



The Town of Franklin is once again showing its true colors with efforts to decorate downtown for Christmas. Town employees have been working for the last couple of weeks, putting the finishing touches on what is fast becoming a downtown tradition: Elaborate decorations celebrating the season. Gwen and Matt Taylor of Dusty Pallet designed the photo stations and April Chastain designed and supervised the trimming of the tree. For more photos, see page 10.

Photos by Vickie Carpenter and Betsey Gooder

## Town approves bid on FVFD substation

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Residents inside the Franklin city limits are one step closer to a new sub-station after the Franklin Town Council approved contract bids for the project during a continuation meeting this week.

During the meeting of the Franklin Town Council on Tuesday night, a public hearing was held on the proposed new substation for Franklin Volunteer Fire Department (FVFD) to be built on US-441 north of town. With no one from the general public in attendance to speak at the hearing, the Town Council voted to adopt the LGC (Local Government Commission) resolution as presented, approve financing with United Community Bank and award bid to Western Builders out of Sylva. The town received two bids for the project.

During the April 2020 meeting, then Franklin fire chief Matthew Breedlove presented an architectural rendering of the future substation to the town council. The Council voted in April to unanimously approve the Franklin Fire Department moving forward in the project for the substation's completion.

The substation will be constructed on two parcels of land on 441 near Nantahala Power & Light Co. and the Drake

Software Building. The substation will improve response times to the area and will lower insurance ratings for homes within a designated area around the substation.

The contract build of \$399,199 was awarded to Western Builders with a 10-year financing plan at 1.99% through United Community Bank.

The original base bid was \$594,400, but the bid approved was \$399,019.

According to Franklin Town Manager Summer Woodard, the next steps for the Town of Franklin will be to submit all documents to the LGC and to be placed on the LGC calendar for Dec. 1 for consideration of the loan. The Town of Franklin has already budgeted the needed funds in the existing budget to make the annual debt service payments for the project, so no increase in expenditures will be needed.

FFRD was first established in 1911 after the town completed its first water system. Before 1911, the only form of fire protection in Franklin was a bucket brigade of citizens. The department's first piece of equipment was a hand push cart that carried a hose and tools. The departments first motorized piece of equipment was a model T Ford, affectionately named "Ol' Betsy." Ol' Betsy was used until the late 1920s when the town purchased a Graham Brothers Dodge as its replacement.

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## His Helpers making Christmas brighter for older teens in need

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

Last year, when Macon County resident Nicki Tallent realized that a few teenagers she knew would not have the best Christmas, she decided to do something about it. She launched a small campaign on Facebook and named it “His Helpers.” She reached out to friends and family and asked if anyone wanted to help make Christmas a little more special for older teens in the community.

“I started this last year after there were a few teenagers that were very special to me that were not going to have Christmas,” said Tallent. “My issue was that financially, I couldn’t do it on my own and provide them with what they deserved. So, I reached out to my Facebook Friends and boy did they pull through!”

In the first year, Tallent was able to organize gifts for 23 teenagers in Macon County. “So many of the organizations stop help-

ing children when they reach 11 or 12 years old, so we are aimed towards the older children and teenagers,” said Tallent. “We will not turn away any child that needs help for Christmas.”

The His Helpers movement is spreading organically across Facebook, with businesses and individuals stepping up to help Tallent spread some holiday cheer.

Anyone interested in helping Tallent provide gifts to teenagers in Macon County can reach Tallent on Facebook under Nicki Tallent or via text at 828.342.5389. Tallent said any local families in need of help can contact her

the same way.

“With the year we’ve all endured, I really think the need for help will be much more than last Christmas,” said Tallent. “Every heart we can warm, every parent or grandparent we can help, and each smile we can put on a face makes our mission a complete success.”



