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Present Employer:

Morris Broadband

Education:

Queens College; Blue Ridge Community College

Community Involvement:

Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra Board of Directors; Henderson & Jackson County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador; Rotary of Sylva; Fletcher Area Business Association (FABA) Member, Mills River Business Association (MRBA) Member; National Association of Professional Women Member, Rely Member, American Cable Association, Women in Motion (cable/broadband), CTAM, NCTA



Elizabeth Bentley

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Present Employer:

Thrive, Administrator

Education:

Wake Tech Community College; Western Carolina University; Clubhouse International Training

Community Involvement:

Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry (ABCCM) Steadfast House



Alan Bernstein

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Present Employer:

Accent on Promotions, Inc.

Education:

Ithaca College, BS Accounting,
MAS Promotional Advertising

Community Involvement:

Specialty Advertising Association of Greater New York (SAAGNY)
Treasurer; Handicapped Equestrian Volunteer



Kim Berry

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Department of Public Health

Education:

Western Carolina University

Community Involvement:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council; Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Council; Henderson County School Health Advisory Council



Kathi Bivins

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Present Employer:

Our Whole Lives, PLLC

Education:

Augusta State University, Masters in Psychology & Masters in Counselor Education

Community Involvement:

St. Gerard House Board Chair & Volunteer, First Methodist Church Sound Team Member



Bart Brown

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Present Employer:

North Carolina Department of Commerce/Division of
Workforce Solutions; Blue Ridge Community College, Adjunct Instructor

Education:

MA, Anthropology

Community Involvement:

Disabled American Veterans, 2nd Junior Vice Commander; American
Legion, Past President; Filipino American Community of Western North
Carolina



Eric Bush

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Department of Social Services

Education:

Ohio State University, BS; Ohio State University, Master of Social Work &
MA Public Administration

Community Involvement:

Director of Henderson County Department of Social Services; Boys &
Girls Club of Henderson County Board Member



Zabrina Cobian

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Present Employer:

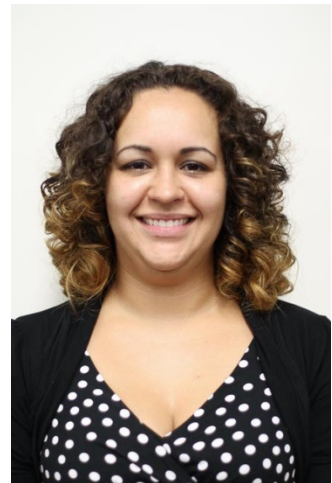
Park Ridge Health, Interpreter Coordinator

Education:

Bryman College, Medical Assistant Certification

Community Involvement:

Asheville's Fiesta Latina



Camille Condon

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Education:

Troy University

Community Involvement:

Neighborhood Board of Directors, Master Pomologist, Henderson County

Apple Variety Block, French Broad River Keeper, Henderson County

Beekeepers Association



Nancy Coppenbarger

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Present Employer:

First Citizens Bank, Financial Sales Manager

Education:

University of Wisconsin, Music Education

Community Involvement:

Asheville High School Music Program



Randall Cox

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Present Employer:

Henderson County, Finance

Education:

University of North Carolina-Asheville, BS Accounting

Community Involvement:

Kings Grove Baptist Church Member, United Way Past Volunteer



Don Daines

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Present Employer:

Housing Assistance Corporation

Education:

Indiana University, BA Sociology, Education & Native American History;

Indiana University, MBA Administration & Finance;

Indiana University School of Law

Community Involvement:

Rotary Club Past Member, Home Builders Association, NY Bar Association



Craig DeBrew

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Present Employer:

Duke Energy, District Manager

Education:

North Carolina State University

Community Involvement:

Chamber Government Affairs Committee; Member Henderson County

Partnership for Economic Development, Board Member Agribusiness

Henderson County ; Board Member The Pigeon River Fund, Board Member

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Jeri DeYoung

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Present Employer:

