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'Guardians' take care of retired K9s

By Kristin Fox

With more than 14 years' experience working with K9s, Highlands K9 Police Officer Kelly Fosler, has founded the Guardians of Carolina Police K9s, a non-profit organization

dedicated to supporting and protecting retired law enforcement K9s. The goal of the organization is to help handlers keep and adopt their retired K9s.

"Over 95% of agencies stop all financial support of their re-

tired working dogs once they retire and are adopted by their handlers," said Fosler. "My husband, Aaron, and I have adopted all three of our retired working dogs over the years, and we know

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Q&A with candidates for NC House of Rep District 120

Caleb Brown is running to unseat incumbent Karl Gillespie for the NC House of Representatives District 120.

A Q&A about their stance on issues local, and statewide follows.

Caleb Brown

Tell readers a little bit about yourself and Mr. Brown, why do you think you can better represent the voters of WNC in the NC House of Representatives?

As a teacher, coach, husband, father and 2nd Lt in the NC National Guard, I have a deep understanding of our state government and how it impacts our lives. Since I decided to enter this race almost a year ago, I have traveled throughout the four counties that make up House District 120. People are worried about their kids' public school, the rising costs of living, losing health care and their doc-

tors, to name just a few of their concerns. They feel forgotten.

My family and I have experienced many of these same challenges. I am not part of the Raleigh Crowd, I am an objective and issue-focused person who wants to make a difference. If elected, I will hold town halls and listen to the constituents, regardless of their political party or how much money they make.

I love this community. I met my wife here, started my family here and am committed to preserving this beautiful part of Western North Carolina.

What is your stance on the proposed Constitutional Amendment Referendum requiring all voters – whether mail-in or in-person – to present a photo ID to vote.

NC law already requires photo ID for in person voting so it doesn't belong in our Constitu-

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Caleb Brown
Democratic Candidate
NC House of Rep District 120



Karl Gillespie
Republican Candidate
NC House of Rep District 120

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Overview of Early Voting

Early voting begins today, Thurs., Oct. 15 from 8a to 7:30p through, Sat., Oct. 31, 8a to 3p

During the early voting period, voters may cast a ballot at any early voting site in the county.

This is different than Election Day, when registered voters must vote at their assigned polling place. During the early voting period, eligible individuals may also register to vote and vote at the same time.

Photo ID is required

North Carolina voters must show a photo ID when they

check in to vote. Any registered voter who needs a photo ID can get one for free from the county board of elections through the end of the early voting period.

Same-Day Registration

When you check in to vote at an early voting site, you may update your name or address within the same county if necessary. Those not registered to vote may register and immediately vote at that same site. However, same-day registration won't be available on Election Day, Nov. 3.



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Items on the tonight's Town Board agenda

The monthly Highlands Town Board meeting will take place tonight, Thursday, October 15, at 7 pm at the Highlands Community Center located next to the ball field. If you cannot attend the meeting, you can access it remotely using the YouTube button on the town website. There will be no 6 pm workshop session.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

The meeting agenda includes several items that will generate robust discussion about town policy and future plans. As a result, I anticipate the board will direct town staff to draft more specific responses and return to the board later for final actions.

For example, one agenda item is making the two roads to the Highlands Memorial Cemetery one-way, an entry road and an exit road. The rationale is to improve safety as visitors turn on to and off US 64. Residents in the area will also

provide input. I anticipate the board will ask the Public Works Committee and the Police Department to develop a specific plan with appropriate signage to implement the one-way traffic.

Another item is to revisit the master plan for the B-1 district. Commissioner Weller requested a master plan for the town property where Town Hall, the ABC Store, the Highlands Police Department, and the county EMT offices are located. That site also includes the property where the Highlands Playhouse was located. It is my understanding that Commissioner Weller, along with other commissioners, now support extending the scope of the master plan to include the B1 area. I think it is a good idea and a more holistic approach for the area's future development. We should always be open to improvements and upgrading of the townscape.

Another important discussion item is attaching communication lines to town utility poles. Over the past year, the town

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• CORRECTION •

It's LUNN not Lund



Candidate Russ Lunn is running to unseat Incumbent John Shearl as MC Commissioner for District 1.

In last week's issue his name was listed at Lund. It's LUNN. We regret the error and are happy to set the record straight.

• SNAPSHOT •



Thank you for serving ...

On Sat. Sept. 26, members of Highlands' Local American Legion Post 370 greeted and commended members of the U.S. Fleet Forces Navy Band – Four-Star Edition – who performed during Highlands Heritage Jamboree celebration at KH Founders Park.

– Photo by Kim Lewicki

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I almost said, "Why don't you just move to Highlands, North Carolina?"

But then I thought better of it.

... Let's keep Highlands a secret.

Let that guy fly halfway around the world, navigate a foreign real estate market, learn a new language, and eventually discover what we already know: that living in a beautiful place in the United States may be the best second half of life anyone could ask for.

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The second half of life deserves beauty, certainly. But it also deserves ease, connection, and a place that feels like it was waiting for you.



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The life you keep saving for someday may be waiting on the porch — and it may be closer than you think.

• *Andrea Gabbard is a real estate broker with Highlands Sotheby's International Realty, specializing in helping buyers and sellers discover the extraordinary lifestyle of the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau.*

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first-hand how expensive it can be. Sometimes the cost of the retired dog could be the make it or break it factor on whether that dog gets to stay with their handler who worked with them for many years."

Fosler said recently, one handler didn't think he was going to be able to afford to keep the dog because he and his wife had just had a baby, but because of Guardians of Carolina Police K9s he was able to keep the dog.

One way the non-profit helps with retired K9s and their handlers is to assist with the veterinary bills that are accrued throughout the rest of the dogs' lives.

Recently, the non-profit organization received a grant from the Rotary Club of Highlands. These funds will help honor the K9s' years of dedicated service by providing vital financial assistance for medical care, ensuring these canine he-

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• HOSPITAL NEWS •

Take charge of your breast health; schedule your mammogram, and attend a H-C Hospital Breast Cancer Awareness event this month

Few things are more striking than the arrival of fall on the Plateau. Each October, along with the bright red, orange, and gold leaves adorning our mountains, we see another familiar color: pink.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, when we emphasizing the significance of getting appropriately screened, learning about individual risk, and providing education about lifestyle choices that can help lower risk.

Advances in breast imaging have given us increasingly effective tools for detecting breast cancer. At Highlands-Cashiers Hospital (HCH), women in our community have access to breast imaging services close to home, including 3D mammography. Additional imaging, such as breast ultrasound or MRI, may also be recommended based on an individual patient's needs.