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## Group collecting care package items for troops in Afghanistan

**Brittney Lofthouse  
Contributing Writer**

Over the last five years, Dave Linn and his family have been sending care packages to local military families stationed overseas. What started as a tradition for their family has now branched out into a community project to send a little taste of home to men and women in the military for the holidays.

“It has become a new tradition to my family and many of the residents of Macon County to let the soldiers stationed far away know that we are blessed to have them protecting our freedom but also wish they were home for the holidays,” said Dave Linn.

This year, Linn and his family are planning to send some special items and needed supplies to 135 soldiers stationed in Afghanistan.

“We have worked with a soldier from our area that gave us an opportunity to donate to help bring a smile to the soldiers and let them know we are thankful for them fighting and protecting our freedom,” said Linn. “Our goal is to have the care packages shipped out on Dec. 1 and we are encouraging residents to donate by Nov. 30 at one of the locations in Franklin.”

With the goal of compiling 135 care packages to members of the military, Linn is hoping that members of the community will once again help make the holidays special for those having to spend it away from home.

Donation locations have been established at Franklin Office Supply on the Highlands Road and Trent and Associates Insurance located at



Nationwide agents at Trent and Associates at 83 E Palmer Street adorned their sign with a package labeled “To Afghanistan from Macon County” to let people know to drop off supplies at their office.

83 E Palmer Street.

Linn said items they are hoping to provide to the soldiers are:

- Athletic socks
- Goodies (example: candy but no chocolate)
- Reading material (example: newer magazines)
- Hygiene products (toothpaste, deodorant, small soap but no razors or shaving cream)
- Christmas cards

Drop off all donations before Nov. 30. Call Linn at (828)421-7637.



