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MC sheriff officer dies during Helene onslaught

On Friday, Sept. 27 at 11:30 a.m., as Hurricane Helene was tracking through Macon County, a 911 call was made about a truck in the Cullasaja River at Fulton Road near the Macon Middle

School with witnesses saying they saw someone in the truck before it went underwater.

It was soon realized that one of the Macon County Sheriff Office's courthouse security officers,

Jim Lau, hadn't returned to work from lunch and his truck matched the description of the truck that was seen in the river.

A search effort was initiated
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County to begin search for County Manager

By Kristin Fox

After 15 years of service to Macon County, County Manager Derek Roland submitted his official notice of resignation at the September 10 meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners.

"After much reflection and with a heavy heart, I announce my intent to step down tonight as the County Manager of Macon County," said Roland. "This decision has not been easy. I have given the past 15 years of my life to this organization, 10 of which has been serving as the County Manager."

Roland first worked as the County Planner for Macon County, becoming County Manager in

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NC 106 (Dillard Road), Near Blue Valley Falls washed out 11 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 26 during the precursor front event before Hurricane Helene officially hit Highlands, early AM Friday, Sept. 27. According to NC DOT one lane near the washout is open with a temporary traffic light. Two lanes are open prior to and after the washout.

– Photo courtesy of NC DOT

Hurricane Helene strikes far and wide in WNC

Highlands fairs better than many communities with lack of power the main obstacle

By Kim Lewicki

We knew Hurricane Helene was coming but no one expected its impact to affect an area hundreds of miles away.

For Western North Carolina it started with a frontal event feeding tropical moisture to slow-moving storms that had formed along a stalled cold front days before Helene hit. Consequently, Western NC was already seeing a lot of rain that saturated the ground and filled waterways.

Helene was forecasted to descend on Highlands the early hours of Friday, Sept. 27 but by midnight Thursday, before Helene even made landfall, Asheville airport had already seen four inches of rain with other areas seeing more than nine inches as far away as Tennessee.

Climate officials say Helene amplified an already dire situation by pushing moisture up the mountains. Over the 3-day event, places across

Western NC clocked 31 inches of rain.

With the heaviest rain from Helene just beginning to fall throughout Friday, in Highlands storm force winds began to bring trees and powerlines down.

Mayor Pat Taylor joined the county and the state and declared a state of emergency for Highlands urging everyone to shelter in place and be prepared for extensive damage and power outages.

Around 2 a.m., power in Highlands began to flicker off and on and finally went out for good around 5 a.m., Friday and soon the rumble of gas-powered generators could be heard throughout town and neighborhoods.

Though some residents in the Highlands Township re-

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• MAYOR ON DUTY •

Countdown to Hurricane Helene

This is my immediate journal and recollections as mayor during a storm and state of emergency. It begins last week.

At the start of last week, I and our staff became aware and started tracking the disturbance in the Caribbean. By Wednesday the governor, county and town declared a state of emergency. We followed the projected track of Hurricane Helene. Our crews and staff began preparations for the storm.

Governor Cooper actually called me Wednesday afternoon to discuss state storm preparedness. He told me the national guard was on alert as well as a swift-water rescue teams.

Zeb Smathers, Mayor of Canton, sent me a forecast Wednesday night that Highlands would receive 20" of rain from Hurricane Helene. Zeb was right about the amount for Highlands but unfortunately his town also received heavy rain causing massive flooding.



Highlands Mayor
Patrick Taylor

Wednesday and Thursday Lamar Nix was contacting private electric crews to be ready to come to Highlands to help repair the electrical grid after the storm. He could get no commitments since many companies had contracted with large electrical providers.

Wednesday and Thursday staff checked and prepared equipment for storm response. Crews were on notice and call.

Early Friday morning the storm hit Highlands and inflicted major damage to roads and the utility grid. Access roads to Highlands were blocked and closed by fallen trees.

I arrived at Town Hall at 7:15 on Friday morning to take calls and assess the storm damage. Francis Beck of our administrative staff was already there taking calls. Internet and communications were for the most part totally down. I couldn't contact the Town Manager nor the Public Works Director.

Critical staff could not reach Highlands from their homes due to road closures. Some on-call road crews and electrical crews went through the town initially responding and assessing the damage. Police Chief Holland had positioned a double shift of officers who had spent the night at the department. They began managing traffic, checking on people and identifying hazards and damage.

Some restoration of services began after weather conditions improved Friday afternoon. Town Hall remained open late into the afternoon.

With continuing bad weather Friday night, more trees fell on power lines and blocked roads. Crews continued clearing roads Friday through Saturday.

After hours of travel, Francis Beck was again manning the front counter of Town Hall before 8am on Saturday. Lamar Nix, our Public Works Director and Josh Ward, the Town Manager, made it to Town Hall and implemented a utility restoration response.

