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Town Board sets public hearing for STR ordinance amendment for Sept. 5

HNC attorney says to ignore the Planning Board's recommendation

By Kim Lewicki
At the Aug. 15 Town Board

meeting, commissioners voted 4-1 Thurs., Sept. 5 at 7 p.m. before to hold a special public hearing on
• See STR page 14

Four tools now set up for MCS students and parents

By Kristin Fox
This fall, Macon County School System is implementing four new communication tools to help improve the overall education experience for students and parents. Infinite Campus, Rooms, Macon County Schools App and Dragonfly will be used to help parents be more engaged and keep students better connected.

Infinite Campus
(NC's Student Information System)

With the introduction of Infinite Campus, parents will no longer be required to fill out the many sheets of paperwork at the start of each school year. Starting this fall, all parents are required to update their student information or register their student using the Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

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Photo by Brian O'Shea, Plateau Daily News

McDowell wins 5K overall

Race raises money for new playground at Highlands Rec Park

By Brian O'Shea
Plateau Daily News

The Rotary Club of Highlands held its annual Twilight 5K

on Saturday and raised more than \$25,000 for the new playground planned at Highlands Rec Park.

More than 250 runners lined up
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HS '24-'25 school year begins Aug. 26 with new faces and more

By Kristin Fox

Staff and teachers at Highlands School have worked hard to get the school ready for the 2024-2025 school year. Students will return to school next Monday, August 26. Teachers returned to school for the new year on August 12.

In preparation for the first day of school, the hallways and class-

room floors have been stripped and waxed. The Highlands PTO also recently sponsored Volunteer Day '24 to help prepare the school for the upcoming year.

Volunteers spent the day working both inside and outside the school. Projects completed included replacing blue balls on chairs/desks inside the school.

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Phase 1 of Mirror Lake dredging to begin late Sept.

By Kim Lewicki

For years, literally decades, members of the Mirror Lake Improvement Association have been trying to restore Mirror Lake to its former glory.

Late Mayor Buck Trott and members of the MLIA were on track for a while but astronomical costs associated with removing silt from the lake coupled with envi-

ronmental stipulations as to its resting place stopped the quest.

Though governmental funding was sought but not obtained in the past, recently, a 5-million-dollar grant was secured from the state. This, added to the private money raised by MLIA, has ensured the four-phase dredging operation can begin.

At the August Town Board
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Issues regarding growth are at the forefront

After last Thursday's long board meeting, I came away with a confirmation that I have had for quite some time. That is, when it comes to future growth and the development of the town, Highlands has multiple pressure points.

During public comment, a request was made by someone who had recently purchased a building in a business zone to operate a business that is not currently permitted in that zone. The request has merit for careful consideration. The town set permitted uses for specific business zones decades ago. Since then, new business models have emerged that weren't even conceived of when these zones were created. The town should review the current permitted uses and determine if some zones should be updated.

On the other hand, the next day, I received feedback from a constituent that they had concerns and would not favor changing the business zone to permit the use requested at the board meeting. I assured



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

both parties that changing the use in a zone was not a fast process. Such changes have to be carefully developed by staff and the town attorney and then reviewed by the planning board. A public hearing is also required before a final vote by the board is taken.

Another pressure point is how the residential zones will develop in the context of short-term rentals. The establishment of permitted uses within the town's zones, as well as HOA covenants, were developed decades ago, even before the short-term corporate business model took off in the past few years. A huge legal situation is emerging as HOAs attempt to update their homeowner association covenants to address STRs. Like towns trying to update ordinances governing residential zones, both are problematic and filled with legal potholes.

Of course, the pressure point in Highlands is between those who see STRs as a financial investment and a property rights issue versus neighborhood residents who are concerned about the quality of life and makeup of their traditional neighborhoods. At the meeting on Thursday night, the vote by the board to hold a public hearing concerning the amortization of STR was another step in continuing the debate and controversy over short-term rentals in Highlands. As a zoning matter, the question is basically where STRs should be permitted and where they should be restricted. If the STR amendment for amortization prevails, it is almost certain the final outcome will be resolved in the courts or legislature.

Finally, at Thursday night's meeting, the board heard from citizens from a neighborhood where multiple new homes were being built. These residents were concerned about construction practices, especially the disruption to traffic flow, constant noise, after-hours work, and the extended time it is taking to finish the homes. Of particular concern was the erosion and stormwater runoff onto other properties.

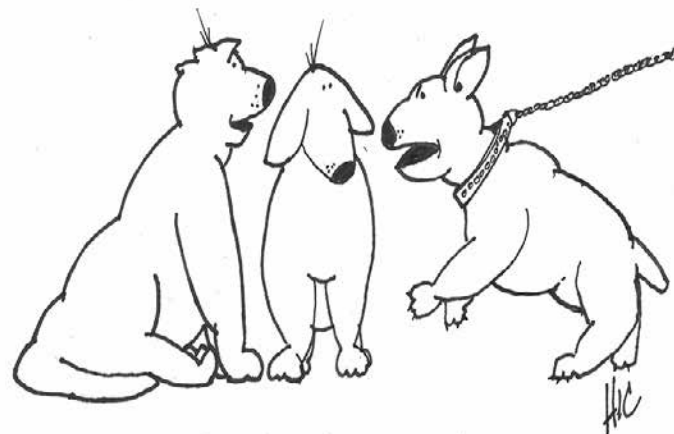
These construction issues, a real pressure point, in some way, are a product of Highlands' success. More than ever, people want to live here and are willing to pay almost any price. It is a boom time for contractors, especially for construction within the town limits. The problem is that many of the residential lots available are steep slopes that

pose real challenges in addressing stormwater runoff and erosion. These steep slopes pose little problem if left undeveloped and remain covered with vegetation, but those environs are now on the wane.

The Town Board will hold workshops

to address these construction and development issues this fall. They will also tackle the issue of updating permitted uses in business zones. We will have to address these pressures, but by working together as a community, they can be met.

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Consider your many choices in Highlands

Most of us intuitively know when we receive a higher-than-normal level of service. It is interesting to know what triggers that tipping point. Whether a business is a mom-and-pop store or a multi-national corporation with dozens of products/services and sales channels, the path for long-term success is to ensure individual clients' needs come first and are met. Period.

So, what does that have to do with real estate in Highlands & Cashiers? It means you, the potential Buyers and Sellers of local real estate are in the catbird seat, because you can greatly influence the success of your own endeavors by actively taking steps to choose the right provider(s). How do you do that? Principally by making great choices through comparison shopping, rather than relying on potentially outdated assumptions about any particular provider.

Let me peel back the onion on what I am trying to convey here.

Local real estate service companies are abundant. Each needs to stay "at the top of their game" or they become recognized as no longer giving excellent service. If they fall behind, they become simply good or OK at what they do and may eventually become irrelevant.

To remain exceptional, providers must continually improve, particularly the company's direct service to clients. Even here in our small mountain town and surrounding area, there exists everchanging dynamics regarding what is in vogue related to interior design, architectural taste, and enumerable other factors that change like chameleons.


