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Pisgah Legal Services needs help to help

Even if they desperately need one, a lot of people in Western North Carolina can't afford to retain a lawyer. That's where Pisgah Legal Services comes in.

On Thursday, Sept. 1, at the invite of retired attorney Stell Huie, 86 people turned out for a

breakfast presentation at Highlands Country Club to learn about Pisgah Legal Services (PLS) – its lifechanging affects and its need for ongoing financial help.

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Oakley is inducted into the 'Long Leaf Pine' order

Earns North Carolina's highest award for service

By **Ran Shaffner**

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper has awarded the coveted Order of the Long Leaf Pine to Osborne Oakley, 86, for a lifetime of public service to his community, his state and his Nation.

The certificate will be presented to Oakley by former POW Quincy Collins at the Carolinas Freedom Foundation breakfast November 10th. It recognizes Oakley as a humanitarian, selfless servant and patriot

He began his lifetime of service as an Eagle Scout, rescuing a drowning person. A graduate of Central High School in Charlotte, he was commissioned a Lieutenant in the US Army upon completion of studies as a Distinguished Military Student and cadet Captain at The Citadel (Class of 1958). He served on active duty with the 23rd Engineer Battalion, 3rd Armored Division in Germany. When his tour was up, he joined his family printing business but continued

servicing his country as a Green Beret officer in the N.C. National Guard's 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne). His education also includes graduating from the Management Program at the Harvard Graduate School of Business.

After leading a printing and publishing company for 40 years, Oakley became the executive director of the Carolinas Freedom Foundation and served in that capacity for 16 years until he recently retired. He has been a prime force behind that organization whose mission is to Support Veterans and Promote Patriotism, which involved working closely with the 4,400 young JROTC cadets in the Charlotte Area.

In addition to his work with the Foundation, he has had principal leadership roles as chairman of the Charlotte Douglas Airport Authority, Community School of the Arts, Uptown Shel-

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Scaly Mountain and Sky Valley community centers have high-speed internet!

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The Scaly Mountain Commu-

nity Association, a partner of Little T Broadband, is actively developing community programs to take advantage of these high-speed connections.

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Duke and increasing electric demands

The staff and I meet with various groups that support and supply the town on a routine basis, and this past week Josh, Lamar Nix met with folks from Duke Energy. It was a good meeting.

As always, we had a little back and forth about how I periodically criticize Duke Energy. I always bring up those coal ash fees, along with other issues. Richard Knight, our Duke liaison, smiles and says, "Mayor, you have your job to advocate for the town, and we have our job to supply the town with power." We then all agree we need to move on and work on the issues at hand.

One challenge on which everyone in the meeting agreed on is we are all facing the fact that the demand for electric energy in Highlands, as well as across the state, will continually increase. For that matter, despite conservation efforts, the future portends for significant surges in demand, especially if the country converts to electric vehicles. We talked about this challenge later in the session, but the immediate challenge was for Duke to upgrade their incoming delivery system to Highlands.

Duke's analysis was that Highlands has approached or met the demand loads that have been allocated in our contract. The good news is the Duke is being proactive in address-



Highlands Mayor Patrick Taylor

ing the problem with no additional expense to the town.

Their response is commendable, especially as we enter the winter months when electricity demand will increase. First, Duke is adjusting our contract to reflect the high demand periods that we are now experiencing. Second, they will upgrade their sub-station equipment to handle any future load increases that the town may have. Their engineers know the increasing demand required equipment

upgrades to avoid unnecessary power outages.

Now some may ask if electric bills will increase? My response is that our electric rates will remain the same. But we all tend to use more power to operate more appliances like large screen TVs. Sallie and I like to plug in a large electric heater during the winter in one of our rooms to supplement our central gas heating system. That heater eats up electricity, thus our monthly bill increases. Fortunately, the town hasn't increased electric rates in a number of years, and there are no plans to do so now, even though our wholesale costs have increased about \$60,000 a month from pressures like skyrocketing natural gas prices.

We also talked about electric cars and charging stations. If the electric vehicle trend continues, the electric utilities will face major challenges, including the Highlands Electric Department. I should probably write another article on this very complicated issue.

Everyone at the meeting agreed that the conversion to electric vehicles is not a simple, green panacea for our planet, nor necessarily cheaper energy. Duke is already planning to upgrade their generating capacity and distribution grid. Highlands will have to upgrade its electric grid if everyone begins to charge vehicles. In addition, those now low electric charging rates will increase significantly as a national charging system replaces or equals gasoline stations. Just the sheer size of an efficient charging station is sobering. There are valid concerns about whether electric vehicles have a significantly better carbon footprint than gasoline vehicles. I have been reading about the mining of lithium that goes into electric car batteries. A case can be made that that process could rival the environmental impact of fracking natural gas.

By the way, there is a lithium vein in Gaston County. Folks there are concerned about the proposed open pit mining plan and the resulting increase in truck traffic. Uh oh, "not in our backyard!"

• HIC'S VIEW •



"Rats, no Chunky Monkey."

• WEATHER •

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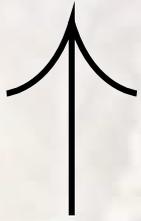
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• OBITUARIES •

Dorothy Gregory Porter

Dorothy Gregory Porter went to be with her Savior Jesus Christ on August 30. She was born in Oxford, MS, on September 29, 1933. She grew up in Greenwood, MS, and raised her family there. She had a

long-time career in the restaurant business in Greenwood and later in Highlands, where she resided for the last 28 years.

She was a member of Whiteside Presbyterian Church and First Baptist Highlands.

Dorothy loved her Lord and her family and friends. She was known and loved by many in the community as "Mamaw". She was a Sunday School teacher for many years and enjoyed being in the garden tending her flowers and other plants, feeding, and watching birds, reading, watching old movies, and spending time with her family and friends.

Dorothy was preceded in death by her parents, Harold Walker Gregory and Louise Higdon Gregory; her brother Harold Walker Gregory, Jr.; sons Gregory Michael Porter and William Thomas Porter, Jr. She is survived by her son Joel Porter (Anne) of Highlands, daughters Lisa Porter Hall (Les) of Aiken, SC, and Melissa Porter



Underwood (Peter) of Lilburn, GA, 7 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren.