Saturday and Sunday staff kept Town Hall open and answered citizen questions. Public WiFi was provided at Town Hall and the Civic Center. Lester Norris, Director of Recreation, kept the Civic Center open all Saturday night and all day Sunday.

Lamar Nix began requesting out-

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• SNAPSHOTS •



FALL through a window!

Photo by Kathy McIntyre Ross

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December 2013. He replaced Jack Horton who retired as county manager after a 30-year career as a manager for several counties.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to work along some of the most talented, driven and compassionate individuals I have ever known in the Macon County employees," he added. "Together we faced challenges, celebrated victories, we've mourned losses. Through all that I feel like we've become more than colleagues, we became more than friends, we became family and that is what makes this decision so bitter-sweet.

"I've loved every second of this journey," added Roland. "I love this organization and still to this day I love my job. My decision to resign as county manager is my decision, and I am making it in order to pursue another career opportunity."

Roland assured the board that he will stay on and assist the board in the replacement process as he works through his notice period. Oct 8 will be Roland's last meeting as the County Manager.

At a special called meeting of the county commissioners last week, Horton spoke to the board about a service provided by the North Carolina North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC). The NCACC is a non-partisan organization that serves as the official voice of all 100 counties in North Carolina.

As a part of its strategic member services, the NCACC offers county outreach services to counties. Horton serves on the team of four former county managers who provide these outreach services. One of the services provided by the team is to help counties with recruitment of key county officials including county managers, finance directors and tax administrators.

"Derek has done a terrific job for this county over the past 11 years," said Horton "We appreciate all the good work that he's done. He will be greatly missed as he moves on to new adventures but he leaves the legacy of good management and dedication to his job."

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side electrical crew assistance all Saturday and Sunday. Representative Karl Gillespie helped secure crews from Connecticut. They arrived along with other crews on Tuesday. They will help town crews erect fallen lines and utility poles until full restoration.

Lamar Nix worked with Joey Wilson of Duke Energy in rebuilding the transmission lines feeding Highlands. Duke got power back to the Highlands substation Monday

The team can help a county find a permanent replacement or if a county needs more time, help them find an interim to keep the county running during the search for a new County Manager. These services are offered to the county at no charge. The team will give counties as much or as little help as they want locating a county manager. It will also be up to the commissioners if they want to use these services in their search for a new county manager.

According to Horton, some counties want the NCACC team to be more involved in the process, all the way from writing the job description through interviews and so forth. The team will not make a recommendation of who to hire for the position that will be entirely up to the local board.

"We won't recommend anybody for the job, but we may tell you somebody whom you shouldn't consider and that's as far as we'll go," said Horton. "The final decision is entirely up to the board of county commissioners."

"We've had some success stories throughout the state on working with counties recruiting and helping them in the process of finding a new management," he added. "We recently helped Stokes County find a new manager."

Horton also informed commissioners that in the western part of the state there are several vacancies for county managers. He said that it is hard to find somebody who has the ability, expertise and willingness to take on the responsibility of the county manager position.

Chairman Gary Shields encouraged the board to move forward with the process. However, Commissioner Josh Young felt like the board needed some time before deciding to use the NCACC team, especially as there were only three commissioners present at the meeting.

"I have a list of questions and would like to discuss this with the county attorney," said Young. "I just think there needs to be some internal discussion with the board as a body first. I just feel like there's just a lot of other questions that need to be answered."

afternoon. The downtown and some neighborhoods were back online. Outlying areas will continue to be restored.

The water and sewer plant continued operations throughout the disaster. Water crews made repairs to numerous leaks in the system during this period.

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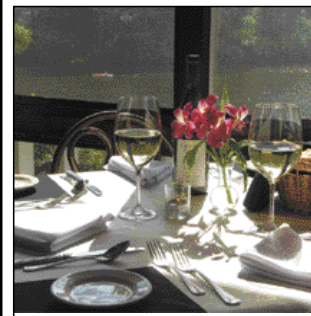


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• LETTERS •

'Mr. Trump has proven he is not up to the job'

Dear Editor,

On Sunday September 22, 2024 a bipartisan group of 741 national security leaders — some of the biggest names in the field — endorsed Harris. They had worked in the Republican administrations of Reagan, both Bushes and the Democratic administration of Obama. The letter read as follows:

"To the American People," they wrote. "We are former public servants who swore an oath to the Constitution. Many of us risked our lives for it. We are retired generals, admirals, senior noncommissioned officers, ambassadors, and senior civilian national security leaders. We are Republicans, Democrats, and Independents. We are loyal to the ideals of our nation — like freedom, democracy, and the rule of law — not to any one individual or party.