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| 2017 | Buick           | Encore             | 43,236  |
| 2018 | Cadillac        | CT6                | 29,695  |
| 2020 | Cadillac        | Escalade           | 26,141  |
| 2020 | Cadillac        | Escalade           | 35,568  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Camaro             | 8,360   |
| 2014 | Chevrolet       | Camaro             | 104,018 |
| 1997 | Chevrolet       | Camaro             | 16,606  |
| 2020 | Chevrolet       | Colorado           | 4,769   |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Colorado           | 40,758  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Colorado           | 13,389  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Colorado           | 37,779  |
| 2015 | Chevrolet       | Colorado           | 52,137  |
| 2019 | Chevrolet       | Colorado           | 3,987   |
| 1972 | CHEVROLET       | CORVETTE           | 91,171  |
| 2019 | Chevrolet       | Cruze              | 14,076  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Equinox            | 26,234  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Equinox            | 21,036  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Equinox            | 48,398  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Impala             | 8,465   |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Malibu             | 41,816  |
| 2020 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 1500     | 11,584  |
| 2017 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 1500     | 41,705  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 1500     | 51,696  |
| 2015 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 1500     | 85,479  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 1500     | 34,952  |
| 2019 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 1500     | 9,139   |
| 2015 | Chevrolet       | Silverado 2500HD   | 71,489  |
| 2015 | Chevrolet       | Sonic              | 67,897  |
| 2017 | Chevrolet       | Suburban           | 28,879  |
| 2016 | Chevrolet       | Suburban           | 112,779 |
| 2017 | Chevrolet       | Suburban           | 61,876  |
| 2016 | Chevrolet       | Tahoe              | 61,375  |
| 2010 | Chevrolet       | Tahoe              | 130,038 |
| 2015 | Chevrolet       | Traverse           | 101,068 |
| 2017 | Chevrolet       | Traverse           | 91,521  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Traverse           | 17,682  |
| 2018 | Chevrolet       | Trax               | 10,745  |
| 2020 | Chevrolet       | Trax               | 1,156   |
| 2018 | Ford            | EcoSport           | 5,000   |
| 2019 | Ford            | Edge               | 45,478  |
| 2018 | Ford            | Explorer           | 49,223  |
| 2020 | Ford            | F-150              | 23,354  |
| 2016 | Ford            | F-150              | 73,912  |
| 2018 | Ford            | F-150              | 27,491  |
| 2018 | Ford            | F-150              | 25,711  |
| 2016 | Ford            | F-250              | 190,904 |
| 1999 | Ford            | F-250              | 237,120 |
| 1930 | FORD            | MODELA             | 78,269  |
| 2019 | Ford            | Ranger             | 2,749   |
| 2013 | GMC             | Acadia             | 79,373  |
| 2017 | GMC             | Sierra 1500        | 43,356  |
| 2014 | GMC             | Sierra 1500        | 54,681  |
| 2020 | GMC             | Sierra 1500        | 16,211  |
| 2014 | GMC             | Terrain            | 82,762  |
| 2016 | GMC             | Terrain            | 45,573  |
| 2019 | GMC             | Yukon XL           | 37,969  |
| 2004 | HARLEY DAVIDSON | ROAD KING          | 9,778   |
| 2019 | Honda           | Ridgeline          | 12,928  |
| 2019 | Hyundai         | Elantra            | 36,506  |
| 2019 | Hyundai         | Tucson             | 36,252  |
| 2019 | Jeep            | Cherokee           | 9,020   |
| 2013 | Jeep            | Patriot            | 121,206 |
| 2017 | Jeep            | Renegade           | 48,579  |
| 2017 | Jeep            | Wrangler Unlimited | 88,737  |
| 2016 | Land Rover      | Range Rover Sport  | 55,302  |
| 2019 | Mazda           | CX-5               | 36,819  |
| 2017 | Mercedes-Benz   | Metris             | 57,091  |
| 2018 | Nissan          | Armada             | 51,321  |
| 2019 | Nissan          | Frontier           | 39,039  |
| 2019 | Nissan          | Pathfinder         | 36,059  |
| 2019 | Nissan          | Rogue              | 39,871  |
| 2019 | Nissan          | Sentra             | 38,658  |
| 2020 | RAM             | 1500               | 25,556  |
| 2016 | RAM             | 1500               | 92,193  |
| 2020 | RAM             | 1500 Classic       | 18,621  |
| 2000 | Saturn          | SL1                | 140,571 |
| 2017 | Subaru          | Forester           | 44,665  |
| 2019 | Toyota          | Camry              | 34,683  |
| 2019 | Toyota          | Corolla            | 35,775  |
| 2019 | Toyota          | Corolla            | 27,529  |
| 2018 | Toyota          | Tacoma             | 35,770  |
| 2018 | Toyota          | Tacoma             | 13,859  |
| 2020 | Toyota          | Tacoma             | 26,549  |

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# How are N.C. counties going to recount millions of ballots?

Jordan Wilkie – Carolina Public Press

North Carolina is conducting a statewide recount, spurred by one of the closest elections the state has ever seen. The Republican candidate for chief justice of the state Supreme Court, current Associate Justice Paul Newby, leads Democratic incumbent Cheri Beasley by 406 votes.

In the span of a few days, every county in North Carolina will recount each of the more than 5.5 million ballots cast in this election, which saw record-setting turnout. While voters cast those ballots over the span of weeks, counties have until Nov. 25 to finish the second count.

“It’s a very methodical process that needs to be done in a very condensed time frame,” said Robert Inman, Haywood County’s elections director.

Inman, like a fifth of North Carolina’s election directors, is doing his first recount with paper ballots. Until the end of 2019, 21 counties were using touchscreen voting machines that stored votes on memory cards. During the 2016 recounts, these counties simply had to rerun those memory cards through the computer, which yielded the same results.

What’s different in recounting this year?



Durham County Board of Elections staff process absentee ballots in October 2020 at the agency’s warehouse. Each blue bin holds ballots from a different precinct. The workers are removing ballots from absentee-by-mail envelopes and flatten them, to be scanned in batches later on. Jordan Wilkie / Carolina Public Press

This year, the recount is more onerous and may result in slightly different totals.

