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Turner Raby passes along a hand-written note to a veteran, shaking his hand and thanking him for his service during Monday's Veterans Day ceremony in downtown Franklin. Hundreds gathered for the parade and the ceremony honoring Macon County veterans. Vietnam veteran Steve Reeves was the featured speaker with special music by the Franklin High School Marching Panther Regiment. The ceremony concluded with the playing of Taps. For more photos, see page 12. Photo by Vickie Carpenter

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## Corbin, Davis endorse Gillespie for House seat

Brittney Lofthouse  
Contributing Writer

Since Rep. Kevin Corbin announced he would be running for the Senate for District 50, he was proud to endorse fellow Macon County native and county commissioner Karl Gillespie to fill his seat in the House of Representatives.

"My biggest concern in vacating my house seat was finding someone who will be passionate about far western North Carolina," said Rep. Corbin. "I believe Karl is that kind of guy. He has been an excellent county commissioner that will be looking out for the best interest



Macon County Commissioner Karl Gillespie (center) has announced his candidacy for House District 120 with the endorsement of Sen. Jim Davis (L) and Rep. Kevin Corbin who is vacating his House seat to run for the N.C. Senate, after Davis announced he would not run for reelection.

when he decided to seek state office with the North Carolina House of Representatives in 2016.

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of these four far western counties."

Ironically, when Kevin Corbin was appointed to the Macon County Board of Commissioners, it was to replace Senator Jim Davis when he decided to run for Senate. Corbin is now running to replace Davis in the Senate. Gillespie was elected to the board of Commissioners to replace Corbin



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# Neighbors bring concerns on abandoned house to Town Council

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

A debate over property rights took center stage at the November meeting of the Franklin Town Council when concerns were expressed regarding a vacant home on Bidwell Street.

In 2017, neighbors near the home located at 373 West Main Street, at the beginning of Bidwell Street, signed a petition urging the town of Franklin to do something to address the dilapidated structure. The home has sat vacant for several years; windows have been broken or vandalized and replaced by boards. The yard is rarely maintained and is often overgrown.

“As a resident of Bidwell, the house is an eye-sore,” said Franklin resident Andrew Raby. Raby is also a member of the Franklin Planning Board. “From a legal standpoint, the house has several violations which concern me when looking at the town of Franklin’s minimum housing ordinance. While I want homeowners to feel secure in their rights as property owners within the city limits, at some point you have to look at it from a safety point for the entire neighborhood, and I believe we are at that point.”

After the required signatures were affixed to the petition in 2017, the town of Franklin notified the owner of the property, Max Houston, of the complaint and steps he needed to take to be in compliance with town building code standards.

The Town of Franklin’s Minimum Housing Ordinance specifically states, “The roofs, flashings, exterior walls, basement walls, floors and all doors and windows exposed to the weather



**This house located on Bidwell Street and owned by Max Houston is at issue with joint lawsuits regarding property rights vs. nuisance ordinances.**

Photo by Vickie Carpenter

shall be constructed and maintained so as to be weathertight and watertight.”

Since first being notified in 2017, Houston has not been able to upgrade the house in compliance with the Franklin’s minimum housing ordinance.

In addition to lacking windows and even doors, the property

has other apparent issues such as a roof that has partially caved in and a chimney that threatens to topple.

The Town of Franklin Police Department, which is located just a few hundred yards from the property, have been called to the home several times to address people trespassing on the property – from drifters seeking shelter inside the home to a woman found living in a tent on the property. No trespassing signs have since been erected, but to no avail.

While on the surface it may appear as if the town has not been taking action on the property, Town Attorney John Henning Jr. informed residents that the town has actually been involved in a civil lawsuit with the property owner since the initial petition was filed.

“The town has been aware of this structure and the situation of it for a long time, and it did go through the administrative procedure for the minimal housing code,” said Henning. “The principle difference with this one is that, unlike those past situations where there was never an answer filed and you were able to default them and get them into a default judgement, the homeowner in this circumstance has retained counsel and answered.”

With previous nuisance properties within the city limits, the town has been able to demolish those homes since they were considered abandoned after the town had notified owners of the issues, notices went unanswered and after the required waiting period.

However, this time, the property owner has countersued and is challenging the case in Macon County Superior Court.

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2009	Hyundai	Malibu	170,852	2001	Toyota	Camry Solara	228,066
2015	Hyundai	Spark	66,107	2018	Toyota	Corolla	46,172
2016	Hyundai	Challenger	18,663	2009	Toyota	Matrix	145,354
2016	Hyundai	Focus	82,445	1972	Chevrolet	CORVETTE	97,171
2013	Hyundai	Fusion	110,655				
2015	Hyundai	Mustang	56,796				
2018	Hyundai	Accord	21,075				
2009	Hyundai	Civic	150,000				
2014	Hyundai	Elantra	124,903				
2019	Hyundai	Elantra	28,554				
2018	Hyundai	Sonata	28,195				
2011	Hyundai	Sonata Hybrid	127,123				
2011	MINI	Cooper	91,692				
2017	Subaru	Forester	24,993				
2017	Subaru	Outback	36,139				
2014	Toyota	Camry	65,799				

### TRUCKS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	1,302
2012	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	116,631
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	13,412
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	29,732
2017	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	40,014
2016	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	51,099
2011	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	73,664
2007	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	261,123
2006	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	210,299

### SUVS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2013	Chevrolet	Captiva Sport	94,815
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox	25,106
2014	Chevrolet	Equinox	82,136
2006	Chevrolet	HHR	166,016
2017	Chevrolet	Suburban	43,424
2018	Chevrolet	Suburban	42,645

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2019	Ford	F-150	11,470
2015	GMC	Sierra 1500	54,289
2017	GMC	Sierra 3500HD	147,376
2015	RAM	1500	60,512
2014	RAM	1500	67,507
2019	RAM	1500	16,984
2017	RAM	2500	45,436
2017	GMC	Canyon	30,106

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2019	Chevrolet	Suburban	13,010
2015	Chevrolet	Tahoe	122,019
2015	Chevrolet	Tahoe	84,089
2013	Chevrolet	Tahoe	136,908
2016	Chevrolet	Tahoe	15,869
2018	Chevrolet	Tahoe	70,915
2018	Chevrolet	Trax	7,684
2015	Chevrolet	Trax	44,806
2002	Dodge	Durango	189,113
2014	Dodge	Durango	100,373
2018	Dodge	Journey	19,855
2017	Dodge	Journey	28,253
2006	Ford	Escape	112,757
2011	Ford	Escape	74,179
2018	Ford	Explorer	37,229
2013	Ford	Explorer	167,270
2019	GMC	Acadia	13,433

### VANS/BUSES

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2011	GMC	Yukon	82,237
2014	Hyundai	Santa Fe	98,609
2019	Hyundai	Santa Fe	31,168
2018	Hyundai	Santa Fe Sport	39,451
2018	Hyundai	Santa Fe Sport	38,612
2018	Hyundai	Santa Fe Sport	49,325
2018	Hyundai	Santa Fe Sport	45,960
2018	Jeep	Wrangler JK	22,648
2018	Jeep	Wrangler JK Unltd.	16,498
2017	Kia	Sportage	24,309
2018	Mitsubishi	Outlander	35,408
2019	Nissan	Pathfinder	6,873
2016	Toyota	4Runner	26,956
2019	Toyota	Highlander	25,810

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**GILLESPIE**

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Sen. Davis echoed Rep. Corbin's support of Gillespie. "Karl has done a great job as county commissioner and will be a responsible voice for the citizens of Western North Carolina," said Davis.

While news of Gillespie's intention started to leak late last week, he made his formal announcement Saturday afternoon at the Macon County Republican Headquarters on the Highlands Road.

"Senator Davis and Representative Corbin are dynamic voices in Raleigh for Western North Carolina," Macon County GOP Chairman Carla Miller said on Saturday. "Without a doubt, Macon County Commissioner Karl Gillespie will continue their great leadership and service to the West. The dedication, talent, passion and integrity on our behalf, of all three of these great men, is unequalled."

Gillespie, a conservative, was elected to the Macon County Board of Commissioners in November 2016. As a fifth generation Maconian and longtime business owner, Gillespie entered county politics to help shape the future of the community he loves.

"Being involved in local politics was an opportunity to give back to a county that had been home to our family for generations," Gillespie said.

Now, with Gillespie's term as a commissioner ending, he has set his sights on state office in order to continuing being a voice and proud advocate for not just Macon County, but all of Western North Carolina.

