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The Macon County Historical Society is in the process of setting up a new exhibit in the Memorial Garden of the museum. Wayne Yonce bequeathed a 19th Century cabin to the society and it will be set up with historic furnishings as a living history exhibit. For the full story and more photos, see page 6.  
Photo by Betsey Gooder

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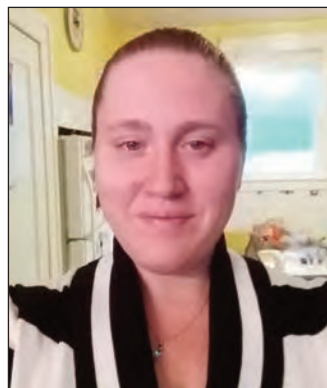
**Brittney Lofthouse**  
Contributing Writer

With Senator Jim Davis retiring from the North Carolina General Assembly, Rep. Kevin Corbin made the decision to run to fill his seat to continue working for the people of Western North Carolina.

"As a 6th generation native of Western North Carolina, I love this region and the people," said Corbin. "After serving two terms in the House of Representatives, I was hesitant to change chambers, but so many people called on me to run for this seat when Jim Davis announced his retirement. I guess the main reason is that I know I can hit the ground running and make a difference for the folks in far Western North Carolina. It is not about me. If it were about me I would have stayed in the House. Frankly, I'm giving up a leadership spot as Deputy Majority Whip and Chairmanship of both State and



Kevin Corbin



Victoria Fox

Local Government and House Insurance Committee. I have been told my experience will be honored in the Senate so I am thankful for that."

Corbin was born and raised in Macon County. He was first sworn in to the House of Representatives in January 2017. Corbin has been committed to numerous civic and community organizations both in his home county and on the state level. Rep. Corbin is a

graduate of Franklin High School, class of 1979, an Honors Graduate of Appalachian State University (ASU) in 1983, where he majored in Marketing and Business Management, served as news editor of the university's "Appalachian" newspaper and interned for the university as a Public Information Officer. Rep. Corbin also represented ASU in the

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Sample Ballot for November 3, 2020

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<b>President and Vice President of the United States</b> (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Donald J. Trump <input type="radio"/> Michael R. Pence <input type="radio"/> Joseph R. Biden <input type="radio"/> Kamala D. Harris <input type="radio"/> Don Blankenship <input type="radio"/> William Mohr <input type="radio"/> Howie Hawkins <input type="radio"/> Angela Walker <input type="radio"/> Jo Jorgensen <input type="radio"/> Jeremy (Spike) Cohen <input type="checkbox"/> Write-In	<b>NC Governor</b> (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Al Pisano <input type="radio"/> Roy Cooper <input type="radio"/> Steven J. Difiore <input type="radio"/> Dan Forest <b>NC Lieutenant Governor</b> (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Mark Robinson <input type="radio"/> Yvonne Lewis Holley	<input type="radio"/> Mike Causey <input type="radio"/> Wayne Goodwin <b>NC Commissioner of Labor</b> (You may vote for ONE) <input type="radio"/> Josh Dobson <input type="radio"/> Jessica Holmes
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## Chamber making Christmas plans

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce announces plans are underway for this year's Annual Christmas Parade which will officially ring in the holiday season. The celebration will be held Sunday, Nov. 29, beginning at 3 p.m.

This year's celebration will be held with a number of safety precautions in place due to Covid-19 restrictions. The route has been extended onto Highlands Road so that spectators can self-distance. No walkers will be allowed and no items may be handed out including candy, coupons, etc. Spectators are asked to park and remain in their vehicles to watch the "Drive-Up" celebration. Participants and spectators are asked to wear a mask while at the celebration. Complimentary masks will be available in front of Town Hall and in the parking lot of City Plumbing & Electric Supply on the day of the parade. Masks will also be available in advance at the Franklin Chamber of Commerce. "All of these precautions are being put in place for the safety of our community" said Franklin Chamber's Executive Director Linda Harbuck.



Law enforcement, emergency and medical personnel, educators and all essential workers will serve as this year's Grand Marshals to thank them for their unwavering service during this unprecedented year.

Entries will line up along Church Street behind the courthouse. The route will begin by pulling out on the top of Town Hill beside Town Hall. The route will proceed down Main Street turning left at the Lazy Hiker Brewing Company onto Porter Street. Then turn left onto Palmer Street. This year the route will turn onto Highlands Road extending the route to enable social distancing. The route will end at the Franklin Flea Market.

Entry forms can be picked up and returned at the Chamber office located at 98 Hyatt Road. Deadline for entry is Wednesday, Nov. 25, by 5 p.m.

For additional information, contact the Franklin Chamber of Commerce by calling (828)524-3161.

## County attorney retires; search begins for replacement

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

After more than 10 years of service to Macon County, and nearly 40 years practicing law in North Carolina, Macon County Attorney Chester Jones is set to retire at the end of October.

"It has been an honor and privilege to work alongside Chester Jones during my tenure as county manager," said County Manager Derek Roland. "Chester's extensive knowledge of local government law, combined with his love for Macon County has played a critical role in navigating this organization throughout the past decade. More impressive than Chester's knowledge or his legal ability however, is who he is as a person."

Chester Jones has significant experience in the field of Local Government Law. In addition to his current and most recent role serving Macon County, Jones formerly served as the county attorney for Clay County, North Carolina, for approximately 11 years. He also formerly represented Graham County, North Carolina, as its county attorney for approximately 10 years and has assisted in representing the town of Franklin during his tenure.

"One of the many things Chester taught me early on is when an issue presents itself, you do not view the issue as a 'problem' you view it as an 'opportunity to excel,'" said Roland. "Very soon after that, I realized that county managers and county attorneys are presented with 'opportunities to excel' on a daily basis. Chester approached every situation with this positive attitude and the ultimate goal of protecting the interests of Macon County. He never looked at anything as a problem, but instead as an opportunity to make the county a better place."

Roland noted that Chester's time serving Macon County has helped the county lead by example across the entire state of North Carolina.

"I have always maintained that in any meeting or group discussion pertaining to local government law, if Chester Jones was in attendance he was the smartest person in the room, whether it was a group of 10 people or 1,000 people," said Roland. "Chester's knowledge and his ability to articulate this knowledge on paper and through public speaking earned him the full faith and confidence of the Board of Commissioners as well as the Macon County employees. This excellent working relationship has been paramount to the many successes this organization has enjoyed over the last decade."

With Jones' retirement, commissioners met last week to dis-

cuss his replacement. During a special called meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners last week, in a split vote, commissioners voted to begin contract negotiations with Franklin lawyer, Fred Jones, to serve as the next county attorney. The board met in closed session for nearly two hours before taking a motion on the new hire.

Commissioner Karl Gillespie, who attended the meeting via phone due to a family emergency, and Commissioner Paul Higdon both voted against the motion, however, no discussion regarding the reason of their votes occurred. Neither Gillespie or Higdon have answered follow up questions regarding their votes against beginning discussions with Fred Jones.

The day following the commissioner's vote, Fred Jones said that he met with Macon County Manager Derek Roland and County Attorney Chester Jones and is honored to be considered for the position.

"We had a great meeting this morning and I am grateful for the opportunity to begin discussions with the county for this position," said Fred Jones. "Serving as the county attorney is something my father did for a long time and I am excited about the possibility of following in his footsteps."

Prior to the more than 12 years Chester Jones served Macon County as county attorney, Fred Jones' father Ritchie also worked in that capacity from 1969-2005.

However, on Wednesday afternoon, Fred Jones, told *The Macon County News* that he was withdrawing his name from consideration.

Last week's vote was to begin contract negotiations with Fred Jones regarding the position, with a final vote to take place during the Oct. 13 meeting of the Board of Commissioners. Now that plan has changed. As of press time, no other names had been submitted.

Roland said that the October meeting will also serve as a farewell to Chester and the service he has provided the residents of Macon County.

"While I will always remember Chester Jones as a great attorney, he will have a lasting impact on my life because he was a great man," said Roland. "He placed a premium on doing what was right, and never once in the seven years we worked together did I see him compromise or even waiver from the high ethical standards he had set for himself. He is one of the most honest, trustworthy and respectful men I have ever met. I wish Chester nothing but the best in his retirement and will be forever grateful for the positive impact he has had on this organization and me as well, both as a manager and as a person."