We do not agree on everything, but we all adhere to two fundamental principles. First, we believe America's national security requires a serious and capable Commander-in-Chief. Second, we believe American democracy is invaluable. Each generation has a responsibility to defend it. That is why we,

the undersigned, proudly endorse Kamala Harris to be the next President of the United States.

This election is a choice between serious leadership and vengeful impulsiveness. It is a choice between democracy and authoritarianism. Vice President Harris defends America's democratic ideals, while former President Donald Trump endangers them.

We do not make such an assessment lightly. We are trained to make sober, rational decisions. That is how we know Vice President Harris would make an excellent Commander-in-Chief, while Mr. Trump has proven he is not up to the job."

We urge you to consider the seriousness of this letter when deciding for whom you will vote in this most consequential election.

The Board of the Highlands Democratic Precinct. Al Brady, Margaret Pickett, Karen Hawk, Robert E. Smith and Linda Arnold

Kudos to Lester Norris and all the staff at Highlands Recreation Center!

Dear Editor,

The Rec Center became a beacon of light in an otherwise gloomy situation. Town residents were able to get their phones, computers, tablets, etc., charged up and communicate with loved ones.

It was like old home week seeing people you hadn't seen in years. Everybody was congenial and many experiences regarding the storm were shared.

Without the support and friendliness of all it would not have become the safe haven for all to communicate and vent, if need be.

So, thank you to all the staff for coming in at odd hours and helping when needed.

**Maddy Wooldrige
Highlands**

Thanks to the mayor and town employees

Dear Editor,

We are writing to express our gratitude to and admiration for Mayor Pat Taylor's great leadership, and to the numerous staff of the Town of Highlands for their outstanding work before, during, and after Hurricane Helene. Mayor Taylor kept the lines of communication open wonderfully by radio and video messages. He worked tirelessly to lead many different Town workers to speed the Highlands recovery from the massive damages caused by the storm.

We want to express our deep appreciation for the Recreation Center being open during the crisis. The fact that we were able to go there and have electricity, WiFi, hot

showers, and to congregate with people at this facility was immeasurably valuable, not only physically but emotionally. The open gym was excellent for the children and teens.

We want to give a huge thank you to director Lester Norris and the rest of the dedicated staff at the Rec Center. Lester stayed long hours at the rec center for us. They provided many services with compassion and kindness. We especially want to recognize employee Sabrina Cashion whose sparkling personality was a bright light of optimism for all of us.

**Margo and David Cooper
Highlands Manor Ct.**

There are lots of ways to help Helene victims

Community foundations and many other organizations across North Carolina are collaborating to support western North Carolina after the devastation brought by Hurricane Helene.

- To support ongoing recovery needs, give to The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina's Emergency and Disaster Response Fund.

- To support long-term recovery, donate to the North Carolina Community Foundation Disaster Relief Fund.

A wide range of groups are also providing support to

western North Carolina, including:

- American Red Cross
- Diaper Bank of NC
- Operation Airdrop
- Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwestern North Carolina
- Wine to Water

You can find additional information about the NCCF Disaster Relief Fund and other efforts by visiting our website at nccommunityfoundation.org/helene.

• INVESTING AT 4,118 Ft •

Highlands community - vacation renters, year-round and seasonal residents all went through Helene

There are things that our town doesn't do well, but when it comes to town emergencies, Highlands, NC understands the assignment. I applaud Mayor Taylor with the many updates he has given regarding the storm, Hurricane Helene. Someone else who gets a lot of credit is our radio station, WHLC. I remember when Chuck and Wanda Cooper first started WHLC just as they were being initiated with the blizzard of 1993. When a crisis occurs, it's imperative to not only get the information to everyone as quickly as possible, but to get the correct information to the ears of the public. Facebook is great for a lot of things, but well-intended hearsay isn't what is needed.

This storm, reminiscent of Hurricanes Opal and Ivan packed a punch right in the gut of Highlands. I don't know why but I expected to lose power for a while, maybe even a day or two, but for some reason, I was surprised to lose my cell phone. Usually, even when I don't have internet, I can use my cell phone's cellular data plan. We were completely cut off from the outside world. Even if we had an emergency, there'd be no way to call for help, and there

was no way anyone could reach us anyway because our driveway was blocked. Special shout out to Noah Chmar of Peak Land Services, LLC for coming to our rescue and cutting a path through the fallen trees Saturday afternoon.

We headed to our office in town to fill up our water containers, and then went to the Rec Park, because Mayor Taylor's radio address suggested that was where Wi-Fi was available, as well as a hot shower. What an invitation! It was so good to see so many people. I saw bewilderment but I also saw smiles. I think we were all glad to be seen, too, even though we had to 'come as we were.'

If you get the chance, thank a town worker, the Highlands Fire and Rescue and the Highlands Police Department. I understand the HPD had access to a local home usually reserved for friends, guests and short-term rentals. I'm sure as time goes by, we will hear more nice things about the people of this community.