"Serving in the NC House would be an honor. I will do my best to represent the interests of all the citizens in the far Western counties of North Carolina," said Gillespie.

Gillespie and his wife, Janet, have one son, Logan. After working away from Franklin, Gillespie moved back home in 1999 and founded National Communications, Inc.

(NCI). Starting with just one technician, NCI has since grown the business to become a regional leader in the industry.

In addition to being a business owner, Gillespie is an active community servant, volunteering his time on the Macon County Planning Board prior to being elected as commissioner as well as serving on the Southwestern Community College Board of Trustees and the Macon County Farm Bureau board of directors.

Gillespie is the first candidate to formally announce candidacy for North Carolina House District 120. Candidate filing for most 2020 contests begins on Dec. 2, at noon and ends on Dec. 20, at noon, which puts Gillespie's announcement ahead of the game. Rep. Corbin's announcement for NC Senate also comes well before the filling period begins.

With Gillespie's announcement to run for NC House, his seat on the Macon County Board of Commissioners will be up for grabs during the 2020 election. Gillespie is the first commissioner to announce intentions for something other than reelection to the board of commissioners. Macon County Commissioner Paul Higdon is also up for re-election in 2020 and has yet to make an announcement on whether or not he will once again be filing for office.

As it stands, Voter ID will be required statewide starting in the 2020 elections. The NC State Board of Elections as well as the Macon County Board of Elections will be providing information on implementing Voter ID. The State Board will be sending out mailers tentatively scheduled for late November 2019 (large postcard format) December 2019 (booklet format) and in February of 2020 (large mailer). All voters will be required to have a valid identification card in order to vote in the 2020 election.

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# Meadows still working for constituents in Western North Carolina

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

Congressman Mark Meadows took a break from Washington politics to catch Game 5 of the World Series with President Donald Trump. For the first time in franchise history, the Washington Nationals went on to be crowned World Series Champs over the Houston Astros.

“The Nationals made a great comeback – and along the way, did the impossible and united Washington D.C. for a few days,” Meadows commented.

Last week, Meadows introduced legislation to recognize First Responder’s Day, a measure he believes should be an easy decision for his colleagues.

“Our first responders deserve to have their efforts and sacrifices recognized,” said Meadows. “Having met with many of our own emergency personnel here in Western North Carolina and from around the country, I’ve had a chance to see firsthand their dedication to our communities and our country, and the outstanding job they do to keep us safe. They’re the best of us. And, so many of those services come on a volunteer basis. From a federal standpoint, I think the least we can do is set aside a day to honor their work and give them the kind of recognition they deserve.”

Meadows’ First Responder’s Day legislation is a small piece of the overall picture in terms of the things Meadows is working on.

“We’ve hit the ground running with several weeks of session since the August district work period, so much of the last few months have been

in Washington, D.C,” said Meadows. “Unfortunately, most of our Congressional time these days is occupied with impeachment interviews and depositions – we’ve had a different deposition almost every day the last month or so. I’m on the Oversight Committee, one of the committees of jurisdiction, so it’s important for me to take advantage of the chance to be in these interviews, asking questions, getting information, and evaluating the evidence. But beyond that, we’re still making time for work that matters more locally to our folks – jobs, lowering drug prices, helping our agricultural workers, and more.”

Although Congress has been weighed down with the impeachment, Meadows has prioritized several visits to the district, as constituent services remain on the forefront of his reason for serving in office.

“For me, the day-to-day of this job is all about making sure that Western North Carolinians have direct access to their government and an effective voice in Washington D.C. that advocates for them first and foremost,” said Meadows. “If I can deliver on those things, then it’s a good day – and the kind of face-to-face visits are a critical part of that goal. It’s about listening to local



Mark Meadows

needs from farmers, small business owners, medical facilities, first responder teams, and others – bringing them back to D.C. to see what we can do to make their lives easier.

“From there, voting in Washington, D.C. becomes far easier, because you remember who you’re voting on behalf of. I’ve often said it, and it’s true: even though my voting card has my picture on it, it belongs to NC-11. Their vote and their voice is what’s most important during the official day in Congress.”

To help focus on constituent services within the district,

Meadows has five full-time district offices in Hendersonville, Waynesville, Price Pine, Lenoir and Morganton, with a total of eight district staffers. Each staffer attends events on a regular basis when Meadows is unavailable or in D.C. for official duties. With 17 counties spread throughout the district, Meadows’ communication team works diligently to keep local communities informed of his efforts in Congress.

Meadows just completed his stint as chairman of the Freedom Caucus, Congress’ most conservative voice. After serving the two-year term with the caucus, Meadows stayed on a few additional months to help in the transition of a new chair-

man.

“It was an honor to serve the caucus in that role and we’re now well-represented with the new Chairman, Andy Biggs from Arizona,” said Meadows. “I’m excited to continue working with them.”

The last few months haven’t all been partisan politics in D.C. Both Democrats and Republicans came together last month to honor Maryland Democrat, Elijah Cummings, who passed away. As chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, Cummings led investigations of the president’s government dealings, including probes in 2019 relating to Trump’s family members serving in the White House. Despite being on different sides of the aisle, Meadows spoke fondly of Cummings and his impact on the country.

“There was truly no stronger friend or better advocate than Elijah – he was a joy to serve with,” said Meadows. “I miss him dearly every day.”

Moving toward the future, Meadows says his top priority is to bring the 11th Congressional District into the 21st century by aggressively developing strategies to address rural broadband.

“This is actually a top priority for our office and we’ve been having frequent discussions with the administration about how we can get better service in rural areas,” said Meadows. “We’re hopeful for some exciting updates in the near future – for now, NC-11 can know that the president and his administration see this as a serious need we need to deliver on.”



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# Milk Box Challenge nets nearly 5,000 lbs. of food

The following was submitted by Franklin resident Kathy Peek. I would like to share a little about a recent experience. I know a lot of people won't understand what I'm about to say, but this has been very real to me.

Since hearing about CareNet losing the TEFAP food source because of a complaint about an offer of prayer with clients, I had been very troubled. In my prayer time, I was praying for CareNet, that God would send help to make up for this loss of food. The thought came to me, why don't YOU do something to help CareNet? I said, me?! I don't have a lot of money; I can't do anything but pray God will send them help. Immediately, the scripture Mark 14:8 "She hath done what she could..." came to my mind.

I kept thinking about that scripture and feeling this nudging to just "do what you can." I wrestled within myself with this for quite a while. When I went to church the next week the first scripture the pastor read was, "She hath done what she could..." I felt like that was confirmation that I needed to do what I could; so now my thinking changed to, well, maybe I could do something, but what?

I started thinking about it and got to thinking, maybe a food drive, but I didn't really know how to go about this. After some prayerful thinking the Milk Box Challenge Food Drive idea began to form. Even though I was very nervous and felt very insufficient, I called up CareNet and offered to do a food drive. They liked the idea and accepted the offer.

Now I'm thinking: Why did you do that? You don't know how to do this. But the thought just kept coming, have faith, just walk it out. I started trying to promote the food drive by contacting and inviting churches, businesses, schools, family and friends to participate. My daughter and granddaughter made flyers and my aunt helped put the flyers out. My sister made an event page. We posted on Facebook. We put it in *The Macon County News*, the *Press*, on the radio, contacted WLOS. We tried to get the word out every way we could think of. A lot of prayer went into this project!

We had the Milk Box Challenge Food Drive for CareNet the

entire month of October. Angel Medical collected 1,117 lbs., Iotla Valley Elementary School collected 720 lbs., Burningtownt-Iotla Fire Dept. collected 127 lbs., St. John's Church collected 95 lbs., Cartoogechaye Church of God and Franklin Church of God both collected large loads but it wasn't weighed. Many others, individuals, and families donated. Bi-Lo, Big Lots, Ingles (three locations) allowed us to place collection boxes in their stores (41 boxes collected) and Bi-Lo allowed us to have "Stuff the Truck" day in their parking lot. As of right now, we have collected 4,752 lbs. of food drive items in this Milk Box Challenge. There are a few left to turn in items, but we hope to have a total weight collected next week.

I am so thankful for everyone that participated in this food drive. We couldn't have done it without you! It truly has been a blessing to be a part of this.

