 per player. For information or to register your team, please contact event co-chairs, Rebecca Shuler (526-2118) or Brian Stiehler (787-2778).

Thurs., October 26

• At the Nature Center, Halloween Enchanted Forest - All Ages • 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm • \$1/person. Celebrate Halloween the natural way! Guided tours of our Botanical Gardens will lead you trick-or-treating around the trail to meet some native animal characters. Beware the forest in the last half hour as it will turn from enchanted to haunted and the animals will definitely be more "trick" than "treat". Activities will be available in the nature center as well during this time. (828) 526-2221.

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his favorite month, grouse hunting with close friends up north. Dana also enjoyed studying the Bible with friends at the cashiers Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness 's. Dana was a loving step father to Gregory and Shawn . His smile and kindness will be remembered by all.

He is survived by his wife, Candice Fresa and her sons Gregory and Shawn Ingwell of Highlands, NC; his mother, Diana Fresa of Georgia; four brothers, Samuel Fresa of Georgia, Mark and Michelle of Georgia, Kevin and Heather of Florida, Karl and Dawn with their children, Kitt and Kendall all of Illinois; nephew, Gabriel (son of late Michael Fresa) as well as aunts, uncles and cousins.

A Memorial Service and luncheon will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 1st at Sapphire Valley Community, US 64, Sapphire, NC.

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Weather resulted in short sports week

The past week was short and less active for Highlands School teams. The storm, Irma, brought some changes to the schedules. Although it was shorter, Highlands swept Cashiers with wins over Blue Ridge and Summit on the same night.

Middle school volleyball had no games this week due to the storm, Irma. Their next home game will be on September 28th vs. Cullowhee Valley. They will start at 4 pm.

Middle school soccer played Rabun Gap and Summit. They beat Rabun Gap 2-1. They also beat Summit 5-0. This was their first win over Summit in 7 years. Their next home game will be on September 28th, against Swain starting at 4:30 pm.

High school volleyball played Highland's rivals, Blue Ridge, at home on Monday night. Both JV and varsity left the gym with a win. JV won in 2 sets and varsity won in 3. They never let up and never let the fans get in their heads and pushed it out for their first conference win of the season. Their next home game will also be on September 28th. JV will follow right after middle school and varsity will follow them.

Along with volleyball playing their rivals on Monday, so did high school boys soccer. The boys left Blue Ridge territory like it was theirs with a 5-1 win and quickly came back to support the volleyball girls.



They also played Murphy and Hendersonville. In Hendersonville they took a 3-0 loss but turned around the next day for a 6-3 win over Murphy. Murphy's game was originally scheduled for Monday, 9/11 but was rescheduled due to Irma. Although dates were changed they still came out to play and won. Their next home game will be on September 21st against Hendersonville starting

at 6 pm.

After a good week of several wins and one large day of rivalry defeat the teams look forward to their next games.



Madison Dalton #17 passing it to set up a play against Blue Ridge.

HS Middle School Soccer



Pictured are Conner Briggs, Reid Carrier, Dylan Cortez, James Earp, Henry Garcia Lopez, Griffin Green, Landon Green, Getsemani Hernandez Rojas, Nathan Keener, Owen Monoz, Austin Murray, Jeffery Olvera, JJ Postell, Brent Sleight, Anna Stiehler, Head Coach Bryan Dearth and Asst. Coach Tyler Munger. Not pictured are Conner White, Luis Torres and Conner Thorske.



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Top Down Tips for Enhancing Your Home's Curb Appeal



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(StatePoint) The power of curb appeal should not be underestimated. A whopping 99 percent of National Association of Realtors members believe it's important in attracting a buyer.

Whether your home upgrades enhance form, function or both, homeowners should select projects that will improve quality of life now, and add value when it comes time to sell.

To take a "top down" approach, start with the roof. You can get 68.8 percent of your cost recouped from this investment when reselling a mid-ranged priced home, according to the "2017 Cost Versus Value Study" from Remodeling Magazine. Plus, it's a big impact project with long-lasting value, especially if you choose low maintenance, high-quality materials. For example, the composite slate and shake roof offerings at DaVinci Roofscapes are durable and impact- and fire-resistant. To view colors or customize your own blend, visit

www.davinciroofscapes.com/color/designer.

Don't neglect garage doors. Styles, surface treatments, colors and other options can vary considerably, so be sure you're boosting curb appeal when making this upgrade. For example, the American Tradition Series at Haas Door can give your home a carriage house look. Use HaasCreate, the online visualizer tool available at Haascreate.com to upload a photo of your home and compare options visually. Another reason to replace the garage door? It offers a 76.9 percent return on investment, according to the

"Cost Versus Value" study.