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2015	Buick	Encore	24,299
2018	Cadillac	CT6	29,695
2020	Cadillac	Escalade	26,141
2020	Cadillac	Escalade	35,568
2020	Chevrolet	Blazer	4,708
2018	Chevrolet	Colorado	21,284
2020	Chevrolet	Colorado	4,766
2018	Chevrolet	Colorado	40,745
2018	Chevrolet	Colorado	12,852
1972	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE	91,171
2017	Chevrolet	Cruze	37,965
2019	Chevrolet	Cruze	13,911
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox	26,219
2018	Chevrolet	Impala	7,195
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	11,584
2017	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	41,705
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	51,696
2015	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	44,615
2017	Chevrolet	Suburban	28,879
2016	Chevrolet	Suburban	112,779
2015	Chevrolet	Tahoe	84,475
2019	Chevrolet	Tahoe	17,270
2016	Chevrolet	Tahoe	61,369
2015	Chevrolet	Traverse	101,068
2014	Chevrolet	Traverse	86,545
2017	Chevrolet	Traverse	91,521
2014	Chevrolet	Traverse	102,511
2018	Ford	EcoSport	5,000
2019	Ford	Edge	45,478
2018	Ford	Explorer	49,223
2020	Ford	F-150	23,354
2013	Ford	F-150	153,636
2016	Ford	F-150	73,912
2018	Ford	F-150	26,833
2016	Ford	F-250	190,896
1930	FORD	MODELA	78,269
2019	Ford	Ranger	2,749
2015	GMC	Acadia	92,742
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500	49,139
2013	GMC	Yukon	51,248
2019	GMC	Yukon XL	37,969
2002	HARLEY DAVIDSON	FATBOY	2,318
2004	HARLEY DAVIDSON	ROAD KING	9,778
2019	Honda	Ridgeline	12,928
2019	Hyundai	Elantra	36,506
2019	Hyundai	Tucson	36,252
2003	Jeep	Liberty	218,554
2017	Jeep	Renegade	48,579
1995	Jeep	Wrangler	140,000
2007	Kia	Sorento	219,836
2019	Mazda	CX-5	36,819
2017	Mercedes-Benz	Metris	57,091
2015	Mercedes-Benz	ML 350	67,933
2018	Nissan	Armada	51,321
2019	Nissan	Pathfinder	36,059
2018	Nissan	Pathfinder	73,681
2019	Nissan	Rogue	40,105
2019	Nissan	Rogue	39,470
2019	Nissan	Rogue	42,260
2019	Nissan	Sentra	38,658
2019	Nissan	Versa	35,717
2020	RAM	1500	25,556
2016	RAM	1500	92,141
2020	RAM	1500	5,478
2020	RAM	1500 Classic	18,621
2017	Subaru	Forester	44,665
2019	Toyota	Camry	34,683
2019	Toyota	Corolla	35,775
2019	Toyota	Corolla	27,529
2019	Toyota	Highlander	19,715
2018	Toyota	Tacoma	35,770
2008	Toyota	Tacoma	138,530
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North Carolina Student Legislature. He graduated from Appalachian with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration.

Corbin served four years on the Appalachian State University Board of Trustees, is a past chairman of the Macon County School Board for 20 years, winning five countywide elections. For the six years prior to being elected to the House of Representatives District 120, Corbin served on the Macon County Board of Commissioners, being elected as chairman of the board for the last four years of his tenure. Corbin has also served as chair of the Region A Council of Government, which is comprised of all of the county commissioners, mayors, and town board members from the seven Western counties of North Carolina. Rep. Corbin was elected to this position by his peers in that group. He has also served on the Board of Directors for Southwestern Community College Foundation and has served on the Franklin Chamber of Commerce Board. In 2010, Corbin was appointed to the Blue Cross Blue Shield NC Agents Advisory Board where he was involved in developing lower cost plans for citizens of North Carolina. Corbin was Inducted into Blue Cross Blue Shield of NC Hall of Fame in 2013, with only 21 inductees in history. Rep. Corbin is also an active member of the Franklin Rotary Club.

Corbin is married to Beth and they have two children, Matt and Maggie. They are members of Holly Springs Baptist Church where Corbin serves as a deacon. Corbin is the owner of two successful insurance agencies. The Corbin Agency is located in Franklin, which serves WNC and the Blue Ridge Insurance Group is in Seneca, S.C., and serves Upstate S.C. He is also a founding member of the successful gospel group Blue Ridge.

Corbin will have a Democratic challenger this November, as Victoria Fox, a wife and mother of three boys under 10 years old, filed for the seat.

"We are a blue collar, working class family," said Fox. "I'm originally from Michigan but have lived here in WNC for 13 years. My husband has lived in WNC his whole life. My main focus this last decade has been caring for my family. We fall into the gap of making too much to qualify for assistance with child care but still can't really afford it. With wages as low as they are, I was working solely to cover daycare costs, many weeks not earning enough to fully cover them. It made sense financially for me to stay home full time."

Fox attended college after high school with a focus on business management, and she worked as a peer counselor for disadvantaged youth girls, which started during high school.

"I was one of those disadvantaged youth and was part of an opportunity program," said Fox. "I started getting more involved with community outreach work through that organization and ultimately took on the peer counselor role full time. We offered counseling services, a shelter, medical care, and dental care to youth girls and young women dealing with extreme poverty, homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, and sex work. I did that until moving here to North Carolina and since then have worked in retail, house cleaning, and more recently the CBD industry. Since having children, a job that pays well has been hard to come by. I found people are truly hesitant to hire someone, especially a woman, with three children. I lost my job with the CBD company because my three-year-old came down with a stomach bug and I wouldn't send him to daycare anyway."

Fox, who is running as a Democrat on the November Ballot for North Carolina Senate District 50, said that she wants

to represent everyone.

"I think it's time we have a candidate that truly represents us," said Fox. "I think our representatives have lost touch with their constituents and the hyperpartisan politics of today are stopping them from serving the public and meeting the needs of the people in the district."

1) *Police reform is a major topic across the country and here in WNC. What is your stance on law enforcement and current discussions for reform and defunding police?*

Corbin: "I support our local law enforcement 100% with no hesitation. I think we should increase funding to police and raise the salaries of those that serve our communities. When you wear a bullet proof vest to work, you deserve my respect and they have it. I know there have been problems in some of these big city police departments and I understand how some folks could feel resentment about some isolated cases of police brutality. I get it. That doesn't apply here in WNC at all. But the idea of defunding the police is the absolute stupidest idea I think I have ever heard. What you do is rid the police of the ones who would abuse power and train officers in how to limit unnecessary brutality. It is quite simple to me. But defund the police? Ridiculous."

Fox: "I think defunding is a bad term. I think reallocating funds would be better. Look, I support our police officers, but the fact is we expect them to do too much. Reallocating funds and solving issues like poverty, addiction, and access to better mental health care would help to naturally bring down crime rates while freeing up police and resources to focus on more pressing matters."

2) *As an elected official, how would you improve educational opportunities for WNC?*

Corbin: "As a member of the K-12 Education Committee of the NC House, I have been pushing for additional funding for public education as well as better pay for all our school employees, teachers and otherwise. We are making progress. Also, I will continue to support the opportunity scholarships and NC Promise Scholarships that benefit many WNC students who choose to attend Western Carolina University. I am the most pro-education member in the House and will continue that in the Senate. Education is the opportunity maker for our citizens."

Fox: "We need to invest more in public education, plain and simple. Our children are our future, they deserve the best education possible. That means decreasing, if not stopping altogether, the public funds going into private school voucher programs and increasing the funds going to our western mountain counties. We still have schools who don't have access to something as basic as broadband internet. We need to pay our teachers, support staff, and assistants more. It's time we give them pay that recognizes the responsibility they have willingly taken on. Without teachers, we wouldn't have doctors, lawyers, scientists, or any other profession. Our children deserve to have a school they can be proud of and we need to be enticing good teachers to want to teach in our schools. We need to significantly step up our funding into early education. The earlier our children are introduced to education, the better. We have so many working families who fall into the gap of making too much to qualify for headstart but still can't afford to pay for pre-school. By expanding funding to NC Pre-K we can meet that need and give our children the best possible start. Add to all that making community colleges part of the public school system so every child has the opportunity to go to college."

3) *What is your stance on WNC's current broadband issues and how would you address it?*

Corbin: "I have been pushing for broadband expansion since being elected to the House four years ago. I introduced the Fiber Act (HB431) that would allow cities and counties



to help in running the broadband “trunks.” The bill was obviously opposed by the large providers but what we got was the GREAT grants that have provided over \$60 million in rural broadband expansion in rural N.C. All the counties in my current district have gotten that money. About two months ago I teamed up with Rep Bobby Hanig (R-Currituck) and we pushed for \$100 million to be added to the GREAT grants this year. We didn’t get \$100 million but we got \$30 million for rural broadband. That is a total of \$45 million in this year’s budget that is already benefitting WNC. Over 25,000 new customers will be hooked up to high speed internet in the next few months and much of that will be in WNC.”

