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A past dahlia display at the Highlands Historic Village featured "all things historic" in Highlands.

- Photo by Marty Boone

This year's theme is 'Seasons of Highlands'

Highlands Historical Society's Dazzling Dahlia Festival is Thurs., Sept. 7 & Sat. Sept.

Highlands Historical Society's Dazzling Dahlia main event is Saturday, Sept. 9, and you should prepare to be dazzled!

On Saturday, there will be more than 50 incredible floral vignettes placed all over town as well as storytelling, bluegrass music, food, vignettes and art at the Historical Village on N. 4th Street from 10a-5p.

There is a panel of secret judges who will award a \$500 prize to the Best of Show vignette,

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New stairs at Big Shoals officially open

By Brian O'Shea
Plateau Daily News

Volunteers gathered at Big Shoals a.k.a. Secret Falls on Aug. 29 for a ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening of newly constructed stairs leading down to the falls.

The Highlands Trail Trimmers began the project in January to replace a failed set of steps that had washed away, said project leader Jim Chance.

"It was dangerous and slippery, particularly before the debris from the old stairs had cleared," he said. "It looked like someone backed up a dump truck and dumped a load of Timbers down the slope. There was also a lot of rebar sticking up like punji sticks. Due to the

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Volunteers from the HT and OJC pose after a ribbon cutting ceremony officially opening the newly built stars at Big Shoals.

- Photo by Brian O'Shea

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Motoring Festival participants from left: Doug Campbell, Knight Martorell, Mark Chmar, Brian Steiner, Gus and Jan Lard, Steve Mehde, Post 370 Commander Paul Schowalter. Front row from left: Eckerd's veterans Charles, Sherman, James and Louis. Not Pictured is motoring participant Tommy Reinheimer

Post 370's 'Visit a Vet' program brings tears of joy to ELC vets

Highlands American Legion Post 370, Eckerd Living Center and members of the Highlands Motoring Festival collaborated to present a car display for the veterans and other residents and staff of the Eckerd Living Center.

The event is part of Post 370's Visit a Vet program created this past spring by members of Post 370 to visit veteran residents at the Living Center.

Stephanie McMahon, ac-
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Brookies means Highlands is healthy

I attended a wonderful tribute to the late Katherine Willoughby at the Shakespeare and Me Bookstore last Friday afternoon. Mrs. Willoughby was the owner and operator of the bookstore for many years and an honored and loved resident of our community.

The bookstore had a table of books by local and area authors. As I perused the table collection, I noticed a number of works focused on this beautiful, historic area and the plateau's unique environment. So, while at the tribute, I honored her memory by buying a book, *Searching for Home Waters: A Brook Trout Pilgrimage*, by Michael Steinberg.

I quickly discovered my newly purchased book wasn't just about pretty pictures and trout. It really was an exploration of the state of our land, waters, and environment from North Georgia all the way up to Maine and even Labrador. The author had searched for and caught the elusive native brook trout in remote and hidden streams along the Appalachians. Steinberg stressed that the wild, native Brook Trout was an indicator of the health and vitality of a local watershed. The native, naturally occurring Brook Trout, which live in our creeks and streams, can be compared



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

to the Canary in the coal mine, as they provide a warning of impending danger – the canary warning the miners of dangerous carbon monoxide and the Brookies warning us of the effects of climate change and excessive water flow and the resulting reduction of the fish population. Steinberg did find those rather small and elusive fish in a number of remote and isolated streams across the mountain chain.

What immediately impressed me was that just a few years ago, I had discovered we still had Brookies in some small creeks right here in Highlands! I even went to the streams to see for myself and yes, the Brook Trout were there. Most folks would never notice them because they are small, about 6 or 7 inches, and they are very skittish. One has to actually almost stalk them, because any sudden movement and they will dart off. But on one day, I was able to sneak up to a small, shaded pool in a remote town creek to discover a small school of Brooks. As soon as I attempted to cast a fly at them, they vanished in an instant.

This week I went back to pursuing and confirming the existence of Brook Trout within the town limits. I once again was able to see them, but I'm not going to tell you where they reside. They desperately need anonymity and privacy in order to survive. There will also need to be continued restrained and careful development in town if the Brookies continue to live here.

Our development and building ordinances help preserve what we value most about Highlands. Over the last several years there have been instances where folks building near town streams attempted to ignore the vegetative buffer requirements. Our town staff enforces this ordinance whenever they discover a violation. That ordinance is critical to keeping our home water clean and vibrant with aquatic life like small, native fish. Initiatives like paving town roads to minimize sediment runoff is also a part of an effort to preserve our watershed. There is more to be done.