Add aesthetic appeal from the street while making life more comfortable indoors. Consider installing acrylic block or decorative glass privacy windows in living spaces, bathrooms and hallways. For simple installation, consider Hy-Lite, which offers pre-framed, ready-to-install options, as well as the opportunity to retrofit some products to meet your specifications.

Boost beauty by adding shutters, along with decorative trim to doors and windows. Be sure products are moisture-, insect- and rot-resistant so they don't prove to be more trouble than they're worth. Low maintenance polyurethane options, such as the thousands of pieces available from Nu-Wood, replicate the look and feel of wood and are easy to install.

Don't forget to evaluate any columns you may have on your porch or front of your home. To get long-term beauty and performance, use sturdy

products that are structurally certified. For example, the sturdy posts from Woodtone RealPost are manufactured from premium selected Western SPF (spruce, pines and firs) and are warranted against warping, twisting and joint separation.

Accent walls are not just for interiors. Manufactured stone veneer siding can be an attractive way to boost curb appeal and add value to a home. Indeed, you can recoup an estimated 89.4 percent of the cost of this investment when reselling your home. Consider surrounding a chimney wall exterior, half wall or wainscot application. For an easy-to-install option, look at the mortarless styles and colors available by ClipStone.

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5 Home Maintenance Projects to Tackle this Fall

(StatePoint) Fall is the perfect time to complete those pesky home maintenance projects left on your to do list. If you've been putting off these chores, you're not alone, but it could cost you. In fact, a national survey from Erie Insurance shows many Americans are putting themselves and their homes at financial risk by delaying important home maintenance tasks.

Make sure you're protected by focusing on these five areas:

- **The Roof.** Twenty-three percent of homeowners admit they never inspect their roof or have it inspected unless there is a problem, according to the Erie Insurance survey. Unfortunately, replacing a roof is also one of the biggest expenses a homeowner may have if not maintained properly. Nationally, the average homeowner spends about \$6,600 to install a new roof, but prices can soar upwards of \$20,000.

Don't be stuck with a hefty roof repair bill. Have it inspected to see if any shingles are damaged and need to be replaced. The fall season is the optimal time to do so, since roofing is best installed when temperatures are cooler. Plus, you'll catch any problems before winter weather kicks in.

- **The Gutters.** Make sure downspouts drain away from the foundation and are clear of debris. Clogged gutters can lead to major issues like uneven floors, cracks in walls

and interior water damage. This type of claim, also known as seepage, is a maintenance issue and often not covered under your home insurance policy. To prevent any major issues, clean gutters at least twice a year in fall and spring.

- **The Dryer Exhaust Duct.** Does it take you two to three cycles to dry a load of laundry? If so, you may need to clean your dryer vent. One in five (21 percent) admit they never clean their clothes dryer ducts, unless they have a problem. But lint build-up can catch fire easily. Over 15,000 dryer fires occurred nationwide from 2010-2014, with the majority being ignited by dust, fiber and lint, according to the National Fire Protection Association. Avoid this disaster with a thorough cleaning at least once a year.

- **The Fireplace Chimney.** Erie Insurance found nearly half (46 percent) of people who own a home with a fireplace never have their chimneys cleaned. However, uncleaned chimneys are a leading cause of structure fires, reports the National Fire Protection Association. So, get the chimney cleaned before the cold weather hits and you find yourself tossing logs in the hearth to keep the house toasty, and then have it cleaned annually.

- **The Sump Pump and Pit.** Sump pumps remove excess water from homes that would otherwise cause property damage. It's important to clean a sump pump and its pit annually to keep basements dry and



help prevent mold growth and water damage. Do this maintenance project in fall to help protect against heavy rainfalls and accumulated melting snow and ice of winter.

For more information on how you can protect your home through the seasons, visit www.ErieInsurance.com.

Now that you have your checklist, it's time to roll up your sleeves while it's still nice outside. Whether you're a DIYer or prefer hiring a professional, crossing these projects off your to-do list will help ensure you're safe and secure before temperatures drop.

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One of the things so many people, know so little about is God. I find this true of believers as well as non-believers. Why is this? It's because you live so far from God. You have so few transactions with him, so little confession before him, and you do very little searching of your own heart. You don't come to him every day seeking his shed blood as your covering. You never pick up the robe of righteousness he gave you and wear it with pride. There is hardly any interaction with him on the little things of life. The only time you think to come before him is when the bottom is falling out and your life is in deadly peril.