Every difference, though, needs to be accounted for. If the discrepancies cannot be reconciled, then state law says the losing candidate can request a second recount, which would be done by hand.

The vast majority of ballots should scan the same way on the recount as they were in the original count. The only difference is that the recount may find some differences in voter intent, according to Sara Knotts, Brunswick County’s elections director.

During the recount, election staff may find ballots that are improperly marked for a machine to read the vote, but the voter’s intent is clear. With a vote by the county board of elections, that ballot can be counted by hand, which could change the totals.

Questions of voter intent must be voted on by county boards of elections members, who need to be present during the entire recount.

While changes in vote totals are expected to be minimal, the overall difference between the two candidates is so close that it is feasible, though not necessarily likely, that the results could flip. That would be another trigger for a hand-to-eye recount of every ballot, should Newby request it.

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free, and counties are left to foot the bill. In addition to the statewide race, at least 15 counties need to simultaneously recount local races, according to information from the N.C. State Board of Elections.

Robeson County's elections director, Tina Bledsoe, is expecting it will take three full days to recount all its ballots. Based on some back-of-the-envelope math, Bledsoe said she expects that will cost her office a couple thousand dollars in staff time and equipment expenses.

"Sure, \$2,000 is a lot of money for us, unlike some of those larger counties," Bledsoe said. "We have to beg and plead for everything we get."

Bledsoe referenced the age of the technology her county is using to count the votes. Robeson will use two types of ballot scanners to count the votes. One type was purchased in the last couple of years, and the other, called an M100, is technology from the turn of the century and was purchased in the mid-2000s. Twenty-two counties have only M100s, according to the state board website.

Both types of scanners require each ballot to be hand-fed into the machine, which requires bipartisan, two-person teams, per state rules. The state board estimates that counties could scan 600-900 ballots per hour per scanner.

That means a lot of staff working on sev-

eral machines, all of which need to be spaced out due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19.

Larger counties have high-speed scanners, but even then, it will take them several days to work through their ballots.

Durham County will convene its recount at 10 a.m. Friday and will work through the weekend, according to Brenda Baker, deputy director of elections. The large batches of ballots, such as early votes and by-mail votes, will be counted on the high-speed scanners, while staff members hand-feed Election Day ballots to the other scanners.

As in Durham, the recounts will mostly happen in large rooms or warehouses to accommodate the machines, staff, board members and public observers.

Recounts are open to public observation, both in-person and online. Every county will have limited space available, per COVID-19 concerns, and many counties will be livestreaming the recount process, though the cameras will be placed at a distance so the ballots themselves cannot be read.

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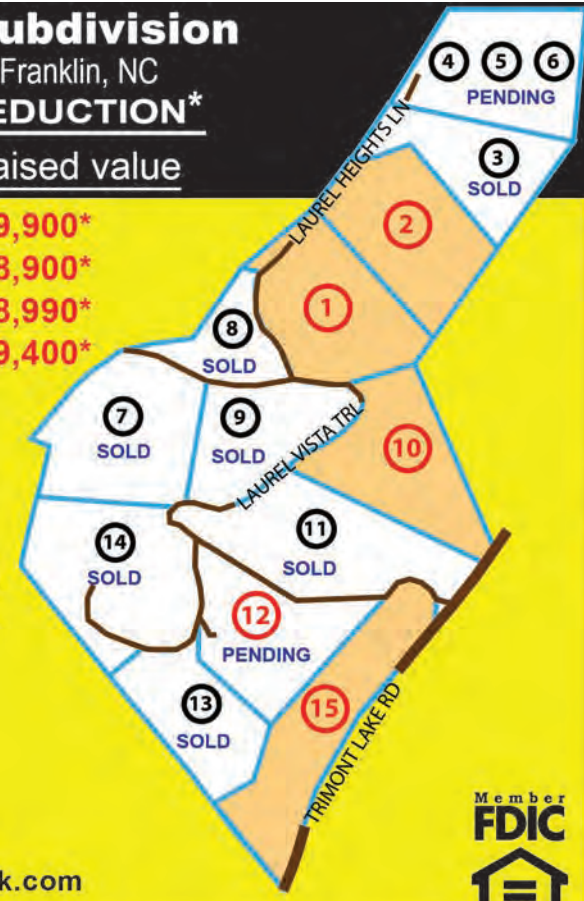
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# 19th Century school turned inn bestows Americana holiday experience