We've had a stressful few years with The



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& Vacation Rentals

Highlands Neighborhood Coalition and the SaveHighlands.net fractions. Fractions is a good word because the STR issue has divided the town. Things have been said that should have never been said, feelings have been hurt, friendships estranged and for what? Did you know that extreme worry and stress can cause sickness? Who knows what will happen next, but the Town Board voted 4-1 in favor of amortization to end all short-term rentals effective September 2027 for homes located in R-1 and R-2. Now, if there's rowdy guest, they'll be required to stay rowdy for 30 nights or more.

When I was younger, I enjoyed watching a show called Bewitched. Samanta and Darrin had a nosy neighbor, Mrs. Kravitz, remember her? She just knew there was something going on across the street. Her husband always had his nose in his newspaper, but you could hear him agree with his wife out of necessity, to keep the peace. Mrs. Kravitz could be seen peeping through the venetian blinds on just about every epi-

sode. Poor thing.

When it was time for the public hearing on STRs, I made a comment, "Wonder which side we should sit on, the bride's or groom's side?" I meant it as a joke, but I got to thinking about it later. When you go to a wedding, there are two sides, two sets of friends and families who are there to see the group become one in supporting the bride and groom start a new life together. Think about it. What if the two opposing groups in Highlands were to join together and become one for the betterment of new life in Highlands?

There will always be the few who don't follow rules, but just because Uncle Billy got drunk at the wedding and started acting like a fool doesn't mean the wedding can't go on as planned. We can't go back to the '50s and '60s and this ain't Mayberry, but we can all act civilized and get along.

I personally don't care for third party rental sites, but maybe there needs to be a big fat, red-letter warning for a prospective tenant to initial that the home they're viewing is in a residential neighborhood, and they better be nice...or else.

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• INK PENN •

The perks of being an avid reader



Kathy Manos Penn

first thing that caught my eye was an October release by Colleen Cambridge, so that went on the list. But I also found several new to me authors.

This week's review is about a debut novel described as "Maisie Dobbs meets James Bond." How could I resist?

A Jewel in the Crown

by David Lewis

Set in England during WWII, it features Caitrin Colline, a strong, talented female protagonist. Charged by Winston Churchill with removing the Crown Jewels from the Tower of London and driving them north to Scotland, an unlikely pair of secret agents sets out under the cover of darkness. They are to safeguard the jewels at all costs so that they don't fall into the hands of the Nazis. It's not long, of course, before the plan goes awry.

Is there any doubt that Caitrin Colline, a Welsh coalminer's daughter, will save the day? Author David Lewis has given us a well-researched, action-packed caper filled with witty dialogue. I wasn't surprised to read that he was an award-winning screenwriter and filmmaker. That background shines through in this tale that kept me turning pages well past my bedtime several nights in a row.

Trust me when I tell you that there is not a boring moment in this novel. Lewis tells us he has more Caitrin Colline stories to share, so I'm eagerly awaiting Book II. The series may be dubbed "The Secret Churchill Files," but like the Maisie Dobbs series I so love, I'll read it to learn more about Caitrin Colline.

This book ticks all my boxes — set in England, strong female lead, well plotted mystery, and more. I highly recommend you grab it now. Happy reading!

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I've been an avid reader my whole life. In grammar school, I lived for the book fairs, and I was the girl in high school who always had a novel tucked inside her textbook. I learned all I needed to know about the Kings and Queens of England from historical novels by Phillipa Gregory, Anya Seton, Jean Plaidy, and goodness knows who else. Of course, I majored in English in college. What else was a girl to do?

The number one perk is the pure joy I get from reading a good book, which is why I read every night, often two-three books a week. Next is what I learn. It was the Maisie Dobbs series that introduced me to the impact of the first World War on England — beyond the actual bombs and devastation to a generation of young men. A dry history book is not for me. It's novels I crave.

What I never imagined is that later in life, I would become a world-famous columnist writing about books. Do you see my tongue firmly planted in my cheek? I'm certainly not famous, but a bit of attention has come my way because of my book columns in the Dunwoody Crier.

I've had the pleasure of meeting with book clubs to discuss my books, my path to writing, and books I recommend. When a member of Sisters in Crime Atlanta read my columns, she invited me to attend a monthly Reader Rendezvous meeting. What fun to chat with a group of mystery readers about the latest books we've enjoyed.

That invitation led to my joining SINC Atlanta and participating in lots of book festivals. And yes, on occasion, someone reads the byline for my columns and picks up one of my books.