What am I talking about? If you come to depend on firms and service providers involved in local real estate, you will need them to be knowledgeable, transparent, efficient,


communicative, and all those things that you know lead to a great service partner experience. That can be related to Real Estate Sales, Rentals, Architecture Design, Construction, Renovations, and anything else. Any provider must make great effort to continually work at a high performing level; otherwise, they cannot and will not serve you in the best manner possible when called upon.

So, let's get back to your role toward ensuring you pick the right providers. Keep current on criteria important to you and related to your purchase or project. While the almighty dollar drives the world, attempt to think beyond. Understand the breadth and depth of service you will receive from an individual or their firm. Determine how you can compare the aspects of quality and timeliness of service between competitors. Think about how critical dependencies, like their access to people or other resources, can impact your success and actively question how they might address issues that arise when a resource is limited. Do not accept pat answers, as it may show them you don't believe you deserve a higher level of respect and service.

The trusted brands and providers of the past may or may not be who they once were. All this will help you determine the trusted brands and providers of 2024 and greatly improve the probability that your needs come first and will be met.

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Whether a student is new to Macon County Schools or a returning student, parents will need to register or update student's information.

Last year, the North Carolina State

Board of Education (SBE) voted to award a new contract to Infinite Campus to modernize the state's Student Information System (SIS) in compliance with North Carolina state law. This fall, the Macon County Schools System will join other districts across the state to implement Infinite Campus.

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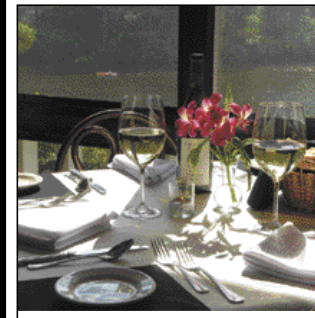


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• LETTERS •

¿Tiene trabajadores? Agradece a los inmigrantes

¿Por qué la gente le tiene tanto miedo a los inmigrantes, los trata como cualquiera mientras los calumnia y margina regularmente? La verdad es que los inmigrantes contribuyen enormemente a nuestra fuerza de trabajo y a nuestra economía, pagando al sistema de Seguro Social y a Medicare sin esperanza de beneficiarse de los programas.

¿Preocupado por sus beneficios de jubilación? La verdad es que en 2019 los inmigrantes indocumentados pagaron 165.9 mil millones de dólares al sistema de Seguridad Social y 45.1 mil millones de dólares a Medicare, sin ningún camino para reclamar esos beneficios. La verdad es que los inmigrantes no se están llevando nuestros beneficios.

¿Les preocupa la delincuencia? A los inmigrantes se les acusa repetidamente de traer la delincuencia a los Estados Unidos. Los índices de delitos violentos disminuyeron en 2021 y 2022, y se redujeron significativamente en 2023. Un estudio de la Universidad de Stanford reveló que los inmigrantes tienen un 30% menos de probabilidad de ser encarcelados que los nacidos en Estados Unidos que son blancos. Abramitsky et al informaron que las oleadas recientes de inmigrantes tienen más probabilidad de ser inmigrantes casados, con hijos y gozar de buena salud, lejos de ser los violadores y traficantes de drogas plagados de enfermedades que los políticos antiinmigrantes pretenden que sean.

Hablemos de Carolina del Norte. Cuando Covid hacía estragos y la administración aplicaba leyes de separación extremas, el número de inmigrantes descendió, lo que tuvo un impacto económico negativo en nuestro estado. Con una población que envejece, el número de trabajadores disminuye de forma natural y sin inmigrantes, la economía corre el riesgo de deprimirse. Los inmigrantes suelen estar en la edad de trabajar y se presentan y hacen el trabajo a un ritmo mayor. Los inmigrantes son vitales para mantener y hacer crecer nuestra economía agrícola, de la construcción y de la hostelería.

Los republicanos han propuesto lo siguiente si ganan la presidencia este otoño: Aumentar el número de agentes para las redadas de ICE, construir campos de detención para retener a los inmigrantes indocumentados a la espera de una deportación masiva, reinstaurar la prohibición de inmigrantes de algunos o la mayoría de los países musulmanes y poner fin a la ciudadanía por derecho de nacimiento para los hijos de inmigrantes indocumentados.

Los inmigrantes llegan a este país llenos de esperanza de una vida mejor para ellos y para sus hijos. Pintarlos con la brocha gorda de la delincuencia perjudica a comunidades enteras. Históricamente, somos un país construido por inmigrantes. Rara vez hay una persona entre nosotros que no descienda de inmigrantes que a menudo vivieron la vida como ciudadanos de segunda clase mientras se asimilaban. A medida que el país crecía, ocupaban puestos de trabajo que otros rechazaban. ¿Qué diferencia hay con la situación actual? ¿No es hora de recibir a los inmigrantes en lugar de menospreciarlos? Dar un portazo a la inmigración acabará perjudicando más que beneficiando a nuestro país.

Faviola Olvera
Highlands

Got workers? Thank immigrants

Why are people so afraid of immigrants, treating them as the other while regularly slandering and marginalizing them? The truth is immigrants contribute greatly to our work force and our economy, paying into Social Security and Medicare with no hope of benefitting from the programs.

Worried about your benefits? The truth is in 2019 undocumented immigrants paid 165.9 billion dollars to Social Security and 45.1 billion dollars into Medicare, with no path to claiming those benefits. The truth is immigrants are not taking our benefits.

Worried about crime? Immigrants are repeatedly accused of bringing crime into the United States. Violent crime rates dropped in 2021 and 2022 and then significantly dropped in 2023. A study from Stanford University revealed that immigrants are 30% less likely to be incarcerated than are US born individuals who are white. Abramitsky et al reported that recent waves of immigrants are more likely to be employed, married with children and in good health, far from the disease-ridden rapists and drug dealers that anti-immigrants' politicians claim them to be.

Let's talk about North Carolina. When Covid was raging, and the administration enforced extreme separation laws, immigration numbers dropped having a negative economic impact on our state. With an aging population work force numbers are naturally dropping and without immigrants the economy risks being depressed. Immigrants tend to be of prime working age and show up and do the job at a greater rate than their native-born counterparts. Immigrants are vital to maintaining, and growing, our agricultural, construction and hospitality economy.

Republicans have proposed the following if they gain the presidency this fall: Increasing the number of agents for ICE raids, building detention camps to hold undocumented immigrants awaiting mass deportation, reinstating the ban on immigrants from some or most Muslim countries, and ending birthright citizenship for children born to undocumented immigrants.

Immigrants come to this country full of hope for a better life for themselves and their children. Painting them with a broad brush of criminality is harming whole communities. Historically we are a country built by immigrants. There is rarely a person among us who is not descended from immigrants who frequently lived life as a second-class citizen as they assimilated. They took jobs others rejected as the country grew. How different is that than today? Isn't it time we welcome immigrants rather than demean them? Slamming the door on immigration will ultimately do more harm than good for our country.