An important conversation to have with your healthcare provider is when to begin mammograms and how often you should be screened. Screening recommendations can vary based on age and individual risk factors. For women at average risk, breast cancer screening should begin at age 40.

Assessing your personal risk factors for breast cancer is vital and something that should be done with your primary care provider at age 25. Factors associated with an increased risk include a family history of the disease, beginning menstruation before age 12, going through menopause after age 55, and having dense breasts, among others.

More than 40% of women have dense breasts, meaning they have more fibroglandular tissue and less fatty tissue in their breasts. Because both dense tissue and tumors appear white on a mammogram, dense breasts can make breast cancer more difficult to detect.

Family history is a key risk factor, but it is also important to remember that most women who develop breast cancer do not



Tom Neal CEO, CNO
Highlands-Cashiers Hospital

have a family history of the disease. Only about 5–10% of breast cancers are thought to be hereditary, meaning they result directly from inherited genetic changes. A lack of family history, therefore, is not a reason to put off your mammogram.

At every age, women should be performing self-exams so they are familiar with how their breasts normally look and feel and can let their healthcare provider know if they notice a change. Knowing your own body can help you recognize something unusual between routine screenings — or before you reach the age for routine mammography.

While we cannot change some risk factors, there are lifestyle choices that contribute to better overall health and may help reduce breast cancer risk. Staying physically active, maintaining a healthy weight, limiting alcohol consumption, and avoiding tobacco are all positive steps women can take.

This October, HCH is also making it easier to get your routine screening mammogram completed through our October mammography walk-in days.

Walk-in screening mammograms will be available on Wed., Oct., 21 from 2 to 5:30 p.m. Patients who are due for a routine screening mammogram may walk in, register, and have their mammogram completed without a scheduled appointment.

These walk-in screenings are intended for routine mammography and are not appropriate for someone who has a breast symptom or has noticed an abnormality that needs to be evaluated. Patients will also need to have a healthcare provider to whom their mammogram results can be sent. If you have questions about the walk-in screening days, please call 828-526-1467, extension 3.

Breast cancer will affect 1 in 8 women, and early detection remains a critical tool. Finding breast cancer earlier can

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tion. The State Legislature has the power to change election laws when needed. As written, this Constitutional Amendment would create hurdles for those who are disabled, don't have transportation, those who live in nursing homes, or who don't have access to a photocopier. Every American citizen should have the right to vote, and any attempt to place barriers to this right is shameful.

Given the many fiscal needs across WNC's counties and municipalities, many of which are supplemented by state funds, what is your stance on the Constitutional Amendment Referendums -- keeping the state income tax rate from being raised higher than 3.5% AND requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments?

Frankly, I understand that no one wants to be taxed more. I often feel the same; however, I also understand that our public services, including our schools, fire/EMS, and police departments, are funded through our property taxes. These constitutional amendments are short-sighted governance that is focused on consolidating power at the state level.

The property tax amendment favors the largest property holding corporations, not you or me. Most importantly, it is local governments that set your property tax rate. This is a massive power grab by the state government to transfer the power of running your community out of your rural hometown and into the Raleigh Swamp.

The income tax amendment is also a short-sighted power grab. Currently the state legislature can raise or lower state income taxes as they see fit for the operation of our state. This amendment prohibits any future state legislature from raising the income tax rate without passing another constitutional amendment. What is the state going to do if we face another catastrophic emergency like Helene, or a financial crash?

How could/ should the state help with teacher recruitment and retention in WNC and would it include raising teacher pay to the national average? If so, how would you pay for it?

As an educator I have mentored two student teachers. They are excellent professionals who would have been a wonderful asset to our school districts in NC 120. Both left for more money in other counties. I don't blame them. First, we can pay all teachers more. We can make the profession more competitive and fire those who cannot do the job. You can't do that when

no one is there to fill the vacancy. North Carolina should lead the southeast in teacher pay and student outcomes. I would pay for this by drafting legislation to put a moratorium on Private School Vouchers to stop the loss of over \$1.6 billion dollars to private school vouchers.

Secondly, I would draft legislation to raise the corporate income tax rate and tie the revenue generated directly to universal or cost reduced pre-k, because kids who have a head start in school have their educational needs identified, and ultimately have greater educational outcomes. Their parents know they are getting a quality education and can more easily enter the labor market and work creating both an economic boom and social boom that serves our communities across the state.

Economic development is a significant need in WNC; How would you attract new businesses and industry to MC and WNC and how would you fund that program?

The strength in our communities is our family run small businesses, trades, and tourism. The likelihood of massive manufacturing enterprises coming to our region is limited. Therefore, we need to focus on what makes our communities desirable places to do business. The state legislature could provide a rural small business income tax credits, a tax credit for hiring local workers, and a right to repair law that allows individuals to fix their equipment independent of the manufacturer. We also need to ensure Broadband access so remote workers can continue to work and contribute to our communities. As to funding, we need to take a hard look at corporate tax rates, which may need to be adjusted.

Do you support state funding increases to support mental health and addiction services in MC and WNC?

Yes, I do, I believe the state should increase funding to support mental health in our schools and communities in WNC. The best method to do so is to continue applying for federal and state grants like the Rural Health Transformation program and increase excise taxes on alcohol and tobacco to fund a dedicated trust fund in the state budget to rural behavioral health services.

Homelessness is a serious issue in Macon County and other counties in WNC as is unat-

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Located less than 3 miles from Main Street with over 19 acres of usable land, this true log cabin was added to an existing farmhouse. Barn, meadow, views off the upper tier. A blank canvas 4 bedrooms, stone fireplaces, retro kitchen, fantastic sleeping porch. This property has endless possibilities! Offered at \$3,575,000. mls #106429



Spectacular house off Buck Creek Road 3 bedrooms, plus additional flex spaces. Multiple fireplaces. Open Great Room with custom kitchen, plank wood floors, stone fireplace, a covered porch with hot tub spa. Master on main and upper floor, plus guestrooms complete with baths. Outbuilding. Offered at \$1,895,000. mls #1002662



The main house has 4 bedrooms, 4 bathrooms, there is BD/4BA and free-standing guest quarters with one bedroom, one bath. Updated but with real stone fireplaces, wood floors and wood walls. Custom kitchen and Carolina Room with a fireplace. Lower level has additional storage and utility/mechanical space. This one is grandfathered for STR rental, has ample parking and a usable yard. Offered at \$2,990,000 mls #1002403



Nestled among mature trees and bordered by a gentle creek, this home offers a serene escape with the comfort of nearby city amenities. Enjoy evenings by the fire pit and inside you will find an inviting living area perfect for gatherings or quiet nights in. Recent updates include a new roof. Offered at \$685,000 mls # 1002204