For that matter, all of the communities on the Appalachian Mountain range from Georgia to Maine should be cognizant of this cautionary tale captured in Steinberg's book. When communities preserve these natural resources and wild creatures, we are in fact preserving ourselves. We all love these wonderful hills, valleys, and peaks. The challenge is to protect them.



"Do you remember that long talk we had about going to the Vet. Well today is the day"

• WEATHER •

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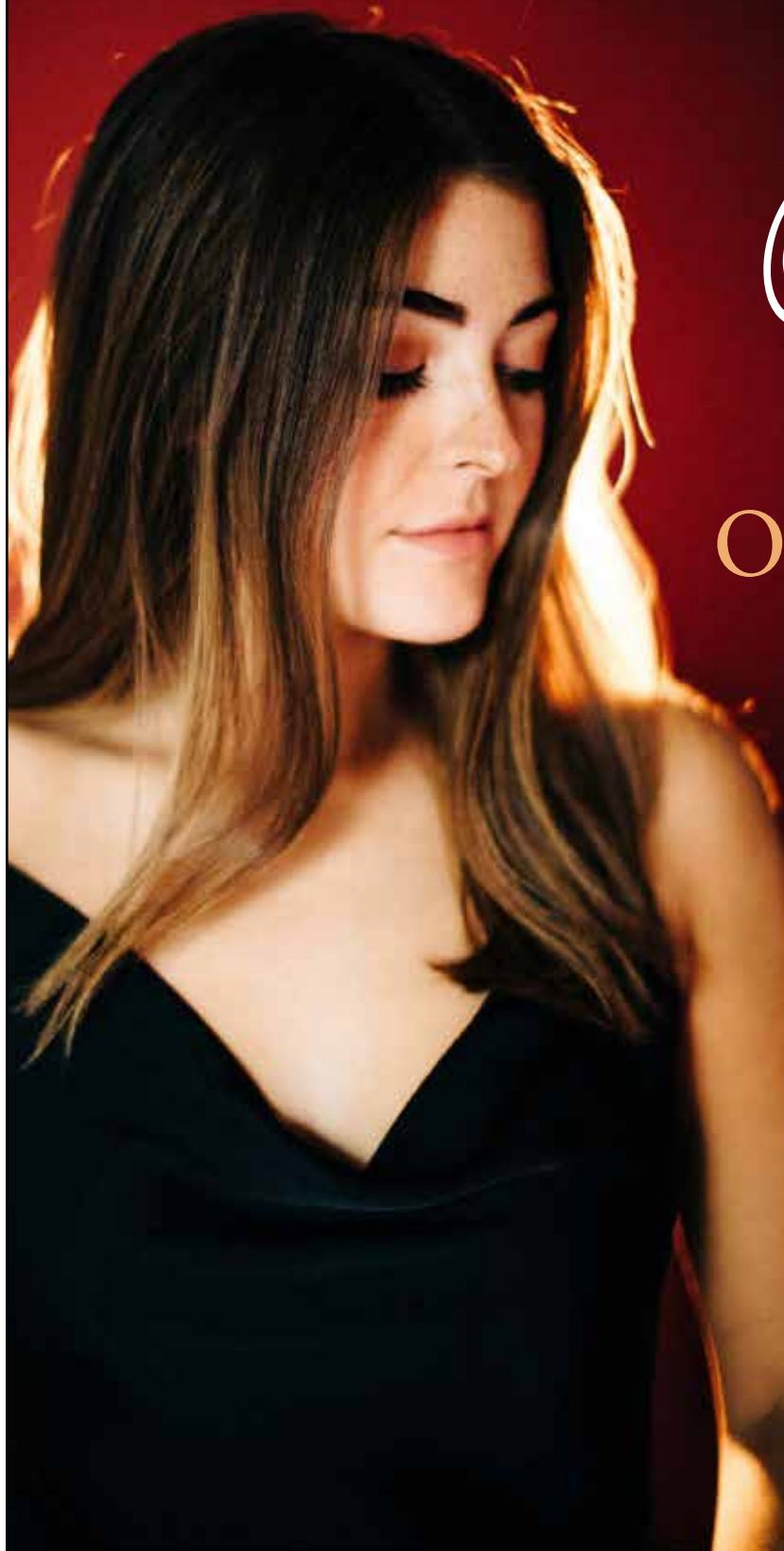
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The Missing Middle

Have you ever put a puzzle together and as the pieces disappeared and the picture became clearer, you realized you didn't have enough pieces to complete the puzzle? You're left with an incomplete picture because somewhere down the line, the puzzle has lost its completeness. If the puzzle was a building, it would have lost its structural integrity. It's lost its middle.