We have decided this will be an annual event and we hope to have more participants and some fun competition between participants next year. I don't know why God chose me to do this, but



The community rose to the Milk Box Challenge for CareNet with nearly 5,000 pounds of food collected. Among the organizations collecting were Angel Medical Center, Iotla Valley Elementary School, Burningtownt-Iotla Fire Department, St. John's Church, Cartoogechaye Church of God and Franklin Church Of God, along with many others, individuals and families. Plans are to make this an annual event.

so glad He did in spite of me and my reluctance. I encourage everyone to ask themselves, what can I do to make a difference in someone's life? I can guarantee you it will be as big a blessing to you as it is to them. A big thanks to everyone that helped in any way with this project! Last but certainly not least, thank you to God for making this event successful, and for sending people to donate. Together, we made a difference.

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# MEC student wins SCC's Veterans Club Essay Contest

Avery McGaha, a Macon Early College student, recently won first place in Southwestern Community College's Veterans Club Essay Contest.

In "What Veterans Day Means to Me," McGaha credits her respect for all veterans to her great grandfather, who served in the U.S. Army for more than 30 years, and her grandfather, who served in the Army as well.

"Not only do veterans fight to protect our country, but they also fight for our ideals, our flag and our freedoms," said McGaha. "Veterans Day is a great opportunity to love and thank our veterans, whom we may come across or who



Avery McGaha is a senior at Macon Early College.

may be a part of our lives. It's important for them to know how much we appreciate them."

McGaha, who lives in Franklin, is pursuing an associate in arts degree at SCC. After graduating, she plans to earn a bachelor's degree in marketing, with a minor in business. Her goal is to enter the real estate field.

All SCC employees and students who are veterans were invited to eat for free at Café 64 on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The SCC Veterans Club, which helped SCC to become a military-friendly school, will celebrate its fifth anniversary in the spring.

## Highlands municipal election to be decided following Friday canvass

Highlands voters will be watching this Friday as the Macon County Board of Elections completes a canvass of the Nov. 5 municipal election.

A total of seven candidates appeared on the ballot for the Highlands election – three incumbents and four challengers all vying for a chance to sit on the town of Highlands Board of Commissioners. While unofficial results have incumbents Brian Stiehler and John Dotson winning alongside newcomer Marc Hehn, the official election results won't be known until this Friday when a canvass of all votes are completed.

Stiehler's seat is likely secured as he is the top vote getter with 182 total votes, however, the official results for the other two seats are not as conclusive. Dotson and Hehn tied with 134 votes each and unofficially, were named victorious, however, with one absentee ballot and six provisional ballots unaccounted for, the results may change. Incumbent Eric Pierson received 130 votes with challenger Hank Ross receiving 126. Pending the result of the canvass, the numbers are there for Dotson, Hehn or Pierson to take two of the seats.

According to Board of Elections Director Melanie Thibault, with such a close race, a recount is likely to officially determine the winners.

There are 926 registered voters within the city limits of Highlands and a total of 324 made it to the polls; 161 in early voting and 163 on Election Day.

State law requires a canvass of votes to be completed 10 days following the election, which will be Friday, Nov. 15.

## Local resident to appear on Saturday morning TV show

Kristina Masta and her visual assist dog "The Mighty Atlas," Atticus will be airing on National TV CBS Dreamteam Saturday Morning on "Lucky Dog with Brandon McMillian," local Channel 7 this Saturday, Nov. 16, at 10 a.m.

She was chosen to receive a trained visual assist dog from Brandon McMillian and Lucky Dog. When Kristina was born, she weighed 1 lb., 1oz., and has a visual impairment and has overcome a lot of obstacles. Kristina and her mother Michelle Masta live in Franklin.

In this Emmy Award winning series, animal trainer Brandon McMillian's second home is the neighborhood animal shelter where he is determined to rescue hard-to-love, out-of-control, untrained and unadoptable dogs. Then, back at Brandon's training facility known as the Lucky Dog Ranch, he embarks on the seemingly impossible task of turning the frightened pooches into perfect pets. In the end, a family will adopt the dog, making each episode a heart-warming adoption story.

Brandon McMillian is a professional animal trainer who has spent his entire life learning about and working with all types of animals – from household pets to the wildest of untamed beasts. Although McMillian has a diverse background with wild animals, his hidden passion lies with dogs. He is well known for rescuing dogs on death row, then turning them into well-trained pets, service animals and sometimes, even movie stars.

*The story of Kristina and Atticus will be featured in the near future in an upcoming issue of The Macon County News.*

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# Winning artwork featured on posters for Cold Turkey Run set for Thanksgiving

Organizers of the Cold Turkey 5K and Little Turkeys Run/Walk set for Thanksgiving morning held a poster contest in which participants could win prizes as well as the honor of having their original artwork showcased on the Cold Turkey 2019 Publicity Posters that will be displayed all around Franklin.

Levi Johnson was named the winner for the 10 and under age category. Levi is 7 years old and attends East Franklin Elementary School. Franklin High School student Amber Trine, 16, took home the prize for the 11-18 age group.

The Cold Turkey 5K and Little Turkeys

Run/Walk is an annual fundraiser and this year's proceeds are being donated to KIDS Place Child Advocacy Center. KIDS Place provides hope and healing to abused children and their families through coordinated services in a child friendly atmosphere. KIDS Place has a team of professionals who interview children about reports of abuse, perform child medical exams and provide counseling services for victims and their families.

Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. at the Tasee Shelter on the Greenway on Thanksgiving morning (11/28). For more information, visit the Cold Turkey 5K and Little Turkeys Run/Walk Facebook page.



Showing off the winning artwork is (L-R)Tiffany Follari, Victim Assistant; Alisa Ashe, Executive Director, and Savannah Heyer, Forensic Interviewer of KIDS Place. All of the proceeds from this year's Cold Turkey 5K are being donated to KIDS Place Child Advocacy Center.



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## OPINION

## Letters to the Editor

## A common thread weaves us together

Humanly speaking we all share in the things which makes us who and what we are. There's a common thread that weaves each of us together, whether we agree with each other or not. There seems to be a connection or magnetism that draws us, even though some fight this or seem rebellious against this. Individuals war or try forcing their thinking upon others in persuading that they are right and others are wrong, even to the detriment of those around them.

Individually we all desperately want to be understood, but the expression or working this out can be difficult. Some can do so with ease, some need assistance in explaining just what is inside that needs working out so others can connect or understand what and who we are. We set up great barriers to avoid the working out the issues or discussions that need to take place, we ridicule, slander, lie or speak falsely of anyone who opposes us. We cry out for peace and harmony, but only through our own lens of what this looks like, to the point we as individuals no longer know what peace is. A common thread of connection that we all share becomes twisted and frayed to the point of what was once to be a beautiful tapestry of humanity, becomes dirty, torn and faded, in that we no longer recognize just what we were intended to be.

Where is it that our world has gone so wrong? Why is it that man has fallen into such depths of disunity and despair, that we no longer see things for what they are? We look to the conservative "right" or liberal "left" for answers, but we never seeks or ask the things that point up or down, (God & Evil). It seems obvious that we cannot ask such things for we believe man is the answer of all things. This has been the fall of mankind since the early beginning. Humanity's tapestry and the threads that bind us were meant for richness and beauty of meaning and purpose instead of what we've made ourselves to be. Our common thread is still there within each of us. It's Gods image or fingerprint within us in sensing a need for something beyond each of us, and for humanity to take hold of for a common direction of unity and purpose, first to ourselves and our creator then towards others.

True peace can only come from within, with an outward invitation of God to come within our hearts and mind. No one has or can explain why man has always been in an endless search of something we cannot define or explain. We endlessly look to the outside, when it's the inside of man that is in need of defining and explaining. The heart is deceitful in need of God who is that something outside of mankind, with meaning, purpose, direction and the deepest love for the hurting of all who would ask. He's the thread that weaves meaning into life.

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## Tribalism still lives within us in America

In a brilliant speech President Trump hit on something most folks aren't even aware of or don't recognize when they see it. He spoke about why we need to get out of the Middle East and pointed out we don't need to be in the middle of tribal warfare which is very true.

As one who enjoys other cultures from Japanese to French to British and even those of the Bahama Islands, I enjoy not only their food but understand their culture.

I almost never watch ball games because they remind me of the time when Roman leaders wanted their citizens to watch humans slaughter each other in the coliseum. The deadly games brought citizens together and satisfied the human need for belonging to a tribe. When someone tells me they are a Democrat or a Republican I immediately see them as member of a tribe. But we have all sorts of tribes in this country ranging from the KKK to atheists to Communists to Liberals and it goes on and on.

The problem is probably worse here in the States when we have such a diversity of people and a huge population of around 330 million. Countries such as Sweden or Denmark have tiny populations of around 5 or 6 million and tribalism is far less of a problem and are more cohesive than we are.