Located on the Highlands-Cashiers corridor, This 2BD/1BA has a multitude of possibilities, from residence to rental to office 1.38 acres for expansion. Stone fireplace, kitchen and bath needs updating but a new roof and some upgrades are done. Great high visibility location. Offered at \$515,000. mls #1004283



Located between Highlands and Franklin off Buck creek on Panther Mountain, this one of a kind real log cabin. It sits on over 20 acres with a spectacular mountain vista. 2 bedrooms, 2 baths. Covered porch. Plenty of room for an addition or family compound. Offered at \$1,500,000. mls #1004171



Harris Lake area this move-in condition 3BD/2BA is a stone's throw to Harris Lake and 2 blocks to Main Street. Open kitchen/living area with a stone fireplace with gas logs. Wing plan on one level and with huge wrap around deck. One car garage and a full slab floored basement for expansion possibilities. It is grandfathered as a STR. Offered at \$1,625,000 and shown by appointment. mls #1002455



This 3BD/3BA is in-move in condition. Large rocking chair porch connects to a huge deck and overlooks a water feature. Main level features living room with vaulted ceilings and a real stone fireplace. Wood floors, kitchen with granite tops and white wood cabinets. Family/TV room, primary suite with an ensuite bath with a soaking tub and huge tile shower. The additional guest bedroom. Upper level has a bedroom with walk-in closet and a large hall bathroom. Offered at \$1,399,000 mls #1004087



A blank canvas, this 2 bedroom, 2 bath needs refurbishing but is in a great location only 2 blocks from Main Street. Northeast side for morning sun. Great covered glass porch. Currently rented and shown by appointment. Offered at \$575,000. mls #1004070



Located high atop a ridge about 7 miles from Main Street this diamond in the rough is sitting upon 15 acres with stunning mountain vistas. The land is flat and usable, limited to one lot for a private estate. Heart of pine floors, huge antique beams in coffered ceiling, and a stone fireplace in living room that opens on to a full wraparound porch. Kitchen is functional. Main floor master with ensuite bath. Upper level has 2 guest rooms with views and ensuite baths. Detached garage has a bay with workshop storage room and a full upstairs efficiency apartment. Offered at \$4,200,000 mls #1003081



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• OBITUARY •

Helen Elizabeth 'Betsy' Gibson-Roper

Helen Elizabeth "Betsy" Gibson-Roper, age 83, passed away on Friday, October 9, 2026, surrounded by her family.

Betsy was born on January 16, 1943, in Elmira, New York, to the late Arcolus Welling Wyckoff and Helen Elizabeth Hamilton Wyckoff. She is survived by her husband of 24 years, Gerald Roper.

Betsy devoted more than 50 years of her life to the nursing profession, dedicating herself to caring for others with compassion, kindness, and a genuine desire to make a difference. For 35 of those years, she faithfully served the patients and families at Angel Medical Center, touching countless lives along the way. Her calling to care for others extended far beyond her profession, as Betsy

had a true servant's heart and a deep love for the community she called home. Above all, she treasured time spent with her family, whether traveling together, shopping, or enjoying a day getting her nails done.

In addition to her husband, Betsy is survived by her son, David Sanborn, and his wife, Cindy; her daughter, Candi Sanborn Worley, and her husband, Anthony; her grandchildren, Katie Markey (Adam), Joshua Carver, Justin Carver (Marissa), Sidney Sanborn (Chris), and Charlie Sanborn Mullins (Matt); her great-grandchildren, Ali Markey and Marley Carver; her two sisters, Wendy Mosher (Marvin) and Amy Fields (Bill); one niece, Leslie; and two nephews, Ben and Raymond.

Betsy was preceded in death by her first husband of 21 years, Charlie Gibson.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October



17, 2026, at 1 p.m. at South Macon Baptist Church, with Rev. Greg Rogers and Anthony Worley officiating. The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Graveside will follow at Highlands Memorial Park with Rev. Danny Cannon officiating.

Pallbearers will be Trampes Stancil, David Blanton, Jeff Stanley, Adam Markey, Todd McConnell, and Eric Ferguson.

The family extends a special thank-you to Janie Key, Judy Constable, and Debbie Coffey for the care, kindness, and love they have shown Betsy and her family during this time.

Kind words and expressions of sympathy may be shared with Gibson-Roper family at www.hunterfuneralhome.com.

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• LETTER •

Trump doesn't believe in the 3 branches of government

Dear Editor:

Individual rights are at the heart of the Constitution, as expressed by the framers in the document's preamble with key phrases like "to establish justice" and "to secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and to our Posterity." To establish justice, the Constitution makes no distinction as to wealth or status; all are equal before the law, and all are equally subject to judgment and punishment when they violate the law.

Formed in 1870, the Department of Justice represents the U.S. Government in legal matters and courts of law and renders legal advice and opinions upon request to the president and the heads of the executive departments. The Attorney General heads the Justice Department and the FBI is the principal law enforcement body for federal crimes.

By separating the three branches of government (Executive, Legislative, and Judicial) and giving each separate but equal powers and responsibilities, the framers understandably assumed they were adequately protecting the people from any individual attempting what President Trump is endeavoring, to turn our 250-year-old representative democracy into an autocracy.

The guardrails established by the framers would have proven adequate except the founders could not have imagined an entire political party and a third of America's population following a sociopathic, narcissistic conman and convicted felon (a president who purposely incited an armed mob, he later pardoned, to attack our Capitol to prevent the peaceful transfer of power) into a death spiral leading to the surrender of every value and principle upon which the Constitution was conceived.

Judges, recognizing their limited powers of jurisprudence in Trump's Administration, are fleeing the Justice Department. They can decree, order, rule, mandate, and require, all day long, but (in the words of one federal judge) "we have no armies - we cannot enforce our own judgments."

To protect the rule of law and to preserve democracy, judges must rely on the people and the people who could make the difference have chosen to remain silent even in the face of losing the rule of law and our Republic.

None of what is happening in our country today could possibly be happening had not this nakedly corrupt and morally compromised Republican Supreme Court not given our unprincipled and disreputable president reason to believe he is above the law which (according to our Constitution) he is unequivocally and absolutely not.

A salute to Special Prosecutor and distinguished public servant, Jack Smith, for his unwavering loyalty in extraordinary times. The same to 79-year-old, Mark Wolf, who recently resigned after 40 years as a federal judge to join other like-minded judges on the front lines to try and safeguard the founder's ideals of rules of law and democracy.

These men know well the risks of their undertaking, that well-nigh 30% of our population disagrees with their point of view and even more slumber silently on the sidelines feigning neutrality or a pretense of loyalty to unfit, frightened and unprincipled leaders.