**Fox:** “We are behind. The first step in addressing the issue would be to classify broadband as a utility. Then we need investment in the infrastructure to provide that. (Marijuana legalization would help with the cost of that.)”

4) *What do you see as being the biggest issue facing WNC?*

**Corbin:** “The biggest issue we face is broadband expansion. The lack of broadband impacts everything in North Carolina from the small business owner on Main Street, to the student trying to get an education during a global pandemic, to large companies expanding and wanting to do business in our state. It is access to telemedicine and doctors for our

elderly and connects our military men and women with vital veteran affair resources. Broadband expansion is important for every single individual in North Carolina and is something we must improve NOW.

**Fox:** “There are many, but first and foremost its healthcare, or the lack thereof. We need to pass the Medicaid expansion. After that it would be to address rebuilding this economy, which Medicaid expansion would also help with.”

5) *Anything else you would like to for your voters to know?*

**Corbin:** “My local government experience in invaluable in working for WNC. Without local government experience, there is no way you can know how to begin to be effective in the N.C. General Assembly. Having served as a school board member and a county commissioner, I know full well the challenges of local government and what it means for the State to help or hinder. I look forward to continuing to work with our local leaders for the betterment of WNC.”

**Fox:** “I’m not a politician. I’m a normal person like all of you that is tired of the rhetoric and thinks it’s time we get back to doing the people’s work. Our government should work for us, not big corporations and lobbyists. We, the working class, deserve a voice at the table.”

# Town to buy digital signs with CARES Act funding

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

The Town of Franklin continues to look at projects and funding possibilities for CARES Act money provided by the federal government. The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act or CARES Act is part of North Carolina’s effort to address needs that have developed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the state has allocated funding for municipalities to address unexpected expenditures such as overtime for employees, purchasing protective equipment and cleaning supplies, and other needs as town’s see fit.

On Monday night, the town of Franklin approved spending \$40,000 of the town’s CARES Act funding to purchase two large electronic messaging signage.

“The Town Council approved the purchase of two (2) electronic signs to be used for information regarding COVID -19,” said Town Manager Summer Woodard. “The Town Council approved the expenditure up to \$40,000. This funding will be submitted

for reimbursement to the CARES ACT funding that has been allotted to the Town of Franklin.”

To date, the town of Franklin has spent \$123,258.78 in CARES Act funding. Projects that have been identified will be approved by the county commissioner, as the state’s allocation to the municipalities is overseen by county governments. Projects for the town of Franklin include \$5,000 for water plant lab supplies, \$15,000 for sewer plant septic dump station, more than \$20,000 for part-time salaries at both the fire department and police department and nearly \$18,000 for personal protective equipment. The message boards stand as the largest single expenditure identified by the town and will be used to help notify residents of important information related to COVID19.

The town of Highlands received an allotment of CARES Act funding, as did Macon County – all of which must be spent on revenue shortfalls and unexpected expenditures related to COVID19.

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# 19th Century log cabin gets new home at history museum

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Macon County Historical Society and Museum on Main Street in Franklin is a treasure trove of thousands of utilitarian and artistic items as well as countless documents and photographs. However, as of Saturday, Oct. 3, a living history element is on the premises in the form of a circa mid-19th century, one-room

Macon County Historical Society and Museum.

Helping to work out the logistics of moving the cabin from its Smith Bridge precinct area – across from the Macon County Welcome Center on 441 – was Jerry Vinson, contractor.

“He volunteered to take on that task and provided the manpower to make the cabin

to how well built the cabin is. The chinking didn’t even crack.”

People traveling on 441 toward the Town of Franklin on Saturday morning may have seen the one-room log home atop a flat-bed trailer being driven down the highway by Tim Cochran, who donated the truck for the moving assignment. Mayor Bob Scott arranged for a police escort and the procession drove 25

Young with Young Tree Service, used his crane to lift it off the truck and place it squarely in place.

“Josh estimated it weighed about 14,000 pounds,” said Shook. “He had to really be careful because of power lines, but he did such a good job. We had measured and planned ahead of time, and that home fit into the space so nicely.”



On Saturday, with the help of dozens of volunteers, Wayne Yonce’s cabin in the Smith Bridge Township was loaded onto a flat bed truck, driven nine miles down Georgia Road then hoisted by crane onto a previously built foundation at its new home in the gardens of the Macon County Historical museum.

Photos by Betsey Gooder, Vickie Carpenter and submitted photos

log home.

According to museum director Robert Shook, the log home was donated by Wayne Yonce, who died in March, and plans have been underway for “a while” to move the hand-hewn, dove-tailed construction chestnut and oak cabin to a small lot at the end of the Memory Garden walkway, which runs alongside the former general store that houses

transportable,” said Shook. “We thought all along we would have to take it apart to move it, but Jerry said it could be moved whole, and he was right.”

Shook said everyone involved in the moving process thought the chinking between the logs would have to be repaired or replaced, but none was affected.

“It’s a miracle really,” said Shook. “It attests

mph for the nine-mile trek.

The Town of Franklin had already inspected the site when the flatbed truck backed into the Macon County News building’s parking lot, owned by Randy Pendergrass.

“He gave us permission to take up that parking lot for a few hours and we appreciate that,” said Shook.

When the log home arrived at the site, Josh

Wayne, along with his wife Sally, who died several years ago, collected antiques as well as historic buildings. In fact, Wayne made a business out of moving old structures and removing original wood from barns, houses, and buildings to be repurposed in new construction and renovation projects. Shook said Wayne found and located the bridge and the pottery building for the Bascom: A Center for

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Contractor Jerry Vinson provided a crew to unload the porch piece for the front of the cabin.

Visual Arts campus in Highlands. The one-room log home was originally built in Kentucky, but Wayne found it during his travels, explained Shook, and set it up on his property. The Yonces decorated the log home with period furnishings and used it as an on-property place to “get-away” and spend the night. Periodically, the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County would assemble in the log home for meetings, “and Wayne would make them all biscuits,” said Shook.

“With the log home, they made a sort of historic homestead on their property,” said Shook, “so this is the second and probably the last time the home will be moved.”

Shook pointed out that it was important to the Yonces that the log home and some of their

antiques be preserved. Once the log home is secure on its new site – with stairs leading to the door and a repurposed metal roof, since the original cedar shakes could not be saved – the Yonce’s antique furnishings will decorate the space in an authentic, living history manner.

“There was no way to save the original fireplace,” said Shook, “but we will build another, non-working one just like the original one. The stepping stones to the front door are from the old Macon County Courthouse, and the heart pine floors and hardware on the door are original. We salvaged everything we could.”

Although one-room log homes were not typically indicative of town living, where

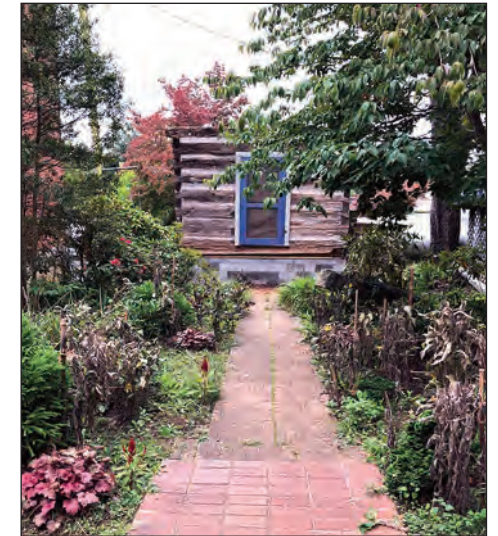
mostly clapboard siding homes were constructed when Franklin was established in 1855, they were the most popular types of dwellings throughout rural Macon into the early 20th century.

“My goal is to have a plexi-glass door behind the original door,” said Shook, “so the public can come by and see how people lived at that time. I’m looking forward to recreating the space down to the coffee

pots and pans of the time period.”

Shook also believes that with the siting of the log home at the end of the flower-flanked walkway, the Memorial Garden will be a future photography setting for prom, wedding, and tourist pictures.

Some costs are associated with moving the one-room log home, although Shook said he appreciates many volunteer hours that went into making it happen. Anyone interested in supporting Macon County Historical Society and Museum and its education and preservation efforts can visit at 36 W. Main Street or call (828)524-9758.



The cabin will eventually house antique furnishings in an authentic living history manner.

## Jim Moore sworn in as assistant DA

District Attorney Ashley Hornsby Welch announced Thursday, Oct. 1, that Jim Moore has joined the 43rd Prosecutorial District as an assistant district attorney.