The latest perk came my way when the communications manager for a major publisher noticed my columns. She wrote to ask if I'd care to read any of the mysteries and thrillers the firm planned to release this year and sent me a list to consider. The

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Hurricane season isn't over until November. Let's remember what we wished we'd done differently this time so we can all be better prepared the next time. And let's remember the neighborhood feeling

we shared during this hurricane. There were vacation renters, year-round residents, and seasonal residents all in the same boat and it was a good thing.

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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.

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• **Mountain Findings Hours:** Thurs.-Sat., 10a to 1p.

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• Nantahala Tennis plays at the Highlands Rec Park 9a-1p.

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. The class is led by Cathy Hodgson. Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more information.

Second Mondays

• The local chapter of PEO, an off-campus sorority founded in the 1800s that provides grants and loans to women with financial need who want to return to school or further their education meets at 10 a.m. More meeting places call president Paula McDonald at 706-372-3004

• Indivisible Highlands from 5:15-6:15pm at the Hudson Library Meeting Room.

1st Tuesdays through Dec.

• HUMC's Community Table Dinner at the Community Building at 6 p.m. Sept. 3, Oct. 1, Nov. 5 and Dec. 3.

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 information 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. Aim for strong, lean muscles using light weights, body weight, and high repetition to shape and tone. Learn proper form and range of motion to safely target all muscle groups for a metabolic boost and feel great.

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Workshop for Writers - Tuesdays from 5-6:30 PM. Facilitated by Sam Renken, this group has a simple mission: to foster and provide consistent community for local writers thereby giving writers of all ages and genres the opportunity to write, read, revise, and present their work to the group.

• ESL classes are held at the Presbyterian Church in Highlands from 6:30-7:30pm. No registration required - just show up and participate. Questions? call 828-526-0863 or email info@maconncliteracy.org

2nd Wednesdays

• Hudson Library, in partnership with VAYA Health, is hosting an educational series on adult mental health topics, held on the first Wednesday of each month at 11 AM. This series is aimed particularly at older adults and

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will focus on mental health topics of particular interest to them, but all ages are welcome to attend. The November 1 program is Dementia: A Deeper Understanding. Reservations are required for this free event. To register, stop by the library or call 828-526-3031.

2nd & 4th Wed.

• Digital Navigators will be at the Hudson Library the second and fourth Wednesdays 1PM - 3PM of each month to help patrons with their tech needs. Bring a smartphone, laptop, or other digital device to receive free assistance and support. No appointments are required - all are welcome.

• Pickle Ball inside and outside at the Rec Park. 10am-1pm, everyone is welcome so come out and enjoy a game of Pickle Ball.

Mon., Tues., Thurs.

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

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

Thursdays

• Kickboxing 8:15-9:15 am. at the Rec Park. An exhilarating and fun mix of martial arts for a calorie-burning workout. No martial arts background necessary Contact the Recreation Department at 828-526-3556 for more info.

• At Hudson Library, special children's events will be on tap on Thursday afternoons at 3:30 Kids Zone programs.

Fridays

• At Hudson Library, Friday afternoons at 2 PM, there's a variety of children's programs including board games, STEM programs, and craftersnoons.

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2nd Saturdays

• The Western North Carolina Woodturners Club meets in Highlands at The Bascom at 10 a.m. thru Nov.

3rd Saturdays

• The American Legion Post 370 meets at the First Methodist Church at 315 Main St. in their community room/909 chapel. We serve breakfast at 9 AM and hold our monthly meeting at 10 AM. We invite ALL veterans to attend - email ncpost370@gmail.com for more information or just join us at 9 AM.

Sundays

• At Wayfarers Chapel, Sunday Service: 10 AM Sunday Morning. Stick around for visita-

tion and coffee hour immediately after service. (Coffee hour is replaced by potluck dinner the 1st Sunday of each month).

Thru Mid-October

• Visit the Cashiers Historical Society every Friday & Saturday for a guided tour of the 1850s Zachary-Tolbert House and other historic structures on their five-acre campus. Tours will be available from 11am - 3pm on the top of the hour. CHS is located at 1940 HY 107 S Cashiers, NC 28717.

Fri., Oct. 4

• Friday Night Live music on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. - Zorki

Sat., Oct. 5

• Pop-Up Bagpipers at First Presbyterian Church 4:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., Oct. 6

• The Highlands Biological Station presents Highlands on the Half-Shell Sunday at 4p.m. feature jambalaya, gumbo, and oysters at the Highlands Biological Station's Valentine Meadow Tickets are available for \$150 per person. Space is limited, so be sure to register soon at www.highlandsbiological.org.

Tues., Oct. 8

• HCHF 2024 Grant Awards Ceremoy 4p at The Village Green in Cashiers.