Oh, we men are so good at rising up during the greatest of tribulations and coming to God in all humility, begging him to hear us and save us from this disaster of our own making. We have it down, when it comes to facing the great perplexities of the day or the immediate needs that surprise us. But what about the little things of life, the minutiae of every day? Most in these areas have no communication with God.

What that means is you are lacking greatly in what the true love of God is all about. It also says you understand nothing of the wisdom of God and have no respect of his glory and honor. He does not matter in the ways that really count.

God made a covenant with his people through his only begotten Son. That covenant promises reconciliation to all who will confess their sins, turn from their wicked ways and follow Jesus Christ. That does not mean simply have a head knowledge of what the Bible teaches about him but have a heart filled with love and compassion for him and for all men. To do this, requires that you be concerned with how God desires you live in all matters of life, those really big things and all of the little things.

If you want to know God in a real and intimate way, you must live with him in the little matters of life. You must walk with him in the everyday drudgery of this world. This is the only way you can really become acquainted with your God. This is how you learn of his character, faithfulness, and love. You must meet God in

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PDS

No, I didn't get the abbreviation wrong, PDS stands for Post DRAMATIC STORM Disorder.

Do you have it? I think half of America has this disorder in one shape, form or another; brought on by weeks of watching the weather channel, streaming news, glued to social media posts and followed by disastrous hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, etc.

Add to the mix, the earthquake in Mexico, and the flame engulfed western states, and you end up with a recipe of goulash that no one wants. We either suffered through them ourselves, or we know

someone who did. Thanks to social media, we only have to know someone that knows someone that knows someone....

PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) is no laughing matter, and this article doesn't intend to make light of anyone suffering from it or any related illnesses. PTSD has been described as what some people get when experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, including natural disasters. Obviously, not everyone is affected the same way. For the most part, people just pick up the pieces (sometimes literally) and move on, while others find it harder to do so.

Having had two monster hurricanes back-to-back can actually have negative health consequences such as stress, fatigue, depression, to monetary loss from having to purchase things you wouldn't normally buy, and paying more for things like gasoline. These things can happen to you whether you live in an affected area or not. Media coverage has gotten much more precise over the years, and we are very thankful for the early warnings, but the 24/7 coverage probably wasn't meant to be watched like a soap opera.

Facebook wasn't even around when Hurricane Opal hit in 1995, and was barely off the ground in 2004 when Hurricane Ivan hit our area. By the time Katrina hit in 2005, social media was beginning to be another way to get news stories (whether they were true or not doesn't seem to matter). Spring forward to 2017. Facebook not only is a news outlet (just follow any major and/or local news page), but it's also a place where



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people find refuge in each other's miseries, joys, photos, recipes, life's highlights as well as the mundane. One of the best things to come from Facebook is the ability to 'check in as safe.' I first noticed this after the terrorists attack in Paris in November 2015. I admit finding solace in that people I had only 'met' through Facebook were marking themselves as safe, same for Hurricane Irma.

How can PTSD affect real estate? Hurricane Irma affected all of Florida in one way or another. Many of our buyers, sellers and vacationers and vacation rental owners hale from the Sunshine state, and many have second homes here, but could a less than sunny disposition have a cloudy effect in our mountain real estate? One report online stated the non-tourist population of just Miami is about 90,000, and about the same number of people affected by Hurricane Harvey in Houston. In a 2018 report from the New Orleans Met-

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LOT LISTING

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Sitting on 4.26 acres and offering an amazing waterfall as well as views of both Satulah and Little Yellow Mountain, this beautiful 4bd/5ba home is sure to be your perfect mountain retreat. \$1,550,000 MLS #83796



Under Contract

3bd/3.5ba private sanctuary sits on 2.36 acres of enchanting scenery with a view that stretches over 40 miles. No detail was spared, hand made stairs leading up from the main living area to the mahogany doors and custom fixtures. \$1,375,000 MLS #85697

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LOT LISTING

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and Girls Club of the Plateau; Cashiers Albert Carlton Community Library; Cashiers Historical Society; Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society; Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers; Counseling & Psychotherapy Center of Highlands; Fishes & Loaves Food Pantry; Highlands Community Child Development Center; Highlands Emergency Council; Highlands Historical Society; Highlands Hurricanes Swim Team, Inc.; Highlands~Cashiers Players; Highlands School Parent-Teachers Organization; Hudson Library; Literacy Council of Highlands, Inc.; Martin-Lipscomb Performing Arts Center; Peggy Crosby Community Service Center; Summit Charter School; and The Bascom.