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site

Education:

Weber State University, BS Integrated Studies Northern Arizona University, MA Anthropology; Diploma National Park Service Facility Manager Leaders Program, 2014

Community Involvement:

Vice Chair Town of Mills River; Finance Committee Land of Sky Regional Council; GroWNC; Land Use Committee Member



Kathryn Finotti

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Historic Courthouse

Education:

Strayer College

Community Involvement:

Public School Volunteer; Church Volunteer; Mills River Newsletter Contributor



Kristen Freeman

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Present Employer:

United Way of Henderson County

Education:

Appalachian State University, BS Healthcare Administration

Community Involvement:

Junior Welfare Club of Hendersonville



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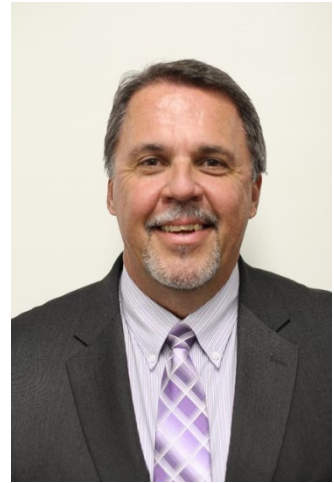
North Carolina Farm Bureau, Insurance Agent

Education:

Blue Ridge Community College; The American College, FSS, LUTCF Insurance Industry Designations

Community Involvement:

Sunday School Teacher Biltmore Baptist; President Mills River Business Association



Ryan Giannini

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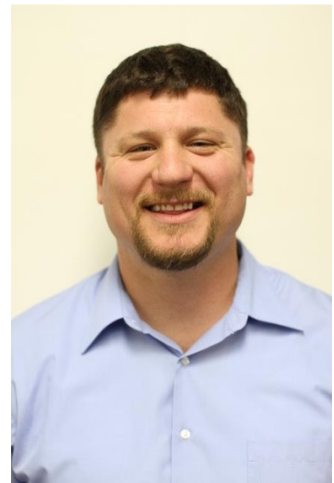
Morrow Insurance Agency, Account Executive /Producer

Education:

College of the Holy Cross, Fulbright Scholar; Culver Military Academy;

Community Involvement:

Little League Coach & Umpire; JDRF Member & Supporter



Sheila Grapes

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Employer:

Retired JC Penney

Education:

Kansas State University, BS Business & Retailing

Community Involvement:

Rotary Club of Hendersonville; Henderson County Habitat for Humanity; Restore Liaison Tutor-Early College BRCC; Rhythm & Brews Volunteer; Flat Rock Playhouse Usher; Blue Ridge Literacy Council Board Member



Merry Guy

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Education:

University of South Carolina, BS Chemistry; University W.M., PhD Chemistry;
Navel Research Labs Post-Doctoral

Community Involvement:

Former VERITAS Christian Academy Board Member



Nancy Hoffstadt

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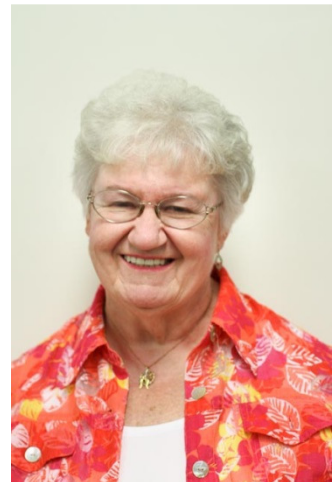
FNH Properties, LLC; Blue Ridge Community College, HSET Examiner

Education:

State University of New York at Albany, BS Business Education; Cleveland
State University, MEd Adult Learning & Development

Community Involvement:

Blue Ridge Literacy Council Tutor, Southern Lights Square & Round Dance
Club, Vice President, Dance Manager, Senior Friendships of Henderson
County, Past President



Robert Horky

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Present Employer:

Mill House Lodge, Co-owner

Education:

University of North Carolina-Wilmington, BS Business Administration

Community Involvement:

Chamber of Commerce & Leads Group; Flat Rock Merchants Association Past
President & Treasurer



Kimberly Horton

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Department of Public Health

Education:

University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, BA Journalism; Emergency Preparedness Training for Public Health Response

Community Involvement:

Communications Manager for Department of Public Health; Monthly Public Health Column for Times-News; National Public Health Information Coalition; Hope Rx Education Committee; Local Health Information Team



Catherine Jennings

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Present Employer:

United Community Bank

Education:

Western Carolina University

Community Involvement:

Mountain High Chapter of American Business Women's Association (ABWA) Past Vice President & Treasurer; Proctor of North Henderson High School, Waynesville Downtown Association Member; Haywood County Apple Growers Association; Parents Against Teen Suicide Fashion Show Coordinator



David Jordan

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Present Employer:

LegalShield

Education:

AB Tech Community College; Air Force Community College; Boise State University; Ricks College; Certified Identity Theft Risk Management Specialist U.S. Air Force

Community Involvement:

Henderson County Chamber of Commerce Ambassador; Youth Pastor, Executive Secretary at Church; Boy Scouts of America Volunteer; Fletcher Area Business Association (FABA) Board of Directors



Brooke Kaser

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Education:

AB Tech Community College; Western Carolina University

Community Involvement:

Softball Coach South Buncombe



Kathy Kirchoefer

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Public Library

Education:

Illinois Central College; University of Illinois, BA; University of Maryland, MA

Community Involvement:

Henderson County Smart Start Board; Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church Council; Maryland Library Association; Sunday School Teacher; Vacation Bible School Coordinator; Take Off Pounds Sensibly Club, Leader, Co-Leader & Secretary; Lutheran Women's Missionary League at Trinity Lutheran Church in Maryland President;



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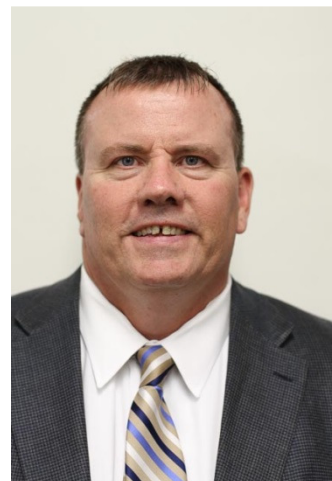
Park Ridge Health, Director Physician Services

Education:

University of Atlanta, MS Healthcare Administration; Friends University, BS Human Resources Management; Barton County Community College; Academy of Ophthalmology; Academy of Health & Sciences; Combat Medic Training Program

Community Involvement:

Western North Carolina Ophthalmic Personnel President



Lauren Lampley Stanfield

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Present Employer:

Pardee Hospital, Office Assistant Pardee Hospital Foundation

Education:

Queens University, BA French & Music; Lenoir-Rhyne University

Community Involvement:

Rotary Club



Sarah Markham

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Present Employer:

Retired Retail Store Manager

Education:

Dickinson College, BA; Blue Ridge Community College; Real Estate Broker's License

Community Involvement:

Kiwanis Secretary, First Vice President; Pardee Auxiliary; Mud Creek Baptist Church Volunteer



Molly McGowan-Gorsuch

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Public Schools, Public Information Officer

Education:

Elon University, BA Journalism & English

Community Involvement:

First Baptist Church of Asheville Choir



Judy McKnight

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Present Employer:

Hendograph Media; Chef Michael's Catering

Education:

University of Florida; Florida International University, BS Journalism & Mass Communication

Community Involvement:

Hendersonville Symphony, Marketing Committee; Fletcher Area Business Association, BOD; Fletcher Arts & Heritage Association, BOD; Mills River Business Association; Calvary Episcopal Church Food Bank; Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, Ambassador; Rhythm & Brews and United Way Volunteer