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tainable housing for young adults and couples. So, do you support HB 1072 Affordable Housing Infrastructure Development which would appropriate \$50 million in state funds to establish a revolving loan fund at below market interest loans for land acquisition, predevelopment as well as all aspects of infrastructure costs to support affordable housing development?

Yes, I do support this bill, but I understand its limitations. The loans provided by this program would be for preparing building sites not the actual building of homes or renovating other units. I would also like to see legislation that offers income tax credits or other incentives to individuals who turn their Airbnb of VRBO into long-term rentals. Coupling behavioral health, housing, and economic development issues together can help support our homeless population and get them engaged with the labor and housing market.

What is your stance on House Bill 169 regarding changes to occupancy tax regulations in WNC? For instance, Haywood, Cherokee and Leland counties have been able to change occupancy tax regulations to better fit their needs.

Yes, I would support this bill if the Cherokee county commissioners, town council members, and community stake holders supported it. This bill changes the tourism authority's membership rules in Cherokee county, limiting their terms. I would like the local government to have greater freedom and control over their occupancy tax rather than the state government. For me it is all about returning the authority to tax and govern to the offices that are closest to the constituents in representation.

Is there anything else you would like to say?

I am counting on your vote. It is time for change. A new face, new ideas, and a new direction for NC House District 120. Raleigh is a swamp and state government is a big club that you and I aren't in. We need representation that doesn't bow down to corporate interests or special interests.

Karl Gillespie

Tell readers a little bit about yourself and Rep. Gillespie, why should voters vote for you again?

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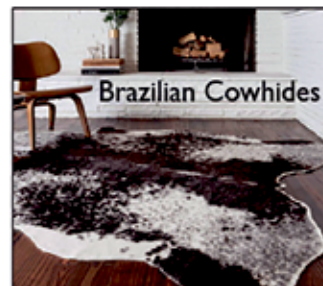
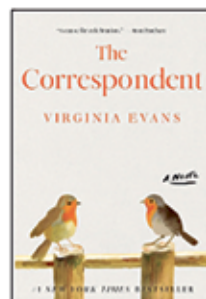


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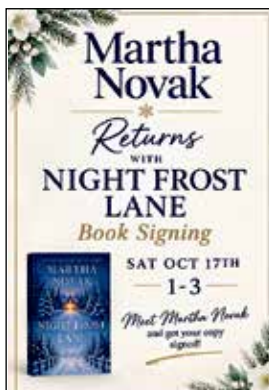
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As a business owner and farmer, I am proud to live, work and represent this district. I am married to Janet Taylor Gillespie, we are both fifth generation Maconians. We have one son Logan, who resides in Franklin. I have been involved in the community for many years as a member of the Franklin First United Methodist Church; Southwestern Community College, past trustee; Macon County Planning Board, past chairman; Macon County Fair Board, past member; NC Cattlemen's Association, current member, past president; Macon County Farm Bureau Board, current member, past president; Macon County Commissioner

2016-2020; and NC House of Representatives 120th district 2021-2026, current House Majority Whip.

After working for a large telecommunications contractor, I chose to come back to Franklin and start my own business. Our family has been in the registered black Angus cattle business for 25 years. I have worked with my fellow legislators to deliver pay raises for law enforcement, state employees and the highest teacher pay increases in 20 years. We have lowered income taxes, and allocated billions in Helene relief. We passed legislation to ensure data centers pay in-

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• HS ATHLETICS RECAP •

Highlanders capture conference crown, Volleyball honors seniors

It was an action-packed week for Highlands Athletics, highlighted by conference tournament thrillers, dominant shutout victories, and impressive championship swim performances across both middle school and high school rosters.

Tues., Oct. 6: Volleyball Hosts Hiwassee Dam; MS Soccer Advances to Finals

The week kicked off on the court as the Highlands High School Volleyball program hosted Hiwassee Dam for a pivotal conference matchup.

While the JV squad suffered a tough 0-2 setback (25-12, 25-14), the Varsity team took the floor determined to avenge a previous loss on Hiwassee Dam's home court. The Lady Highlanders set the tone early by taking the first set 25-17. They kept their foot on the gas in two tense subsequent sets, closing out matching 25-23 victories to sweep the match 3-0 and build key momentum heading into the conference tournament.



Brett Lamb
HS Athletic Director

On the turf, the Highlands Middle School Soccer team faced Summit in the semifinals of the Tri-State Conference Tournament. In keeping with the tight defensive battles of their previous two meetings, space was hard to come by. Bryan Munoz provided the game's defining moment, finding the back of the net for the lone goal in a gritty 1-0 shutout victory, stamping Highlands' ticket to the championship match.

Wed., Oct. 7: Soccer Teams Sweep Hayesville on the Road
Highlands soccer enjoyed a flawless Wednesday evening away from home.

The High School Varsity Soccer team traveled to Hayesville and secured a hard-fought 2-1 victory. Rowen Carnes supplied the firepower with a two-goal performance, powered by playmaking

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Highlands Middle School Boys win Tri-State Conference Championship title.

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The Middle School Soccer team followed up with an emphatic 9-0 routing of Hayesville. Bryan Munoz continued his hot week with a pair of goals, while Porter Bowers, Axel Mendoza, Tripp Holbrooks, Rhyver Felshaw, Gauge Hennequin, and Asa Garner all added solo strikes in the dominant offensive display.

The Middle School Volleyball team secured a spot in the conference finals with a thrilling 2-1 victory over Rabun Gap.

Thurs., Oct. 8: Senior Night Sweep & Middle School Swim Championship Medals

Highlands High School Volleyball hosted its regular-season home finale against Blue Ridge. Before the opening serve, the program honored seniors Jordyn

Borino, Taylor Hays, and Charlotte Westendorf for their dedication and leadership. The Lady Highlanders capped the night by sweeping the Lady Bobcats 3-0 in commanding fashion (25-10, 25-10, 25-17).

Meanwhile, at the Buncombe County Schools Aquatic Center, the Highlands Middle School Girls Swim Team delivered a remarkable performance at the Far West

NC Middle School Championships. Despite fielding just a three-swimmer roster, the trio of Bella Batista, Nicole Shchegachova, and Valerie Nadzorau took 7th place overall and brought home three 3rd-place medals:

- Bella Batista (Jr. Olympian) led Highlands scoring with bronze medals in both the 50-yard and 100-yard freestyle, setting a Personal Record (PR) in the 100 Free.

- Nicole Shchegachova scored 16 team points, earning a bronze medal in the 50-yard butterfly.