For Moore, it’s a return to familiar legal terrain.

A trial attorney in Western North Carolina for 34 years, 17 of those years were spent as an assistant district attorney.

Though based in Macon County, Moore will work across the seven-county district as needed.

“Jim is an exceptional attorney with a vast amount of experience as a prosecutor,” Welch said. “I’m delighted to have him back on board in the 43rd Prosecutorial District.”

District Court Judge Monica Leslie swore in Moore on Thursday in Macon County Superior Court.


The district has an office in each of the seven counties and, with the addition of Moore, 43 employees, including 14 prosecutors.

Moore and his wife, Connie, met in law school, and have three children, ages 32, 30 and 21. The couple have been working together on Main Street in Waynesville.



District Court Judge Monica Leslie swore in Jim Moore Thursday, Oct. 1, as an assistant district attorney for the 43rd Prosecutorial District.


“For the last 20-plus years our family has lived on a small horse farm in the Ironduff community,” Moore said. “When time allows, I love to play golf, hunt and, most importantly, spend time with my family.”



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## Harris Regional adds new doctors to its staff

Harris Regional Hospital welcomes Dr. Jarred Tanksley to Harris Regional Cancer Center. Dr. Tanksley joins David S. Thomas, MD in providing radiation oncology services to western North Carolina.

Dr. Tanksley completed a residency in radiation oncology at Duke University Medical Center, where he served as chief resident. Dr. Tanksley completed an internship in internal medicine at the University of Tennessee Medical Center after receiving his medical degree from Vanderbilt University where he additionally earned a doctorate in cell and developmental biology.

"This is an exciting time for Harris Regional Cancer Center in Sylva," said Steve Heatherly, CEO of Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital. "We are welcoming Dr. Tanksley as we complete a significant addition to the cancer center here in Jackson County which features the latest technology in radiation therapy and a newly renovated space to enhance the comfort of patients."

Harris Regional Cancer Center has served the region for decades, providing radiation therapy to patients facing a cancer diagnosis. The addition and renovation began in 2019 and includes new imaging and treatment modalities that will serve patients close to home with state-of-the-art technology.

"Dr. Tanksley's impeccable training will benefit generations of patients in western North Carolina. We are fortunate to have Dr. Tanksley in our community and grateful that he chose Harris Regional Cancer Center as the place where he wants to practice and provide care to patients," said Dr. Thomas who also serves as chair of the Board of Trustees for Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital.

Harris Regional Cancer Center is located at 14 Medical Park Loop on the campus of Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva.

### Harris Regional welcomes neonatologist

Harris Regional Hospital welcomes board certified neonatologist Bernd Holler, MD to the New Generations Family Birthing Center at Harris where he will lead inpatient neonatal and pediatric patient care. Dr. Holler will join pediatricians Nick Jernigan, MD, Joshua Alweiss, MD, Ryan Wade, MD, Margo White, MD, and Brittany Rogers, NP, and OB/GYN providers Sabine Kelischek, MD, Alvin Strasburger, MD, Ja'Pel Sumpter, MD, and certified nurse midwives Anne



Dr. Jarred Tanksley



Dr. Bernd Holler

Karner, Darci Walker, Judi Layton, and Sally Schaefer in caring for the families of western North Carolina. Harris Regional Hospital is the only facility in the counties west of Jackson providing labor and delivery services.

Dr. Holler attended the Christian Albrecht University in Kiel, Germany studying chemistry and medicine before coming to the United States. At Dartmouth/Hitchcock Medical Center he completed his pediatric residency. He worked as a Pediatrician in a rural setting in Northern Michigan for a number of years before returning for a fellowship in neonatal-perinatal medicine at Michigan State University/Sparrow Hospital. Dr. Holler comes to us from San Antonio, Texas where he worked at high acuity neonatal units for the past 16 years. Dr. Holler is certified by the American Board of Neonatal-Perinatal Medicine and the American Board of Pediatrics.

"With the arrival of Dr. Holler at Harris Regional Hospital we are marking another historic moment in a series of milestones for our community," said Steve Heatherly, CEO of Harris Regional Hospital and Swain Community Hospital.

"Dr. Holler is the first neonatologist to locally serve the Harris and Swain communities. In addition to the investments we have made in our facility, equipment, and technology, Dr. Holler's skillset makes it possible for more families to have expanded access to expert neonatal and pediatric care close to home."

For more information view the New Generations Family Birthing Center information at [MyHarrisRegional.com](http://MyHarrisRegional.com)

## WIC waivers extended

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has extended essential flexibilities for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) to ensure participants continue to receive the food and health support they need throughout the COVID-19 national public health emergency. Extending these waivers allows nutritionally at-risk mothers, babies and children to use their benefits in a safe manner and enables the WIC program to operate based on local conditions throughout the pandemic.

WIC remains open to serve eligible families, with some modifications in how services are provided in response to COVID-19. USDA's The WIC waivers allow for:

- Participants to be approved for WIC without being physically present in a local office
- Remote issuance of benefits to any participant
- Flexibility in food package requirements, including milk, yogurt and whole wheat or whole grain bread

Additionally, people who are currently certified to participate in the WIC program will have their benefits added to their eWIC account without any further action and can use current eWIC cards for ongoing food benefits. New applicants can apply by completing the online referral form. These modifications limit face-to-face interactions at the local WIC clinic for the safety of both beneficiaries and local administrators of the program.

Anyone who has questions, needs to update certification or who is seeking WIC services for the first time can call a local WIC office for specific guidance on how services are being provided.

The North Carolina WIC program is administered through the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and health care referrals to more than 250,000 participants each month, including low-income pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children under five who are determined to be at nutritional risk. Program services are provided by county health departments, community and rural health centers and community action agencies. WIC is an equal opportunity provider.

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# What's new on the plateau

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Patrick Taylor

In recent months there have been confrontations across the nation between police and citizens that bring into question how law enforcement officers should react in certain critical situations. It's a complicated issue.

I support our Highlands Police Department and other area law enforcement agencies. But, I do not blindly support unjustifiable police actions. We must strive for continuous improvement in law enforcement agencies, holding to the hope that communities can improve policing across the nation, thereby building trust and support.

As a mayor, and I suspect most elected officials would agree, the solution is not to defund the police. On the other hand, reallocation of resources and redirecting programs may certainly be in order.

As a former magistrate, I was very aware that law enforcement officers are expected to deal with and solve problems that were not a part of their enforcement mission and training. We need more community mental health resources, drug addiction programs and social support services that redress problems that officers address daily and on a repeat basis. For example, it is more cost effective to provide treatment for a person addicted to drugs rather than incarcerate that person in a state penitentiary. Almost all the folks I encountered as a magistrate were basically good people that were dealing with dysfunctional life problems. They needed help rather than criminalization.

State legislative committees are now addressing these law enforcement issues. At the next session recommendations will be presented for legislative action. First, there will be a focus on training. Being an effective policeman in today's environment is complex and requires a high level of training. Our own police department has highly trained officers, many with criminal justice degrees, but their training never stops. Our new chief is already revising training to address these national concerns.

Second, legislators are looking at the issue of mental health services for policemen. Police officers are under constant stress, in some instances it is tantamount to military battle fatigue.

Third, there is the issue of law enforcement agency accreditation. Schools, medical facilities and fire departments have accreditation requirements, and many believe law enforcement agencies should too. Other issues being examined are the use of force policies, and a state wide data base for decertified officers and officers that have a history of disciplinary actions.

The statewide policy of the release of police camera footage is also being reviewed. Our town police have body cameras, but that is not the case across the state and nation. Research has shown that when body cameras are used both the police and citizens on average behave more civilly.

The legislature is also looking at whistle blower protections for officers who report misconduct. Also, law enforcement pay is a critical issue. In this time of turmoil many good law enforcement officers are leaving the profession. Communities need to recruit and retain committed and competent officers.

I hope our state representatives will pass legislation that addresses these critical law enforcement concerns.

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Dear Editor:

Bear with me while I reminisce in ancient times, "senior moments" bestowed to aging citizens. Share with me, if you will, please, and believe me, there was once a Republican Party, and a commonwealth of practicing church families, that would not have conceded to Donald Trump the proverbial time of day.

Entire generations of Americans believed (as Gandhi surmised as gospel), that "the outward behavior of a man is at once the sign and proof of the inner state." Granted, politics strange bedfellows make. However, it is entirely incongruous that any thinking American (much less citizens even marginally inspired to practice Christian teachings) will find compatibility with Donald Trump.

Past generations clearly understood mankind's flawed human condition and imperfections. The purpose was to try and improve, not to strive for unattainable perfection, but simply to be a better person today than you were yesterday and to leave the world a better place than you found it.