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In addition to treating weeds in the flowerbeds and by sidewalks, volunteers pressure washed the sidewalks and bathrooms/shower areas in the new gym. Other landscaping work included mowing, weed eating and trimming bushes. New mulch was also added to the playground.

Currently there are 360 students enrolled in kindergarten through 12th grade for the upcoming school year. Highlands School will have a total of 39 teachers and six teacher's aides. In addition, Highlands School have several staff for custodial duties, in the nutritional department as well as office staff and administration.

Elementary classrooms will include two kindergarten classes, one first grade class and one first/second grade split classroom. All three classrooms will have a teacher's aide.

There will be one second grade class while third, fourth and fifth grades will have two classrooms each.

This year, the Highlands Middle School will be a true middle school rotation. Each student in 6th, 7th and 8th grades will have a schedule of English language arts (ELA), math, social studies, science, physical education (PE) and an extra support class in the afternoon called "Wheel." The class is called "Wheel" because it changes every 9-week period. All middle school students will have different teachers for different subjects.

Highlands School will communicate with parents with the new communication tool - Rooms. Rooms is an in-classroom communication tool designed to improve communication between parents, teachers, and students by simplifying the digital classroom while bringing all communications into one place.

The Macon County School Board recently approved the Highlands School digital student handbook which will be pushed out to all the student iPads. Paper copies are also available at:

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This year, Highlands School will have some new faces to replace teachers who have retired or resigned.

The new faces at Highlands School are Angela Swain: Returning teacher to Highlands School to teach 4th grade; Phillip Cope: MS ELA/Social Studies; Bill Sparks: MS Science; Nicole Rice: High School Business CTE; Stephanie Hudson: K-12 Art Teacher; Dani Moss: Exceptional Children's Teacher



Angela Swain
4th Grade

Swain

After taking some time off to reset, recharge, and focus on family, I am excited to return to Highlands School to teach 4th grade alongside Mrs. Jones!

Cope

As an educator, this will be my twelfth year of teaching. I have taught every grade from fifth to twelfth, but I particularly enjoy working with middle school students. Most recently, I taught in Georgia, but I am originally from Macon County. My hobbies include fishing, reading, writing and videogames. I am extremely excited to work at Highlands School and cannot wait to get started with the new year!

Sparks

I will be teaching Middle School Science for the 2024-2025 School Year. I moved down to western North Carolina from Maine over twenty years ago to pursue a job as a science teacher. I attended classes at Western Carolina University through the NC Teach program and worked for Jackson County Public Schools for twenty years. My first taste of the area was in 1996 when I landed a job as a backpacking guide for Camp Daniel Boone. I would take groups of Boy Scouts through Pisgah National Forest, Shining Rock wilderness, the Appalachian Trail, and Slick Rock wilderness area. All areas that I still hike through today. I find Cullasaja National Forest very interesting and look forward to exploring it even more with after school excursions.

Rice

I am excited to join Highlands School to teach CTE. I received my Bachelor's degree from Truett McConell University and my Master's from Brenau University. This is my first year teaching and I can't wait to meet all the new faces! In my spare time I love spending time with my fam-



Phillip Cope
MS ELA/Social
Studies



William Sparks
MS Science



Nicole Rice, HS
CTE-Business

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ily, friends, and being outdoors. My hobbies are crocheting and crafting!

Hudson

I come to you fresh from Iotla Valley Elementary School where I have been for the past three years. The good Lord has prepared me for this adventure in that I have 17 years teaching experience at K-8 schools and seven years experience at a school that had 7-12th grade levels. I am originally from South Carolina, but have lived most of my adult life in eastern North Carolina. I have been married for 29 years to my soul mate, Eddie. We are blessed with two kids, a son who was just hired on the Highlands PD and a daughter who is planning on entering Southwestern Community College this fall. My hobbies besides arts and crafts are doting on my animals and reading sci-fi and historical based fiction. I generally create my art and give it away. I look forward to meeting everyone and working together for the best interests of our students.

Moss

I'm excited to join Highlands School as the High School EC teacher! I love being a teacher, for as soon as I step foot on campus my day seems to brighten. Closing the gap between simply teaching a subject, versus teaching how subject material is applied and used in real life is the goal. The reward is seeing smiling faces as students better understand their world. I hold a Bachelor's in Elementary Education, a Master's in Curriculum and Instruction, and am currently nearing the end of a program to earn a Doctorate in Education. My motto is "Never Stop Learning - Never Stop Evolving - Never Give Up!" ...a motto that I live by every day. I look forward to developing every student to their fullest potential!



Stephanie Hudson
K-12 Art Teacher



Dani Moss
Exceptional
Children's Teacher

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meeting, Mayor Pat Taylor said the privately raised funds proved citizens had "skin in the game" which helped state representatives Kevin Corbin and Karl Gillespie push and get funding.

"We were looking for leadership because the town doesn't own the lake and now that we have that, the state has stepped in. The town is just the grant agent," he said.

With money in hand for phase 1, dredging by River Sand, Inc is set to begin late September or early October.

According to Pat Gleeson, who with his Mirror Lake neighbors and members of MLIA, has worked to make the restoration of Mirror Lake a reality, phase 1 should take six months.

The town will disburse the funds for phases 2-4 with steps toward that end beginning last Thursday when the engineering contract with McGill Engineering was finalized. McGill will now begin determining the Scope of Services for Phase 2. McGill expects phases 2-4 to take 1 1/2 years to complete.

"We will begin by gathering data to develop an understanding of the tasks that have been accomplished to date and define the full breadth of tasks required to design and permit Phase 2 and beyond," said a McGill representative.

Meanwhile, Gleeson said preparing for Phase 1 has begun. Owners of canoes stored at the lake's edge have been asked to remove them.

"We will post a sign on the property giving boat owners 30 days to remove their watercraft and we are asking the town if any unclaimed boats can be stored in the lot behind the dog park," he said.

In addition, Town Manager Josh Ward requested MLIA to get temporary easements from 10 property owners along the shoreline and Dobson Ridge.

"Those are being delivered and signed as we speak," said Gleeson.

Separate permits based on water quality were required – one from the NC Dept. of Water Quality and the Corps of Engineers – both of which have been issued and approved.

"Subsequently, a full dredging permit has been issued River Sand which means work can begin," said Gleeson. "Full drawings of where we plan to place the dewatering tubes which were finalized three years ago, have been sent to the town and McGill."

Basically, the silt/water mixture will be sucked into tubes where the silt will be de-

• See MIRROR LAKE page 15



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borhoods?

The voters in the last two elections overwhelmingly elected candidates who support eliminating short-term rentals in residential neighborhoods.

In 2021, in a record turnout, voters elected Mayor Pat Taylor and Commissioners Amy Patterson and Eric Pierson, whose positions were clearly in favor of removing short-term rentals from R-1 and R-2 neighborhoods.