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

A mountain and town view from an expansive porch, coupled with 19th century ambiance and rich historical décor, results each year in a quintessentially “Americana” holiday atmosphere for Franklin Terrace Bed & Breakfast’s Innkeeper Maureen Williams. Every time of the year in Franklin is special, she pointed out, since she is able to meet “such interesting people” from close by and as far away as Europe or Australia. But Williams said the holidays often brings to the area individuals and families in particularly festive moods.

“I always make a hearty breakfast for guests of fresh fruit, eggs, bacon, grits or sausage gravy, a French toast casserole or hand-made danishes, lots of homemade whipped cream, biscuits, jam, and syrup,” said Williams, “It doesn’t matter what time of the year it is. But for Thanksgiving I will suggest places for them to eat if they don’t have family nearby, and for Christmas we always have eggnog and sing Christmas carols and I give treats to any children who are here – plus I make and serve more pastries.”

Of course, Williams has been taking COVID-19 precautions since the State allowed bed and breakfasts to reopen a few months ago. She said there is plenty of room to spread out, especially on the expansive upstairs and downstairs porches with wicker

10-years-shuttered Franklin Terrace with her son, Paul Thatcher, five years ago. After a four-month renovation, she opened with a focus on a natural fall decorating theme from October through November. Vases of faux colorful leaves, twigs, and berry sprigs adorn the ornate mantel – moved, Williams has been told, from the old Franklin courthouse before it was torn down. Miniature pumpkin-head scarecrows decorate breakfast tables. After Thanksgiving, Williams sets up a large Christmas tree in the entryway next to an 1886 British-made piano and she makes certain that plenty of fresh, seasonal greenery fills the nine-bedroom bed and breakfast.

When she was a young woman, Williams said she entertained the idea of owning and operating an inn. But life pushed plans to the back burner. She moved to Macon County 25 years ago and has always “loved” old and historic structures. When she



Brightly colored foliage conveying a fall theme decorates the Franklin Terrace mantel until after Thanksgiving and then is replaced with Christmas greenery. A large Christmas tree traditionally adorns this front foyer as well.

smaller and part time, but I’ve enjoyed meeting people from all over the world and from very close who want a ‘staycation.’ One guest who stayed here lived in walking distance. I’ve been surprised at how many young people are guests. I think so many people enjoy the experience of its history.”

A Long and Female-Concentrated History

Franklin Terrace is so historic that it has both a National Register of Historic Places designation from the U.S. Department of Interior as well as a Women’s History Trail plaque. Women’s History Trail deemed Franklin Terrace, perched on a small hill on Harrison Avenue, as one of its sites due to its significance for women since 1888, when it was built by the Methodist Episcopal Church as the Franklin Female Academy.

In the early 1900s, Franklin High School moved into the building – until the Franklin Graded School was built. For five years the building was vacant, and then it began its new life as an inn. While the structure at its interior is brick, layers have been added over the years: wood porches, a dining room, and more. Mary Willis, daughter of John and Kate Willis, who purchased the property in 1915, was listed as the inn’s “proprietress” in a 1930 census.

Over the years, the inn has changed hands, with women primarily operating the



Nine guest rooms, many of which are apportioned with antiques original to the inn, welcome people from near and far.