Baking rather than cooking requires following a recipe. It took me a few failures to figure that one out. Baking is considered a science because exact measurements

and conditions need to be used to achieve the intended results. If you forget that pinch of salt or use a different type of sugar, flour, or oil, you may get something similar to what you want, but it won't be the same because it's missing the middle. Cooking on the other hand, especially recipes for casseroles and stews are much less stringent in their exactness. Look at any mid-century recipe book compiled by a group of church ladies, and you



Jeannie Chambers
Chambers Realty
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may find several recipes all with the same name. Variety, which is the spice of life, is evident with those types of recipes.

This article isn't about puzzles or chocolate cake. It has to do with real estate and real estate investing. The term real estate investor has gotten a bad rap over the years, and has been caricatured as seedy, money-hungry people, and while that may be true in some cases, not all people who invest in real estate are that

way.

Wikipedia describes the missing middle as a term describing types of housing popular in the pre-WWII days. Row houses, courtyard apartments, quadplexes and duplexes. For the most part, the customary use of these types of homes are not being used anymore, thus the term missing middle. Those types of residential properties were the in-between of apartment buildings -- usually found downtown -- and the bungalows, and stately homes on larger tracts of land.

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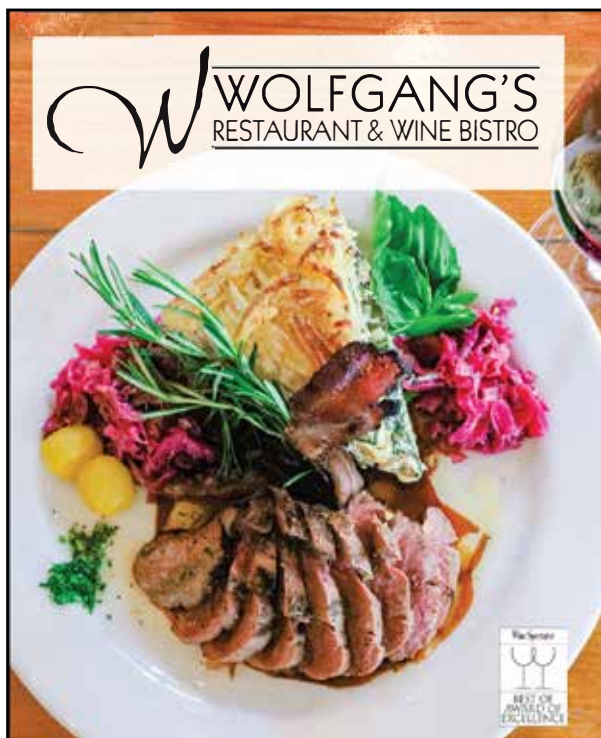
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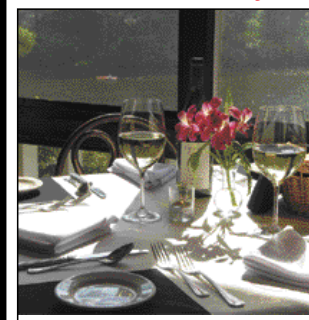
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• LETTERS •

Inflation Reduction Act – the act that keeps on giving

Shout it from the rooftops!

Dear Editor,

We are celebrating one year into the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA). What do we have to show for it, what can we expect and how will it affect our pocketbooks? Here are four examples of how the IRA is powering progress and affecting North Carolinians directly.

Decreasing medical costs

We finally have the ability to negotiate some prescription drug costs for Medicare recipients. This has produced a cap on co-pay of \$35 per month for insulin and benefited almost 57,000 North Carolinians at a savings of \$449 per year per enrollee. And, 13 million people in North Carolina are saving an average of \$800 a year on health care premiums.

Bringing clean energy jobs

By generating our own renewable and reliable energy in the US, we can stabilize the market, increase affordability and create good paying jobs in NC. The Clean Energy Plan has already supported over 190 new projects nationally and created more than 3,640 new jobs by March 2023 in North Carolina. In Chatham County, the largest investment in North Carolina's history – WolfSpeed – is investing 5 billion in a semi-conductor materials plant expected to create 1,800 jobs that pay \$77,000 by 2030.