Normal people don't brag about their imperfections but are prone to try and correct them, not cultivate them. Donald Trump is a shameless conman, a textbook narcissist. His outrageous claims, misleading statements, conspiratorial theories, inaccuracies and endless lies are legend.

He surrounds himself with dishonest, divisive, mean-spirited and corrupted people, firing anyone who isn't. He inspires violence and when pressed to denounce groups that do likewise, he refuses, more likely praising them. What is a nation to do when the greatest danger to its national security, the greatest threat to its sovereignty, the greatest menace to democracy itself, is its own president?

It's not just the endless lying, it's that Trump's lies matter. His fabrications and untruths are echoed by his allies and the millions of people who naively or willingly believe them. What would America be like today had Trump acted responsibly when COVID19 first arrived in America? Had he followed the advice of experts who knew what to do, the United States (with 4 percent of the world's population) wouldn't be mourning 22 percent of the deaths attributed to the virus.

My father's generation fought WWII and Korea. My generation fought Vietnam. The courage it takes to fight and die for one's country is not always easy for civilians to understand. For draft-dodging, money-obsessed men like Donald Trump, words like dignity, honor, heroism and sacrifice have no meaning at all. That's why Trump feels free to refer to men like George H.W. Bush and John McCain (who were shot down and/or captured) as "losers," and those of us who served our country in uniform, as "suckers." Nor does this president have to give a passing thought that Russia is paying the Taliban to target American soldiers.

How long will Americans continue to excuse this misfit as simply a flawed human being, pretending he's not a grave threat to the electoral process, representative government and the future of our nation? How long will Americans continue to write off inconvenient truths as "fake news?"

America, right now your silence is truly deafening.

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## Group's mission is neighbor helping neighbor

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Cowee Baptist Men is a mission group that has had an active firewood, construction project, and food delivery ministry for many years.

Eighty-five-year-old Vern Davis is “very active” with that group.

“I help with whatever is needed. I help build a lot of handicap ramps, not just for people in the church but whoever needs one. I do roofs. I did remodeling for a woman who had no water in her house for six months.”

Before Davis retired, he was a construction worker and builder. However, he said established skills are not necessary to help one's neighbor. As an Oak Grove native, and a member of Cowee Baptist for 20 years, Davis said, “I've been so blessed that I'm just trying to pass some of that on. The church really supports and cultivates that spirit of neighbor helping neighbor. And not just the men help, but the women do as well.”

Cowee Baptist Women's Missionary Union leads the church in such efforts as care packages for N.C. Women's Prison and Operation Christmas Child and collecting needed items for school children and single mothers.

Cowee Baptist Men's director Michael Johnson, a member of the church for five years, said there are about 40 men who are actively and regularly involved in service-oriented projects.

“In the winter we mostly do the firewood ministry. Volunteers take pickup trucks full of wood and deliver it to people in need – not just people who are members of Cowee Baptist Church,” he said.

Firewood is donated by church members, who often bring it from their own properties, by people in the community not affiliated with Cowee Baptist, and by some tree companies, such as Young Tree Service.

“Last year we delivered 78 pickup loads of firewood,” said Johnson, “and I've already delivered a load this week. In fact, we have five more requests for our next workday. I've even taken firewood outside of Macon County if they call and say they need it.”



Cowee Baptist Men's mission efforts involve building handicap ramps and delivering food to needy individuals in the Macon County area and surrounding communities.



Wood splitters and other tools are available at Cowee Baptist and on workdays, typically once a month, wood is split and stacked behind the church.

“We have more wood than we have need,” said Johnson, “and there is no criteria. It's a ministry of Jesus and love and there is no criteria at all. If someone needs wood, we take them wood.”

Cowee Baptist Men's other main ministry is the construction of handicap ramps, typically 8-10 annually.

“Bill Fouts and Terry Cabe, are our expert planners, designers, and pre-builders, and 10-12 others might help them. It's an amazing operation,” said Johnson. “Depending on need and complexity, we will also help out with other

projects such as cleaning gutters, helping up handrails on porches, reinforcing floors, fixing bathrooms.”

Cowee Baptist's budget will pay for materials if the person in need is financially unable to purchase them. Also, if the project is too complex, an expert may have to be contacted and the church determines if there are funds available to hire someone. Johnson explained that people donate monies regularly to Cowee Baptist so that local ministries can be funded.

Finally, Cowee Baptist Men also team up with the church's Senior Adult Ministry, which involves women as well, to deliver monthly food boxes of produce, dairy, and meat to needy individuals and families.

Johnson, who is also part of the N.C. Baptists on Mission relief feeding team and has been to different areas after natural disasters, volunteers – like Davis and many other people – for a number of reasons.

“Like any ministry where you sacrifice a little of your time or expertise, you get a great blessing in your heart. The Bible tells us we should go out and help, out of love, our brothers and sisters. We do it not to buy our way into heaven, but to show love to people ... to be the hands and feet of Jesus.”



The Cowee Baptist Men conduct a vibrant firewood ministry. Last year nearly 80 loads of firewood were delivered to people in need.

# It's Fall in downtown Franklin

Visitors are taking advantage of the photo opportunities provided by the town of Franklin at the town gazebo. Designed by Gwen Taylor, president of the Streets of Franklin, and her husband Matt, the photo stations are getting a lot of attention. Photos by Vickie Carpenter



Everly Hicks, 1 1/2, and Adaline Hicks, 4



Isla Peek, 2, of Ellijay, poses among the pumpkins and hay bales.



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# Arrest Report

*The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests September 21 - October 4. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



## **Macon County Sheriff's Department**

### **September 28**

Ann Mock, was charged with assault and battery. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Jason Robert Mock, was charged with assault and battery. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

James Barton Smith, was charged with second degree trespass. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Meghan Judith Woody, was charged with second degree trespass. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

### **September 30**

Dwight Enoch Hawkins Jr., was issued warrant service for resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

Ashley Nicole Ulsh, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William R. Younce made the arrest.

John Cody Duncan, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William R. Younce made the arrest.

Jason Robert Mock, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell/deliver. William R. Younce made the arrest.

### **October 1**

Alvaro Ruiz Bravo, was issued a true bill of indictment for statutory sex offense with a child by an adult, indecent liberties with a child. Garrett D. Hovis made the arrest.

John Francis Shook, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

### **October 3**

Miles David McIntyre, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, simple possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of a schedule IV controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of drug paraphernalia. Mattherw T. Breedlove made the arrest.

### **October 4**

James Richard Atkinson, was issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

## **Franklin Police Department**

### **September 28**

Wyatt Lewis Queen, 23, of Whittlers Trail, Cullowhee, was issued a warrant for arrest. A \$10,000 bond was set. Officer Bingham made the arrest.

### **October 4**

Conley Cutshaw, 46, of Mack Branch Rd., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. Officer Bingham made the arrest.

## **Jackson County Sheriff's Department**

### **September 21**

Fernando Esau Alvarex, 18, of Petuina Lane, was charged

with failure to appear for simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

### **September 22**

Darrien Michael Carver, 23, of Sterling Dr., Cullowhee, was charged with failure to appear for probation violation, resisting a public officer, operate a vehicle with no registration, driving while impaired. No bond was set.

Mark Lee Herron, 60, of Thomas Valley Rd., Whittier, was charged with disseminate obscene material to a minor under 16. A secured Bond of \$1,000 was set.

Sharon Kathleen Ward, 53, of Sugar Loaf Rd., was charged with communicating threats. A secured bond of \$100 was set.

Savannah Kay Huskey, 19, of Wolftown Rd., Cherokee, was charged with larceny, possession of stolen goods. No bond was set.

### **September 24**

Walter Lewis Underwood, 42, of Zeb Alley, Cashiers, was charged with second degree trespass, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny after breaking and entering, felony probation violation. A secured bond was set.

Kaye Denise Crowe Maney, 45, of Old Soco Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, simple possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of cocaine. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Logan Mckenna Otter, 25, of Junes Loop, Cherokee, was charged with conspire to commit felony larceny, break or enter a motor vehicle, preparation to break/enter a motor vehicle, possession of stolen goods/property, misdemeanor probation for violation out of country. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Charles Ray Tolley, 46, of Riverbend Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with failure to appear for simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

### **September 25**

Dakota Jordan Watty, 29, of Tradwinds Lane, was charged with failure to appear for failure to complete community service, school attendance law violation. A secured bond of \$8,500 was set.