The service was at First Baptist Church Highlands on Sunday, September 4. The graveside service and burial was at Saint Peter's Cemetery in Oxford, MS, on Tuesday, September 6.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Mountain Area Pregnancy Services (<https://mtnpregnancy.com/donate>) or to a church or organization of your choice.

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Darlene Buckler Heinemann

Darlene Buckler Heinemann, 80, passed away Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Ms. Heinemann was born January 26, 1942, in Roscommon Michigan to the late Granville and Jennie Jackson Buckler. She was a homemaker and entrepreneur. She worked in real estate, a florist, and a Bed & Breakfast. She was a member of Community Bible Church in Highlands. Darlene was a very big-hearted and selfless person.



She is survived by her six children who she loved deeply, William Murray, Robert Murray, Janine Martin, Martin Murray, Larry Murray, and Lisa LeBlanc; a long-time, loving friend; 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Jeanette Robinson.

"We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord." - 2

Corinthians 5:8.

In Lieu of Flowers the family donations be sent to St. Jude 501 St. Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences can be sent to www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Heinemann family.

Thomas 'Tommy' Harvey Cabe

Thomas (Tommy) Harvey Cabe, 79, entered the gates of heaven Thursday, September 1st after heart surgery in Asheville, NC. A celebration of life service will be held Saturday, September 10, 2022 at 4 p.m. at the Franklin High School Fine Arts Center. A visitation will be from 3-4 p.m. prior to the service.

Tommy was born December 13, 1942 in Franklin, NC. He was preceded in death by his parents Harvey and Bonnie Cabe and

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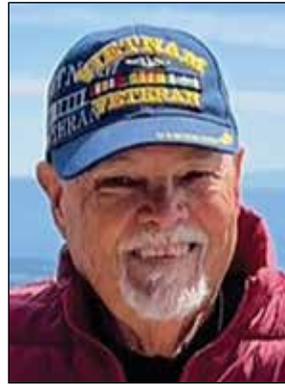
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a sister Loretta McDonald. He is survived by the "Love of his Life" Janice Jordan, three children Michaelle Runken (Jeff), Mitchell Cabe (Gloria) and MaAron Cabe (Melissa) all of Franklin; two stepchildren Jeremy Jordan of Atlanta, GA and Nick Yuzzi of Franklin; three siblings, Wenona Curtis, Delores Mason of Franklin and John Cabe of Murphy, NC; four grandchildren, Elijah Henry, Logan Cabe, Blair Mersereau and Cody Cabe; six great-grandchildren; Emma, Becca, Fiona, Audrey, Leia and Carolina.

He graduated from Franklin High School, class of 1961, and joined the Navy. He served his country in the Naval Submarine Service on the Lewis & Clark and Tecumseh. He received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal and was honorably discharged May 18, 1970. He returned to Franklin and became a Registered Land Surveyor. Tommy loved his country and community.

He served on the Macon County School Board for 20



years and was a member of the Franklin High Booster Club for many years.

Visiting the schools and sharing stories with all the students and staff was a regular occurrence and filled his heart with joy. He was known as "Mr. Tommy" throughout the school system. He loved to travel and see the world. He would be on one trip and scheduling the next. He had just returned from out west and shared with a laugh that he walked all the way to the "Delicate Arch" passing several not even half his age.

Tommy lived life to the fullest and never let illness slow him down. He was filled with strength and courage to handle anything and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to 828 Vet Toys for Tots, 53 E Main St. Ste K Franklin, NC 28734.

Online condolences can be sent to www.bryantgrant-funeralhome.com Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Cabe family.

Ronnie Alan Crowe

Ronnie Alan Crowe, 64, passed away September 1, 2022. Ronnie was born January 15, 1958, in Rabun County GA to the late Alvin C. Crowe, Jr. and Eleanor Keener Crowe. He was a member of the Highlands United Methodist Church. He loved his children and grandchildren.



Ronnie enjoyed being outdoors camping, hunting, and fishing. He also enjoyed gardening, canning, woodwork, candy, and spending time at the beach with his wife Terri.

Survivors include his wife, Terri Crowe; three daughters, Heather Dalton (Paul), Natalie Dendy (Nathan Kemper), Michelle Pendergrass (Travis); three grandchildren, Camren Dalton, Russel Dalton, and Taylor Pendergrass; three brothers, Robert Crowe (Susan), Kenneth Crow (Patty), and Brian Crowe (Dawn Geren); two sisters, Cheryl Jenkins (James Cooper), and Kayla McClain (Josh).

A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday September 10, 2022, at the Highlands United Methodist Church with the Rev. Randy Lucus officiating. A visitation will be held from 1-2 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrant-funeralhome.com Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Crowe family.

• THANKS •

To all the community who helped make the Highlands Emergency Council fundraiser a success. We thank each and every one of you. As you all know it does take a community to run a place like this; we at this time are looking for VOLUNTEERS to help in the organization please call (828) 526 4357 or come by at 71 Poplar St. Highlands, NC.



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Either we are or we are not... that is the issue

At the first commissioner's workshop on August 30 to determine the fate of short-term rentals, I was shocked to hear Commissioner Amy Patterson say twice: "We are NOT a tourist town!"

I proceeded to look up the definition as it applies to Highlands. Here it is: "A town with a relatively small population that seems to grow exponentially during the summer due to tourists."

I would say we definitely fit that mold!

She proceeded to say that "we" have always promoted Highlands as a great place to live (having only 1,060 residents) and allowing STRs will make us a tourist town.

We already are a tourist town and it's hard to believe she is that out of touch to proclaim we are not. But she is definitely the "leader of the pack" amongst the other commissioners. None of the others cared enough to even discuss the matter except Commissioner Hehn and they disregard anything he says.

Another controversial item is whether STRs are considered commercial or residential.

At the last planning board meeting, Chairman Darren Whatley asked the Town Attorney Jay Coward and Town Manager Josh Ward that very question. Both replied, "They are not commercial."

Patterson started the discussion at the Town Board meeting stating that STRs are commercial, and the UDO of 2012 doesn't allow commercial uses in zones R-1 and R-2.

With that being said, the town has allowed the "illegal" use in neighborhoods for 10 years, knowing they were short-term rentals and occupancy tax was paid on them.