Truly, Trump is very correct in the Middle East has fighting tribal wars for thousands of years amongst themselves. Usually using religion as an excuse to kill and take someone else's land and resources. Tribalism is an ancient instinct dating back perhaps a half million years when we formed tribes to fight over food and land. Even now, the chimpanzees with 99 percent of our genetics fight and kill over resources.

Very unfortunate, it still lives within us and we see it every day. The unsuccessful want what the successful have earned and want to take it, by force if necessary.

Therein lies the root of Communism and Socialism but this time we have corrupt politicians who are telling people that it's OK to hate the rich and take what they have. The politicians are pandering to our ancient tribal instincts while we, the gullible, fall for it.

And honestly, I believe the corrupt politicians are well aware of our tribal instincts and use them to gain the power they hope for. Not unlike how the Romans used it.

Will we, as a nation, allow this to happen to us or will we resist the temptation to follow a corrupt political system that will put us in a position of being subjects of a massive government controlled bureaucracy?

In the meantime, China is also well aware of our ancient tribal instincts and is pouring billions into a program to divide Americans through infiltration of our colleges and into the minds of people who are Trump haters.

In fact China is working hard to prevent Donald Trump from gaining a second term because he is a threat to their control of the world.

Bob Wilson - Franklin, N.C.

## Health an important individual responsibility

In discussing affordable and sustainable health care it is occasionally mentioned that in order to properly transform health care, provider pay should be based on whether providers actually keep people healthy and not simply for each service rendered.

In the 21st Century that may sound radical, terrifying even, by modern standards. Actually the discipline is quite old, ancient in fact. For over 3,000 years (that's three thousand) prevention of disease has been the guiding principle in traditional Chinese health care. To the ancient Chinese, the onset of disease was regarded as a failure of preventive medicine rather than a normal occurrence as it is today, and the use of medicinal drugs was always a last resort.

To the Chinese "the three treasures" of body, energy, and spirit are cherished as precious assets of life and carefully guarded from damage. Health (to the ancient Chinese) was considered to be an important individual responsibility and disease was viewed as a failure in prevention, not only by the family physician, but by the individual as well.

In the old days, Chinese households retained a family physician whose duty it was to keep everyone in the household, including the servants, healthy. For this "service" the physician received a monthly retainer. If anyone fell ill, it was the physicians's responsibility to restore the patient to health at his own expense, and the monthly stipend was withheld until he effected a complete cure.

This system served as a wonderfully effective deterrent to medical malpractice because doctors profited only by keeping their patients well, prompting the obvious question: when do we pay our health care providers, when we're well, or when we're ill?

Today Americans spend billions of dollars every year to maintain a strong national defense as a deterrent against external attack by foreign powers, but fail entirely to apply the same principle of preventive defense to our own health. We eat, drink, and live indiscriminately and treat our bodies haphazardly (even cruelly) disregarding the damage our habits inflict on our own health. And when we get sick (as we invariably do) we run to the doctor or hospital (who are all too willing to provide the "quick fix" at exorbitant costs), never imagining many of our ailments are self-inflicted.

Would it be safe to say it does not occur to most Western medical providers that symptoms may appear in parts of the body far removed from the root cause of the disease or that few Western physicians ever bother to ask patients about their dietary habits, and even fewer understand anything about nutritional therapy as a cure and a preventive measure against disease. Perhaps we need to make these fundamental tenets of traditional Chinese medicine more profitable and our present system of "health care" less so.

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## What are children learning from Graham and Trump?

Franklin Graham may have talked politics and religion with his father, Billy. But, where did get his neo-Christianity from? Franklin seems to be promoting lying, belittling women, bullying and calling people scum.

Should we ignore Proverbs 6:16-19 KJV? It states, "These six things doth the Lord hate: yea seven are an abomination unto him: A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, an heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, a false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren."

So, what are our impressionable young children learning from Donald Trump and Franklin Graham? Will they look up to this president and admire his tendency to pursue the things that he wants regardless of how he decides to obtain them?

Have you decided whether you want that "Old-time religion" or Franklin Graham's new-fangled neo-Christianity?

Dave Waldrop – Webster, N.C.

## Trump Derangement Syndrome: A Misdiagnosis

I came across this article by Cherie Zaslowsky in "The American Thinker," Oct. 24, 2019. I would like to share some excerpts from the article with you.

She says, "Listen to Fox News, and you'll hear phrases such as "Trump Derangement Syndrome" and "liberal heads are exploding" on a daily basis. Conservative newscasts are peppered with comments like these: "They're delusional!" "The Democrats just can't seem to accept that they lost the 2016 election." "They've gone crazy!"

She goes on: "Crazy like a fox.

"Considering that the Left, since it discredited Joe McCarthy and cleverly put to bed the notion that there were Communists in our government, has essentially taken over the media, the universities, Hollywood, our public schools, the tech behemoths, and social media, we'd be foolish to underestimate these guys."

She continues, "If Constitution-loving conservatives think the enemy is unhinged and self-destructive, we may be tempted to sit back and watch the show, missing the Left's strategy in play." She says this would be failing to understand the enemy.

She then describes the "long game" they are playing. She asks, "Why did they take over the media? The universities? Hollywood? To get their hands on the key levers of propaganda. Add to this the leftward tilt of Google, Facebook, and Twitter, and we're looking at a virtual lockdown on the primary sources of information and public influence."

She then quotes from "Propaganda," by Jacques Ellul. She says that Ellul perceived that the development of technology and explosion of information made propaganda unavoidable. And she tells us that he warned us against its effects, as it can, and often does, co-opt a person's belief system — even one's ability to grasp reality. Quoting from the above cited book, "Propaganda must be continuous and lasting — continuous in that it must not leave any gaps, but must fill the citizen's whole day and all his days; lasting in that it must function over a very long period of time. Propaganda tends to make the individual live in a separate world; he must not have outside points of reference. He must not be allowed a moment of meditation or reflection in which to see himself vis-à-vis the propagandist, as happens when the propaganda is not continuous. At that moment the individual emerges from the grip of propaganda."

She warns, "This is why the Democrats absolutely must keep their charades going full force. This is strategy, not lunacy. They are playing the long game. They are constantly feeding their minions the narrative that Trump is an illegitimate and dangerous president, that he's tyrannical, racist, and xenophobic — that he's a crook who lies continually, etc. And they simply can't admit the falsity of this narrative without

breaking the spell of their highly effective propaganda any more than the Wizard of Oz could maintain his power and mystique once the curtain concealing him was drawn."

She says they are thinking ahead for their planned takeover of the White House, and that they "need to keep this narrative alive at least till then, giving them cover to rewrite history, as they aim to convince even future generations that our courageous, successful, honest, promise-keeping, hardworking president who won the hearts and votes of so many millions was a disaster."

She asserts that, "the Democrats could not afford to admit that after two years of the Mueller probe, which found no wrongdoing on the part of our president: OK, we were wrong. He didn't collude with Russia. He didn't obstruct justice."

She continues that, "they had to cook up another scheme against Trump." By now we all know that this one quickly backfired after Trump released the transcript of his conversation with the Ukrainian president, proving there was no quid-pro-quo. But no matter, she says. "The real game is to keep up the anti-Trump rhetoric every minute this man is in office. Even mere talk of impeachment fulfills their purpose: maintaining the propaganda of "orange man bad" with its implied corollary: "Dems good."

She says that the debate is no longer between Republicans and Democrats, but between American constitutionalists and Marxists.

She describes communism as "tyranny over the mind of man." She says that "we already have the sour taste of it in America today: a kind of mass hypnosis fostering mass delusion — as the Democrats keep preaching to their gullible choir." She says, "We're being bombarded by propaganda blaring from the loudspeakers in Red Square — all day, every day." And I believe she is right.

Ed Hill – Franklin, N.C.

## Care package from stateside would mean so much

The USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN-72) has been deployed for most of 2019. Due to delayed repairs to her relief carrier, she has been extended multiple times and from what I understand, has not had many port visits this year either. She may be still on deployment through the holidays and at the first of the year. Also we have heard that the ship's store has been running low or out of stock with a lot of basic toiletry items.

My wife and I are both retired Navy and was assigned to multiple ships in our combined 47 years of active duty service. We can tell you first hand that being underway at sea for long periods of time without visiting ports and then being extended is soul crushing and demoralizing. Having the modern technologies such as email and social media are nice but nothing beats getting a care package in the mail.

We have put together a few care packages of our own but supporting a ship that deploys with close to 6,000 people is impossible for one family. Not to mention the other, smaller ships that deploy with a carrier.