In 2023, once again voters re-elected Commissioners Brian Stiehler and Buz Dotson, who maintained short-term rentals had no place in our R-1 and R-2 neighborhoods.

Our town's residential neighborhoods are on the block. Does Highlands surrender to the demands of over-tourism and its insatiable thirst for accommodations, which has pushed mini-hotels into residential neighborhoods, or does it say enough is enough? We need to support our elected commissioners who represent the voters of this town, and their choice is clear.

Lila Howland

**Voter and long-time resident of
Highlands**

Macon County can wait for my money

Dear Editor,

Macon County, Very Slow to Give but, Very Quick to Take.

I recently received from Macon County a "request." They want me to pay 2024 property taxes.

It occurred to me that I had done just that not very long ago, then, I read the fine print.

Their "request" states the taxes are not really due until year 2025 – January the sixth.

I remember how un-quick they were to send a small bit of our money back to Highlands for a request for preschool support in Highlands. Well, darn, I figure I can be un-quick right back at them.

I am going write a check for the requested amount and mail it – all the way from California.

While lingering in California until 15 December 2024, those thousands of dollars will earn over three percent interest, which I will happily spend on something special for myself. What fun that will be.

Dear reader, by the time you read this letter, my check will be on its way to the Star One Credit Union. A trusted place I joined in 1963, when I started working as an engineer for Lockheed Missiles and Space Company.

**Larry Brannan
Highlands**

Over-tourism in Highlands

Dear Editor,

Like many popular destinations around the United States and abroad, Highlands has struggled with ever increasing levels of tourism over the last several years. This over-tourism not only negatively impacts the quality of life of the town's homeowners but also degrades the overall visitor experience.

A widespread response to over-tourism in other areas has been a movement to what is being called sustainable or responsible tourism. I will let the recent quote from the Executive Director of the Jackson County Tourism Development Authority speak for itself:

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• OBITUARY •

Bert Henry Baldwin Jr.

Bert Henry Baldwin Jr. born, raised and passed in Highlands on August 14, 2024. He was born June 14, 1937, to the late Frances (Rogers) and Bert Henry Baldwin, Sr. of Highlands.

Bert and Robert (brother), worked as youth with their dad building homes around Mirror Lake. Bert went to Virginia and learned the trade as a brick layer. He went to night school studying as civil engineer and started building brick homes with stone fire places in Virginia and then Highlands.

Bert's hobbies were gardening dahlias and pole beans, playing bingo with friends. Riding his horse over fences and fox hunting, teaching horse care, riding and showing to 4-H children. He served on the board of the Franklin Horse Club. He loved his daughters and watched them grow riding and showing to the open jumper platform, riding warm blood jumpers and dressage performance of show degree.

Bert is survived by one sister, one brother, two daughters, three grand children and six great grandchildren who he enjoyed visiting with them when he retired. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert and David.



The family, Betty Baldwin Sullivan (sister) would like to thank friends in (no particular order) and caregiver Randy Bryson, Rick Ammos, Joan Pinto (deceased), Don Moffitt, Royce Woods, Herman & Sally Delawter and Stephan & Vickie Baldwin. Special thank you to

Ted & Vickie Rhodes.

His family cared for him these last few years, Audrey (Charles) Adam (Kim), Jason (Riley), great grandchildren: Ivy, Andrew, and Wesley, also Acher, Alaric, Atticus, Aiden and Derek. Bert told family stories and enjoyed watching these boys grow and play ball.

"Bert was a friend to many and will be missed by many!" Herman & Sally Delawter, (plays the dulcimer)

A memorial service will be held Saturday, August 24, 2024, at 5p in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home. A visitation will be held prior to the service from 4-5p at the funeral home.

Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is honored to serve the Baldwin family.

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More than 250 runners lined up at the starting line in K-H Founders Park Saturday for the annual 5K run.
Photo by Brian O'Shea, Plateau Daily News

up at the starting line at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park and battled light rain as they made their way through the race's course.

Race organizer and Rotarian Derek Taylor said the rain caused some issues, but the race went well overall.

He said the rain began to pick up toward the end of the race so a lot of people left before the award ceremony and fol-

lowing concert. The race-day signups were also down from last year, likely due to poor weather but nothing dampened spirits.

The top overall racer was 16-year-old Timmy McDowell of Highlands, finishing the race in 18:59; he also won the top male overall. The top female overall racer was Amy Passauer, 35, also from Highlands, with a time of 22:19.

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• At the Recreation Dept. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 10am-1pm indoors for the winter (notice the days and time has changed), everyone is welcome meetings.

ALL WEEK

• Alcoholics Anonymous: "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have

a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. program of recovery. Highlands Mountain View Group holds open meetings in Highlands at the First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., on Monday at 5:30 PM and Wednesday and Friday at noon. Women's Group 5:30, Tuesdays. The Cashiers Valley Group holds open meetings at the Albert Carlton Cashiers Community Library Monday at 8:30 AM, Tuesday at 7 PM, Friday and Sunday at 5 PM, and Saturday at 9 AM. For more information, please visit www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of AA 24/7 at 828-349-4357.

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 22-25

• At PAC, Highlands Cashiers Players presents "The Lifespan of a Fact" 7:30p nightly and 2p on Sundays. For tickets go to: www.highlandscashiersplayers.com or call 828-526-9047.

Thurs., Aug. 22

• HCH's Dinner with Doc - Facial plastic surgery options at Highlands-Cashiers Hospital - Chris Wenzel, MD, 6-7p in Whiteside Cafeteria. Online registration is available at www.missionhealth.org/calendar. For more information, call 828-526-1345. Attendance is limited to 50 people. A buffet-style dinner will be provided.

• Highlands School Orientation/Open House is 3-6 pm

• At The Bascom, From the Lowlands to the Highlands Exhibition Reception 5-6:30 pm

Fri.-Sat., Aug 23 - 31

• Cashiers Designer Showhouse is the Cashiers Historical Society's signature fundraising event. The Showhouse has become a cherished tradition for over two decades, showcasing stunning homes and exquisite designs by interior designers from the Southeast and beyond. Tickets for this event are \$40 and \$50 at the door. They are available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org and select local retailers.

• The Cashiers Historical Society's Jan

Wyatt Symposium Exhibit "Talking Trout" will be displayed at Brookings Anglers Fly Shop throughout the run of the 2024 Showhouse. Stop by Brookings Cashiers location to see the exhibit and to learn about the history and evolution of native trout and fly fishing in Western NC.

Fri., Aug. 23

• At Hudson Library, Atlanta/Highlands author Maggie Bailey will introduce her newly-released cozy mystery, *Quilty as Charged*, on Friday at 11AM. Books will be available for purchase and signing at this free program.

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Historically Cashiers Designer Panel Luncheon" on Friday, from 11am - 1pm at Canyon Kitchen in Lonesome Valley. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$175 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

• Friday Night Live on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. - Southern Highland Band

Sat. & Sun., Aug. 24-25

• Art and Craft Show in KH Founders Park on Pine Street. 10a to 5p Saturday and 10a to 4p on Sunday. Rain or shine.