Innkeeper Maureen Williams makes certain that the breakfast area tables are decorated for the holidays so guests can experience true “Americana” and “nostalgic charm” in keeping with the 19th century built structure.



Even when it is cold during the holidays, and during every season since the early 1900s, people have enjoyed both the upstairs and downstairs expansive porches at Franklin Terrace.

seating that guests use “no matter what the weather is outside.”

Williams, a retired New York and then Florida commercial realtor purchased the

learned of Franklin Terrace’s availability, she decided to put her career skills of managing hotels and motels to use on a smaller, “more intimate” scale.

“This place has so much charm,” said Williams, who also calls Franklin Terrace her home. “Operating a bed and breakfast is so much more hands-on because the staff is

business. The Women’s History Trail shares in its educational, walking-trail brochure, which can be picked up at the Macon County Historical Museum on Main Street:



Since 1888, people have been able to look from Franklin Terrace and view parts of the Town of Franklin as well as the mountains beyond. Guests have enjoyed holiday and other traditions at Franklin Terrace for more than a century.



“Female entrepreneurs gave a boost to the tourism industry. Neighbors of the Franklin Terrace remember the ‘delightful’ bridge teas hosted for the locals ...”

“I, too, like to give teas sometimes, and I often sit on the porch and think about how women came here outfitted in beautiful

resses,” said Williams.

Williams said she is enjoying carrying on the tradition of the mostly female-run business, and she has especially relished opportunities to speak with people who visit Franklin Terrace on nostalgia excursions because they honeymooned there, were in-

spired by creatively, or enjoyed past holidays at the inn.

Many of the furnishings are original to the inn, including an ice box, leather-topped sideboard, and some of the art. The furnishings add to the overall Americana experi-

ence, pointed out Williams. “And at this time of the year when guests visit the “delightful Franklin shops and see the holiday decorations, the lights, and feel the friendliness of the town ... there is the feeling of nostalgic charm.”

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# November is designated as Diabetes Awareness Month

**Karen Gorby, CEO, CNO**  
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November is the month we traditionally enjoy a big Thanksgiving feast, but this year will undoubtedly be different as we continue to be challenged by COVID-19. This month is also Diabetes Awareness Month, a chance to highlight a condition that affects more than 34 million Americans — a number that continues to grow — and that ravages the body if not managed properly.

The three types of diabetes begin in different ways for patients. Juvenile diabetes typically strikes in childhood or adolescence, and the condition can sneak up on patients, leading to a sudden diagnosis. Patients' bodies barely produce any insulin, the hormone that regulates the amount of glucose in your blood. Experts believe that there may be a hereditary component to juvenile diabetes, and common symptoms include increased thirst, urinating more frequently, feeling tired, experiencing blurry vision, and losing weight unexpectedly. Nearly 200,000 patients live with juvenile diabetes in the United States.

Type 1 diabetes affects more than 1 million adults and is discovered when they suffer from the same symptoms as those listed above, the result again of the pancreas' inability to produce insulin any longer. Without proper management by a physician and paying scrupulous attention

to one's blood glucose levels on a daily basis, diabetes can wreak havoc on the body and cause serious health conditions, including peripheral vascular disease, which prevents blood from adequately reaching the legs and feet. This is why some diabetics undergo foot surgery and toe and foot amputation. Kidney damage and eye degeneration are other common complications.

Type 2 diabetes sufferers experience similar symptoms, but may also notice dry mouth and sores that don't heal quickly. An alarming fact about type 2 diabetes is that, prior to being diagnosed with it, you can be considered pre-diabetic and have abnormally high blood sugar levels but be unaware of it, with no symptoms. This is concerning because living with the escalated blood sugar levels that prediabetes brings starts to harm your kidneys, heart, and blood vessels before you're aware of any problem. If you learn that you have prediabetes, there's still time to reverse the disease's course through lifestyle changes.