I am sure a lot of churches or veteran's groups in the area already support deployed service members with care packages but not being a member of any of these organizations, I do not know if anybody is. Since retiring from the Navy I really don't keep up with news about Navy happenings and I spend very little, if any, time on social media. Having heard about the Abe Lincoln hits me hard because I've been there and it isn't ideal. A simple care package and wishes from people back stateside can really make a hard deployment much more tolerable. Especially if you are running low on toothpaste or soap.

Please contact me at gmcs2cvn72@gmail.com if you would like more information about sending a care package to the deployed sailors on the Abraham Lincoln and her support ships. Or feel free to donate to one of ours.

Randy Rochefort, GMCS (ret) – via email

## Current political climate alarming in its intensity

In 1982, Paul Newman starred in a film titled "The Verdict." In the penultimate scene, Newman, as a plaintiff's lawyer, delivered an impassioned final argument in a case that appeared to favor the establishment defendants.

In his role, Newman seemed to reflect today's political climate. In exceptional screen writing by David Mamet and extraordinary acting by Newman, several themes were highlighted to wit:

The rich win, the poor lose. We become tired of hearing lies. As a result of constant lying, we become weak, we become victims — sometimes we even die. We doubt ourselves; we doubt our beliefs; we doubt our institutions; we doubt the law.

In closing, Newman forcefully and eloquently states to the jury: "You are the law; our institutions, our documents even our monuments are symbols of our (society's) desire to be just. I believe we have justice in our hearts. Believe in justice! Act with justice."

As a citizen, I, too, am tired of the constant lying. I'm disturbed to an extreme degree that dictators and tyrants have been given an elevated and preferred status.

I'm disgusted with mindless unsubstantiated attacks on honorable people, who are often characterized by base and vulgar name-calling.

I'm alarmed that many of our long-revered institutions and their representatives are routinely disparaged — or worse — ignored, dismissed or by-passed.

In the spirit of Paul Newman's closing argument in "The Verdict," I implore my fellow citizens to: Avail yourselves of all political views and commentary. Test the views of all politicians against the implications for the unemployed, the unskilled, the elderly, the poor, the working poor, the maligned minorities, the immigrants and the most vulnerable among us.

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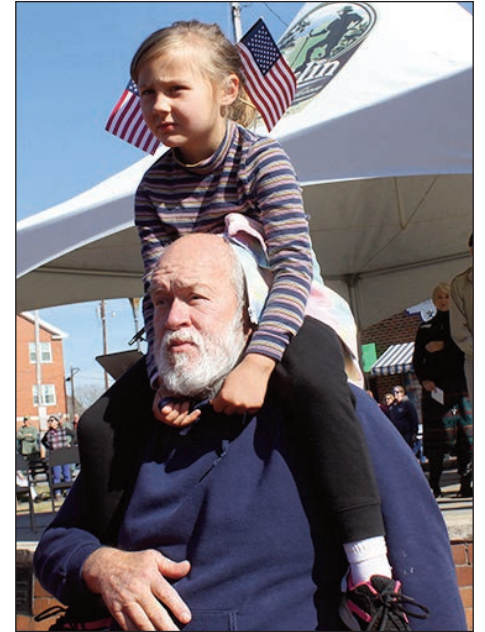
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## Uptown Gallery hosts veterans portrait presentation



Artists with The Macon County Art Association once again volunteered time and talent to create portraits of Macon County veterans. The artists presented the portraits to the veterans or their loved ones at a ceremony Monday at Uptown Gallery following the Veterans Parade in downtown Franklin. Veterans who were honored with a painting were: Russell J. Abbott - artist Pat Mennenger; Jerry Thomas Vinson - artist Carol Conti; Alan Newton - artist Sue Weathers; Terry Russell - artist Margie Kellam; Wayne Chandler - artist Jean Blackmer; James W. Carpenter - artist Mary Bermke (bottom left photo); Thomas Smelker - artist Kathy Ratcliff; Augustus Rush McMahon III - artist Teresa Register; Robert Edward Lethbridge - artist Cheryl Binnall (pictured with his wife Bonnie bottom right). The art association commits to 10 portraits per year. For more information, contact Karen Smith (305)401-4361.

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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 November 5 - November 11. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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

### **November 5**

Neal Ray Moore II, 42, of Franklin, was charged with probation violation. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set. Stephanie Robbins made the arrest.

Jeffery Scott Johnson, 48, of Franklin, was charged with possession of stolen goods/property, breaking and entering, larceny, obtaining property by false pretenses. A secured bond of \$30,000 was set. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Dalton Keith Bates, 26, of Franklin, was issued warrant service. A secured bond of \$105,500 was set. Nick Loft-house made the arrest.

Neal Ray Moore II, 42, of Franklin, was charged with probation violation. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set. Stephanie Robbins made the arrest.

Leslie Codi Smith 30, of Sylva, was charged with warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set. Mike Langley Sr. made the arrest.

Bill Price, 49, of Franklin, was charged with domestic protective order violation. No bond was set.

### **November 6**

Richard Steven Willis, 36, of Franklin, was charged with child support enforcement contempt. A \$2,606 bond was set. Jonathan Phillips made the arrest.

### **November 7**

Brandon Jacob Oteri, 29, of Franklin, was issued an indictment. A secured bond of \$24,000 was set. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

### **November 8**

Jeremy Edward Stepp, 27, of Franklin, was charged with failure to appear. A secured bond of \$500 was set. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Kristopher Erik Prince, 27, of Franklin, was charged with fugitive, out of state, felony, first degree forgery. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Rebecca Anamary Hill, 35, of Sylva, was issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

Rhonda S. Crisp, 49, of Franklin, was charged with simple assault, injury to personal property. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

### **November 9**

Jeffery Todd Sanders, 52, of Franklin, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

Silvana Lisa Bettencourt, 41, of Franklin, was charged with simple assault. No bond was set. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

### **November 10**

Jayson Kole Carter, 21, of Highlands, was charged with trespassing, burglary/breaking and entering. A secured bond

of \$500 was set. Stephanie Robbins made the arrest.

Phillip Tyrone Johnson, 26, of Franklin, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set. Stephanie Robbins made the arrest.

Kimberly Danielle Lee, 30, of Franklin, was issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. A secured bond of \$6,000 was set. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

### **November 11**

Crigan Stan Wildcat, 38, of Cherokee, was charged with first degree trespass. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Nathan James Smith, 30, of Franklin, was charged with domestic violence protective order violation. An unsecured bond was set. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

Anthony Christopher Beaver, 23, of Franklin, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

## **Franklin Police Department**

### **November 5**

Jacob Lee Norris, 28, of Omega Hills Lane, was issued a true bill of indictment for forgery. A \$5,000 bond was set.

Brett Daniel Willard, 25, of Bidwell St., was charged with damage to property. A \$1,000 bond was set.

### **November 8**

Oscar Daniel Mendoza-Garcia, 20, of Belleview Rd., was charged with possession of firearm altered serial number, unsafe lane change, no operators license. A \$5,000 bond was set.

Robert James Anglin, 38, of Roller Mill Rd., was charged with driving under the influence. A \$1,500 bond was set.

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

### **November 4**

Cory Clyde Keith Case, 30, of N. Hwy, Glenville, was charged with civil contempt child support purge. A \$500 bond was set.

Charles Randy Hughes, 62, of Shoal Creek Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Christopher Todd Jones, 33, of Cloudy Valley Rd., was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$4,000 was set.

Alen Ray Bradley, 31, of Sugar Creek Rd., Weaverville, was charged with failure to appear for possession of methamphetamine, felony probation violation. A secured bond of \$4,500 was set.

Credence Isaiah Aust, 18, of Wike Cemetery Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with larceny by an employee. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Shawn Robert Swain, 25, of Cullowhee, was charged with assault, attempted larceny. No bond was set.

### **November 5**

Austin Moody Terril Rattler, 24, of Cabe Rd., was charged with failure to appear for traffic opium or heroin by possession, trafficking opium or heroin. No bond was set.

Shawn Lee Rich, 48, of Vero Mountain, was wanted by U.S. Marshalls federal probation violation. No bond was set.

Sheyenne Victoria McClellan, 20, of Woodpecker Lane, was charged with failure to appear for injury to real property. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

### **November 7**

Tyler Randolpheugene Williams, 34, of Hiwassie River Rd., Murphy, was charged with resist obstruct/ delay, lit-

tering less than 15 pounds. A secured bond of \$200 was set.