Sat., Aug. 24

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Talkin' Bourbon with Blade and Bow" on Saturday, 1-2pm at the Pavilion at Village Green. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event that is free and open to the public. Visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org for more information.

Sun., Aug. 25

• At Christ Anglican Church in Cashiers, Free Hymn Festival & Organ Dedication with organ selections by Dr. Albin Whitworth and hymns of faith led by Dr. Bill Goold during a 6p service.



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• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Introduction to Mountain Gardening: What am I supposed to do with my landscape?" with the Oconee Bell Chapter of the NC Native Plant Society on Sunday 1 - 2 pm at the Pavilion at Village Green. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event that is free and open to the public. Visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org for more information.

• OEI's Chef Dinners at The Farm. 3RD ANNUAL SUNDAY SUPPER. Book Online at OldEdwardsHospitality.com/ChefDinners

Mon., Aug. 26

• Benefit for the Boys & Girls Club, Bright Futures Golf, Pickleball and Croquet tournaments. Golf is sold out but call 828-743-2775 or go to www.bgcplateau.org to sign up.

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Shag You Say, Let's Dance the Away" - Step into the World of Carolina Shag with Danie Beck on Monday 3 - 5 pm at Micas Mountain Kitchen. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$40 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

Sun., Aug. 25

• Board of Education Candidate Forum. "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" 6-7:30 pm, Franklin Fine Arts Center, Franklin High School.

Tues., Aug. 27

• Coup! Movie at the Martin Lipscomb Performing Arts Center on Chestnut Street at 2 and 5:30p. Tickets: Adults: \$13.20, Children: \$11

Thurs.-Sun., Aug. 29-Sept. 1

• At PAC, Highlands Community Players presents "The Lifespan of a Fact" at 7:30p and 2p on Sunday. For tickets go to: www.highlandscashiersplayers.com or call 828-526-9047.

Thurs., Aug. 29

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "Entertaining with Biscuits" Live Cooking Demo & Luncheon with Food & Lifestyle Expert Chadwick Boyd 11a to 1p at The Orchard Restaurant. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$175 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

• The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC will host a FREE community shred event Thurs., Aug. 29, from 9:30am - 12:30pm in Highlands Plaza, near Bryson's Food Store on Highway 106. Allowed items, paper products with staples or paper clips, spiral notebooks. Items NOT allowed, 3-ring binders and cardboard. Donations accepted for The Gordon Center and the Literacy & Learning Center.

Fri., Aug. 30

• The Cashiers Historical Society pres-

ents "Birds, Botany, & Bogs Walk with HCLT" on Friday, 1 - 2 pm at the Pavilion at Village Green. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event that is free and open to the public. Visit cashiershistoricalsociety.org

• The Cashiers Historical Society presents "High Tea at The Inn at High Hampton" on Friday at 3pm. This is a Cashiers Designer Showhouse Special Event and all proceeds benefit the Cashiers Historical Society. Tickets for this event are \$125 and available for purchase at cashiershistoricalsociety.org.

• Friday Night Live on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. - Spare Parts Bluegrass Band

Sat., Aug. 31

• Saturdays on Pine at Kelsey-Hutchinson Founders Park 6-8:30 p.m. - Full Circle

Sun., Sept. 1

• Highlands Emergency Council Fundraiser Extravaganza, 12:30-2:30p at the Highlands Community Building. Cookout, music, silent auction, raffles and lots of fun.

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• Friday Night Live on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. - Johnny Webb Band

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Instructor: Kim Keelor, Thursday, August 29, 9:30-noon, \$95 for members / \$105 for non-members

Just War Theory Part II

Presenter: Peter Lindsay, Thursday, August 29,
2-4pm, \$30 for members / \$40 for non-members

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Instructor: Loraine Smith, Wednesday, September 4, 1-3pm, \$40 for members / \$50 for non-members

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Instructor: Loraine Smith, Wednesday, September 4,
3:30-4:30pm, \$40 for members / \$50 for non-members

Intro to Fly Casting

Presenter: Brookings Anglers, Thursday, September 5,
2-4pm, \$80 for members / \$90 for non-members

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Instructor: Loraine Smith, Thursday, September 26,
10-noon, \$40 for members / \$50 for non-members

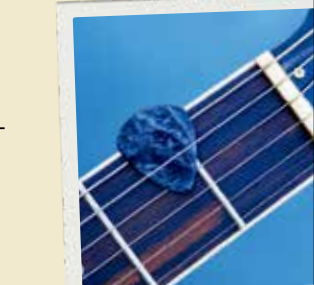
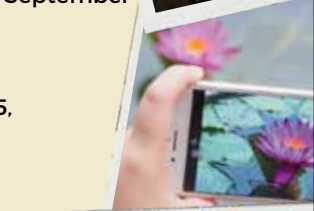
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deciding whether to pursue amortization of short-term rentals as proposed by amending the verbiage about STRs in the existing Unified Development Ordinance.

Commissioner Jeff Weller was the dissenting vote.

Prior to amending an ordinance, as per NC General Statute, a municipality's Planning Board must submit a recommendation to the governing body, in this case, the Town Board. Since it's only a recommendation, the Town Board doesn't have to act on it.

At its July meeting, the Highlands Planning Board voted 7-0 to not change the ordinance which currently reads: Notwithstanding anything in this UDO, short-term rentals in operation as of September 15, 2022, are nonconforming uses in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts. Only STRs in existence prior to Sept. 15, 2022, are allowed to continue but new STRs aren't allowed.

The proposed amended ordinance to amortize STRs reads: Notwithstanding anything in this UDO, short-term rentals in operation as of September 15, 2022, are nonconforming uses in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts until September 15, 2027. After September 15, 2027, short-term rentals are not permitted in the R-1 or R-2 zoning districts, and all short-term rentals in those districts must be discontinued.

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been campaigning for amortization for years, said having a special public hearing – instead of having it during the September Town Board meeting - will give the Town Board time to digest the comments made and potential letters sent on the subject prior to the September 19 Town Board meeting.

During the Public Comment period of the August Town Board meeting, during which people can speak on any subject several people spoke including two who spoke about STRs - Highlands Neighborhood Coalition attorney Mac McCarley and Tucker Chambers, owner of a 40-year old vacation rental business

Mike King, a retired attorney also spoke, and criticized both Highlands Newspaper for printing an article written by two attorneys with the Institute of Justice (IJ) and IJ's tone when criticizing the Highlands Town Board for pursuing amortization.

The article in the Aug. 8 edition entitled "Western NC town comes for residential property rights," that was printed with permission from IJ, was an effort to exemplify what the town will be up against as warned by Town Attorney Bob Hagemann on many occasions.

"There will be a legal battle and there is a good chance the town will not prevail which means the town will be responsible for attorney and legal fees incurred on both sides as well as any judgement the court applies," he has said. "Furthermore, I am confident the courts will not allow you to enforce a STR amortization period while the litigation is pending, and it is almost certain that there will be a legal challenge."