Thurs., Oct. 10

• Pisgah Legal Services' 14th Annual Justice Forum. Reception 5:30pm; Forum 7pm. Tickets to the reception are \$125/person and include food and drink. Advance registration is required at www.pisgahlegal.org/justiceforum. In Highlands, the free livestreaming of the event will be at PAC. Questions? Email Leslie@pisgahlegal.org

• OEI's The Orchard Sessions with Erick Baker. Light bites, a cash bar 6-8 p.m. \$40. Book Online: <https://www.simplenetix.com/e/erick-baker-orchard-sessions-at-the-farm-tickets-149415>.

Oct. 11-26

• At PAC, Mountain Theatre Company presents The Burnt Park Boys. For tickets go to boxoffice@mountaintheatre.com.

Fri. & Sat., Oct. 11-12

• At The Bascom, Fall Pottery Show 10a to 4p.

Fri., Oct. 11

• Friday Night Live music on Main Street's Town Square 6-8:30 p.m. - The Foxfire Boys

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• Highlands Heritage Jamboree with traditional music, dancing, BBQ & Moonshine at KH Founders Park 3:30-7:30p featuring Nu Blue.

Fri., Oct 18

• At Hudson Library in Highlands, Arts & Crafts of Bhutan with Dennis Desmond at 4 p.m. sponsored by the Arts Council of Macon County.



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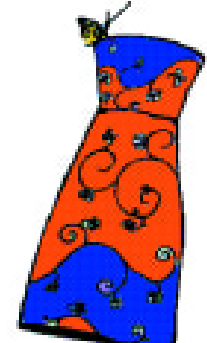
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Hurricane Helene aftermath Sat., Sept 28



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gained power – some late Friday and others throughout the weekend – most people were without power until the evening of Monday and some won't see it totally restored until Friday and possibility beyond.

Throughout the Highlands Township, power is provided by Duke, Haywood and the Town of Highlands each with its own distribution system and restoration timeline.

Once the storm passed, assessment began across Western NC and Highlands.

With the extensive loss of power, Mayor Taylor began broadcasting updates via UTUBE and on Sunday

evening he said the town was struggling to get power restored.

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that afternoon by multiple emergency service agencies – an on-foot search, a drone search and multiple swift-water rescue teams were called in.

Ultimately, the search was put on hold when the sun began to set. The search began early the morning of Saturday, Sept. 28. Lau's body was found and recovered from the river shortly after the search began.

NC State Highway Patrol is the investigating agency and its ongoing investigation.

"Jim Lau was very liked and respected



Jim Lau

within the department," said Sheriff Brent Holbrooks. "He was known to be a hard worker, dependable and he jumped in whenever help was needed. His absence will truly be felt in our agency."

Sheriff Holbrooks asks that the community pray for his family and loved ones as well as prayers for the department.

"Also, continue to pray for Western North Carolina as a whole," he said. "The tragedy that surrounds our mountain communities is unimaginable."

– Submitted

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"We experienced 21 inches of rain over the and super high winds that knocked out power lines and splintered and destroyed a number of our utility poles," he said.

The transmission system from Duke Power, that supplies Highlands power, was also literally destroyed, he said.

"Three major transmission poles and lines went down and Duke is working to install new poles and bringing the transmission lines back to the substation that feeds all of Highlands," he said, "but with so many outages and downed trees that knocked down lines, the process of restoring full power to the town of Highlands could take more than a week to complete."

A Duke contract worker explained the

number of steps that must be completed per spot – which exemplified why restoring power takes so long.

He said first crews have to identify where the problem lies – where a tree took out a pole or lines – and there are lots of them, and that and the lack of cell coverage has made the multi-step process physically difficult.

"So it's a multitask process – spotters find the problem, then linemen determine if the line is hot, then tree guys remove the tree, then poles have to be re-established, then the linemen run the new line and make sure it is functioning. It's a process, and there are a lot of steps at one spot," he said.

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He said to compound the problem, Duke has to allocate resources across a wide swath of Macon and Jackson counties – Cashiers, Franklin, Nantahala and Highlands. “It’s a big job,” he said.

Over the last several days, with no power, people congregated at the Civic Center for hot showers and wifi and also outside Town Hall to access wifi.

By early Monday evening the town’s three-phase system, which powers the downtown and business area as well as outlying neighborhoods, came online. But Mayor Taylor reiterated that power to the entire township could take as long

as two weeks.

He said thanks to the help of state representative Karl Gillespie a private electric company from Connecticut is now on site rebuilding the electric grid but it won’t be a fast process.

Services continue in town with garbage pickup continuing as long as homes are physically accessible; a fully operational water department is distributing safe, high-quality water; and the sewer department is fully operational.

The NC 106 (GA Road) washout that occurred about 11 a.m. Thursday, as part of the precursor frontal event, closed the road for several days, but one lane

was opened near the washout late Monday with traffic monitored with a temporary traffic light.