“Our grants seek to support organizations that positively impact people lives,” noted Grants Co-Chair Lindy Colson. “Seventy-nine percent of CWO grants this year are focused on educational, health and humanitarian services here on the Plateau.” “These grants help to fund safety-net services for those in

need,” added counterpart Joy Abney, “including medical and dental care, counseling support, food for families, and something as simple as fuel for winter heat. Moreover, this year’s educational grants support programs that strive to inspire our local children to develop their academic, leadership, teamwork and character-building skills. Helping children reach their fullest potential is one of the most important things we can do.”

Highlands and Cashiers have many wonderful volunteers and not-for-profit organizations working to bring joy and beauty into our lives. For this reason, CWO also supports preservation of local heritage and the arts—

from live theater and musical performance to the visual arts. “Our grants help to make classes and performances accessible to all, regardless of age or affluence,” cited Executive Director Frazer McCrorey. “In all our grant-making, our goal is to touch the lives of those around us in a meaningful and positive way,” added Marga-

ret Eichman, executive director. “By demonstrating the power of collective giving, our Outreach hopes to inspire others to lend a helping hand to enhance the quality of life for those less fortunate, and in doing so, create an even greater sense of community across our beautiful mountain plateau. Together, we can make a difference.”

Partnering with the Community Foundation of Western North Carolina, CWO established a CFWNC-CWO Charities fund, which enables the group to raise funds each summer and award them through a judicious grants process to make a meaningful difference in the local community. To date, Cullasaja Women’s Outreach has assisted 39 local not-for-profit and charitable organizations in their efforts to enhance the community.

• FIRE •

The Highlands Fire & Rescue Dept. log from Sept. 10.

Sept. 10

• At 12:11, the dept. responded to a call about the smell of gas at a residence on Happoldt Drive.

Sept. 10

• At 5:42 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to residence on Bowery Road.

• At 7:54 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a possible chimney fire at a residence on Hummingbird Lane.

Sept. 12

• A little after midnight, the dept. responded to a down power line call on Flat Mtn. Estates.

• At 9:43 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance on S. 4th St.

• At 12:10 p.m., the dept. responded to a vehicle accident on NC 28 south.

• At 2:21 p.m., the dept. responded to a carbon monoxide alarm at a residence on Leonard Road.

• At 7:30 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers FD.

Sept. 13

• At 12:54 p.m., the dept. provided mutual aid to Cashiers FD.

• At 4:15 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hicks Road.

• At 4:53 p.m., the dept. stood by at Zachary Field for the MAMA helicopter.

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erty owners pay Jackson County taxes. The properties in question, despite their county location on a map, have a Highlands zip code (28741) and they have Highlands phone interchanges (526 and 787).

The initial projections show about \$500,000,000 in appraised tax value for the properties in question. The county line survey was intended to hopefully place some of the properties in Macon County, but the preliminary results from the North Carolina Department of Public Safety Emergency Management shows little to no change in properties between counties.

The borderline debate began when a homeowner paid taxes on eight acres to one county and taxes on five acres to the other county, while only owning 10 acres total. Macon County Commissioner James Tate began looking into the issue

and found that several areas along the border, were closer to Highlands and its services such as law enforcement and fire. Likewise, Macon County serviced the properties but did not receive any tax dollars or funding – services estimated to cost about \$160,000 a year.

Commissioners wanted to take action while still providing essential services to the homes due to safety and what commissioners said was “the right thing to do,” but they didn’t want Macon County to have to pay the bill for the services.

Macon County asked Jackson County to provide the county with the \$160,000 estimate. As sort of a county proposal, Jackson County established the new fire tax which accounted for \$50,000 annually. Prior to the fire tax, the only compensation Jackson provided Macon for the services was just under

\$8,000 sent to the Highlands Fire & Rescue Department once a for the Bowery Road area.

Macon County Manager Derek Roland said that if the final state survey of the border doesn’t provide Macon County with some other options, like collecting taxes for providing the services, then Macon County will approach Jackson County about an alternative solution.

“I think it is important to pursue this issue because both Jackson and Macon County are still depicting two different county lines, and I believe that it is the fair and just thing to do because there are still numerous property owners whose land is bisected by this line that needs to be taxed and serviced fairly. And, we can’t do that until the exact location of the County line can be agreed upon.”

• COMMUNITY NEWS •

HCCDC preschoolers get visit from HPD



Detective Andrea Holland and Officer Tim Fish of the Highlands Police Dept. visited the preschool classrooms at HCCDC this week. They explained that police officers are friends and are here to help and what to do in an emergency or if a stranger approaches them. They explored the police cars and Detective Holland had lunch with the children.