Sonia Margarita Reyers, 23, of Adam's Creek Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Sasha Leigh Watson, 37, of Cheerful Cove, Cullowhee, was charged with failure to appear for probation violation. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Tracey Allen Watson, 38, of Cheerful Cove Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with failure to appear for receiving stolen goods, failure to appear for possession of stolen goods/property. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

### **September 26**

Timothy David Kibel, 36, of Dumplin Flats, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation assault on a female. No bond was set.

Quenten Carrie Riggs, 24, of Pyramid Place, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle, assault on a female. A secured bond of \$91,000 was set.

### **September 27**

Kala Marie Bueno, 28, of Walnut Cove Rd., Tuckaseegee, was charged with resisting a public officer, failure to appear for felony probation violation out of county. No bond was set.

Randy Bryant Conn, 34, of Hilltop Dr., was charged with misuse of 911 system. A secured bond of \$100 was set.

Rex Spencer Walkingstick, 21, of Kamma Dr., Cherokee, was charged with possession of a controlled substance in jail,

resist/obstruct/delay, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintain vehicle for controlled substance, possession of a schedule IV controlled substance fentanyl, felony possession of marijuana, possession of schedule II controlled substance methamphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule IV controlled substance marijuana, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule IV controlled substance fentanyl, possession of intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, methamphetamine. A secured bond was set.

Cornelius Ashe, 28, of Blanton Branch Rd., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. No bond was set.

### **September 28**

Amber Nicole Simon, 26, of Cullowhee, was charged with failure to appear for second degree trespassing, misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

### **September 29**

Brandon Lee McQuillan, 27, of BB Long Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with assault on a female, breaking and entering non-forcible. No bond was set.

Timothy David Kibel, 36, of Dumplin Flats, was charged with failure to appear in Jackson County for misdemeanor probation violation. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Katrina Lynn Cook, 33, of Cherokee, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, injury to real property, breaking and entering. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Vernie Franklin Taylor, 59, of Scarey Branch Rd., Bryson City, was charged with failure to appear for resisting a public officer, intoxicated and disruptive, disorderly conduct. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

### **September 30**

Amber Sherice Crowe, 33, of Mink Branch Rd., Cherokee, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Waynefica Mathis, 72, of Spalding Rd., was charged with assault on a handicap person. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

James Earl Mathis, 66, of Spalding Rd., was charged with assault on a handicap person. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Rosie Brook Gregory, 26, of Old Glory Ridge, Whittier, was charged with misdemeanor child abuse. An unsecured bond was set.

Randal Eugene Fowler, 54, of Hive Rd., Glenville, was charged with uttering a forged instrument, possession of counterfeit currency. An unsecured bond of \$75,000 was set.

### **October 1**

Jesse Colton Suttles, 20, of Oak Hill Dr., Bryson City, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of stolen goods/property. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Garrett Stribling McCollough, 32, of Expired registration, possession of drug paraphernalia possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

### **October 2**

Adam Warren David Evitt, 32, of Windy Gap Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Haley Michelle Shook, 24, of Sparks Dr., was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle, breaking and entering of a motor vehicle forcible, felony conspiracy, burning personal property, failure to appear for resisting a public officer, second degree arson, misdemeanor probation violation, assault on a government official/employee, second degree arson. A secured bond of \$63,000 was set.



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Habitat staff were joined by volunteers from Western Carolina University's Construction Management Team, resulting in a productive workday.

"It is amazing when groups of volunteers can get together and accomplish so much for our community. Giving some time and a little sweat is truly priceless," said organizers.

People interested in taking part in future volunteer opportunities can email [hfhmc@frontier.com](mailto:hfhmc@frontier.com) or contact John Wert at (828)369-3716.



# Red Sand project raises awareness of human trafficking

The Zonta Club of Franklin, as part of their "Zonta Says No to Violence Against Women" program will bring the Red Sand Project to Franklin. The Red Sand Project was first launched in Miami in 2014 by Molly Gochman to raise awareness about vulnerabilities that can lead to human trafficking and exploitation. It is a participation-based artwork that fills sidewalk cracks with red sand, symbolically representing the individuals who fall through the cracks – whether the cracks of social, economic, and political systems or those of personal consciousness.

The International Labour Organization estimates that there are 40.3 million victims of human trafficking globally, 81% of them are trapped in forced labor, 25% of them are children and 75% are

women and girls. Nearly one in five homeless youth have been a victim of human trafficking.

"We can't merely walk over the most marginalized people in our communities—those who fall through the metaphoric cracks," said Gochman.

Today, Red Sand Project actions have been done in all 50 states and in 70 countries, with more than one million participants.

The Zonta Club invites the public to join the Red Sand Project on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Gazebo in downtown Franklin. There will be a short presentation about the Red Sand Project beginning at 10 a.m. The Zonta Club will hand out packets of red sand that they will, as a group, pour into the cracks of the bricks surrounding the gazebo. The sand is non-toxic and non-staining but will be a reminder of the victims of human trafficking and to create opportunities for people to question, connect and take action against those vulnerable to exploitation.

For more information about the Red Sand Project, visit [redsandproject.org](http://redsandproject.org). Zonta Club of Franklin's website is [zontafranklinnc.org](http://zontafranklinnc.org).

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# Deaths & Funerals

## Bruce Alan Bryson

Bruce Alan Bryson, 81, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Friday, Oct. 2, 2020.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Wiley Alexander Bryson and Helen Florence Rowland Bryson. On Sept. 3, 2018, she was preceded by his wife of 56 years, Mary "Sue" Bailey Bryson; a daughter, Marna Bryson Peck; two grandsons, Will Bryson and Benjamin Bryson; and one sister, Beverly Ann Bryson Sykes.



**Bruce Alan Bryson**

He formerly owned Bryson's Restaurant and The City Restaurant before working many years at the Sunset. He had previously coached softball, loved cars, and enjoyed fishing and going to the lake. He is a member of Sugarfork Baptist Church and a veteran who served in the United States Army.

He is survived by one son, Barry Alan Bryson and wife K.C. of Saluda, N.C.; and one daughter, Marcie Bryson Carpenter of Franklin; 10 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Tuesday, Oct. 6, at Sugarfork Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Reeves and Rev. Gene Hawkins officiating. Burial was in the Sugarfork Baptist Church cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Marna Peck Scholarship, C/O Susan Allen @ Franklin High School, 100 Panther Dr., Franklin, NC 28734.

Online condolences can be made at [www.maconfuneral-home.com](http://www.maconfuneral-home.com).

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

## Tabitha Marlana Snyder Hathcock

Tabitha Marlana Snyder Hathcock, 40, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2020.

A native of Macon County, she was the daughter of Richard and Marie Boyce Snyder. She lived in Macon County most of her life and was a member of Mt. Sinai Assembly of God Church. She enjoyed ginseng digging, rock collecting and being outdoors. Most of all, she enjoyed time spent with her children.



**Tabitha Hathcock**

She is survived by her parents, Richard and Marie Snyder; fiancé, Mason Robbins; three children, Dalton Hathcock, Preston Hathcock and Olivia Marie Hathcock, all of Franklin; sisters, Stephanie Freund of Holly Springs, N.C., and Kayla Collins of Franklin; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral services will be held Friday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m., at Mt. Sinai Assembly of God. Rev. Johnny Raby, Rev. Barry Bowman and Rev. Brian Lamb will officiate. Burial will be in the Tippett cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm, Thursday, Oct. 8 at Macon Funeral Home. Masks and social distancing are requested.

Pallbearers will be Dalton, Preston, Derrick, Brandon, Rusty and Justin.

Memorials donations can be made to Macon Funeral Home to help with the expenses.

Online condolences can be made at [www.maconfuneral-home.com](http://www.maconfuneral-home.com).

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



# Deaths & Funerals

## Bonnie Higdon Bradley

Bonnie Higdon Bradley, 89, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 3, 2020.

A native of Jackson County, she was the daughter of the late Fred and Kate Williams Higdon. She lived in Macon County most of her life and was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. She was very instrumental in getting the Higdon genealogy historical book to print. She enjoyed working in her yard, gardening and she loved helping children. She was proud to acquire her LPN license, especially with a seventh-grade education. She spent years caring for others and training others who would become nurses also. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Floyd Boone Bradley; a son, Kelly Bradley; a grandson, James Bradley; brothers, Troy, Coy and Bill Higdon; and sisters, Ruby Speed, Ivallee Clouse, Ruth Oden and Rachel Pollard.

She is survived by two sons, Floyd A. Bradley (Gail) of Franklin and James Dale Bradley of Bostic, N.C.; brother, Robert Higdon of Franklin; and two sisters, Virginia Howard of Omak, Wash. and Mildred Bradley of Commerce, Ga.; three grandchildren, Doug Bradley, Alan Bradley, and Cora Bradley; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral service was held Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Oak Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Steve Reeves and Rev. Judson Hall officiated. Burial was in the Oak Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, C/O Faye Bishop, 73 3rd Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Online condolences can be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

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## Rosemary Neill Seacott

Rosemary Neill Seacott, 77, of Scaly Mountain, N.C., passed away on Monday, Sept. 28, 2020.