- Valerie Nadzorau also notched 16 points, finishing 8th in the 50-yard butterfly and 12th in the 100-yard freestyle while setting Personal Records in both events.

Fri., Oct. 9: Tri-State Conference Championships

Friday brought Championship Day for Middle School teams in the Tri-State Conference.

- Volleyball: The MS Volleyball squad traveled to Summit for the tournament final. Though the Lady Highlanders dropped a 0-2 decision, they concluded a memorable, highly competitive season.

- Boys Soccer: MS Soccer traveled to top-seeded Rabun Gap seeking revenge for two regular-season losses. In an instant classic, 60 minutes of regulation and two extra overtime periods left the teams deadlocked.

With the championship on the line in penalty kicks, Coaches Caleb Bowers and Brent Holbrooks made the strategic call to switch Asa Garner into goal. The gamble paid off: Garner made 4 huge penalty saves, while Porter Bowers and Darwin Frias-Ovando buried their spot-kicks to seal the PK victory and capture the Tri-

State Conference Championship title.

The JV Volleyball team opened conference tournament play at Summit. Summit took control with some long service rallies and took the match 2-0 despite a valiant effort by the Lady Highlanders. That ended the JV team's season.

Mon., Oct. 12: Playoff Push & Varsity Soccer Shutout

The week closed out with postseason action and non-conference play on Monday evening:

- Varsity Volleyball: Highlands traveled to Hiwassee Dam for the semifinals of the Little Smoky Conference Tournament. The Lady Highlanders captured a thrilling 26-24 victory in set one, but Hiwassee Dam rallied to take the next three sets (26-24, 17-25, 14-25, 22-25) to advance. Highlands now awaits seeding announcements on Thursday to learn their opponent and destination for Saturday's first round of the NCHSAA state playoffs.

- Varsity Soccer: High School Boys Soccer turned in a polished performance at home, defeating TCEC 4-0. Michael Munoz spearheaded the attack with a hat trick (3 goals), while Stephen Pierson added a goal. Camden Westendorf and Todd Vilardo provided assists to lock down the clean sheet.

Upcoming Schedule

- Thurs., Oct. 15: High School Varsity Soccer hosts Cherokee in a home makeup match.

- Thurs., Oct. 15: NCHSAA Volleyball playoff brackets announced.

- Sat., Oct. 16: NCHSAA Volleyball 1st Round Games

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Highlands Cashiers Players present Dracula Double Feature and other haunting treats

Highlands Cashiers Players will present Dracula Double Feature and Other Haunting Treats October 15 - 25 at the Martin Lipscomb Theater in the Highlands Performing Arts Center. The evening will consist of two one-act plays, Almost the Bride of Dracula and Mid-Life Dracula, both by playwright Dennis Snee. In addition, there will be an ode to Edgar Allen Poe as performers present some of his best-known works. Randy Lucas is the director of the evening, and Cathy Myers is the production director and set designer.

In Almost the Bride of Dracula, the Count's mother is nagging him about getting mar-

ried because she wants grandchildren, prompting him to remember three times he almost tied the knot. HCP veteran Craig Eister plays Dracula in the first play. In the second play, Mid-Life Dracula, the Count is turning the big 4-0-0 and is facing some angst about his aches and pains, as well as his teenage daughter and his mother-in-law, who are giving him reasons to dread his birthday. Randy Lucas portrays Dracula in the second play.

"We've envisioned this to be an immersive theatre experience, encompassing more than just what you see on stage," said Lucas. Theatergoers will be greeted by costumed volunteers, the lobby and

theater have been decorated to resemble Dracula's castle, and there will even be a special drink at the concession stand.

The cast features many HCP favorites, as well as some newcomers and an actor who is returning to the stage after a long hiatus. Thursday and Friday performances are at 7pm,

Saturday shows begin at 5pm and Sunday matinees are at 2pm. Tickets are available at

HighlandsCashiersPlayers.com, or by calling the PAC Box Office at 828-526-9047. The Highlands Performing Arts Center is located at 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands, NC. For More Information: April Getz, 704-533-2714

Annual Highlands Biological Station's ...on the Half Shell fundraiser was Oct. 4



The Highlands Biological Station's annual on the Half Shell fundraiser was held in the Valentine Meadow at Highlands Biological Station on Sunday, Oct. 4. The rainy weather didn't keep folks from enjoying gumbo, jambalaya, pralines, and libations while shucking oysters.

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has installed new, larger utility poles. Yet, we also have a proliferation of double pole areas where communication providers continue to use the older poles and have not attached to the new town poles. In addition, with the ongoing suspension of landline services, those large, heavy copper communication lines are no longer needed. I believe they need to be removed since fiber optic lines are now the standard.

The board will also hear an update from the Highlands Greenway on a new trail they plan to build on property near Sherwood Forest and US 64. The Highlands Greenway has been planning this nature trail for several years, and construction could begin next year.

Finally, the board will hear a report from Chief Andrea Holland on recent bear-hunting activity within town limits. She will review town ordinances and state

statutes concerning bear hunting. A representative from the North Carolina Department of Wildlife Resources may attend the meeting to explain state rules and procedures for bear hunting. Currently, discharging a firearm within the town limits is prohibited, so bear hunting cannot occur in Highlands. I foresee no changes to this ordinance because it is a critical public safety issue, not to mention the noise issue. The board has reviewed this hunting issue several times, and it will be on the agenda for this meeting. I hope this discussion gives the public and the board clear information on what the town can and cannot do in this situation.

The October Community Coffee with the Mayor will be this Friday, October 16 at 11 am at the Hudson Library. I will be talking with Tom Neal of the Highlands Cashiers Hospital concerning workforce housing issues. Hope you can join us.

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roes enjoy a comfortable, healthy and dignified retirement.

Officers dedicate a lot of their time to becoming a K9 handler. According to Fosler, it can take upwards of two years to get a dog up and running and then it's dependent upon their specialties and the handler, but from that point on training is

every week.

K9s do a lot to help law enforcement. "Trained dogs can do things that humans cannot, they do things that computers cannot do," said Fosler. "They are a tool that keep narcotics off the street, locate missing children, apprehend suspects

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Highlands Scholarship Tournament nets thousands for cause

The Town of Highlands Scholarship Golf Tournament brought to you by the Bryson Family generated a total of \$78,100 for the Scholarship fund. 2026 marked the 51st anniversary of the scholarship fund, initially started in 1975.

Since then, the Town of Highlands Scholarship fund has benefitted Highlands School graduates by giving scholarships to those furthering their education at a university or trade school. All Highlands School graduates are eligible and will receive some form of support for the duration of their post-secondary education, provided they apply each year.