Cutting home energy costs

Homeowners can get tax credits for energy saving home upgrades - \$2,000 for heat pumps, \$1,200 to weatherize, and others that will reduce our taxes dollar for dollar, plus future bills should be lower. There are also rebates for energy saving appliances that reduce the cost of heaters, air conditioners, and clothes dryers.

Infrastructure

Government funded projects to construct and repair infrastructure put people to work and help our communities build climate resiliency with reliable roads, ports, bridges, and buildings. In North Carolina, the Department of Transportation was awarded \$110 million to replace the Alligator River Bridge on US Highway 64 with a modern high-rise fixed-span bridge.

This seems to be happening behind the scenes, but we should shout this progress from the rooftops. Each month, it is getting better and better. New projects are coming online virtually every day. And, this is just in North Carolina. It is happening in all of the states across the United States. In a time when the government is getting bad press, isn't it time to recognize something going right? It gives us hope for the future.

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but the public can also vote for People's Choice winners. All vignette winners will be announced during intermission at the concert in the park.

For an in-depth look at the incredible dazzling dahlias in their endless sizes, colors and categories, The Bascom will host the Single Bloom, or Cut Dahlia Show on Saturday from 1-5p on the patio.

Saturday night it's a Dahlia Dance

Party, with the fabulous 10-piece Steel Toe Stilettos lighting up the evening with music that will get you out of your chair, from 6-9p.

On Friday, Sept. 8, Highlands Historical Village will be the Dahlia Depot. Please bring dahlias any other flowers and greenery to the village Friday morning. Many vignette creators need dahlias and any left over flowers will be arranged in mason jars for sale in the park and Historical Village.

For more information, go to highlandshistory.com

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One of the key proponents of affordable housing is that it needs to be in a walkable area or at least close to the area in which the residents work. Just like a chocolate cake isn't a chocolate cake without chocolate, a thriving community without affordable housing options, isn't a thriving community. It's still a community, and may thrive for a while, but it is not a sustainable thriving community. It is missing its middle.

According to an August 2023 National Association of REALTORS online article, "With rent control proposals popping up around the country and property-rights restrictions making it difficult to fill the demand for homes, REALTOR® associations

are mobilizing their members and winning allies for proactive solutions to America's housing crisis.

In the past year, they have defeated a burdensome real estate transfer tax, halted restrictive zoning, developed free fair housing educational tools and, in Florida, won a statewide rent-control ban balanced with common-sense housing solutions."

For a community to thrive, workforce housing must be available.

What exactly is workforce housing? The best description I've found is this: Affordable housing is housing that can be afforded by people who earn between 60-

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tivities Director at Eckerd's, Steve Mehder of the Highlands Motor-ing Festival, Saturday's "Butts on the Bench" car group, Chip Snyder Veteran Service Officer for Post 370, Co-chair Jim Grantham all helped organize the show of vintage and modern vehicles for Eckerd veterans and residents.

The event showcased an impressive collection of classic and vintage cars, generously provided

by the Highlands Motoring Festival members and friends. The vehicles included Doug Campbell's 1966 Jaguar XK-E, Knight Martorell's 1952 Jaguar XK 120, Mark Chmar's 2015 Porsche Boxster GTS, Brian Steiner's 1960 VW Beetle, Gus and Jan Lard's 1967 Corvette 427, 1955 Ford Thunderbird, and 1936 Ford Flathead V8 Pick-up, Steve Mehder's 1973 VW Thing, Paul Schowalter's Ford

Mustang, Tommy Reinheimer's, 2000 BMW Z3. The cars captivated the imagination of both residents and visitors alike.

The occasion not only highlighted the Legion and the Motor-ing Festival's commitment to supporting veterans, but also brought a sense of nostalgia and excitement to the retirement center. It was a special moment for post Commander Showalter when he presented the veterans with

American Flags to commemorate the day's event. Commander Showalter was moved presenting wheelchair-bound veterans with the new, "Old Glories!"

"As I presented a flag to this veteran, he clutched it to his chest and a tear trickled down his cheek as he softly exclaimed: 'This is the first American Flag I have ever owned!' At that point, he was not the only one with tears," he said. "I was so overwhelmed I did not

get his name. I did not get his military branch or his period of service. I got a lump in my throat and a lifetime blessing! I had the honor of giving a veteran his first American flag.

The car exhibit at the Eckerd Living Center left a lasting impression, reminding everyone of the power of collaboration, the importance of honoring veterans, and the joy that classic cars can bring to people's lives.