So, the question remains, why disallow them now and is the town responsible to the homebuyers who bought to rent, spent hundreds of thousands of dollars in improvements, now to be told they were illegal all those years?

When Commissioner Marc Hehn mentioned the amount of money investors have spent, Patterson replied that it's not up to the town to help those people recoup their money, saying they were operating illegally all those years!

Then came discussion on grandfathering those who already are doing STRs and



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again she stated "No" and asked why we should reward them for operating illegally!

Unfortunately, Commissioners Brian Steihler, Eric Pierson agreed with her with no discussion. Commissioner John Dotson, who within the last two years sold homes downtown having told the buyers: "Absolutely, you can do VRBO!" said maybe with restrictions.

As it has turned out, all the meetings of the volunteer planning board, which was asked to submit its plan to resolve this issue, was just procedural and a waste of

their time.

At least they had lengthy discussions and concluded that a 7-day minimum would be a good solution for STRs. I applaud member Chris Wilkes for finally taking the lead saying that short-term rentals have been done over 40 years and if the rules in place were enforced, we wouldn't have to be debating this.

Many of the objectors, at the meetings when we were allowed to speak, kept referencing that they don't want to see Highlands change and the beauty of it destroyed by short-term renters.

These renters have ALL been put in a category of tourists who come here to create noise and party with no regard for their neighbors or Highlands, in general. This is simply not true!

Jeannie Chambers of Chambers Realty, has the facts, noting that renters bring family to enjoy hiking etc. and don't disturb anyone.

Highlands has changed since I moved here 28 years ago. The town shut down at the end of October and we had four restaurants, with two specializing in burgers and fries. There was no movie theatre, no Bascom Fine Arts Center, Hotel Edwards (now the Old Edwards Inn) had only a few rooms and their restaurant, Central House, had waitresses who had uniforms and bonnets reminiscent of Williamsburg, and served the best chicken salad anywhere!

It later was in bad disrepair and Art and Angela Williams chose to renovate it and expanded adding a spa, not unlike a European resort. Most people in town did not want the change and objected to everything the Williamses tried to do. But look at

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• LETTERS •

Fair and needed

Dear Editor,

I just wanted to write you a quick email to express my appreciation for the way you have covered the STR issue in Highlands Newspaper paper. I don't think a lot of people realize that you have sat through every single minute of this process,

covering the boards and the hundreds of meetings.

For your articles in the Sept. 1 edition of the paper, I have heard countless people comment, expressing the same sentiment of gratitude and respect that I have for your reporting. I don't know how much of

the other paper that you read, but it's fair to say, they have not covered any of this in the same manner.

Your honesty and willingness to state facts and create a living record of what has been said by town officials and leadership, is the only thing facilitating transparency

throughout this event.

So, thank you very much for all the things that I have mentioned, seriously.

Nicolaus McCall
Planning Board member
Highlands

The STR issue requires common sense

Dear Editor,

I have been reading with interest for a year now following the Town Board's attempted decision to restrict STRs in R1 Zoning.

When my husband and I were looking for property to move to for six months out of the year, we looked at Highlands as it is a beautiful area. We fell in love. Our plan was to live in the home for six months and list it as a VRBO the other six months. At the time we were told that the higher prices in the Highlands would be offset by renting it.

I'm certainly glad we opted for Franklin.

Realtors have been promoting Highlands as the place to buy and for years have used that as a selling tool, now you are restricting what someone can do with their own property after they have been allowed to use it that way for years? That's false advertising and the board's willingness to allow it until now and set up these restrictions effects the livelihood of your residents, it's not right.

I have read about the complaints from neighbors of STR homes like the wedding party that was too loud. I actually have a solution that would allow STRs in R1 zon-

ing. When the people at a STR are making too much noise or causing mayhem, call the police! Police officers are trained to handle rowdy people and if they continue after the police leave, CALL THEM AGAIN! That is what a police department does.

I think you can handle the problem without spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in litigation, because that's not a good use of taxpayer money.

I also read that the board may be responsible for paying the attorney fees of the group fighting this new rule. You could also draft a nuisance ordinance that would outline a set of standards. If police are called to properly more than X amount of times, they are put on probation and maybe a penalty of not being able to rent it again for a six month period. Once the six months is up, allow them to restart their STR and THEN if it happens again (or however many times, the board could choose) they can be banned from using it as a STR. If the owners choose to sell the property, and it is in the R1 zone they are not grandfathered in and the STR would go away at that location.

I don't understand why you would want to restrict people from using their property when you allowed no restrictions for so long. I also don't understand why the board wouldn't want to sit down with the opposing party, that's normally what a town would do to try to negotiate a solution that works for everyone.

Use some common sense!

Shari Spaeth
Franklin, NC

Highlands is not a tourist town

Dear Editor:

In a recent issue of Highlands Newspaper, Attorney Derek Allen suggests that Highlands is a "tourist town and always has been." Nothing could be further from the truth.

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Season Second Place team:

Highlands Rock Yard sponsored by Highlands Rock Yard, players front row from left: Chris Raby, Joe Holbrooks, Tim Holbrooks, Julian Vilardo. Back Row: Tyler Bracket, Ryan Gearheart, Mike Holbrooks, Chandler, Travis Jenkins, BJ Ramey. Not pictured Travis Ramey and Buddy Tabor

Season Third Place team:

DP Sponsored by DP Painting and Gutters, players front row from left: Johnathan Hall, Madison Rice, Dennis Perkins, Donnie Edwards, Justin Hall, Drew Rooney, Josh Byrd, Michael Houston, Ryan Perkins, Seth Wilson and Gene Borino. Not pictured Tom Goldacker and Christian Fletcher



At the meeting held August 30, the Rotary Club of Highlands welcomed the Plateau Behavioral Health Collaborative which is made up of three local nonprofits: International Friendship Center, Counseling Center of Highlands and Community Care Clinic of Highlands-Cashiers. Together, these organizations have supported a new bi-lingual counselor position to work within our community.

Michael Greene has recently taken the job and will work among the three organizations. His training and experience have focused primarily on behavioral health, counseling/psychotherapy, behavioral health integration in primary care settings, and working with populations considered vulnerable.

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Maybe he would like to see an amusement park on the Bascom grounds or a games arcade on Main Street.