The event this year was held at Cullasaja Club, where the Club's staff went above and beyond to make this a memorable event, hosting a record 35 teams. Event Chair, Brian Stiehler said, "It is

an honor to have the support and partnership of the Bryson Family because it enables us to generate substantially more for the Town of Highlands Scholarship Fund. This is such a unique program, and we know the community has been, and will continue to be, behind this 100%."

Highlands Mayor, Pat Taylor, said, "the Town is so fortunate to have Bryson Family's support for this important annual event. We couldn't ask for a better Club to host the event than Cullasaja Club. Without the Club, we wouldn't have had that kind of success."

The winning score was a 56, shot by the foursome Chip Baggett, Ben Baggett, Jordan Chandler and Joel. Next year's event is tentatively scheduled for Sept. 20, 2027 at Cullasaja Club.



HS students, Aiden Dendy, Pierre Damian, Francisco Gooch, Chase Kenter and Blaine Dendy attended the tournament where they guided the putting contest and volunteered as spotters on the Par 3 contest, where a 2026 Ford Bronco was the prize for a hole-in one (no winners unfortunately), courtesy of Franklin Ford and Mitzi and Hammond Raurers.

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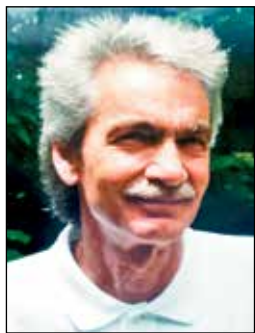
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SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING



The World's Greatest Problem

Pastor Dan Robinson
Highlands Central Baptist Church

It's been almost 50 years (January 1977). I had just completed my 1,000 mile-plus-minus drive from Candler, NC to Fort Worth, TX.

It was Texas cold that night with snow already covering the ground.

I parked my 1970 Chevrolet in front of the Rotunda of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. I entered that imposing building and stood on a marble-like floor reflecting an inlaid map of the world.

So far as Southwestern was concerned, that said it all. It was a seminary whose objective was reaching the entire world for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Why? Because Lostness is the greatest problem in the world.

Lostness speaks simply (yet thoroughly) of a relationship between mankind and a Holy God that was lost in the Garden of Eden when Adam and Eve sinned. It was restored however, when the Lord Jesus Christ died on the Cross for the sins of all the world. Neither church membership, baptism or good, clean moral living can achieve this restored relationship the Bible calls Salvation. Only a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.

All other problems are temporary and will be resolved upon our deaths. Lostness is eternal and must be resolved before our deaths.

This commitment of the Southern Baptist Convention to reach the peoples of the world from every tribe, nation and color was emphasized again to me just last month.

In September my wife and I attended the Commissioning Service of our son, Seth, by the International Mission Board in Richmond, VA.

He will be deployed on October 14 to Malaysia to work with and minister to the Deaf population in that corner of the world.

The International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) however, is committed to reaching the entire world. Reaching as many people as possible by as many means as possible.

Their work is noteworthy. The population of the world is some 8,227,628,716. This number increases daily by some 238,485. Of these numbers, some 160,101 people are dying daily. Only God Himself knows how many of these have a personal relationship with Him and are indeed ready to die and to live eternally in Heaven with Him.

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Morning Prayer: Mon-Thurs 8:30 am in Chapel

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Wed.: Men's Bible Study 8:30 am; Women's 10:30 am

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Oct. 6. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Accidents responded to:

Oct. 6

• Vehicle 1 was backing west in the east bound lane of N 5th Street when it ran off the road and into a deep ditch.

• During the week, officers issued 4 citations and 30 warning tickets.

Oct. 9

• At 12:12 p.m., officers responded to a domestic violence order involving an employee at a store on Main Street.

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Oct. 3

Oct. 3

• At 6:43 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Smallwood Ave.

Oct. 4

• At 1:10 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

• At 9:26 p.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Clear Creek Road.

Oct. 5

• At 3:36 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a resi-

dence on Hardscrabble Ridge Road.

• At 11:19 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Holt Road.

Oct. 6

• At 2:16 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on N. 5th Street.

• At 3:04 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Netsi Place.

• At 7:53 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Webb Branch Road.

Oct. 7

• At 7:28 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Hemlock Drive.

• At 7:44 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Cheney Lane.

• At 2:51 p.m. the dept. investigated the cause of smoke at a location on US 64 east (Cashiers Road).

• At 4:17 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on S. 4th Street.

Oct. 8

• At 8:24 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Hospital Drive.

• At 11:48 a.m., the dept. provided public assistance at a residence on Netsi Place.

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

• At 10:08 p.m., the dept. was

first-responders to a location on Church Street.

Oct. 10

• At 7:08 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Queen Mountain Road.

• At 9:35 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a tree down on S. 4th Street.

• At 11:13 a.m., the dept. responded to a call of a tree down on Pierson Drive.

• At 4:42 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Sunset Trace.

• At 5:40 p.m., the dept. responded to a Co2 alarm at a residence on Flat Mountain Estates.

• At 5:53 p.m., the dept. responded to a call of a power line down on Rural Felicity Road.

• At 10:25 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on Buck Creek Road.

Oct. 11

• At 10:18 p.m., the dept. provided a lift-assist at a residence on Chestnut Hill Drive.

Oct. 12

• At 2:40 a.m., the dept. provided a lift-assist at a residence on Chestnut Hill Drive.

• At 8:12 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Laurelwood Ridge.

• At 3:28 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Cullasaja Drive.

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In response to these statistics the IMB operates in 155 countries with some 3500 missionaries. The available 2025-2026 reports to date are: Some 2,066,251 have heard a partial or full presentation of the Gospel; 196,479 have made a decision to follow Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior; 29,937 have been baptized and 7697 new churches have been started.

Amen! The problem of Lostness has been solved by all the people these numbers represent.

What about you?

Many years ago when Billy Graham preached in Australia, a lady responded with the follow-

ing article sent to a Melbourne newspaper:

After hearing Dr. Billy Graham on the air, viewing him on television and reading reports and letters concerning him and his mission, I am heartily sick of the type of religion that insists my soul (and everyone else's) needs saving-whatever that means. I have never felt that I was lost. Nor do I feel that I wallow in the mire of sin, although repetitive preaching insists that I do.

Give me a practical religion that teaches gentleness and tolerance, that acknowledges no barriers of color or creed, that remembers the aged and teaches

children of goodness and not sin.

If in order to save my soul I must accept a philosophy as I have recently heard preached, I prefer to be forever damned.

Chilling words from someone (who as of that writing) had made their decision about Lostness.

I hope you will consider what I've written. I hope you will begin a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ (if you haven't already).