Hagemann has also said, "I anticipate their arguments will be that the town lacks the authority to amortize. And even if the town had the authority, it is unconstitutional under a variety of unconstitutional theories. One of which is that the NC constitution protects citizens' rights to the 'fruits of their labor,' and we are seeing that clause come forward more and more in our courts."

King questioned Highlands Newspaper's journalist integrity for running the IJ article and criticized the Institute's use of the word "scheme" saying it disrespected the Town Board and the good work it does.

"These two lawyers chose to phrase your actions as a 'scheme' which is a devious way to do something illegal," said King. "I took offense to them accusing those of you who we elected to look after our best interest to categorize your comments like that. For a lawyer to come out and use the word 'scheme' is unprofessional."

He went on to criticize Highlands Newspaper.

"The paper acted irresponsibly and

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• UPCOMING EVENTS •

Highlands Cashiers Players present 'The Lifespan of a Fact'

The Highlands Cashiers Players will present Lifespan of a Fact, a gripping yet comedic play, Aug. 22 - 25 and Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 at the Martin Lipscomb Theater in the Highlands Performing Arts Center.

The play, directed by Michael Lanzilotta, is based on the book by John D'Agata and Jim Fingal, and tells the true story of what happens when a nonfiction essayist who occasionally tweaks the truth to make his story flow better (D'Agata) goes up against a dedicated fact-checker (Fingal).

Although the play, written by Jeremy Kareken, David Murrell and Gordon Farrell, takes some dramatic liberties from the true story in the book, it stays loyal to the essence of the real-life battle between D'Agata and



Michael Burel, Julie Harris and Randy Lucas rehearse a scene from the Highlands Cashiers Players production of "Lifespan of a Fact."

Fingal.

The cast and crew come from the across the area - Franklin, Highlands and

Clayton, GA. Randy Lucas plays essayist John D'Agata, Michael Burel plays Jim Fingal, and Julie Harris is Emily Penrose, the magazine editor who is tries to keep peace between the two and get the article to press by the deadline. Susan Kent is the assistant director and Cathy Myers is the stage manager.

"I am very excited to be presenting this play at this time. 'Alternative facts' and disinformation have become an issue, and hopefully Lifespan of a Fact will remind us of the importance of being wise consumers of media and information." said Lanzilotta.

Performances are nightly at 7:30 except for the Sunday shows, which are 2 pm matinees. Tickets are available at highlandscashiers-players.com, or by calling the box office at 828-526-9047. The Highlands Performing Arts Center is located at 507 Chestnut Street, Highlands, NC.

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watered and dried. Once dry, it will be transported to locations in town, presumably in need of fill.

A 250-yard swath will be dredged both upstream of the Mirror Lake bridge and downstream removing any 'islands' in those swaths - something Bob Johnston requested during the public hearing portion of the Town Board meeting.

Plans for phase 2 include dredging an 11-foot wide channel about four feet deep from the bridge up Mill Creek to Cullasaja Road something else Johnston requested remembering how he used to be able to drive into the lake from the bridge.

Phase 3 and 4 will involve dredging up to Big Pine Acres and downstream to the dam.

During the public comment period of Thursday's Town Board meeting, MLIA member and Mirror Lake homeowner for 22 years, Paul Barnett claimed a

lack of transparency concerning the dredging project and said he wished the MLIA board had taken advantage of the expertise of 15-year resident Dan Evans. He said he was a president and CEO of running strategic oil reserves for the US who has dealt with Congress, the House, EPA, the Corps of Engineers, Clean Water and more.

"He should be on MLIA board, chairman of dredging and maintenance or something. I'm really talking to the MLIA board right now, not the Town Board," he said. "We haven't gotten our phone calls returned in four years and we don't like the direction of how this has gone. We want to know why so much has been done in the dark. You need to give him a chance," concluded Barnett.

Gleeson said with MLIA now ready to enter into a contract with River Sand dredging is set to begin.

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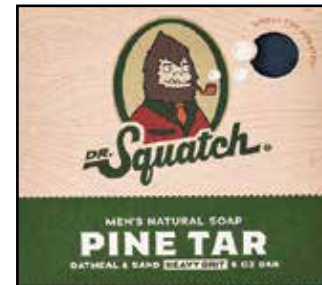
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against the journalist code by placing a hit piece on the upper part of the front page where the word 'scheme' hit the front page," he said. "One of the principal things of a journalist code - a true journalist - is to deny favorite treatment to special interests, in this case an advocate for a special interest group in this town. So, I didn't like that."

Chambers said it wasn't right to take someone's rights away concerning what they do with their property especially when there have been very few problems - 15 complaints in two years - and asked why the town has a Planning Board if commissioners aren't going to listen to them. He also questioned the potential loss of tourism dollars should STRs go away.

While reading his prepared statement, Attorney McCarley said according to what he read in the newspapers and the minutes of the meeting the Planning Board was overly concerned with the cost of litigation to the town which he said was none of their concern.

He also said "they didn't analyze the proposal from a land use point of view and more specifically didn't base their recommendation on the adopted 'policy' in the Comprehensive Plan. In fact, they acknowledge the adopted 'policy' and then ignored it," he said.

However, it should be noted that the Comprehensive Plan which was adopted by the Town as mandated by the state is not a "policy" document and nothing in it has been adopted as a "policy."

According to Town Manager Josh Ward, an adopted comprehensive plan is required for any municipality that has land use regulations but nothing in the Highlands Comprehensive Plan has been made a "policy."

"The plan is a guide for the Board to follow when making decisions on the future direction of new ordinances and policies and other future directions of the Town. The Plan has to be considered when making new ordinances or amending existing ones, but the Plan does not have to be followed," he said. "The Planning Board and Town Board must only state they have reviewed the Plan pertaining to each subject, then follow up with a statement of reasonableness."

McCarley went on to say that the Planning Board focused on the threat of litigation and a concern over potential costs - issues that are solely the province of the Town Board, not the Planning Board.

However, it should be noted that the cost of litigation was not discussed in Highlands' Newspaper's account but rather the possibility of losing what is in place regarding STRs as outlined in the current ordinance.

Attorney Hagemann, who attended the

Planning Board via Zoom, explained that if the pending legislation now in the legislature passes - which could happen at any time, especially if Highlands tries to set an amortization precedent - it may very well require the town to rescind the STR ordinance now in effect which has at least stopped the proliferation of STRs.

Hearing that, Planning Board Vice Chair Helene Siegel said she didn't want "to poke the bear" and risk losing what was in place and working to lessen the impact of STRs.

"There are rules in place. Highlands has a vibrant, year-long economy. Second-home owners leave their houses to sit empty and when they are rented, the economy is better in the long-term, said member John Muir. "I understand second-home owners concerns, but now we have people here year-round which is good."

Chris Wilkes said no one wants Highlands to be "just a weekend" town and enforcement of STR regulations is key.