Graham Mew

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Present Employer:

ASG Strategies, Inc., CEO

Education:

Griffith University; TEFL Certified Sales

Community Involvement:

Elevents.org, Chairman; Team ECCO, BOD



Sarah Perschall

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Present Employer:

Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site, Chief of Visitor Services

Education:

Ball State University, BA History & Criminal Justice

Community Involvement:

Girl Scout Troop, Leader; Sunday School Teacher & Fellowship Committee



Mark Ray

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Present Employer:

Dad's Cats

Education:

North Carolina State, BS Business Administration & Economics

Community Involvement:

7th Avenue Committee, Member & Design



Jan Richards

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Present Employer:

Pete Richards, DDS, PA

Education:

University of Virginia, BS, M.Ed Speech & Language Therapy

Community Involvement:

Junior League of Miami, BOD; Presbyterian Church in Miami, Deacon, Youth Mission Trip & Pre-school BOD; Woman's Cancer Association of University of Miami, President; Children's Cotillion, BOD; First Methodist Church in Hendersonville, Trustee, Nominating Committee, Sunday School Teacher, Youth Counselor & Mission Trips; Land O'Sky Garden Club, Past President; Women Helping Women, Co-chair; Daughters of American Revolution, Past Treasurer of Local Chapter; BRCC Ambassador Program



Cecilia Rossell

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Present Employer:

Henderson County Sheriff's Department

Education:

Santa Rosa Junior College; Blue Ridge Community College

Community Involvement:

Juvenile Crime Prevention Councils (JCPC) Member



Matthew Schmieder

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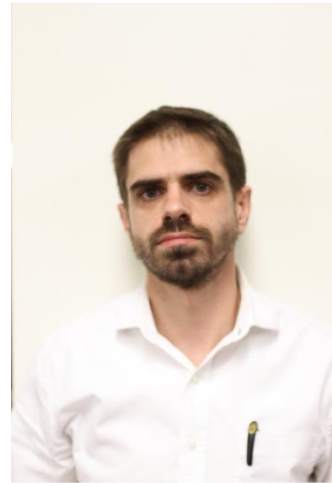
Schmieder, LLC, Owner

Education:

Western Carolina University, MA Accounting

Community Involvement:

Kiwanis; Henderson County Chamber Of Commerce



Jonathan Stanley

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Present Employer:

Western Carolina Community Action, Information Systems Director

Education:

North Carolina State; University of North Carolina-Asheville

Community Involvement:

Pisgah Forest Baptist Church



Butler Taylor

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Present Employer:

Vocational Solutions of Henderson County

Education:

College of Charleston

Community Involvement:

Rotary Club



Ruth “Sam” Uhl

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Present Employer:

The Cheerful Word, Founder/President

Education:

State University of New York College-Buffalo, BA Public Communication;
Training in Public Speaking, Journalism & Working with Elderly Population

Community Involvement:

Association of Personal Historians, BOD; American Medical Writers
Association, BOD; Society of Technical Communications, BOD; H.O.P.E.
Worldwide; Faithful Hearts Women’s Ministry; Boston Terrier
Rescue of North Carolina



Maria Vicente

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Present Employer:

Blue Ridge Community Health

Education:

University of North Carolina-Asheville, BS Health & Wellness Promotion, BA
Spanish; MAHEC Interpreter Training

Community Involvement:

Immaculate Conception Church, Latino Support Group; Migrant Education
Program Tutor



Kimberly Walker

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Present Employer:

Residence Community Volunteer

Education:

AB Tech Community College, Business Administration & Marketing; Blue Ridge Community College, Event Planning Certification

Community Involvement:

Henderson County United Way; Mainstay; Henderson Chamber, Ambassador



Lisa White

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Present Employer:

City of Hendersonville, Finance

Education:

University of Houston, BS Accounting; Certified Public Accountant