Kenneth Lee Maney, 42, of Old Soco Rd., Cherokee, was charged with obtaining property by false pretenses, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule VI controlled substance, obtaining property by false pretenses. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Daniel Lewis Potts, 27, of Sylva, was charged with failure to appear for possession of stolen goods/property, misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

### **November 8**

Jerry Ray King, 46, of Haskett Rd., was charged with civil contempt for child support purge, driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A \$250 bond was set.

Terry Lee Wolfe, 33, of Gallamore Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Dennis Lewis Bumgarner, 40, of Too How Rd., Whittier, was charged with conspire to sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

Elizabeth Faye Lenore Rivera, 23, of Too How Rd., Whittier, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay, aggravated assault with deadly weapon, probation violation. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Austin Cody Fuller, 22, of Too How Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for reckless driving to endanger, fail to heed light or siren, flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Emily Anne Johnson, 23, of Too How Rd., Whittier, was charged with maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, conspire to sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, conspire to traffic methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

Anthony Scott Moffitt, 50, of Mill Creek Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with simple assault, assault on a female. An unsecured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Tammy Rena' Welsbach, 60, of Country Club Dr., Cullowhee, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay, communicating threats. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

### **November 9**

Chazy James Brian Hodgens, 28, of Long Branch Church Rd., was charged with failure to appear for breaking and entering, larceny after break/enter. A secured bond of \$4,000 was set.

Jamal Alexander Skelton, 27, of Seaway Dr., Lansing, MI, was charged with failure to appear for civil revocation driver license, driving while impaired, reckless driving to endanger, driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Grant Emerson Simpkins, 21, of Sedgewick Rd., Indian Trail, was charged with driving under the influence, driving after consuming. No bond was set.

Jessie Lee Ketterman, 26, of Cedar Way, Highlands, was charged with drive left of center, failure to wear seatbelt, driving while license revoked, flee to elude motor vehicle. No bond was set.

### **November 10**

Brian Elliott Teesateskie, 43, of Massey Branch Rd., Robbinsville, was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Luis Aguirre, 38, of Tsali Crossing, Cherokee, was charged with no liability insurance, fail to stop for stop sign, no operators license, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Trevor Scott Broom, 21, of Legend Lane, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.



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## Countryside Chevy holds annual Cruise-In



Countryside Chevrolet held its annual Toys for Tots Cruise-In last Saturday at the dealership on Cat Creek Road. Classics, Hot Rods, Motorcycles and more were lined up for car enthusiasts to stop by and look at. Visitors were asked to bring a new unwrapped toy, purchase food, and participate in an auction to raise money for Toys for Tots.

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## Deaths & Funerals

### Sally Mae Clark Seay

Sally Mae Clark Seay, 84, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Woodrow Wilson Clark and Launa Bradley Clark. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Norman Arvey Seay; a daughter, Sonya Jean Otero and two brothers, Jim Clark and Robert Clark. She was a member of Holly Springs Baptist Church.

She is survived by her daughter, Pat Seay Fine (Greig) of Savannah, Ga.; brother, Joe Brown of Franklin; three grandchildren, Russ Robison (Monica), Amy Fine (Tim Sark) and Cody Otero (Jess) and three great grandchildren, Sydney, Cooper and Chloe Robison.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Sally Mae Clark Seay

### Waunita May Jacobs

Waunita May Jacobs, 75, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019.

Born in Prosser, Wash., she was the daughter of the late Herman Scott and Margaret Lalka Scott. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Tonya Dobson. She loved her family and was dedicated to them and her dog, Cooper.

She is survived by her husband, John Jacobs; daughter, Kimmy Dobson Netterville (Butch) of Alpharetta, Ga.; son, Kenneth Dobson (Amy) of Baton Rouge, La.;

two step daughters, Donna Jacobs and Tiffany Niemeyer both of Atlanta, Ga.; sister, Elaine "Cookie" Landry of Houston, Texas; four grandchildren, Melanie McDonald (Steve), Britney Johnson (Jake), Jacob Dobson and Devin Jacobs; one great grandson, Owen "Owie" McDonald; and aunt Anne Lalka Leake of Seattle, Wash.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Atlanta, Ga.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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# Deaths & Funerals

## Eugene Thannel Talley

Eugene Thannel Talley, 73, of Highlands, N.C. passed away Tuesday, Nov. 6, 2019. He was born in Rabun County, Georgia, Oct. 14, 1946, to the late Radford and Myrtle Bryson Talley. He was a member of Clear Creek Baptist Church. He was the last of original trustees of the Clear Creek Community Cemetery and was one of the original members of the Satolah Fire Dept. He owned and operated Talley Tree Service. He loved deer hunting, being in the hayfield, and NASCAR auto racing. He also loved hunting ginseng in the fall and hunting ramps in the spring.



Eugene Talley

He is survived by his best friend, the man he called his son, Tommy James; three daughters; a sister, Naomi Chastain of Highlands; and a brother, Novie Talley of Franklin, N.C.; a sister-in-law, Glenda Talley of Clayton, Ga.; a number of grandchildren and great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Richard Talley and Golie Talley.

A service was held Sunday, Nov. 10, at Clear Creek Baptist Church, with Rev. Jim Kinard, Rev. Vic Greene and Rev. Randy Lucas officiating. Burial was in the Clear Creek Community Cemetery. Pallbearers were Tommy James, Grant Zachary, Ricky Talley, Roger Lee Wilson, Edwin Wilson, Dennis Stamey, David Crowe and Ricky Munger.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Clear Creek Community Cemetery, Attn: Joan Hicks, Highlands, NC 28741.

BryantGrant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Talley family. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

## Eris Lillian Johnson Carlson

Eris Lillian Johnson Carlson, 94, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019.

Born in Providence, R.I., she was the daughter of the late Eric Johnson and Sonja Asplund Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Eric Carlson; daughter, Carol Carlson; and granddaughter, Bethany Enloe.

She is survived by her daughters, Diane Perez (Ray) of Naples, Fla., Elaine Enloe (Neil) of Franklin, and Karen Bledsoe (David) of Clermont, Fla.; grandchildren, Brett Zawislak, Kimberly Borsa, Micah Enloe, and Whitney Dees; and great grandchildren, Emma Zawislak, Anna Zawislak, Benjamin Zawislak, Orley Borsa, Odin Borsa, Oamoro Borsa, Oliver Borsa, Elizabeth Enloe, and Charlotte Enloe.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, at First Alliance Church. Rev. Scott Eichelberger will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army, Samaritan's Purse or Bethany Enloe's Mission Fund, Mitchell Road Presbyterian Church, 207 Mitchell Road, Greenville, SC 29615.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Eris Lillian Carlson

## Gail Arlene Peterman

Gail Arlene Peterman, 69, of Otto, N.C., passed away, Monday, Nov. 4, 2019. She was born March 20, 1950, to the late John McDowell and Willie Kate Burrell McDowell. She worked at Parkdale Textile Mill for 30 years. She loved camping, festivals, traveling, the beach, crafts and her family. She was a member of Mountain City Church of God. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ray Norman Peterman, who died in 2006.

Survivors include her daughter, Chelsea Mancini of Otto; her son, Ralph Norman Peterman of Otto; granddaughter, Jasmine Mancini; sisters, Debra Vanhook (Tommy) of Mars Hill, N.C., Leann Muse of Otto, and Donna McCall (Dale) of Franklin, N.C., and a brother, Michael McDowell (Melanie) of Angier, N.C.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 9, at Newman Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Ray Conner and Rev. Harvey Conner officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Jasmine Mancini, Dale Dallmann, Chris Shields, Michael McDowell, Chris McDowell and Tommy McDowell.

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

## Marvin Wade Anderson

Marvin Wade Anderson was born May 23, 1959, in Longview, Wash., to Joseph B. Anderson and Lassie M. Anderson. He passed away on Oct. 13, 2019, at the age of 60. He graduated from Mark Morris High School and married Connie Hurst. Their children are Chantline Anderson-Flock, Joseph W. Anderson and Travis Anderson of Mountain Home, Idaho, and Troy Anderson of Longview, Wash. His sister, Sheila Vanderford lives in Clatskanie, Ore. He had six grandchildren and one great grandson. He was preceded in death by his father, Joseph B. Anderson.



Marvin Wade Anderson

A sports-themed and potluck celebration of life will be held on Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at New Life Fellowship, 2441 42nd Ave., Longview, Wash.

Rost Funeral Home in Mountain Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Charlotte Andrews Jones

Charlotte Andrews Jones, 90, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019.