"If we put teeth in the ordinances with fines, that solves the problem-renters which will in turn keep the neighbors from being uncomfortable," he said.

Rachel Wilson said with the current ordinance, STRs will self-amortize over time.

"If someone buys an existing STR they can continue renting it, but I know people who are buying STRs who don't need to or want to rent which means the STR goes away. There are also HOAs that can regulate this," she said. "What's important is we don't want to be a test case. We need to hold tight to what we have in place."

Chairman Darren Whatley said there is no need to "pour gas on the fire before giving what's on the books a chance to work."

McCarley went on to say by focusing on litigation and cost issues instead of land use issues, the Planning Board usurped the Town Board's role as the governing body for the town.

"In short, they made a recommendation based on issues that are none of their business and deprived you of a thoughtful recommendation based on sound land use planning principals and the policies of the town," he said. "In light of those deficiencies the best course of action for this board is to ignore the Planning Board's recommendation and base your own decision on good land use policy."

And finally, McCarley said the public interest law firm, IJ continues to distort the NC case law in an effort to make the community believe that amortization is not a lawful technique for addressing land use

• BIZ/ORG NEWS •

Davis Medical PLLC introduces innovative direct Primary Care Practice in MC



Dr. Clayton Davis

Davis Medical PLLC is proud to announce the opening of its new Direct Primary Care (DPC) practice, revolutionizing healthcare delivery in Macon County. Located at 55 Medical Park Drive Suite 118, opening November 18, 2024, the new practice has started accepting patients, offering a membership-based model that provides extensive services at a significantly reduced cost compared to traditional practices.

Davis Medical PLLC is the first DPC practice in Macon County, emphasizing a personalized approach to healthcare by eliminating insurance billing. For a low monthly fee, members gain access to unlimited office visits, direct communication with their doctor via phone, text, or e-mail, and a range of additional benefits. This innovative model allows for comprehensive care without the constraints and costs associated with insurance claims.

Dr. Clayton Davis, a Franklin resident with deep roots in rural South Carolina, founded Davis Medical PLLC after extensive training at Clemson University, the Medical University of South Carolina, and a Family Medicine residency at the Montgomery Center for Family Medicine in Greenwood, SC. His decade of primary care experience in Franklin underscores his commitment to delivering high-quality, accessible healthcare to the community.

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To celebrate the launch, Davis Medical PLLC is offering introductory limited time membership rates that are significantly lower than those of other DPC practices.

An open house event will be held on November 1 from 9a to 5p, where community members can tour the facility, meet Dr. Davis, and learn more about the benefits of Direct Primary Care.

For more information or to become a member, visit Davismedicalpllc.com or call (828) 371-6317.

About Davis Medical PLLC

Davis Medical PLLC is a pioneering Direct Primary Care practice based in Franklin, NC. Founded by Dr. Clayton Davis, the practice offers a patient-centered approach to healthcare, focusing on personalized, comprehensive care without the constraints of traditional insurance models. For more information, visit Davismedicalpllc.com.

thered and sometimes they have been amortized.

Also, during the public comment portion of the meeting, the Cahill family, who recently purchased the Satulah Brewing Company, requested a special use permit to allow the site to become a beer tap room without the required restaurant component, and also said brewing of beer on the premises will cease.

Planning Director Michael Mathis said they had to approach the Town Board prior to moving forward with any change of use and the stipulations associated with the previous use.

Paul Barnett, a homeowner in Mirror Lake also spoke about the dredging project about to begin as did Mirror Lake resident Bob Johnston. (See adjoining story: Phase 1 of Mirror Lake dredging to begin late Sept.)

• UPCOMING EVENT •



The Mountaintop Art and Craft show is back again this weekend!

The recent cool mountain weather this week is going to make for a fantastic weekend to be outside looking at art, listening to music, even getting your face painted.

This annual August show takes place in The Kelsey Hutchinson Park Sat. and Sun., the 24th & 25th.

You can expect some of your favorite vendors to be there as well as new ones to this show.

For families, your favorites, The Teddy

Bear Hospital and Face Painting are back! There will be live music with Nitrograss from 12-3 on Saturday. Local food vendors, plus a Silent Auction and Raffle.

Please come out to support this important fundraiser for Mountaintop Rotary Club of Highlands. All donations go to support the Boys and Girls Club of Highlands.

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nuisances. “They are simply wrong,” he said.

According to the UNC School of Government, since the late 1800s and 1920 onward, amortization cases revolved around gas stations that ended up in residential zones as towns grew and zoning between residential and commercial areas was enacted. They also mentioned, adult entertainment facilities near schools, adult bookstores and the proportion and sizes of signs, and recently according to Attorney Hagemann, the proliferation of billboards – all of which became nonconforming uses and are considered nuisances of some kind.

In North Carolina, over the years sometimes these uses have been grandfa-

• SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING •



The Bread of Life

Rev. Kirkland "Skully" Knight
The Episcopal Church of the incarnation

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh... Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me... This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

-The Gospel of John, ch. 6

Is there anything that smells better than freshly baked bread? Why is that? It might be the simplest thing that we eat. We don't even really think about it. People have been eating bread for almost as long as there have been people. There's something about it. I swear I think our girls, who are now 24 and 21, identify "favorite" meals and/or restaurants based on bread—the bread they bring you at The Little Village in Baton Rouge, Sister Schubert rolls at family holiday meals, and gummy white bread which the only acceptable bread upon which BLT's should be made. There are plenty other examples I could give, but the idea is that bread is where it all begins and ends. If we didn't have anything but bread, that would be ok. It would be enough.

I'm not sure if any of this is what John had in mind when he wrote the words, "I am the bread of life," that Jesus says. For the last few weeks, we have had readings from the sixth chapter of John's gospel and Jesus has been saying this over and over, but in this passage above he says that those who eat this bread "abide in me, and I in them." Abide. Live. Exist.

The bread that Jesus is talking about is our life together in God. It is who we are, and it is where we live. It is God at God's most foundational level. It is where it all begins and where it all ends. It is our home. The place we abide, the place we live, the place we exist.

That smell of warm bread brings us home. It brings us to places that we remember, places and moments that mean something, that are foundational to us. In the Eucharistic prayer, we pray these words, "we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant."

Fresh bread is a wonderful thing, but the bread of life that is given to us, is truly more than we can ask or imagine.

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• POLICE & FIRE REPORTS •

Highlands Police entries from Aug. 7. Only the names of persons arrested, issued a summons/citation, issued a Class-3 misdemeanor or those of public officials have been used.

Aug. 9

• At 5:20 p.m., officers responded to a 2-vehicle accident in the Highlands Plaza parking lot.

Aug. 14

• At 3:15 p.m., Isaac Jefferson Queen, 37, of Clayton, GA, was arrested for DUI on N. 4th Street. He was issued a \$500 secured bond. His trial date is Oct. 18.