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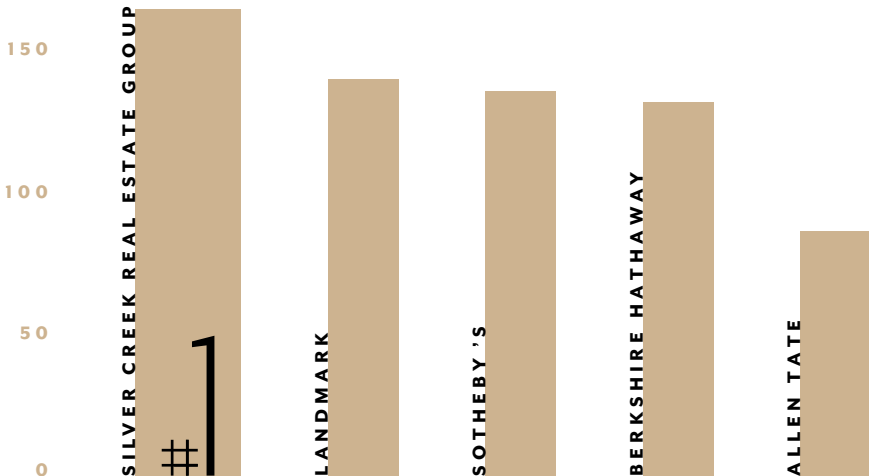
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Fall Home Improvement

How to Select the Right Outdoor Flooring for Your Yard

(StatePoint) Want to live your best backyard life? Experts say outdoor flooring can help you do it.

"Outdoor flooring can keep grass healthy by providing a solid path over high-traffic areas and define areas of your yard for

different uses," says landscape designer, Doug Scott of Redeem Your Ground. "However, as with interior decorating decisions, the materials you select can impact how you can use those spaces. And because you're outside, there is Mother

Nature to consider."

To help homeowners make smart outdoor flooring decisions, Scott has partnered with lawn care equipment manufacturer, Exmark, to offer these insights:

- Moss: Moss and other "steppable" living ground covers are perfect for areas with minimal foot traffic, such as shady retreat spaces.

The major concern is your yard's ecosystem. If growing conditions are right, it's incredibly low maintenance. But when conditions aren't favorable, it can become a maintenance nightmare. Before making any purchases (costs can range greatly), research if your yard can support this type of organic flooring.

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an affordable option that keeps outdoor spaces looking natural. Mulch can be used to decorate landscape beds, and as flooring for pathways, play areas, and dining or living areas. While maintenance is low, mulch will need to be replenished periodically as colors fade and the elements wear it down.

- **Aggregates:** Aggregates include crushed granite, pea gravel and slate chips. Aesthetically versatile, cheap, and easy to install and maintain, aggregates add a natural look, and make a great option for

areas with drainage issues. Because they tend to get worn down or washed away, you'll need to replenish them occasionally or build a border with stone or brick around them.

Before moving forward, consider that pea gravel is great if you want a softer flooring option, but note that its give can create unstable footing. And, if you have young kids, you might want to avoid aggregates entirely.

"I don't think I know a kid under age 12 who can resist the temptation to pick up a handful of gravel and

throw it," says Scott.

- **Wood:** Wood flooring is incredibly versatile. It can be cut, customized, painted and stained to fit any style and space and provides a smooth, level surface for entertainment and furniture. The type you choose should depend on your budget and how much maintenance you're willing to do. Manufactured wood can be expensive, but thankfully requires very minimal maintenance. Natural wood, on the other hand, requires regular staining and sealing.

- **Concrete:** If you're looking for a flat, stable

surface, concrete is the best choice on the market. While it might seem less chic, it can always be beautified with stains and stamp patterns mimicking brick or stone. While fairly low-maintenance, concrete is prone to cracking, and stamped concrete will need to be sealed periodically. Those repairs can become annoying and expensive down the line.

"If your outdoor space is above tree roots or areas prone to settling, concrete is probably not the right choice for you," says Scott.

- **Stone:** Both natural stone and manufactured pavers are durable and a great way to transition from formal to natural in your yard. Natural stone is generally the most expensive outdoor flooring choice, but its durability and versatility makes it well worth it. Manufactured pavers come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes, and have the added benefit of affordability. While both options require periodic sealing and staining to retain their appearance and durability, if

done right, they'll last you many years.

Scott offers more insights in "Outdoor Flooring," a recent video from Exmark. To watch the video, visit Backyard Life, which is part of a unique multimedia destination with a focus on helping homeowners make the most of outdoor spaces.