Born in Wytheville, Va. she was the daughter of the late William and Maud Kincer Andrews. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, William "Bill" Jones and a stepdaughter, Joyce Ann Scott. She owned and operated KFC in Franklin for many years. She loved working in her yard and had a passion for her beautiful flowers. She was a member of Cartoogechaye Baptist Church.

She is survived by a daughter, Lesa Southard (Bobby) of Franklin; two grandsons, Chris Southard of Stanley, N.C., and Kyle Southard (Amber) of Franklin; and a stepson, B.W. Jones of Canada.

Memorial service was held Tuesday, Nov. 12, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Brian Southard officiated. Burial was in the Louisa Chapel United Methodist Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Macon County Senior Services, Adult Day Care Services 108 Wayah Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Charlotte Andrews Jones

## Royal 'Maurice' Jones

Royal "Maurice" Jones, 82, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Nov. 10, 2019.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of the late Fred R. and Mary Alethia Buchanan Jones. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Rose Mary Clement Jones and two brothers, Tom Jones and Larry Jones. He graduated from Clemson University and then went on to receive his master's and PhD from Maryland. After graduating, he received a Fellowship to teach in Iran, returned to teach at the University of Alaska, UGA and John Hopkins University, then returned to teach 32 years at Western Carolina University.

He is survived by his wife, Margie Hicks Jones; a son, Greg Jones of Franklin; two stepsons, Patrick Kimsey of Hiwassee, Ga., and Thomas Kimsey of Gainesville, Ga.; eight grandchildren; six great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and a host of friends.

Memorial service will be held Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Danny Burch and Rev. Terry Dixon will officiate. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744 or the Alzheimer's Association, [www.alz.org/donate](http://www.alz.org/donate).

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# Hamlin finds redemption with Playoff victory at ISM

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

AVONDALE, Ariz. – Denny Hamlin's exorcism is complete. At ISM Raceway, the site of one of his biggest disappointments, Hamlin barged back into the Championship 4 with a dominating victory in Sunday's Bluegreen Vacations 500.

Hamlin joins Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch, Sunday's runner-up, in the Nov. 17 race for the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series title at Homestead-Miami Speedway. The three JGR drivers will battle Kevin Harvick of Stewart-Haas Racing for the trophy.

After losing control of his car and sliding off Turn 4 last Sunday at Texas Motor Speedway, Hamlin fell 20 points below the cut line for the Championship 4 entering the Phoenix race. But with his victory, Hamlin knocked defending champion Joey Logano out of title contention.

"I can't believe it," exulted Hamlin, who picked up his sixth victory of the season, his second at ISM Raceway and the 27th of his career. "This race team worked so hard this whole year. They deserve to be there."

Logano finished ninth on Sunday and ended the Round of 8 fifth in the standings and seven points behind Busch, who grabbed the last berth in the title race.

Hamlin led a race-high 143 laps, including 142 of the last 146, and built a lead of more than 12 seconds before surrendering the top spot for four laps during a cycle of green-flag pit stops. Hamlin's advantage was more than nine seconds when John Hunter Nemechek's Ford slapped the Turn 1 to cause the fifth and final caution.

"One of the best cars of my career, I can tell you that," said Hamlin, who came to Phoenix as the championship favorite in 2010, only to lose 18 points of his 33-point lead on a misguided pit call. "Fast car. But, yeah, I pushed for all I had. Once we got the big lead there, a little over 10 seconds, I just kind of sat there. I got to thinking about if the caution does come out, I want to lap as many as I can."

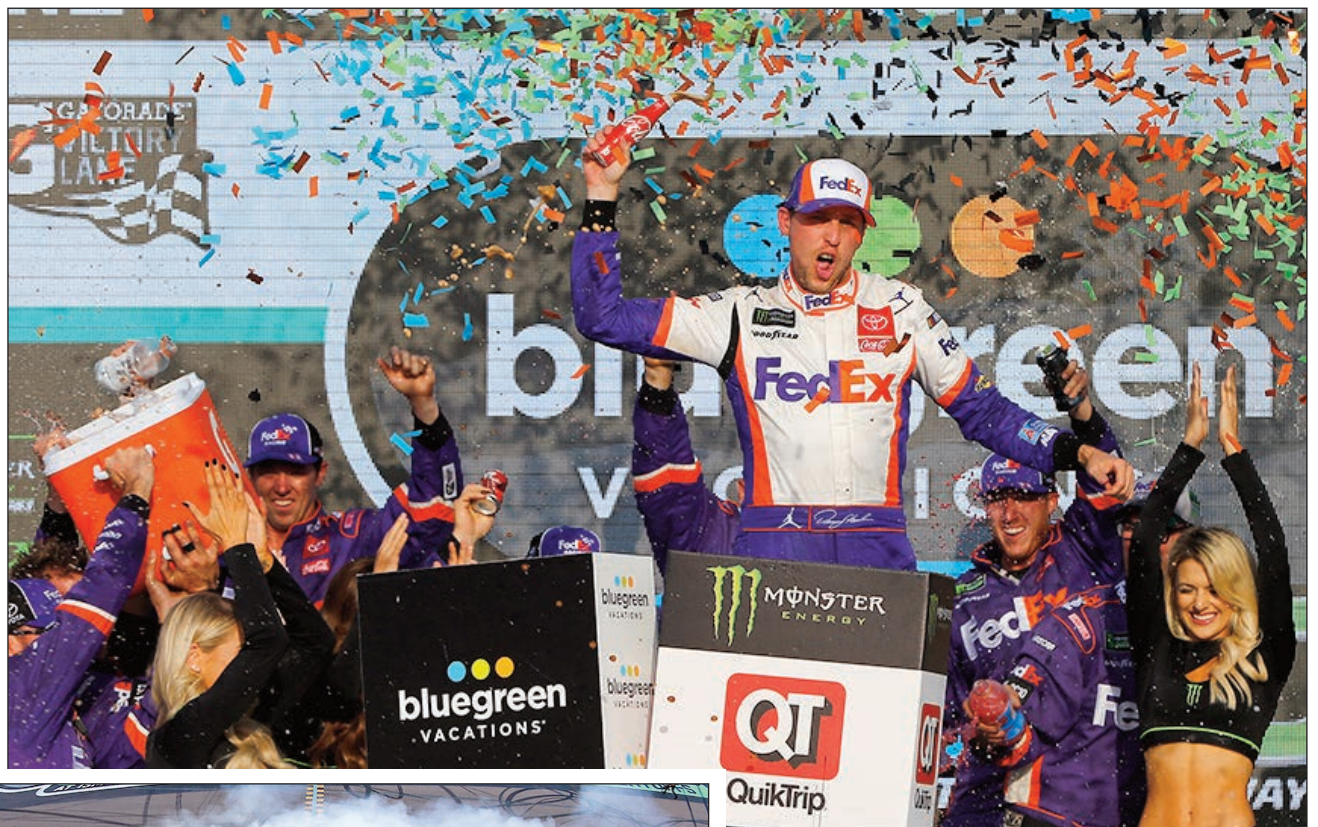
A week after his 2010 misfortune at Phoenix, a shell-shocked Hamlin spun early and lost the title to Jimmie Johnson. In contrast, it was a focused and determined Hamlin who showed up at Phoenix on Sunday.

Busch led the first 69 laps of the race but lost the first stage to Hamlin after Ricky Stenhouse Jr.'s collision with the Turn 4 wall caused the first caution of the afternoon. When the race came down to a restart with three laps left, Busch couldn't keep up with his teammate and finished .377 seconds behind the No. 11 Toyota Camry.

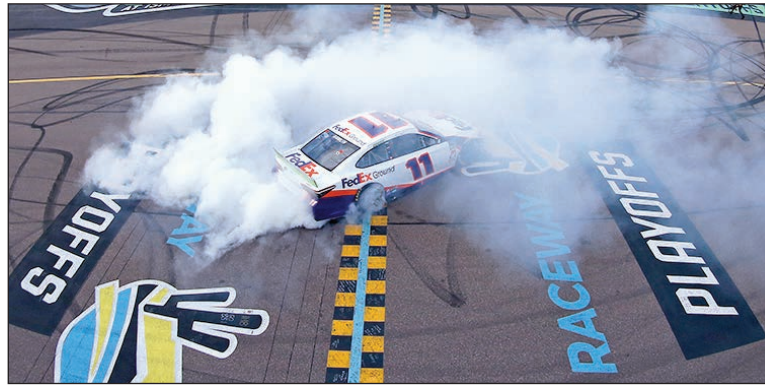
"Just didn't quite have enough," Busch said. "I knew the 11 was the best car in practice. I knew we were going to be about third to fifth. We were second. Guys did a great job, this M&M Toyota Camry was good. It's cool to have a chance to go race for a championship. Just keep coming up short."