Aug. 16

• At 12:01 p.m., Jared Martin Gray, 39, of Gainesville, GA, was arrested for DUI and trespassing at a location on Carolina Way. He was issued a \$1,500 unsecured bond. His trial date is Dec. 4.

Aug. 18

• At 9:10 p.m., officers received a report of someone being threatened with a gun at residence on US 64 west (Franklin Road).

The Highlands Fire & Rescue log from Aug. 13.

Aug. 13

At 1:03 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Clear Creek Road.

Aug. 14

At 2:31 p.m., the dept. was first-respond-

ers to a location on Cullasaja Club Circle.

At 6:04 p.m., the dept. was first responders to a residence on Hemlock Way.

At 7:26 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Upper Divide.

At 8:38 p.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on S. 4th Street.

At 10:50 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on East Over Drive.

Aug. 16

At 11:37 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Flat Mountain Road.

At 4:50 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Balsam Lane.

Aug. 17

At 8:19 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Forest Trail.

At 1:34 p.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Skyline Lodge Road.

At 5:36 p.m. the dept. provided public assistance at a location on Franklin Road.

Aug. 18

At 11:29 a.m., the dept. was first-responders to a location on Church Street.

At 6:03 p.m., the dept. investigated the cause of smoke at a residence on Arnold Road.

Aug. 19

At 7:17 a.m., the dept. responded to a motor vehicle accident on N. 4th Street.

At 7:56 p.m., the dept. was first-responders to a residence on NC 106 (Dillard Road).

Aug. 20

A little past midnight, the dept. was first-responders to a residence on Old Orchard Road.

At 1:18 a.m., the dept. responded to a fire alarm at a residence on Split Rail Row.

NOTE:

"Public Assistance" responses can mean various things: keys locked in vehicles, batteries in a smoke detector and more.

Call of 'killing' in Episcopal Church a hoax

A call to 9-1-1 claiming everyone inside the Episcopal Church was killed sent children on the playground into hiding and parents on alert mid-morning Aug. 21.

According to HPD Chief Andrea Holland the call was a hoax and thereby a false alarm.

Before entering the building, officers spoke to construction workers on site who said they hadn't seen or heard anything. Unable to get anyone on the phone officers entered the building and found all was well.

The call pinged from California with an IP address out of the country. An investigation is underway.

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Dr. Bill Goold

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HELP WANTED

TRAINED SINGER NEEDED TO CANTOR Sunday morning Masses at Our Lady of the Mountains (Highlands) and St. Jude (Cashiers / Sapphire) Catholic churches. Qualifications: strong vocal and sightreading skills; technical ability to access music digitally; experience singing in liturgical settings; commitment to Sundays, Holy Week, Christmas services. Pay negotiable. Contact: 828-526-2418 or olmountainshighlands@rcdoc.org.

ORGANIST/PIANIST NEEDED to play for 11am Sunday worship services and Wednesday evening choir rehearsals (5:30-7pm) at First Presbyterian Church, Highlands, NC. \$20K annual salary. No administrative duties involved. Our organ is a circa 2004 16-rank 2 manual Wicks pipe organ. For more information, contact Angie Jenkins, Director of Music Ministry @ 828-200-0183. (st. 6/13)

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Rabun Gap football to play on ESPN this Sunday at 1p

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School's football team will play on ESPN at 1p on Sunday, Aug. 25 as they take on Baylor School (TN) in Chattanooga.

The nationally televised game is part of ESPN's High School Football Kickoff. The program is in its 15th year and includes a six-game slate featuring the top football programs in the country. The elite teams feature 28 players ranked in the ESPN 300 and ESPN Junior 300.

It is the first time a Rabun Gap team will play on national television.

"This is a distinct honor for our football program, Rabun Gap athletics, and our school," said Head of School Jeff Miles. "We are excited for our student-athletes to represent the best of Rabun

Gap on a national stage."

The Rabun Gap vs. Baylor game will be aired on ESPN and the ESPN app. It is the only Sunday game in the series. The game is at Baylor School's Heywood Stadium in Chattanooga. Tickets are available on GoFan.co.

Rabun Gap football players returned to campus last month and have been preparing ever since for the monumental start to the season. The Eagles finished 13-1 and were the NCISAA state runner-up, hosting the school's first championship game on campus. They open the season on the road at Georgia Southern University, winning 41-17 against Benedictine Military Academy of Savannah in the Erk Russell Classic.

This year's team includes student-athletes from nine differ-

ent countries and eight U.S. states. There are over a dozen players from local communities including Macon County in NC, Rabun and Habersham counties in GA and across Western North Carolina and Upstate South Carolina.

Rabun Gap's football program began in 2009 under the leadership of Athletic Director Dale Earnhardt. The program has grown into a national powerhouse, graduating Division 1 athletes who have gone on to play for the University of Michigan, Georgia Tech, University of Minnesota, Virginia Tech, Georgia State, and more. Many of the Class of 2025 and 2026 players have already garnered interest from top collegiate programs across the country.

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the former web-based SIS that helped schools manage student data and provided student information to teachers, parents, students and administrators.

Infinite Campus offers portal and mobile apps for parents and students. Research shows that parent engagement has a direct correlation to student success. With many students juggling academics, social life, sports, and extracurricular activities Infinite Campus with be a tremendous help to students to help them efficiently manage their educational environment.

Infinite Campus (NC SIS) will help parents and students with: Enrollment/registration, Class schedules, Access to student grades, Review attendance and absences, View assignments due or upcoming exams, and Notifications for school/district announcements.

Rooms

(Communication Tool housed within the MCS App)

Macon County schools will be introducing Rooms, a groundbreaking in-classroom communication tool designed to improve communication between parents, teachers, and students. Rooms simplifies the digital classroom while bringing all communications into one place.

Rooms will allow for two-way communication between teachers, parents, and students, and can help with: Direct messaging between teachers, coaches and students, Class announcements, Homework: Parents can see when their children's homework is due, School-related questions: Students can ask their teacher questions in a safe place, Event information: Schools can connect with Google and Microsoft Calendar to keep event information updated.

Rooms is a unified communication and messaging tool for schools that integrates with a school app to unify conversations from different channels. Rooms allows parents, students, and teachers to communicate in a safe, monitored environment.

MC Schools App

(Phone app designed for MCS System)

The Macon County Schools App is "everything Macon County Schools in your pocket."

Through the app, parents and students can: View cafeteria menus, Contact staff, View events, Read student stories, Keep up with news updates, and Receive notifications and announcements including emergency notifications

To access the Macon County Schools App:

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Dragonfly

(MS and High School sports)

With Dragonfly, parents of student athletes can create an account and connect to their student's school to fill out required athletic forms. In addition, parents can use Dragonfly to get their student-athletes eligibility and receive team communications.

DragonFly is a leading athletic management software solution, specifically designed to streamline the complexities of high school sports administration.

The DragonFly mission is to streamline the workload of athletics management and free up resources so that coaches and athletic directors can pour their time and money into what they do best -- inspiring and guiding student athletes.

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