I hope you will discover in a life changing way that no one knows you better and no one loves you more than the Lord Jesus!

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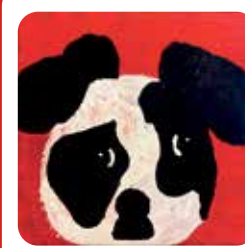
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infrastructure costs. We passed legislation to prevent Americas enemies from buying farmland near military bases, enhanced child welfare protections and ended cashless bail for violent offenders; passed legislation to hold pharmacy benefit managers accountable and make prescription more affordable for families and fully funded Medicaid rebase with strengthening Anti-fraud measures. We have secured record funding for the district, including multiple infrastructure projects. Three of the four counties I represent have substantial school capital projects under construction now. While I have worked with my colleagues to ensure the 120th House district has received record funding and enacted important state policies, there is still a lot of work to be done.

What is your stance on the proposed Constitutional Amendment Referendum requiring all voters – whether mail-in or in-person – to present a photo ID to vote.

I supported S921 2024, which calls for the voters to vote on a constitutional amendment requiring photo ID to vote. In the age we live in, photo ID is the norm for verifying your identity. Photo IDs are readily available at all DMV offices for a small fee, unless you qualify for one at no charge.

Given the many fiscal needs across WNC's counties and municipalities, many of which are supplemented by state funds, what is your stance on the Constitutional Amendment Referendums -- keeping the state income tax rate from being raised higher than 3.5% AND requiring limits on property tax increases by local governments?

I supported S1080 2026 which lowers the cap on personal income tax from 7% to 3.5%. Since 2010 the State of NC, through prudent financial management, by the legislature has had excess funds. The excess revenue was appropriated to the State rainy day fund where they have been able to be used for things such as Helene relief. We have continued to increase these reserves while lowering the state personal income tax. NC is consistently ranked at the top of states to live in and do business in while delivering record funding to support local needs.

How could/ should the state help with teacher recruitment and retention in WNC and would it include raising teacher pay to the national average? If so, how would you pay for it?

The most current budget included a 17% increase in beginning teacher pay. We

should continue to build on that increase. It is important to make sure our veteran teachers receive the increases they deserve. Funding would be from the general fund and included in the budget. The NC education system must prepare students to compete in a global environment.

Economic development is a significant need in WNC; How would you attract new businesses and industry to MC and WNC and how would you fund that program?

In order to attract new business, we must be ready for them. Our infrastructure must be able to support increased demands, we need to continue to work with state, regional and local partners to provide a business-friendly environment with economic incentives. We need to continue working with our local school systems, community colleges and universities to make sure that we can provide trained workforce. The most important is that we understand what type of economic development our communities want. The most successful economic development projects receive federal, state and local funding.

Do you support state funding increases to support mental health and addiction services in MC and WNC?

Yes, in the NC Legislature I supported investing in a \$17m match with \$213m in federal funds for the rural health transformation program which is designed to address longstanding challenges in rural health care access and delivery. Additionally, the most current NC budget included \$835m for mental health.

Homelessness is a serious issue in Macon County and other counties in WNC as is unattainable housing for young adults and couples. So, do you support HB 1072 Affordable Housing Infrastructure Development which would appropriate \$50 million in state funds to establish a revolving loan fund at below market interest loans for land acquisition, predevelopment as well as all aspects of infrastructure costs to support affordable housing development?

Yes, I support this and other options to provide eligible borrowers with low interest loans to develop and improve sites to be used for affordable housing.

What is your stance on House Bill 169 regarding changes to occupancy tax regulations in WNC? For instance, Haywood, Cherokee and Leland counties have been able to change occupancy tax regulations to better fit their needs.

Yes, I voted for this, these are all

requests from the various local governments. This legislation would only affect the current occupancy tax regulations in the three counties that are listed.

Is there anything else you would like to say?

It has been an honor and privilege to represent the 120th district in the North Carolina House of Representatives. Our number one priority in Raleigh is constituent services, whether you call our office, email us or call or text my cell phone we are committed to assisting in every way we can. I am particularly proud of the relationships we have with our local County

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and provide comfort for those who need it such as members of the department or victims of crime. Their noses supersede any technology.”

K9, a phonetic shorthand for the word canine, was first popularized during World War II in 1942 when the U.S. Army created the official War Dog Program. The U.S. program that started on March 13, 1942, was a World War II military initiative that trained thousands of dogs for combat, scouting, and guard duty.

Fosler has been a law enforcement

and Town Boards and our ability to work together as a team for the betterment of our community. One example is when the Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor set up a meeting with himself, some concerned constituents, Senator Corbin and myself to discuss the funding needs for dredging of Mirror Lake. We were able to secure a \$5m grant to protect the Town's water supply. This is just one of many appropriations we have been able to work together on. During this upcoming election, I ask for your consideration and vote.

officer for 25 years, 21 served in a large agency in Colorado before moving to Macon County. She started her bloodhound career in 2012 when she earned her first bloodhound, Jessie, and began to train her. In 2014, Fosler and her first K9 began working with the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office.

That same year in addition to working with the sheriff's department, Fosler joined a search and rescue group called Search and Rescue Dogs of the United

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• Lap Swim: Mon.-Fri. 6am-9:45am, and Saturday 10am-11pm - 6 lanes. Water Aerobics: 18y+ Mon.-Fri. 10-11am with Karen Chambers. Adult Swim: 18y+ only. Weekend public swim: Sat., 11am-6pm and Sun., 1-6pm

PICKLE BALL

• At the Recreation Dept. there are three indoor Pickle Ball courts and six outdoor courts. Pickle Ball can be played every Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs. and Friday 10am-pm outdoors for the summer

MTN FINDINGS

• Open: 10 am - 1 pm. Thurs-Sat., Spruce Street. www.mountainfindings.org

FIBBER MAGEES

• Fibber Magee's Thrift Store on Laurel Street Hours. Wed. & Fri. - 10a too 4p. Sat. - 10a to 2p.

FARMER'S MARKET

• The "market" is open every Saturday 8a to 12:30p in KH Founders Park on Pine Street.

ALL WEEK

• Scaly Mountain/ Highlands/ Cashiers Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program.

• Open meetings are held at Scaly Mountain at Grace Chapel, 9915 Dillard Rd., Scaly Mountain each Tues & Sat at 5:30 pm;

• In Highlands at the 1st Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and a NEW WOMEN'S GROUP Tuesdays at 5:30 pm; and on Wednesdays & Fridays at 12:00 noon.

• Open in-person meetings are also held in Cashiers at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library, 249 Frank Allen Rd. on Sundays at 5 pm, on Tuesdays at 7 pm, on Friday at 5:30 pm and on Saturday at 9 am. For more information please visit our website www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A. 24/7 call our HELP Line 828 349-4357

Mondays

• GED Classes at the Literacy & Learning Center 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Mon. & Thurs.