He asserts that people bought homes in Highlands they "could not afford" without resorting to STRs to pay for them.

Maybe these people should not buy homes they can't afford.

Mr. Allen also claims that STRs provide jobs for "tradesmen" and "housekeepers."

Maybe instead of STRs these homeowners might consider yearlong leases at reasonable prices so people actually working in Highlands wouldn't have to live 20 miles or more away from where they work.

Finally, Mr. Allen, in a trick of sophistry – i.e., heads he wins, tails we lose – suggests a false choice between "common-sense" regulations (which would support those commonsense folks that bought houses they can't afford), or one that will, he says, "trample the rights" of others (those same commonsense folks that bought houses they can't afford).

Let's hope the Town Commission will not let this process devolve into hyperbole and nonsense, as evidenced by Mr. Allen's recent letter.

C.J. Johnson
Franklin

Consider this and that

Dear Editor,

Consider this: it's easy to confuse STRs and STDs. There are several similarities in the activities which contribute to each of them. For example, they both involve multiple strangers and both thrive in transient environments. They both proliferate if participation is encouraged without taking proper precautions or establishing sensible control. Frequent and careless usage by the multiple participants often leads to the deterioration of the overall health and general condition of the environments in which they occur. Both can have unintended consequences.

Whatever the case, the spread of one or the other across an area is a risky proposition and can easily get out of hand. A pandemic of either or both shouldn't be ruled out. After all, both are contagious and can spread like wildfire. Consider that.

Alice Nelson
Highlands

Note: The wrong title to this letter was published in the Sept. 1 edition. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

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Of the 74,000 people living in Jackson and Macon counties, at least 22% are eligible for PLS's services based on income. In Macon County, 30% of renters are cost-burdened, meaning they spend more than 30% of their income on housing and in Jackson County, 44% of renters are cost-burdened.

In 2021, 645 people in Macon and Jackson counties were helped. This includes all members of the household in cases closed and pending and includes those who were helped more than once. There are often multiple problems and situations to address.

The breakdown for Macon and Jackson in 2021 includes 304 children who PLS helped escape abuse, avoid homelessness and secure essentials; 395 people who were able to escape from domestic and sexual violence; and 163 whose housing was stabilized which prevented their homelessness.

To help just those in Macon and Jackson counties, PLS needs \$509,000 a year. This funding is sought through grants, foundations and individual or corporate donors whose donations are earmarked specifically for Macon and Jackson counties.

Though attendees at the breakfast weren't asked for donations – the presentation was meant only to introduce them to PLS's mission while accentuating the ongoing need for their services – the hope is PLS will become a monetary recipient.

In 2019 PLS opened its office for Highlands and Cashiers on the HC Hospital campus at 209 Hospital Drive.

PLS staff includes 120 people in offices in Asheville, Brevard, Burnsville, Hendersonville, Highlands/Cashiers, Marshall, Newland, Rutherfordton, Spruce Pine and Waynesville – one-third of which are attorneys. In addition, 300 area attorneys volunteer their services pro bono to assist PLS clients.

To donate to PLS's Macon and Jackson mission mail checks to PLS, PO Box 2276, Asheville, NC, 28802 and put Macon and Jackson in the memo line.

To learn more, contact Megan Quattlebaum, community engagement manager at 828-575-1353 or email her at megan@pisgahlegal.org.

– Kim Lewicki

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Presenter: Gary Wein
- **Porchfest**
Sunday, September 18, Time: 1-6p
Cost: FREE
Presenter: Various Artists
- **...On The Verandah: Favorites Through The Years**
Wednesday, September 21
Time: 11:30a-2p
Cost \$70/\$80
Presenter: Chef Andrew Figel
- **Drawing II**
Wednesday, September 21, Time: 1-4p
Cost: \$70/\$80
Presenter: May Cavaioli
- **The Wit & Wisdom of Faith, Family, Friendships, Happiness and Authenticity**
Thursday, September 22, Time: 2-4p
Cost: \$25/\$35
Presenter: Tom Greene
- **Private Studio Tour: Inside the Art Studio of Sue Fazio**
Thursday, September 29, Time: 2-4p
Cost: \$40/\$50
Presenter Sue Fazio
- **EcoTour: Late Sumer Wildflowers and the First Hints of Fall**
Tuesday, October 4, Time: 9a-12p
Cost: \$50/\$60
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Adult Lap Swim: Mon-Fri 6-9:45a; Mon.-Thurs, 5-7p. Sat. 10-11a. 828-526-1595.

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

2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings held on the second or third Tuesday of each month at 3pm. Members receive weekly notification regarding when and how the group will assemble. "We welcome participation from anyone interested in writing, or just hanging out with writers," said Bud Katz. For more information contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

Wednesdays in Sept.

• Community Yoga Class to benefit the Chattooga River Conservancy from 6-7:15p at Yoga Highlands, facilitated by Rachel Kinback CYT500. Fun and restorative movement. Come as you are. All skill levels are welcome. Suggested donation \$10-20.

Thursdays

• At Hudson Library, Family Storytime at 10:40a. For more information about any of these summer activities, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

• At Hudson Library, Kids Zone at 3:30 pm with a wide variety of STEAM, nature, and craft activities. For more information about any of these summer activi-

ties, contact Hudson Library at 828-526-3031.

Mon-Fri

• Water Aerobics 18 years plus 10:15-11am.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

Mon. & Wed.

• Cardio Kickboxing with Crystal Corbin 5:30-6:30 p.m. A full body workout for every muscle

• 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

• New Zumba class with Gay Chalpin from 4:30-5:30p.

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

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15am. An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout.

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.

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Thurs., Sept. 8

• Nantahala Hiking Club welcomes all to learn about the Nikwasi Initiative focused on local Cherokee culture. Ty Bushyhead Boyd co-leads "How Cultures & Landscapes Mesh." From 8a to 6pm at the Macon County public library, 149 Siler Farm Rd, Franklin. nantahalahikingclub.org

Sat., Sept. 10

• Western North Carolina volunteers are gathering at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Franklin (366 Holly Springs Church Road) for our Annual Project Leader Workshop on Saturday, September 10, from 11 am to 2 pm. Workshop is to support and connect volunteers with those who are leading their families, community groups, and churches to pack gift-filled shoebox gifts. This is a free event that is open to anyone wishing to help encourage their church, business, or community group promote their community efforts to pack shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene items, and fun toys which will contribute to the project's global goal of reaching more than 11 million children in Jesus' Name. You can register or direct questions to June Trull, at email: jtrull.occ2017@hotmail.com; however registration is not required to attend. Light lunch will be served.