The First Baptist Church is operating an emergency aid station with essential supplies and support services and is open from 10a to 3p daily.

It needs water, canned foods, toiletries, baby wipes, diapers, toothbrushes and toothpaste, hand lotion, cleaning supplies and gloves and trash bags.

The Food Pantry needs diapers, baby formula and feminine products.

The International Friendship Center needs flashlights for the farm workers in Macon County.

Hotwire has some spot outages but most of its network is

operational. Other communication providers are working to restore their networks.

Highlands Police continue to do welfare and damage checks

throughout the town.

Macon County Schools closed in preparation of Helene through Wednesday, Oct. 2. Classes will resume Thurs., Oct 3.

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• BIZ/ORG NEWS •



From left: Ed McCloskey, Marla Dalrymple, Maci Bears, Sarah Holbrooks, and Paul Schowalter

Students learn the history of the American Flag

The Highlands School 5th grade classes taught by Maci Bears and Marla Dalrymple joined with the Highlands American Legion Post 370 for an American Flag History, Etiquette and flag folding class.

The event was organized by Maci Bears 5th grade teacher at the school with Obie Oakley and Chip Snyder of Post 370 with the support of school principal Sarah Holbrooks.

The 34 5th grade students engaged first with Post Commander Paul Schowalter in the school gym to learn about the history of the flag from Betsy Ross days in 1777 evolving 43 stripes to the current American Flag of 50 stars and 13 stripes. Commander Schowalter outlined a brief history of the American Legion and the veteran service members that comprise the organization in Highlands.

The group then moved outside to the school flagpole where Post Chaplain and Ceremonies Officer Ed McCloskey guided the students through the correct way to unfold, attach and raise the flag as the post bugler played "To the Colors." A number of the students had an opportunity to raise and lower the flag as well as practice folding and unfolding for future daily flag raising services.

The American Legion has nearly 2 million members across the United States from all military services, making it the nation's largest veteran service organization. The Highlands American Legion Post has committed to donate new American and North Carolina flags to the Highlands School continuing the posts commitment to donating flags to local organizations as a show of patriotic and community spirit.

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From left: Randy Foster, Rotary president; Ava Ammons, administrator, Eckerd Living Center; Dennis Leftwich, rotary host.

On Sept. 17, Rotary was pleased to hear from Ava Ammons, Administrator of the Eckerd Living Center. It is a CMS rated 5-star, 80-bed skilled nursing facility with 61% of residents from the Highlands-Cashiers communities; 68% of residents use Medicaid, 22% use private pay, and 12% use Medicare. It is the only skilled nursing facility in the Mission/HCA network. It also provides on-site cohort classes to help stave the drop off rate in professional caregivers.



From left: Linda Tiffany, President Randy Foster.

On Sept 3 Rotarian Linda Tiffany, executive director/administrator for Chestnut Hill of Highlands delivered a wealth of information on Chestnut Hill. It is an assisted living facility whose goal is to improve each resident's quality of life. While there are private homes for sale, the focus of the assisted living facility is to provide varied activities to its residents along with a high level of senior care services.

Chamber recognizes outstanding community contributors

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce proudly celebrated exceptional individuals and organizations at its annual Autumn Ovation event, held on September 17 at The Vineyard at High Holly. This gathering of Chamber members honored outstanding contributions to the Highlands community, spotlighting leadership, service, and dedication.

The Volunteer of the Year, presented to Michael Lanzilotta. This award recognizes an individual who demonstrates exemplary leadership, commitment to volunteerism, and community service. Lanzilotta serves on six boards, including the Hudson Library, Community Care Clinic, Highlands Cashiers Players, Macon County Arts Council, Eckerd Living Center, and Bel Canto. Additionally, Michael serves as the DEI District Chair for Rotary International District 7670, which encompasses Highlands and Western North Carolina. He is also an active member of the Mountaintop Rotary Club. His philanthropic efforts extend to a wide range of causes, including Literacy and Learning Center, and the Highlands Bolivian Mission. Amidst all of this, Michael still finds time to tutor students and deliver Meals on Wheels.

The Robert B. Dupree Award for Outstanding Community Service, presented to Art and Angela Williams. This prestigious award is presented to individuals who have a long-standing and distinguished record of selfless community service. Over the past 20+ years, Art and Angela Williams have continuously supported and enriched the lives of countless individuals in Highlands. Their contributions include financial support for over 500 employees and their families, along with scholarships for local daycare facilities and graduating high school seniors. The Williams' generosity has been integral to many transformative projects in the community, such as covering the local swimming pool, installing an ice rink, funding The Bascom and Performing Arts Center (PAC), completing Founders Park, and installing the Christmas tree in the park. Their unmatched commitment to improving Highlands is a testament to their spirit of giving.