Photo by Preschool Teacher Amy Woods

Quilters entertain Chestnut Hill residents



For the second year, The Cashiers Quilters recently staged a quilt show as a part of “Art on the Hill” at Chestnut Hill. From left: Maggie Nosbusch, Linda Maddox, Lois Williams, Karen Darby, Jackie Marable, Angela Sbrocco, Rosemary Wheeler and Kay Callaghan.

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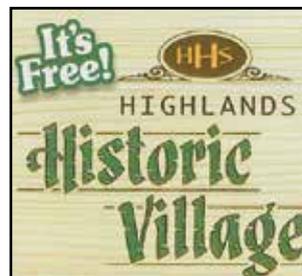
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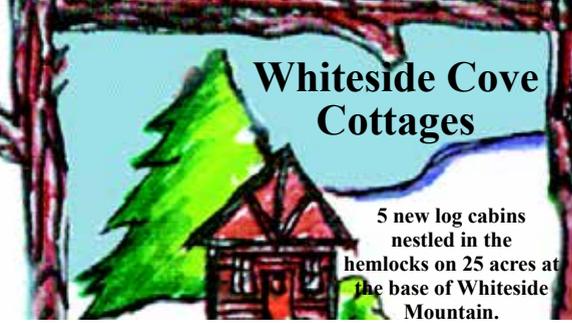
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metropolitan Association of Realtors, it reported "one of the ironies of natural disasters is that they are often good for real estate." This is mainly regarding the sales of homes in the affected areas, but as we know from past experience, when real estate has an upswing in Florida, Atlanta, Texas, etc., the trend follows here for second home purchases as well.

So far, September 2017 seems to be doing just fine in spite of hurricane season. The activity shown for residential homes, condos, and town homes in the Highlands-Cashiers MLS shows 41 new listings, 46 properties went into due diligence, 11 properties came back from due diligence (meaning the buyers backed out during their due diligence phase), 33 homes went to pending (out of due diligence and headed to closing) and 52 properties closed. All of that happened September 1-18, 2017. It may not sound like much to you (especially if you have a property for sale that's had 'no action'), but to get to these numbers, there's a whole lot of advertising, emails, appointments, showings, paper work (oh my goodness- the paperwork), and hopefully all will result in a sale with satisfied sellers and buyers.

I hope the rest of the 2017 hurricane season will be a non-event, but the area's real estate will continue to be su-

per eventful. Just remember, especially in volatile times like natural disasters to be extra caring toward others- you never know what they may be going through.

• Jeannie and Tucker Chambers are owners of Cham-

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your daily routine. You have to be willing to make God a part of your everyday trials, to show him your continuing struggles and to lay the pains of your heart at his feet.

I think what keeps many from this is they consider all this to be just trivial stuff that would not interest God. God made you and this world and he instituted every minute disappointment, struggle and pain you face. What he wants you to understand is he sent Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, to come into this world and deal with every one of these little matters in the same way he handled the larger matters.

What Matters? God matters. God gave you his word and in that word he outlined how you are to live your life. You must come to Jesus Christ acknowledging your sin. Upon seeing your sin you must recognize your complete helplessness in overcoming that sin. You must come to know that Jesus Christ alone is the Savior of men's souls. You must call out to him with a sincere and contrite heart

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'Empty Bowls' luncheon is Sun., Oct. 1 at First Pres.



On Sun., Oct. 1, the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands will again host the Empty Bowls luncheon from 11:30a-1:30p in Coleman Hall. Tickets are \$20 and include a bowl of your choice to keep and the soup luncheon contributed by restaurants from all over Highlands. Proceeds to benefit the Food Pantry.

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• POLICE LOG •

The Highlands Police log entries from Sept. 8 Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Sept 8

- At 10:45 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on US 64 east near Laurel Street.
- At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident on South Street.
- At 6 p.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on US 64 west.
- At 6:30 a.m., officers responded to a one-vehicle accident on UYS 64 west.

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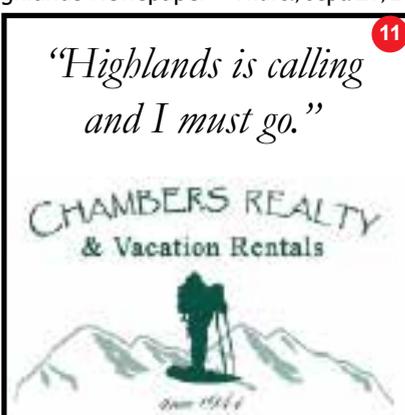
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