"Now that you have a variety of outdoor flooring ideas handy, all there's left to do is bring your dream yard to life," says Scott.

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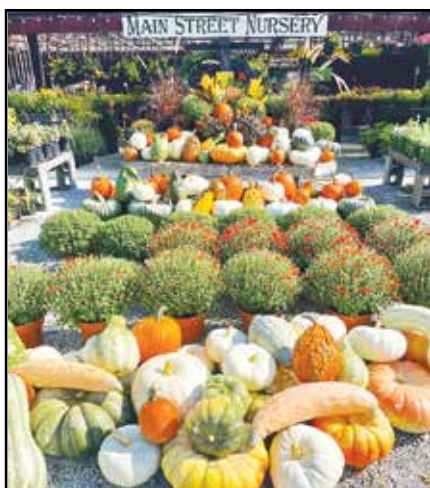
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trail being in such poor shape people were making their way down the corridor as best they could, but they were trampling vegetation and creating erosion issues in the process."

With help from the Oconaluftee Job Corps (OJC) in Cherokee and HTT volunteers like Mike King and Kevin Gates, Chance said it took eight months to build new stairs.

The project includes 168 steps total -- 143 timber steps in the main flight up from the lower landing, 10 rock steps from the lower landing to the upper part of the falls, and 15 to the lower part of the falls. Not to mention a 75' rise in elevation with a slope of about 20%, said Chance.

The OJC team was supervised by Alan Chapman and Chance said their help was crucial to the project's completion.

"The OJC team and built most of the steps in the most difficult section where we had to work our way through a ridge of rock," said Chance. "The OJC students did most of the hauling, crushing, and filling of the timber cribs. There was also a private property owner that gave us permission to cross their property to haul in material."

The property owner allowing crews to bring in materials was Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy. The project was funded by raising \$6,000 through GoFundMe and using materials salvaged from the stairs that washed away.

"About two years before HTT worked with Nantahala district on a grant proposal to hire a commercial firm to reconstruct the whole trail, but they were unable to obtain a grant," said Chance. "When the grant proposal failed, HTT made the move to do the stairs portion and USFS gave us the go ahead."

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Thurs. Sept. 7 & Sat., Sept. 9

• The Highlands Historical Society presents The Dahlia Festival at The Bascom and around town. For more information, go to highlandshistory.com

Fri., Sept. 8

• Hudson Library, in partnership with the B.E.A.R. Task Force, presents Bear Necessities: Helpful Bear Deterrents and Managing Attractants. This free program will be held on Friday September 8 at 11:00 AM.

Wed., Sept. 13

• Would you like to be a mentor? Mission's Parent Mentor Orientation Training is for parents who understand the unique experience of raising a child with a disability, mental health challenge, or special healthcare need. Since 1985, Mission Children's Hospital Family Support Network (FSN) has connected parents to volunteer parents who are uniquely qualified to help because of shared experiences. At our upcoming Parent Mentor Orientation Training, parents are trained to offer support in meaningful ways for families undergoing a new diagnosis, transition, or crisis. This training offers volunteer parents the tools they need to support others and become an official FSN Parent Mentor. Training is being offered from 10am-12:30pm; sessions will be at Mission Children's at 11 Vanderbilt Park Dr., Asheville. To register, call 828-213-0047 or email mhav.familysupportnetwork@hcahealthcare.com

Thurs., Sept. 14

• Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Gordon Center for Children in the Faith and Fellowship Center at Highlands United Methodist Church. Tickets are only \$10 per person and include pasta, bread, meat, salad and a drink. Bake sale items will be available for purchase. There will also be silent auction items to bid on that have been generously donated by local businesses. Contact the Center for tickets or more information at (828) 526-3376..

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Sun., Sept. 24

• The 12th annual Empty Bowls fundraiser - a collaboration between the International Friendship Center and the First Presbyterian Church of Highlands to raise money for the Highlands Food Pantry. Tickets can be pur-

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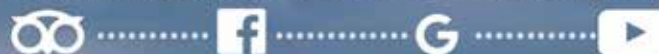
Thurs., Sept. 28

• The annual Alpha Delta Pi "Alumni on the Mountain" luncheon at Wildcat Cliffs CC at 11:30 a.m. Gate Code is #3030. Mail your check for \$42 which is your reservation to Vesta Jones, 1420 Whiteside Mountain Road, Highlands, NC 28741. Please RSVP by sending check by Sept. 23. For more information, contact Emily Buskirk at 828-787-1015 or ebbuskirk@gmail.com.