Logano led 93 laps, won the second stage and was out front until Hamlin passed him for the lead on Lap 177. From that point, Logano dropped like a rock to 11th and fell a lap down to Hamlin before third-place finisher Ryan Blaney started a cycle of green-flag stops on Lap 243 of 312.

Kyle Larson ran fourth and failed to advance to the Championship 4, as did Blaney and Chase Elliott, who rocketed into the



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Ground Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Bluegreen Vacations 500 at ISM Raceway on Nov. 10, 2019, in Avondale, Ariz.



Turn 1 wall with a flat left rear tire on Lap 166 and finished 39th.

Justin Allgaier clinches # 4 spot with convincing Phoenix win

AVONDALE, Ariz. – Justin Allgaier's timing was impeccable. After a pit road speeding penalty and a subsequent spin KO'd the winning chances of polesitter Christopher Bell, Allgaier took full advantage, leading the final 66 laps of Saturday's Desert Diamond West Valley 200 to win for the first time this season and advance to next week's NASCAR Xfinity Series Championship 4 event at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

Allgaier joins the so-called Big Three of Bell, Saturday's runner-up Cole Custer and third-place finisher Tyler Reddick in the title race. Custer clinched his spot after running third in the second 45-lap stage. Reddick, the defending series champion, earned his spot on points after saving fuel over the final 79-lap green-flag run. Allgaier won the race wearing a helmet designed by his six-year-old daughter, Harper.

"This is the first time I've won with Harper's helmet in the car, and it means a lot," Allgaier said. "To have the speed that we've had (this year) and not be able to pull it off has been disappoint-

ing. These guys have rallied behind it. We said when we came here that we need to come here and get a win so we could go to Homestead, and we did that..."

"We had a hotrod today. I don't think we could have beaten the 20 (Bell), but when he made his mistake, we capitalized on it. That's what it's all about... No question (not winning) is a weight on your shoulders, man. You can't even begin to describe it."

Custer was closing fast at the finish and cut Allgaier's lead of more than three seconds to .810 seconds at the checkered flag on Lap 200.

The top four drivers in the Playoff standings entering Saturday's race were the four who will compete for the championship at Homestead. Missing out on points were sixth-place finisher Austin Cindric, eighth-place Chase Briscoe, ninth-place Michael Annett and 10th-place Noah Gragson.

John Hunter Nemechek ran fourth behind Reddick followed by an impressive Zane Smith, who tied his career-best result in his 10th Xfinity Series start.

Bell won the first two stages, bringing his total of stage victories for the season to 22, but was flagged for speeding .03 mph over tolerance under caution at the end of Stage 2. After restarting from the rear, Bell climbed to eighth before spinning out while trying to cut the apron off Turn 2.

"I feel like I gave up a winner," said Bell, whose focus nevertheless has been on next weekend's race at Homestead, where he turned in a disappointing performance in the title event last year.

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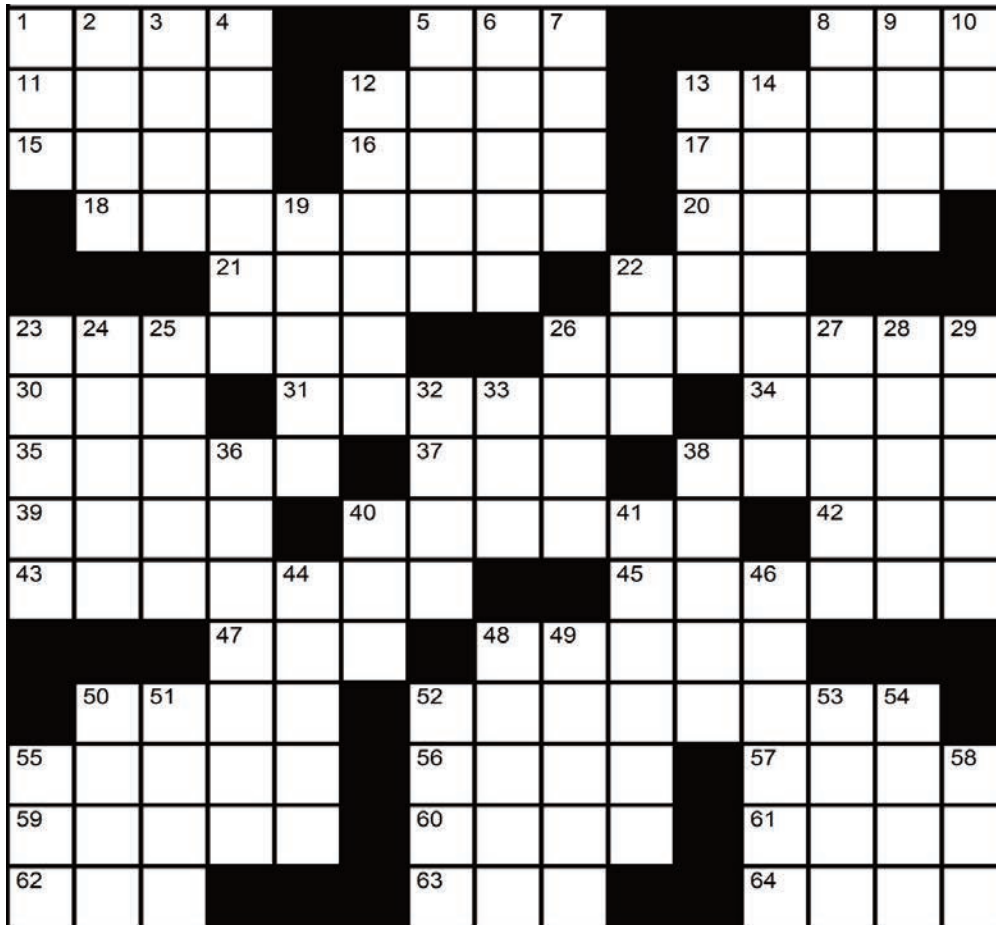
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- 12. Pestilence pest
- 13. End a mission
- 15. Ancient Greece assembly site, pl.
- 16. What little kittens did with their mittens
- 17. \*Thanksgiving Cranberry concoction
- 18. \*Site of the "First Thanksgiving"
- 20. "Guilty," e.g.
- 21. Kiln, pl.
- 22. \_\_\_\_ Aviv
- 23. \*Give what?
- 26. Strangling tool
- 30. Jul. follower
- 31. Pupil protector
- 34. Loads from lodes
- 35. Shows off
- 37. Part of human cage
- 38. Source of indigo dye, pl.
- 39. Laughing on the inside
- 40. Truly
- 42. Highest or lowest card
- 43. Nemo's home plant
- 45. \*U.S. President's magnanimous gesture
- 47. Say "no"
- 48. Plural of carpus
- 50. Tom Jones's " \_\_\_\_ a Lady"
- 52. \*First settlers
- 55. \_\_\_\_ con Carne or \_\_\_\_ Verde
- 56. Fe
- 57. Off-color
- 59. Popular jeans brand
- 60. Attention-getting sound
- 61. Peter, Paul and Mary, e.g.
- 62. Elvis' " \_\_\_\_ Now or Never"
- 63. \_\_\_\_ someone off
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- 6. Compass point, pl.
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- 8. Wry face
- 9. Black and white mammal
- 10. \*What Thanksgiving celebrant did?
- 12. Excessively showy, slang
- 13. Turkish monetary unit
- 14. \*Macy's parade flyer
- 19. "Haste \_\_\_\_ waste"
- 22. Little bit
- 23. \_\_\_\_ PeriŪdica
- 24. Connected to Lake Michigan
- 25. September stone
- 26. Hurtful remark
- 27. Synonym to #61 Across
- 28. Telephone company

- 29. City in Germany
- 32. Marine eagle
- 33. Jack-in-the-box part
- 36. \*First Thanksgiving parade (Philadelphia) sponsor
- 38. What Darwin says we do
- 40. "No room in the \_\_\_\_ for the travelers weary..."
- 41. Print from a smartphone
- 44. Desert mirage
- 46. \_\_\_\_ Bridge in Venice
- 48. The \_\_\_\_ of the Bambino
- 49. What phoenix did
- 50. Bolted
- 51. Hurries
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- 53. Claudius' heir and successor
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