The Del Roberts Award for Outstanding Businessperson, presented to Jimmy Tate. Created in 2005, this award honors businesses or individuals who have made unselfish

contributions to Highlands' business community. Jimmy Tate, a longtime business leader and owner of Tate Landscaping, has been a driving force behind Highlands' economic growth. His company provides employment for more than 50 individuals, and both he and his wife, Allison, have contributed selflessly to the community for many years. In addition to his business success, Jimmy has held various volunteer roles, serving as a county commissioner and chairman for over 11 years, ensuring Highlands always had a voice in county governance. His unwavering dedication to both the local economy and community makes him truly deserving of this recognition.



Jim and Allison Tate

cy corridor from Highlands to the hospital was opened early Friday morning. The hospital and HCA brought in work crews to help keep roads open and the hospital accessible.

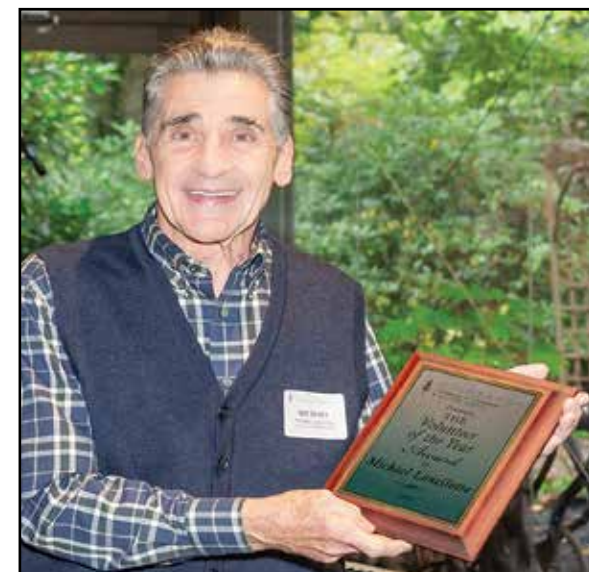
Fire fighters and EMT's remained on duty throughout the emergency. The fire department served as a hub for emergency workers.

With communications down, I began WHLC updates on Friday. On Sunday I began updates on AskMayorPat from my home after activating a small generator. My updates were linked to the town website on Monday afternoon. I and staff member spent time responding to claims and rumors on Facebook about roads closures and other events. We talked at Town Hall with many tourists about the best way for them to leave Highlands using open corridor roads.

Recovery will continue. After full restoration a performance review will be conducted focusing on improvements for future emergencies.

I want to thank our staff, commissioners and community organizations who have responded to the emergency.

I'm tired but like our town staff and volunteers, we will continue to remain on duty. So many people love our town and one another.



Michael Lanzilotta



Brian Crook of OEI accepting for the Williamses

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Nonprofits get proceeds from Motoring Festival

On Wed., Sept. 5 proceeds from the 17th annual Highlands Motoring Festival were presented to three charity organizations in KH Founders Park: the Literacy and Learning Center of Highlands, REACH of Macon County, and the Community Care Clinic of Highlands and Cashiers Kelsey Hutchinson Park.

The festival's net proceeds of \$105,000 were distributed equally between the three charity organizations. Highlands Motoring Festival® is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and is an all-volunteer team of classic car enthusiasts.



Pictured left to right: Craig Nixon, Steve Ham, Lester Norris, Ricky Siegel, Faviola Olvera, Steve Mehder, David Moore, Cindy Trevathan, and Bonnie Potts. The vehicle is an original 1913 Buick owned by David and Amy Noznesky.

Photo By Becky Nixon



Head of School Jeff Miles enjoys welcoming a group of students at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School's Niles Bolton Middle School on the first day of the 2024-2025 academic year.

Rabun Gap opens academic year with record enrollment

Rabun Gap-Nacoochee's 2024-2025 school year is off to a historic start with record enrollment numbers. On Wednesday, August 21, campus came alive as 685 students from Pre-K through 12th grade filled the classrooms, marking the highest enrollment in the School's storied history.

This exciting milestone reaffirms Rabun Gap's unwavering commitment to its founding mission — delivering exceptional educational opportunities to students

from across the valley and around the world. This year, over 68% of students are local to Georgia, North Carolina, and South Carolina. The 110-member Class of 2025 is the largest graduating class in school history and was the first class to begin as fifth-graders at the Evelyne Sheats Lower School. This year's student body includes 48 countries and 16 states, truly representing Rabun Gap's global reach and local roots.

There's even more to cele-

brate this year! The Upper School officially moved into the newly renovated Hodgson Hall — the nearly 100-year-old main academic building that has been beautifully restored and modernized with new technology, additional classrooms, student workspaces, and a stunning terrace overlooking the mountains. These updates ensure Rabun Gap students have a state-of-the-art learning environment while preserving the campus' history.

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