Born in Homestead, Fla., she was the daughter of the late Daniel Neill and Elizabeth Bryant Kinard. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Rebecca Farmer. She worked at The Dry Sink in Highlands for 20 years and loved everything about Christmas.

She is survived by five children, Robert Blasky of Orange City, Fla., Lorie Ann Blasky of Deland, Fla., Theresa Blasky Wheat of Port Orange, Fla., Launda Soper of Orange City, Fla. and Gabby Seacott of Daytona Beach, Fla.; brother, Danny Neill of Ormond, Fla.; several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the ASPCA at [www.aspc.org/donate](http://www.aspc.org/donate), to help animals find their forever homes and fight animal cruelty.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).



Bonnie Higdon Bradley



Rosemary Neill Seacott

## Wayne Reese Tallent

Wayne Reese Tallent beloved husband of Nancy Hunter Tallent of 57 years passed to eternity to be with the Lord on Sept. 28, 2020. He passed away at the family home in North Charleston surrounded by his wife, children and grandchildren. He was a faithful born-again Christian. He was preceded in death by a sister, Marsha Tallent Clanton.

He was born on Oct. 2, 1945, in Franklin, N.C. He was the youngest son of the late Robert Logan Tallent and Pearl Isabelle Womack Tallent.

He is survived by his wife; brothers, Rance Tallent of Windsor, Colo., Timothy Tallent of Atlanta, Ga.; sisters, Brenda Ramey of Tiger, Ga., Robbie Gay McCoy of Hayesville, N.C.; three sons, Keenan Wayne Tallent of Greenwood, S.C., Warren Russell Tallent of Hanahan, S.C., and Bryan Richard Tallent of North Charleston, S.C.; four daughters-in-law, Janie Felkel of Bonneau Beach, S.C., Dawn Tallent of Summerville, S.C., Natalie Emily of Greenwood, S.C. and Beth Tallent of North Charleston, S.C.; seven grandchildren; seven great grandchildren with an eighth due in January; and many beloved nephews and nieces. He is also survived by an eternal brother in arms of Vietnam, Danny Lee Layton of West by God Virginia.

He was raised in Franklin, and loved the mountains of western North Carolina as his ancestral home. He played football in high school and graduated from Franklin High School in 1963. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He married Nancy in September 1963 in Walhalla, S.C. His career in the Air Force spanned 20 years. He served multiple overseas tours of duty. In 1969-1970 he was deployed to combat, stationed at Tan Son Nhut, AFB, South Vietnam. In Vietnam he earned numerous decorations including the Bronze Star. He earned his Associates Degree in Business Administration from St. Leos College in 1977.

His last duty station was Charleston AFB from 1976 through 1983. While stationed in Charleston, he was heavily involved in community service and youth sports. He served as a deacon of Riverbend Baptist Church in North Charleston and later was an active member of Salem Baptist Church of Summerville for the last 20 years of his life. He was an active Mason for many years. He was an active basketball coach and served as Commissioner of Youth League sports on Charleston AFB. He was an avid fan and had a lifelong love of Clemson football and was a Washington Redskins fan.

Upon his retirement from the U.S. Air Force, he continued to work on Charleston AFB as a DOD civilian. He worked in administration and logistics for the U.S. Air Force Reserve until his final retirement in 2006. After retirement, he put all his energy, love and generosity into his family. His love for all his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren knew no limit. He and Nancy's home is the centerpiece of the family for generations.

He had a working man's PhD in genealogy, military history and journalism. He authored and published a widely read book. He wrote numerous articles for military journals and publications. He penned several editorials in the *Charleston Post and Courier* over the years. His pride in his combat service, the combat service of his ancestors, son and two grandsons were the subject of eternal discussion. To the end of his life, his love of Christ, his country and family knew no equal.

Family and friends were invited to a wake and memorial service on Friday, Oct. 2, at the Salem Baptist Church in Summerville.

Arrangements in the Charleston area are handled by Simplicity: Lowcountry Cremation and Burial services. [www.lowcountryfuneral.com](http://www.lowcountryfuneral.com)

Family and friends in the Franklin area will be received on Saturday, Oct. 10, at the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home Chapel, Franklin. The viewing will be from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. A Memorial service will be from 12 to 1 p.m. with the procession to follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to: The Salem Baptist Church Food Ministry, 321 Old Summerville Road, Summerville, SC 29486

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory and Low Country Funeral Home are serving the Tallent family. Online condolences can be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com)



Wayne Reese Tallent

## Herbert Lawrence Munger

Herbert Lawrence Munger, 76, of Highlands, N.C., passed away Sunday, Sept. 27, 2020.

Born and raised in Macon County, he was the son of the late Robert Warren Munger Sr. and Dora Lucille Lowe Munger. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn Janie Keener Munger and his siblings, Joyce Rogers, Sherman Munger and Bobby Munger.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and being outdoors. In his younger years he also enjoyed a good round of golf. He worked for the U.S. Forest Service before his retirement.

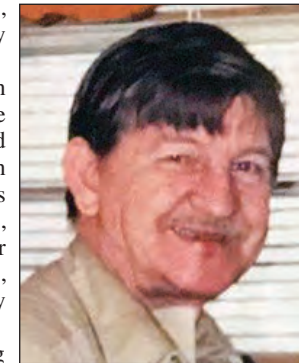
He is survived by his children, Jeffrey Lawrence Munger and wife Carla of Indiana and Pamela Peck of Highlands; half siblings, Michael Timothy Crane of Franklin, Warren Anthony Munger, James David Munger, Dale Allen Munger and Christopher Matthew Munger, all of Lexington, N.C., Billie Juanita McDaniels of Southpoint, N.C., Margaret Irene Rish and Frankie Michelle Rogers of Franklin; two grandchildren, two step-grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and his beloved dogs, Hank and Boomer.

Graveside services were held Friday, Oct. 2, at Highlands Memorial Park with Revs. Gary McCall and Oliver Rice officiating.

Pallbearers were Kelly Munger, Roger Talley, Matthew Barnes, Casey Barnes, Marshall Buck and James Rish.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Appalachian Animal Rescue, PO Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements. Condolences may be made to the family at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).



Herbert Munger

## Anne Talley Chastain

Anne Talley Chastain, 84, of Highlands, N.C., passed away Thursday, Sept. 24, 2020. She was born Jan. 1, 1936, in Macon County, North Carolina, to the late Lester Talley and Amanda Miller Talley. She was known for her great cooking and baking at Mountain Fresh Grocery where she worked for many years. She founded the Highlands Emergency Council and volunteered countless hours. When she was home, she loved gardening and working in her flowers. She was a member of Shortoff Missionary Baptist Church.

She is survived by a son, Danny Chastain of Highlands and a sister, Barbara Barnes of Highlands. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Carl Chastain and a son, Allen Chastain; four brothers and four sisters.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Sept. 27, at Shortoff Baptist Church, in Highlands with the Rev. Andy Cloer officiating. Burial followed in the Highlands Memorial Park Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that memorial donations be made to Shortoff Missionary Baptist Church, PO Box 1217, Highlands, NC 28741.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Chastain family. Online condolences can be made to [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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## Conservative strategy pays off for Hamlin at Talladega

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

For the second time in as many seasons, Denny Hamlin broke Matt DiBenedetto's heart, before NASCAR removed the pathos from the situation with a post-race ruling.

At the end of a third overtime at Talladega Superspeedway, Hamlin beat DiBenedetto to the finish line to win by .023 seconds—roughly two feet—in Sunday's YellaWood 500 NASCAR Cup Series Playoff race at the 2.66-mile track.

But NASCAR erased the close call by penalizing DiBenedetto for forcing William Byron below the yellow line separating the racing surface from the apron in Turn 4 on the final lap. That made a runner-up of Erik Jones and dropped DiBenedetto to 21st at the finish.

With a comfortable Playoff point cushion, Hamlin started from the pole but spent the vast majority of the race riding in the back. However, the driver of the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota took advantage of high attrition, a fast car and a fresh set of tires to pull out his seventh victory of the season, his second at Talladega and the 44th of his career, tying him with NASCAR Hall of Famer Bill Elliott for 18th all-time.

"We just played the strategy and the numbers game to run in the back until we were locked in. Just things worked out. We finally got one back. This one was unexpected to say the least, but proud of this whole FedEx team, Toyota and everyone at JGR for bringing great race cars," said Hamlin.