Sun. Sept. 11

• The final hymn sing of the summer at Church in the Wildwood, Horse Cove Road, will be Sunday, Sept 11, from 7-8 pm. If questions, call Mary Bean at 1-828-506-0125.

Sat., Sept. 17

• Grand Opening of the new Highlands Performing Arts Center featuring Grand Amici at 7:30p. For more information call 828-526-9047.

• Singin', strummin', pickin', and cloggin' will fill the rooms of the Glenville Community Center (formerly the Jimmy Dillard VFV) on Saturday from 12 to 3PM for the Glenville Area Historical Society annual Appalachian Mountain Music event. For information about the Appalachian Mountain Music event, the Glenville History Museum and the Society, please call 828 507.0322 or email historicalssociety-

glenvillearea@yahoo.com. Log on to www.glenvillehistoricalsociety.com and like us on Facebook!

Sun. Sept. 18

• Highlands Porchfest a Walk-Around Community Music Event 1-6p. Over 30 musicians from every genre performing at 12 hosting venues.

• Performing Arts Center Open House (rain or shine) with an official ribbon cutting presented by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce and Mayor Pat Taylor on Sunday, 2 to 5 pm at 507 Chestnut Street. It will be a chance to take a tour, try out the beautiful and very comfortable seats and see what our community working together has done!

Tues., Sept. 20

• Pisgah Legal's tax clinic at Macon Program for Progress Training Annex in Franklin 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. The clinic provides local families free information and tax preparation services. If you're on the fence about filing a tax return, you'll be able to speak to a certified tax preparer about your specific situation. Then, you decide whether to file. The decision is always in your hands. All of Pisgah Legal's services are secure, confidential and free. Appointments can be scheduled in advance or taken on a walk-in basis as availability allows. Visit pisgahlegal.org/taxes or call 828-210-3404 for more information and to schedule an appointment.

Wed., Sept. 21

• The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation presents a dynamic community mental wellness event "Lessons from a Secret Warrior." Featured speaker Joanne P. McCallie is a mental health advocate and NCAA DI Hall of Fame Basketball Coach. The event will be on Wednesday, at 5:30pm at the Highlands Performing Arts Center (PAC). The event is free, but reservations are required.

Sept. 23 - Oct. 16

• The Mountain Theatre Company presents Brooklyn: The Musical, A Sidewalk Fairytale at The Playhouse on Oak Street. Wed. - Sat. @ 7:30p and Sat. & Sun. @ 2p. For tickets go to www.mountaintheatre.com.

Fri., Sept. 23

• At Shakespeare & Company in Village Square a book signing with author Susie DeVille and her new book "Bouyant: The Entrepreneur's Guide to Being Wildly Successful, Creative and Free" at 5:30 p.m. Refreshments provided by The Secret Garden.

• At the Highlands Performing Arts Center Live via Satellite Great Art on Screen: Pompeii Sin City at 5:30 p.m. For more information call 828-526-9047.

Sat., Sept. 24

• Pet First Aid & CPR Training at the Sky Valley Scaly Mountain Volunteer Fire House Community Room at 4 p.m. Free admission, but no pets. Please RSVY joanneroesner@yahoo.com Sponsored by Dr. Joanne Roesner and Rabun Animal Hospital. Leave your pets at home and come learn how to deliver first aid care for your pet.

Sun., Sept. 25

• Chef Dinner at OEI's The Farm, Fourth Annual Oyster Fest at The Farm with The Darling & Kimball. Book at OldEdwardshospitality.com/chefdinners.

Tues., Sept. 27

• At Shakespeare & Company in Village Square, author Cathy Pickens is giving a talk and signing of her book, True Crime Stories of Western North Carolina at 4pm. Refreshments provided by The Secret Garden.

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HCHF to Host Community Mental Wellness Event

The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation (HCHF) is proud to present a dynamic community mental wellness event “Lessons from a Secret Warrior.”

Featured speaker Joanne P. McCallie is a mental health advocate and NCAA D1 Hall of Fame Basketball Coach.

The event will be on Wednesday, September 21 at 5:30pm at the Highlands Performing Arts Center (PAC). There will be no charge for the event, but reservations are required.

Diagnosed with bipolar disorder at age 30, McCallie learned how to manage her mental health and flourish during her 32-year coaching career.

The 2005 Associated Press National Coach of the Year, “CoachP” led Duke, Michigan State, and Maine to over 600 wins before leaving the arena in 2020 to turn her full-time attention to mental health advocacy.

Now a nationally recognized speaker, she shares her story to in-



Joanne P. McCallie

spire and educate others on “how to win without losing yourself.”

“CoachP is vulnerable and transparent,” said Mike Krzyzewski, Hall of Fame men’s basketball coach at Duke University. “She shares personal coaching stories throughout a very successful head

coaching career regarding mental wellness, personal growth, team loyalty, and thriving with her teams through adversity.”

According to a report titled “The State of Mental Health in America” (an annual report from Mental Health America), 19.86% of adults in the U.S. are dealing with some form of mental illness.

In North Carolina, specifically, the rate is 16.37%. According to “US News and World Report,” 15.4% of adults in Macon County and 15.8% of adults in Jackson County live with frequent mental distress.

At a time when so many of all ages are experiencing some type of mental health concern, Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation is committed to raising awareness, reducing the stigma, and bolstering resources to address growing needs across the communities we serve.

“We are excited to welcome CoachP to our community and to this feature event” said Robin Tindall, CEO and Executive Director of the Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation. “She has such an amazing story and remarkable enthusiasm to share her journey. In the current climate of mental health in our society, we need more advocates like CoachP. We are so fortunate to have her here.”

Reservations for tickets are required. To reserve your spot at the PAC visit www.HCHealthFnd.org, www.highlandsp PerformingArts.com, or the PAC Ticket Office at 828-526-9047.

About Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation

The Highlands Cashiers Health Foundation was established on February 1, 2019, as a 501(c)3 public charity to improve the health and well-being of Highlands, Cashiers, and surrounding communities. Together with generous donors, the Foundation aims to make positive and lasting change by supporting projects and programs that improve health and well-being in the communities we serve. Visit www.HCHealthFnd.org and www.facebook.com/HCHealthFnd to join us in Lifting Health and Well-Being, Together.

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I. GENERAL INFORMATION

A. INTRODUCTION

The Town of Highlands (Town) is soliciting proposals to provide Town Engineering Services as an independent contractor to the Town. Firms that serve North Carolina local government entities are encouraged to respond. Services typically conducted by the selected firm include, but are not necessarily limited to, the items listed in this RFQ. Work shall be provided to Town on an as-needed basis, as authorized by the Town Manager or the Town Manager's designee.

Proposers shall be licensed to practice engineering in the State of North Carolina and be members in good standing with the North Carolina State Board of Examiners for Engineers and Surveyors. To avoid potential conflicts of interest, the Town will consider proposals from engineering firms, as well as individual engineers that do not provide design services to private development interests.

B. BACKGROUND

The Town of Highlands, population 980, located in Macon County. The Town Council consists of the Mayor and five Commissioners elected at large. The Town operates under the Council/Manager form of government.

The Town of Highlands has an annual budget of approximately \$27,400,000. The Town has 11 operating departments, including Administration, Planning, MIS/GIS, Police, Streets, Recreation, Fire, Water, Sewer, Sanitation, and Electric.

C. ANTICIPATED SELECTION SCHEDULE

The Town anticipates the following general timeline for its selection process. The Town reserves the right to change this schedule.

- RFQ Advertised: September 8th, 2022
- Proposal Due Date: October 7th, 2022
- Selection Committee Evaluation Week of October 10th, 2022
- Contract Approval October 20th, 2022
- Commencement of Contract October 31st, 2022

D. SCOPE OF SERVICES

Firms shall be qualified professional engineering firms that have experience in design, funding consulting, bidding, construction administration oversight and construction inspection of local government capital improvement projects to include water systems, wastewater systems, stormwater, and streets and roads.

The selected firm shall confirm their ability to provide the following scope of services:

1. Serve as Engineer-of-Record for the Town.
2. Under the direction of the Town Manager or designee, oversee capital project design and construction.
3. Provide infrastructure impact analysis, as needed.
4. Provide detailed design and construction specifications for successful bidding and construction coordination of infrastructure improvements and maintenance projects.
5. Consult with state, federal and county agencies having jurisdictional authority over Town project, as warranted.
6. Assist with budgeting services, planning and rate studies.
7. Suggest and comment on engineering-related ordinance modifications, construction standards and specification modifications.
8. Work with Town staff to review or complete all its applications, or agency notifications.
9. Work with Town staff, organizations, and



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funding agencies to help develop competitive and complete funding proposals.

10. Serve as the Town's Project Manager for public improvements prepared by other engineers.

11. Review preliminary design drawings and design calculations for compliance with local, county and state requirements and sound engineering practices.

12. Attend pre-application, pre-construction, Town Commissioners meetings and other meetings, as requested by the Town.

13. Periodically review project construction sites to confirm compliance with plans and specifications.

14. Review completed project plans.

15. Review and formulate updates to master plans and feasibility studies, as requested.

16. Subconsultants may be used, subject to written approval by the Town, on design projects or where supplemental expertise is desired.

17. Perform additional basic engineering and special services, which cannot be fully described at this time, as requested by the Town.

The selected firm reports directly to the Town Manager. Inquiries from the public and/or press are outside the purview of the Town Engineering Services. All inquiries for the Town Engineering Services' time shall be channeled through the Town Manager, or the Town Manager's designee, who must authorize such request prior to the selected firm taking any action.

2. PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

A. PROPOSAL SUBMITTAL AND DUE DATE

Proposers shall email the Statement of Qualifications containing a PDF proposal with subject line:

"Town of Highlands, NC - Town Engineering Services."

Proposals shall be submitted by 3:00 p.m. on Friday, October 7th, 2022 to:

Josh Ward
Town Manager
210 North Fourth Street
PO Box 460
Highlands, NC 28741

Proposals shall be organized as specified in section 3. Proposal shall not exceed 20 single-sided pages, exclusive of the front and back covers.

The Town assumes no responsibility for undelivered emails.

Proposals that are not delivered by the above-specified time and date will not be considered.

B. INQUIRIES

Questions concerning this RFQ should be submitted no later than 3:00 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2022, in writing to:

Josh Ward, Town Manager
Town of Highlands
210 N. 4th Street
PO Box 460
Highlands, NC 28741
Email:

Josh Ward <josh.ward@highlandscnc.org>
Please include subject line: "Questions Regarding RFQ for Town Engineering Services."

C. RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

The Town reserves the right to:

1. Seek clarifications of each proposal.
2. Negotiate a final contract that is in the best interest of the Town and the public.
3. Reject any or all proposals.
4. Cancel this RFQ at any time if doing so would be in the public interest, as determined by Town in its sole discretion.
5. Award the contract to any proposer based on the evaluation criteria set forth in this RFQ.
6. Waive minor informalities contained in any proposal, when, in the Town's sole judgment, it is in the Town's best interest to do so.
7. Request any additional information Town deems reasonably necessary to allow Town to evaluate, rank and select the most-qualified proposer to perform the services described in this RFQ.

D. PUBLIC RECORDS

All proposals submitted are the property of the Town of Highlands, thus subject to disclosure pursuant to the North Carolina Public Records Act. Accordingly, proposals received and opened shall not be available for public inspection until after the Town's notice of intent to award this contract is issued. Thereafter, except for information marked "Proprietary", all documents received by the Town shall be available for public disclosure. The Town will attempt to maintain the confidentiality of materials marked "Proprietary" to the extent permitted under North Carolina law.

E. COSTS

Proposers responding to this RFQ do so solely at their own expense.

3. PROPOSAL FORMAT AND EVALUATION

A. MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

The Town will review proposals received to determine whether each proposer meets the following minimum qualifications:

1. A professional engineer licensed to work in the State of North Carolina.
2. Ability to provide the engineering services needed by the Town to the standards required by the Town, County and State.
3. Has the financial resources to perform the desired engineer services, or the ability to obtain such resources.

