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Rotary Speaker Joanna Earls from Access Family Services

by Lee Berger

If you ever had thoughts about being a foster parent, listening to Joanne Earls with Access Family Services in Sylva (serves all of WNC) would entice you to become a foster parent.

As for the concern that “I couldn’t give a child back,” she responds, “Look at all the people in your life that you have loved and lost in some way. Do you wish you had never known them?”

Joanna described her path from working as an x-ray technician to working full-time for Access Family Services as a licensing and treatment consultant. She and her husband had decided that their empty 3-bedroom house needed to be shared with children, so they completed the process to become licensed. Since then, they have fostered over 20 children and have now adopted 3 siblings (all girls).

While still working as an x-ray tech, she developed her own business cards about fostering with the “Ask Me About Fostering” line on the card. Eventually she was contacted by the director of AFS and asked to come to work for them. Unfortunately Joanna did not have a bachelor’s degree, but that did not stop the process. The director worked to find the grants and funding to send Joanna to WCU and then hired her at graduation.

Joanna’s passion for her work is clear: she believes in shared parenting; she still has contact with former foster children; she builds bridges with the biological parent; she does not judge; she simply keeps a child safe until the parent can be reunited with his/her child. Joanna then closed with a call to “Make your family bigger.”



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Annual Awards for our Macon Co. School Representatives

-Macon County School System Support Person of the Year:

Reva Welch, the receptionist at Macon Middle School

-Macon County Teacher of the Year:

Jenny Collins, Agriculture teacher at Franklin High School

-Macon County Principal of the Year:

Barry Woody, Mr. Woody noted that present in the room were both Shields and Baldwin, former principals who contributed to the success FHS is showing now:

*End of Course scores are up and the school received a grade of a B.

*The graduation rate is one of the highest in the state at 97%.

*Students can earn SCC college credit while enrolled at FHS (as well as those enrolled at MEC); FHS students earned 395 credits this year.

*In addition to the core classes (English, math, science, social studies), there are numerous offerings in other areas such as welding, food services, automotive technology, forensic science, business, and the arts (band and chorus).

*FHS has a partnership with LBJCCC although there are no students enrolled at the present, but students at LBJ can attend classes at FHS.

*Mr. Woody concluded his comments with an invitation to "Come and visit FHS."



Volunteer Opportunity

It's Time to Pack Those Backpacks!!!

Franklin Rotary will pack backpacks for CareNET the last Monday of every month from 4-6pm. That would mean we are scheduled for the following dates:

-Monday, September 25th

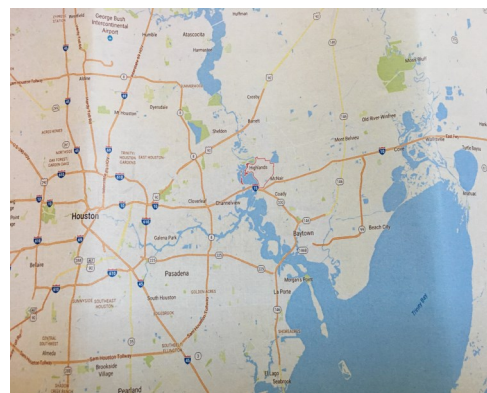
-Monday, October 30th

-Monday, November 27th

-Monday, December 18th **the last Monday of Dec. is the 25th so we will schedule Dec. for the 18th

Franklin Noon-Day Rotary adopts Highlands, TX Rotary After Harvey

We have adopted a Rotary Club from Highlands, TX (I have a map for you) for hurricane relief. Our club is donating **\$5000** and will match individual club member donations up to **\$2500** for a total donation of at least **\$10,000**.



Ashlie's Announcements

Sept 20—Today was the second posting of Jason Rogers.

Sept 27—Next week is Working Wednesday – the committee meeting. Find the table with your committee name

Sept 27—Paul Garner—Haiti/Clean Water with Drake Software, Inc.

Sept 30—RLI Training—IN CULLOWHEE (the Closest it's Ever been) Funding available for Interested Individuals

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Fred's Funnies Too Close to Home...



New from LG

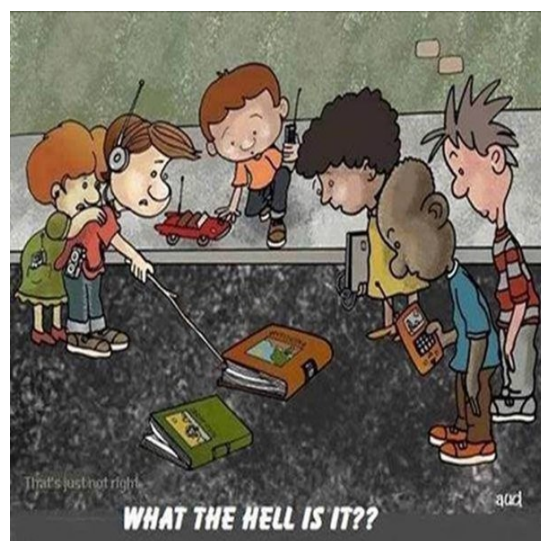


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Thanks for all you do in service!

Upcoming Events



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50 50 Drawing

1 Ticket —\$1.00

3 Tickets —\$2.00

5 Tickets —\$3.00

10 Tickets—\$5.00

25 Tickets—\$10.00



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Meeting next Week
***Paul Garner—Haiti/
Clean Water with
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No One
Won
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Maybe
Next Week!