Playoff driver Chase Elliott initially was penalized for passing below the yellow line on the final lap, but NASCAR reviewed the video and rescinded the penalty after determining Elliott was forced below the boundary. NASCAR also reviewed Hamlin's trip to the apron in the final corner but determined that he had been forced to go there to avoid a wreck.

After the penalties, Ty Dillon was credited with third place, Byron with fourth and Elliott with fifth, as multi-car wrecks made mincemeat of the fortunes of the majority of Playoff drivers.

An 11-car wreck on Lap 109, 11 circuits before the end of Stage 2, had a dramatic effect on the Playoff landscape. While attempting to push Jimmie Johnson's Chevrolet in the tri-oval, Clint Bowyer turned the No. 48 of the seven-time champion, igniting a melee that eliminated Bowyer, Kurt Busch, Cole Custer, Daniel Suarez and Brendan Gaughan from the race.

Busch, last Sunday's Las Vegas winner, was launched over the hood of Custer's Ford, but landed on his tires, his No. 1 Chevrolet

destroyed. Brother Kyle Busch, already damaged in two earlier incidents, trailed the wreck but couldn't avoid it and sustained additional damage after contact with Gaughan's Chevrolet.

Kyle Busch persevered, only to be collected in a massive wreck that caused the 12th caution and sent the race to overtime. He finished 27th and enters the final race of the Round of 12 tied with Austin Dillon, 21 points below the cutoff for the Round of 8.

"The car was just real slow due to all of the damage, obviously, so I'm just holding up the line," Busch said of his final wreck. "I was trying to draft off the guys in front of me, and I'm pushing too much backwards on the guys that are trying to push me forwards and it creates a wreck."

Austin Dillon recovered from multiple accidents to come home 12th, the third-highest finish for a Playoff driver.

As the cars jockeyed for position near the end of Stage 1, Bowman—pushed aggressively by Logano in the top lane—pinballed into the rear of race leader Aric Almirola's No. 10, sending it into the outside wall on the backstretch on Lap 58.

Kyle Busch, and Ryan Blaney were innocent victims of the accident, but both drivers were able to continue, as was Bowman,



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Express Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series YellaWood 500 at Talladega Superspeedway on Oct. 4, 2020 in Talladega, Ala.



Justin Haley, driver of the #11 LeafFilter Gutter Protection Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Ag-Pro 300 at Talladega Superspeedway on Oct. 3, 2020 in Talladega, Ala.

who finished 14th and is 22 points above the Round of 8 cut line.

Almirola wasn't as fortunate. Knocked out of the race by the accident, he fell to 12th in the standings, 48 points below the cut line and almost certainly will have to win next Sunday at the Charlotte Roval to advance to the Round of 8 in the Playoff.

"I'm just disappointed," Almirola said. "We were doing everything we needed to do. We were closing in to the end of stage one, and it looked like we were going to score a lot of points there, which is exactly what we needed to do. ... I had a lot of confidence going into today. I thought we were going to have a good shot to win."

In a race that went 12 laps beyond its scheduled distance and featured 58 lead changes among 18 different drivers, Ryan Newman, Tyler Reddick, John Hunter Nemechek, Brennan Poole and Ryan Preece finished sixth through 10th, respectively.

Like DiBenedetto, Chris Buescher, who led three times for 15 laps, was penalized for forcing a car below the yellow line on the final lap. He was dropped from sixth to 22nd, the final position on the lead lap.

Justin Haley racks up third straight superspeedway win

Grabbing the lead on Lap 112 of 113, Haley earned a spot in the Round of 8 in the NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoffs with the victory in the second Round of 12 race, his third of the season, the third of his career and his third straight in an Xfinity superspeedway event, a streak matched only by the late Dale Earnhardt and Dale Earnhardt Jr. Haley won the race under caution, thanks to a multicar wreck on the final lap. The victory was the fourth for Kaulig Racing in the last five superspeedway contests.

Haley finished .234 seconds ahead of Michael Annett, with Ryan Sieg trailing by .595 seconds in third. Annett, however, was disqualified after post-race inspection for a ride-height violation. His No. 1 Chevrolet was too low in the left front. The disqualification elevated Sieg to second place.

In preserving his streak on the big tracks (Daytona and Talladega), Haley had to overcome a penalty for pitting too soon in the wake of a Lap 76 wreck, with pit road closing after he had committed to enter.

Xfinity Series leader Chase Briscoe dominated the race almost to the finish, leading 73 laps and winning the first two stages, but his

attempt to block eventual third-place finisher Noah Gragson went awry with two laps left. An eight-time winner this season, Briscoe brushed the outside wall and fell back to an eventual 19th-place finish, as Haley charged into the lead.

It didn't help that Briscoe had lost his drafting partner, fellow Ford driver Austin Cindric, who slammed into the inside wall off Turn 4 as a pack of cars was attempting to enter pit road on Lap 76.

That left Briscoe in a difficult position, trying to win the race as the only Ford driver on the track. Neither of the Ford drivers, however, was devastated by the ill fortune. Briscoe already had secured his ticket into the Round of 8 with last weekend's victory at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

Cindric, a road course ace, likewise is in a comfortable position heading to next Saturday's Round of 12 elimination race at the Charlotte Roval. Second in the standings, the driver of the No. 22 Team Penske Ford holds a 46-point edge over ninth-place Annett. Gragson also has a nice cushion—43 points above the cut line.

A victim of the last-lap crash, Harrison Burton, fell seven-points behind eighth-place Ross Chastain in the battle one of the final spots in the Round of 8. Chastain recovered to finish sixth after clobbering the outside wall when Burton turned his No. 10 Chevrolet sideways in a chain-reaction wreck on Lap 47.

Calamity found Joe Gibbs Racing driver Riley Herbst on Lap 42, when contact from the No. 61 of Austin Hill sent him sliding into the inside wall off Turn 4. Now 11th in the standings, two points ahead of Annett, Herbst either must win at the Charlotte Roval or leap-frog above three other drivers by erasing a 36-point deficit.

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- 6. Paris in Tour de France
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- 13. Admiral's group
- 14. "Mele Kalikimaka" wreath
- 15. Julian Barnes' "The \_\_\_ of an Ending"
- 16. Telephone company
- 17. Acronym in a bottle
- 18. Birth-related
- 19. \*Set briefly on fire
- 21. \*Separate solids from fat in melted butter
- 23. \*Crusty dessert
- 24. Uncouth person
- 25. Westminster broadcaster, acr.
- 28. Coffee break spot
- 30. \*Scald quickly in boiling water
- 35. Like desert
- 37. Like Civil War reenactment battle
- 39. \*Like old chips
- 40. Delhi dress
- 41. Subculture language
- 43. \*Good or bad it emanates from stoves
- 44. "As the World \_\_\_"
- 46. Like Jekyll and Hyde's personality
- 47. This over matter?
- 48. Encryption device, a.k.a. \_\_\_ machine
- 50. Practice in the ring
- 52. Low-\_\_\_ image
- 53. Competitive advantage
- 55. NBA coach "\_\_\_" Rivers

- 57. \*Dissolve browned food bits with liquids
- 61. \*Thicken by simmering
- 64. Love, to Catherine Deneuve
- 65. Pigeon sound
- 67. Pianist's exercise
- 69. Resembling a fish
- 70. Hawaiian Mauna
- 71. Smart candy?
- 72. Tire swing holder
- 73. Bruin legend Bobby
- 74. \*Yummy reward

DOWN

- 1. Back of the boat
- 2. Staff symbol
- 3. Text messenger
- 4. Short version
- 5. Like number 1 to hydrogen

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- 11. Defender of skies
- 12. Count on
- 15. Growls angrily
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- 22. Williams sister's return
- 24. On account of
- 25. \*Turkey action
- 26. Hitler's Eva
- 27. Wispy clouds
- 29. \*Incorporate an ingredient
- 31. Niels Bohr's study object
- 32. Rock bottom
- 33. Star Wars attacker
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- 38. \_\_\_ sack
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- 45. Viscous
- 49. Wood-shaping tool
- 51. Capybara, e.g.
- 54. GEICO's mascot
- 56. Like a button, but more so
- 57. Cuckoo
- 58. Dubai dignitary
- 59. Departed
- 60. Debussy's "Clair de \_\_\_"
- 61. Serengeti sound
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**INDOOR SALE** Saturday, Oct. 10, 8-3, Multiple Houses, Bryson Branch Rd., Old Antiques, New Stuff, Old Vehicles, Books, Furniture, Old Comic Books, Follow Signs from Highlands Rd.

## Community Fundraisers

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