B. PROPOSAL CONTENTS

Proposals shall include, at a minimum, the following items:

1. The name of the person(s) authorized to represent the proposer in negotiating and signing any agreement which may result from the proposal.

2. Detailed information on the Firm's ability to provide the services described herein. Include sufficient discussion of proposed methodologies, techniques and procedures. Describe the hierarchy of project management. Provide suggestions of any additional services that may enhance the value and/or effect of the overall economy and effectiveness of the contract.

3. The names of professional persons who will perform the work and a current resume for each, including a description of qualifications, skills and responsibilities. The Town is interested in professionals with experience serving local governmental entities.

4. Specifically address proposer's familiarity with laws and regulations governing water systems, wastewater systems, stormwater, streets and roads, and electrical engineering operations, construction and maintenance of the Town's current systems.

5. Explanation of proposer's workload capacity and level of experience commensurate with the level-of-service required by the Town.

6. Explanation of proposer's facilities and availability of professional staff.

7. Proof of Insurance of \$1 million professional liability insurance. Proof of coverage by Workers' Compensation Insurance or exemption.

8. A list of at least three references from local government clients for whom similar services have recently been provided. (For all references, please include names, phone numbers, email address and description of work performed.)

9. A list of the tasks, responsibilities and qualifications of any subconsultants proposed to be used on a routine basis and proof of adequate professional liability insurance for any subconsultants.

10. Confirmation that the proposer is a professional engineer licensed to work in the State of North Carolina.

C. EVALUATION CRITERIA

Proposals meeting the above minimum qualifications will be evaluated by the Town using the following criteria.

1. Firm Experience/Reputation/Workload: Firm's experience in similar work and the record of successful results of that work. Consideration will be given to the Firm's ability to take on additional work, specific management approach, how well the Firm's organization structure shows sufficient depth of its present workload, approach to managing project budget and time, and the Firm's ability to offer quality services required. Maximum Points: 25

2. Project Management Approach: Responses to Section 2. D. 2. as outlined regarding the Firm's Project Management Approach and the performance of the identified services as well as project deliverables. Maximum Points: 25

3. Experience of Project Team: Having the right team helps deliver a project within budget and on-schedule. The Town will give considerable weight to the individual qualifications of the team members who will be assigned to do a majority of the work identified. Consideration will include the individual qualifications, experience, and location of key personnel. Maximum Points: 35

4. Thoroughness of the Proposal: The Firm's overall proposal in addressing the services required by the town. Maximum Points: 15

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



The role of disciples of Christ

Rev. Angie Ballard
Holy Family Lutheran
Church: ELCA

When my oldest daughter Hannah turned four years, she asked for a Disney princess dress. True to form, my mother went to the Disney store and bought every princess costume they had in Hannah's size. From Cinderella to Snow White, Belle to Ariel, my little princess was decked out in shiny taffeta, scepters and tiaras, even shoes to match each costume. For almost six months I cannot recall a day when our little angel didn't insist on wearing princess attire. It was all well and good until one fateful afternoon in February.

I needed to run a quick errand which required me to take Hannah inside the store. Dressed in her Princess Ariel costume, there was still snow on the ground so I told Hannah she would need to put on her coat and boots before going inside the store. As we pulled into the parking lot, I asked Hannah to put on her coat and shoes to which she sweetly replied, "No, Mommy." Back and forth we went, our voices growing louder. Finally, I threw the car in gear, drove the four blocks back home, and carried a kicking, screaming princess inside the house depositing her in the mud room. "Go to your room" I said a bit too loudly, "and no tv until you take off that dress and apologize."

Stomping over to the staircase that led to her bedroom, Hannah looked back at me; eyes swollen, face reddened and tear-stained, her hair a tangled mess, tiara tilted to one side, scepter bent and missing a shoe, she screamed "You're ruining my life!" And for added effect, she threw herself on the bottom stair, buried her face in green taffeta and dissolved into tears.

We can all get a bit dramatic sometimes, can't we? And why shouldn't we? Drama can be enticing, even intoxicating; at the very least, it gets our attention. Which is why some of the best teachers know how to effectively use drama to explain difficult concepts and drive home a point. It's no wonder that the Gospels are filled with drama, particularly Luke. Still, when we hear Jesus' words "Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple," (Luke 14:27) what are we to make of them? What about the cross? And what does it mean for we post-modern Christians to carry the cross?

Perhaps it means that if we are to be disciples of Christ, we are to carry the ministry forward by seeing those who the world prefers to overlook. Could it also mean favoring and regarding the marginalized, even when doing so might lead us to being ostracized by our own communities?

One thing is for certain: if we view the cross as a means only for our salvation, then we have certainly missed Jesus' point. The cross is God's promise of eternal life and love as manifested by the resurrected Christ. And if this sounds dramatic, it should... because it is!

Proverbs 3:5

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John 3:16

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Wed. Kidsquest 6p.; Worship 7p.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Aug. 26. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or public officials have been used.

Aug. 26

• At 2:40 p.m., officers responded to a hit & run motor vehicle accident between two vehicles on Chestnut Street.

• At 4:28 p.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at NC 28 and Spring Street.

Sept. 1

• At 10:19 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle accident at N. 4th and Spruce streets.

Sept. 3

• At 2:49 p.m., officers responded to a call of disorderly conduct in Kelsey Hutchinson Park.

• At 3 p.m., Parker Davis Spackman, 24, of Powder Springs, GA, was arrested for disorderly conduct and resisting arrest. He was issued a \$500 secured bond. His trial date is Sept. 29.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Aug. 30.

Aug. 30

• At 10:30 a.m., the dept.

provided public assistance at a location on Main Street.

Aug. 31

• At 3:09 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• At 5:17 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Nall Farm Road.

• At 5:19 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Old Orchard road.

• At 7:11 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Nall Farm Road.

Sept. 1

• At 3:53 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• At 5:18 p.m., the dept. was on special assignment on US 64 west.

• At 6:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Cullasaja Club Drive.

Sept. 2

• At 11:20 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on S. Old Walhalla Road.

Sept. 3

• At 7:54 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.