• At First Presbyterian Church, ArtSpace is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The next exhibit will start in mid-August. For information contact fphckelley@gmail.com

Monday & Friday

• Karate: Build confidence, fo-

cus, and fitness with Karate! Rick Yinger will be offering classes Monday and Friday at 5:15pm. Call 828-421-3119 for more information.

Mon.-Wed.-Fri

• Aerobics with Tina Rogers 8-9am at the Rec Park.

• Balance, Stretch & Strengthen Class at the Rec Park 8:30-9:30am. The cost for the class is \$30 a month and is led by Vivian Brewer. Call the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

2nd 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. For more info call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

4th Mondays

• Highlands Planning Board meeting 5:30 p.m., in the Community Building.

2nd Tuesdays

• Highlands Writers Group meets on alternate Tuesday afternoons at 3pm. Writers still uncomfortable with in-person gatherings may participate via Zoom meetings. For more info contact Bud Katz at either 828-526-3190 or at budandlynn@me.com

Tuesdays

• Strength Training at the Rec Park 8:15-9:15 am.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers - from 5-6:30 PM

Tuesdays & Thurs.

• Exercise Class with Michelle Lane at the Rec Park at 5:30. A combo class with different types of exercise. 828-526-3556

• ESL classes at The Literacy & Learning Center, 6-7 p.m. 675 S 4th St.

Wednesdays

• The Literacy & Learning Center offers a FREE weekly Citizenship Class led by Faviola Olvera from 5:30 to 7 pm at 675 S 4th St in Highlands, this program is designed to help students navigate the complexities of the U.S. naturalization exam.

• Digital Navigators will be at the Hudson Library from 10a-noon PM, digital navigators will host a Tech Time drop-in time at Hudson Library with the goal to assist attendees with basic smartphone, laptop, iPad and tablet skills. For more information, call the

Library at 828-526-3031. Free and open to the public.

2nd Wednesdays

• Highlands Zoning Board of Adjustment meeting at 5:30 in the Community Building

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15a. at the Rec Park. No martial arts background necessary. Contact the Rec Dept. at 828-526-3556 for more info.

3rd Thursdays

• Highlands Town Board meeting 7 p.m., in the Community Building.

3rd Saturdays

• Greenway Workout begins at 9a to noon at the Rec Park.

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. Breakfast ia at 9a; meeting is at 10a. Email ncpost370@gmail.com or just join us at 9am.

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 15-18

• HCP presents Dracula Double Feature - Almost the Bride of Dracula and Mid-Life Dracula at the Martin Lipscomb Theatre on Chestnut Street. For tickets call 828-526-9047.

Fridays, Oct. 16 & 23

• At the Highlands Biological Center, Leaves of Change, 9-10a, at 111 Lower Lake Rd. FREE. No registration needed.

Oct. 17 & 18

• Fall Colors Fine Art Show, Sat. & Sun., 10a to 4p, at the Highlands Rec park, 600 4th Street, Highlands.

Sat., Oct 17

• At Highlands Mercantile on Main Street, Book signing with Martha Novak "Night Frost Lane" 1-3p.m.

• A community drum circle will be held Saturday from 6-8 p.m., at the Macon County Public Library. People of all ages are invited to participate. Bring your hand drums and rhythm instruments or use one of ours. In mild weather we drum outdoors so bring a lawn chair.

Sun., Oct. 18

• Open House from 1-4p at 289 Apple Mountain Circle.

Wed., Oct. 21

• At HC Hospital, walk-in screening mammograms from 2-5:30 p.m. Patients who are due for a routine screening mammogram may walk in, register, and have their mammogram completed without a scheduled appointment.

Thurs.-Sun., Oct. 22-25

• HCP presents Dracula Double Feature - Almost the Bride of Dracula and Mid-Life Dracula at the Martin Lipscomb Theatre on Chest-

nut Street. For tickets call 828-526-9047.

Sat., Oct. 24

• Mission Health hospitals will be hosting their annual "Crush the Crisis" prescription drug take back day on Saturday at HC Hospital and Angel Medical Center to help make safe medication disposal more accessible and raise awareness about the dangers of prescription drug misuse.

• At the Highlands Biological Center, Pressing Matters, 10a to noon at Cook Pavilion, 888 Horse Cove Rd. FREE. Registration required.

Tues., Oct. 27

• At the Highlands Biological Center, The Enchanted Forest, 5-6:30p. Meet at Valentine Meadow + Cook Pavilion, 888 Horse Cove

Rd. FREE. No registration required.

Thurs., Oct. 29

• Highlands Soccer Field Town Hall meeting, 6-7 in the Community Building next to the ballfield. Community input on future of the field is wanted.

Fri., Oct. 30

• At the Highlands Biological Center, Creepy Critter Crawl, 9-10a. Meet at 111 Lower Lake Rd. FREE. No registration.

• At the Sky Valley Scaly Mountain Fire Dept. on Hale Ridge Road, Trunk or Treat dinner and haunted hallway 6-9 p.m.

• HCP presents a free holiday show -- Orson Welles' War of the Worlds 1938 radio script at 7pm at the Martin-Lipscomb Theatre on Chestnut Street.

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States (SARDUS). She continued to train every week and was certified every year with the group.

In 2016, Fosler got her second bloodhound, Ollie. She and Ollie worked in Colorado and for the Macon County Sheriff's Office. Currently, Ollie is retired and lives with Fosler and her husband.

She now has her third K9, a Hanoverian hound named Tilly. The pair work for the Highlands Police Department.

Fosler began planning the Guardians of Carolina Police K9s in 2025 and started the nonprofit in April 2026.

"We are giving back to the dogs who gave their all to keep their communities safe; They did not sign up for the job, but gave 100%," said Fosler. "Each handler has an unbreakable bond with their K9 partners and with our support they can keep their



Fosler with K9 Ollie

K9s and be relieved of some of the financial burden that comes with going from a handler to a dog parent."

Fosler also volunteers at the local shelters and for shelter dog transport alliance, helping transporting dogs out-of-state to areas with larger adoption pools including 13-hour, straight-

through drives to New York, Canada and Florida with as many as 61 dogs in the van.

As with most nonprofits, financial contributions are always welcome. Any money donated to the nonprofit goes directly to Fosler's retired canine program to pay for any medical costs that occur during their retirement. The organization will also be doing a Kongs for Christmas fundraiser at the end of October.

To donate to Guardians of Carolina Police K9s, email at K9guardiansnc@gmail.com.

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