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What is going to happen to those people who have placed their faith and hope in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior? II Corinthians 1:3 "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort." This shows the sweet mercy of God giving comfort to the apostle as he stirs in his heart a fullness that brings his tongue to life in praise to God. This is an overflowing fullness, an abundance of thankfulness coming from his heart. This shows that he has tasted of the wonderful mercies and comforts of God.

From this we can observe the disposition of God's children. Once they have seen and tasted of God's great mercy, experienced the comfort of His promises and His love they will break into praise and thanksgiving.

It is as natural for the new believer to do this as it is from the birds to sing after the night has passed and the sun risen. When the sun has climbed into the sky and warmed the nest the birds begin to sing out of joy and thankfulness for the warmth. So the new believer once he has seen his sin and rebellion against God as the darkness it is and the Son of Righteousness has risen in his heart he will sing praises of joy and thankfulness. What could be more natural.

Jesus Christ came into this world to save sinners from their sin. He broke on this world like the sun on the night. He brought a warmth to the soul. He gives hope to the other wise hopeless. It is only natural that the person coming into this light, warmth and hope would become a person filled with praise and joy.

The reason for all of this is that a creature cannot know happiness until it is fulfilling that for which it was made. Every creature must do the work God created it to do. Why is this so important? Because when you do what God created you to do, you bring glory to Him. As a believer you are given a wonderful privilege, to show forth the glory of God through your new life. This is to be the disposition of every one who names the name of Jesus Christ, to show forth God's glory.

The apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:3 declares "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ." The apostle Peter agrees with this in I Peter 1:3-4, "Blessed be the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to a living hope, ... to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you." Believer lift your voice in praise to God for all He has done for you, for this is why He called you, that His glory might be seen and heard through your life.

Proverbs 3:5

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Highlands Police entries from Aug. 31. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Aug. 31

• At 5 p.m., officers responded to an open a case about harassment and cyberstalking of a woman.

Sept. 1

• At noon, officers responded to a one-vehicle accident at Main and 3rd streets.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Aug. 29.

Aug. 29

• At 8:01 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Shortoff Lane.

• At 3:49 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Falls Village Court.

Aug. 30

• A little past midnight, the dept. responded to a call about a tree on NC 28 south.

• At 5:59 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at the Hospital.

• At 3:02 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Main Street.

• At 6:48 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Upper Lake Road.

Aug. 31

• At 6:48 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Dendy Orchard Road.

• At 3:14 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hemlock Dr.

• At 3:23 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Big Bear Pen.

• At 4:05 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on N. 4th St.

Sept. 1

• At 9:03 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Main St.

• At 10:38 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 28 south.

• At 11:31 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 28 south.

• At 5:34 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

Sept. 4

• At 8:10 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence at Village Walk.

• At 8:22 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Falls Dr.W.

• At 1:18 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a location on Oak Lane.

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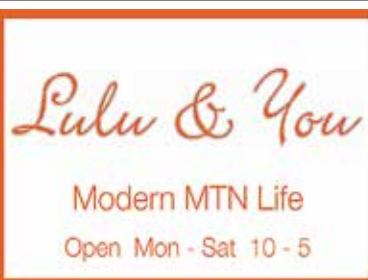


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120% of the area median income. These can usually be described as teachers, firefighters, police force, and retail workers. I would venture to guess that in a resort or tourist area, like Highlands, NC, this would also include restaurant, hospitality, and construction workers.

There are currently 31 states which either already have dedicated funds or are working toward helping solve the affordable housing issue. Just like in the 1950s when Muhammad Ali coined the phrase, different strokes for different folks, the recipe used by the legislature of these 31 states may not be the same, but the hope is the result will be something good for everyone.

One thing being considered is having less restrictive zoning laws to allow ADUs (accessory dwelling units) to make a comeback. The use of ADUs could be the proverbial mother-in-law suite, a young adult trying to get started in the local work force, or an older adult who is reentering the work force after retirement, divorce or becoming widowed, or a place where extended family or friends can come without being totally

underfoot or a burden to their host. And yes, there would be some people who would rent their ADUs to guests as short-term or vacation rentals when family and friends aren't using them. ADUs are just one way to help.

What if it were allowed for a duplex or quadplex to be sprinkled in and around town in residential neighborhoods? If a three-six-month minimum rental requirement were in place for those, it would almost ensure these could be considered workforce housing. What if developers were given a building allowance if they agreed that for at least the first five years, the dwelling would only be used for workforce housing? What if property owners were given a property tax break of some kind if their properties were used for workforce housing.