• At 10:09 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on N. 4th Street.

• At 6:43 p.m. the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west.

• At 11:32 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hickory Street.

• A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Bowery Road.

Sept. 4

• At 12:47 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Peace Mountain Road.

• At 8:45 p.m. the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Song Bird Lane.

• At 8:38 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the hospital.

Sept. 5

• At 2:02 p.m. the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Hudson Road.

• At 2:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Horse Cove Road.

• At 2:49 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Walhalla Road.

• At 9:13 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Webbmont Road.

Sept. 6

• At 6:47 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Clubhouse Trail.

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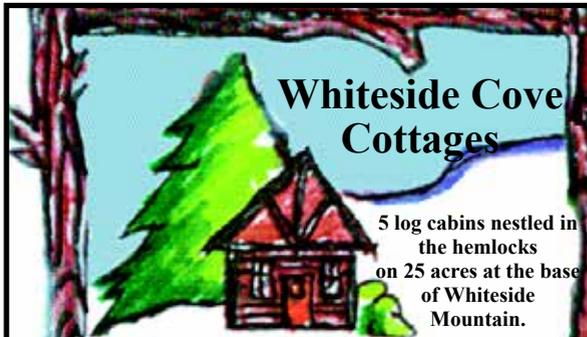
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The Executive is responsible for administration of the REALTOR® association and Multiple Listing Ser-

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con County on a project to extend fiber communications south of Franklin, NC along US Hwy 441. There were two phases to this project, getting fiber built to the Otto Community Center/Fire Department, and from there partnering with Haywood Electric Membership Cooperative to connect fiber to Scaly Mountain Fire Department and Community Center. We have diligently been working on this partnership and are happy to announce the route is now complete and ready for service.

Along this route BalsamWest has placed access points for future fiber expansion into residential communities and is now ready to serve those businesses along the fiber path. This allows us to reach the small businesses along 441, that previously were in an underserved area for broadband. Living in the south Macon County area, Jeff Lee can attribute to the benefit this project will have on the community. "Little T Broadband served as a technical resource for the project, helping to align the needs of the partnership. We were also successful in securing grant funds through the Southwestern Commission to create hotspots at the community centers, making the fiber internet available for students and residents as a stop gap measure until we are able to extend the fiber further into unserved areas," said Jeff Lee, President/CEO of Little T Broadband. Macon County has been a financial partner to the project which was critical to its success.

"Macon County is committed to facilitating and incentivizing broadband investments in the County. Our partnership with Little T Broadband and BalsamWest has been a local effort of which we are proud to be a part," says Commissioner Gary Shields. "We look forward to facilitating ad-

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ter for Homeless Men, Printing Industry of the Carolinas and The Highlands (NC) Historical Society. More than thirty years ago, he and two friends raised the money to build the Mecklenburg County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, located in uptown Charlotte.

When Hurricane Floyd swamped Eastern North Carolina in 2001, this former Green Beret Captain organized his "band of brothers" veterans to help with recovery efforts. They did the same in Mississippi after Hurricane Katrina rolled through in 2005.

Oakley was also instrumental in organizing his fellow Green Beret veterans in raising funds, clothing, and school supplies to send to a remote village in a humanitarian effort to win the hearts and minds of citizens of Afghanistan.

For these and other accomplishment, Oakley was also awarded the Department of Army's Distinguish Civilian Service Medal in 2009, the highest civilian honor presented by the U S Army.

The Order of the Long Leaf Pine is the state's highest honor presented by the Governor of North Carolina to a citizen of the state for noteworthy achievements. As a member of this Society, he joins, Rev. Billy Graham, Maya Angelou, Michael Jordan and General Hugh Shelton, among others.



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ditional expansion as grants and other funds become available."

BalsamWest is planning to launch their small business connect fund within the coming weeks. So, what does this mean for businesses in Macon County and those along the 441 Corridor? BalsamWest will waive any upfront charges to build to businesses within a certain footage of their fiber route. Fiber costs can be prohibitive for small businesses, making it nearly impossible to afford upfront fiber installation and build costs. BalsamWest is committed to eliminating these costs for their customers so they can receive the same high quality fiber internet services that our region's major institutions and businesses enjoy. "Our owners are committed to the small businesses, residents, and governments of Macon County and WNC, says Ryan Sherby, CEO of BalsamWest and that "This multi-faceted partnership is a testament to the strong collaborative of local companies, non-profits and governments who have been investing in Macon County and WNC for decades. We look forward to serving small businesses by offering an extremely reliable network supported by local dedicated staff." Businesses outside of the US 441 south corridor may also be eligible for this offer.

As a locally owned company, BalsamWest's mission is to deliver robust communication services to our owners, commercial, and residential customers within our fiber footprint. Leverage opportunities to expand our infrastructure and operations to close the digital divide and provide career opportunities to our community. For information visit www.balsamwest.net.

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it today and the jobs and beauty that was created. So, you see that change can be good for our town.

In summary, when you have commissioners who refuse to look at the facts, including the economic impact, and wanting to ban STRs at the end of 2 or 3 years, that is a sad situation. And if Ms. Patterson doesn't realize that we are a tourist town I see no way she is qualified to make any decisions regarding what's best for Highlands.

With all of this being said, and this debacle that has been created, Highlands is still a wonderful place to invest in. It's a great place to live and a wonderful place to visit. With award-winning restaurants, boutique shopping, arts, plays, concerts, and natural beauty that surrounds us, it is still a treasure to be shared.

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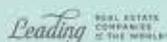


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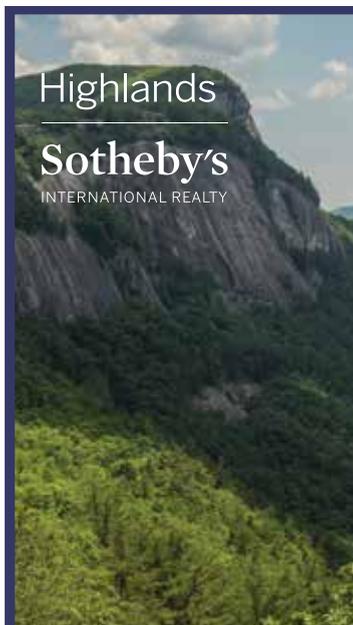
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