Follow your state's legislature to find out more. I think it's sad that any solution will cost millions and millions for lawmakers to come up with and implement these ideas. Maybe what's wrong is that all of us are missing our middle.



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• OBITUARIES •

Emma Jane Talley Houston

Mrs. Emma Jane Talley Houston, 86, passed away Friday, Sept. 1, 2023. Mrs. Houston was born August 23, 1937, in Highlands, NC to the late Arthur Deck Talley and Myrtle Estelle Chastain Talley. She worked and retired from the Highlands School system. She was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church. She loved her flowers and gardening.

Survivors include her three sons, Stanley Houston, Stacy Houston, and Scott Houston all of Highlands., one grandson, Christopher Houston; and two great-grandchildren, Wesley Houston and Lila Houston; a sister, Barbara Houston and a brother, Joe Talley.



In addition to her parents, Mrs. Houston was preceded in death by her husband, John Willis Houston; and a son, Gordon Houston.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, at Clear Creek Cemetery with the Rev. Mike Wilson officiating. Pallbearers were Christopher Houston, Waylon Chastain, Joe Wayne Talley, Kevin

Nix, Steve Houston, Adam Henry, Lamar Nix, and Terry Henry.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory served the Houston family. Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Mary Josephine Newton Patten

Mary Josephine Patten, 87, of Arlington, TX, passed away Sunday, August 27, surrounded by her family. She led a life as a servant of Jesus and her heart overflowed with love for her family and friends. Mary Jo was born in McDowell County, NC on March 5, 1936, to William C and Mary Green Newton. She grew up in her hometown of Highlands, NC, a mountain town that she dearly loved.

Her fondest childhood memories include picnics with friends, horseback riding, babysitting, picking berries and making jams and pies, sleepovers with her friends, playing paper dolls and ice skating.

In her teens she worked as a "soda jerk" for her father in his soda shop. It was here that she met an Air Force, "Yankee" Richard (Dick) Patten, who quickly became the love of her life. The two were later married on August 30, 1955, and headed to Vermont where Dick completed his electrical engineering degree. Mary Jo cherished her family; she and Dick had four children Michael Newton, Christopher Martin, Sandra Elizabeth, and Steven Carlos, and moved to Arlington, TX in November 1972.

Mary Jo's most cherished position was that of Memaw to her 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. She showed her affection by sending cards, personalized with her overwritten messages, and giving amazingly warm hugs. She lovingly remembered accomplishments and conveniently forgot all mistakes. Mary Jo will always be remembered for her wit, her humor, her laughter, her embellished



greeting cards that exuded "extra love" her love of the smell of White Shoulders, quoting Winnie the Pooh, and that southern accent that will live on in the hearts and memories of those who loved her.

Mary Jo was preceded in death by her husband Richard Bennett Patten, brother James Henry Newton, sister Elizabeth "Lifa" Flannigan, and her parents William C and Mary Will Newton.

She is survived by her four children, Michael Patten (Sherry), Christopher Patten, Sandra Barger, and Steven Patten (Kristi), her 12 grandchildren: Patrick Patten (Stephanie), Crystal Kirk (Stephen), Kable Patten, Alicia DeLario (Jonathan), Nathan Patten (Laura), Kiera Welsh, Kurtis Blankenship, Austin Barger (Allison), Corey Barger, Collin Patten, Kasidi Patten, and Kylie Patten as well as 15 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was laid to rest in Highlands, NC, Wed., Sept. 6, 2023.

In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Cook Children's Health Foundation, Cancer Research in memory of Mary Jo Patten. www.promise.cookchildrens.org/inmemory, 801 7th Ave. Fort Worth, TX 76104.

She was laid to rest in Highlands, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023, with a graveside service at 11 a.m.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory served the Patten family. Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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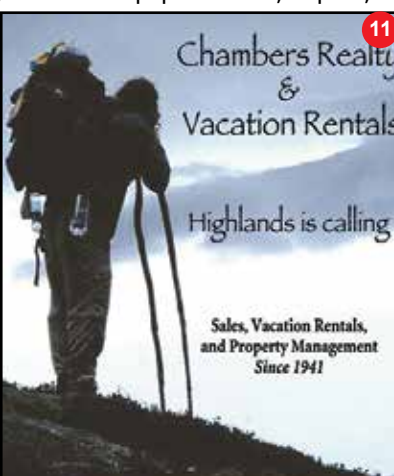
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