In the last Macon County Health Assessment, conducted in 2018 and produced in collaboration with the WNC Health Network, WNC Healthy Impact, and the Macon County Department of Public Health, it was reported that 1/3 of Macon County's population suffers from type 2 diabetes.

Whether one has prediabetes or is living with diabetes, regular exercise and eating a healthy diet make all the difference. At this point, 68.3%

of our county's residents are overweight or obese, and just over 20% of them are getting the recommended amount of exercise per week (150 minutes). Many entities in the county are trying to address barriers to good nutrition and exercise, from increasing the number of farmers markets in the area so residents have access to fresh produce, to making exercise easy by supporting the creation of public recreational spaces.

This is why primary care physicians encourage their patients to "know their numbers." Along with keeping track of your cholesterol, weight, and other measurable reflections of your health, it's important to be aware of your blood glucose levels. Fortunately, there are a range of tools that help to closely monitor your glucose levels. Diabetics must battle hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, and symptoms include hunger, shaking, and dizziness. Since glucose is what allows food to be converted to fuel in your body, you must have a sufficient amount to perform and think properly.

You can live with type 2 diabetes and control your blood sugar through exercise, diet, and prescribed medications, or you may be insulin-dependent. If you require insulin, you can check your blood glucose level by either using the finger stick method to draw a drop of blood from your finger or a blood glucose monitor, a device that allows you to monitor your blood sugar frequently, is equipped with small sensors that are

placed under the skin.

For those who are insulin-dependent, it is being delivered in innovative ways now. It can be supplied through a small needle that's in a tube attached to a pump, which is kept in your pocket or on your belt. Jet injectors have no needles, but provide concentrated insulin spray through your pores, while inhalable insulin that you take before meals is yet another delivery method. Making the right choice depends on your lifestyle, insurance coverage, and a conversation with your doctor.

Since diabetes requires vigilant, continuous management, it's important to know you're not alone, and peer support is critical. Angel Medical Center offers a monthly diabetes support group led Diabetes Educator Kim Watkins. She teaches about how to make food choices that are both healthy and delicious, how different foods affect blood sugar, ways to incorporate exercise into your life, and more.

Diabetes takes a heavy toll on your body and life, but seeing your physician or endocrinologist and managing it well is empowering.

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# Christmas is coming to Downtown Franklin

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The Pastor of Walnut Creek Baptist Church (Franklin, NC) is calling for everyone to unite in a universal mission of

*Prayer* Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>, 10:15am

Let's band together as God's people and have a day of prayer for the Coronavirus, the upcoming election, the riots and unrest, and for Revival in the United States.

*2 Chronicles 7:14*



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

All A.A. meetings in the greater Franklin area including Otto have been suspended until further notice. To speak with a member of A.A. call (828)349-4357 or (828)837-4440 or visit [www.aawnc80.com](http://www.aawnc80.com).

Franklin's Mobile Museum meets on the first and third Saturdays from 1 to 2 p.m., at the Wesley Park pavilion, at 573 NE Main St. Stop by to see the latest science museum exhibit. When there are enough exhibits they will travel around the region to area schools. Masks are required. For more information, go to [franklinmobilemuseum.com](http://franklinmobilemuseum.com).

Macon County Solid Waste Management Department, Landfill and all Convenience Centers will be closed on Thursday, Nov. 26, for Thanksgiving.

Franklin First Presbyterian Church Community Thanksgiving Meal will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26, 12 noon to 2 p.m. Traditional dinners of turkey, fixings and dessert will be offered as take-out meals in a curbside pickup from Volunteers stationed in front of the FPC Chapel on 26 Church St. Dine-in service will not be provided. Dinners will not include beverages or utensils and patrons do not need to call the church to reserve meals. Cars should enter Church Street from Iotla Street and exit onto Harrison Avenue. The public is asked to stagger arrival times during the two-hour meal service to minimize traffic and wait times.

Macon County Transit will be Closed on Nov. 26 and 27 in observance of Thanksgiving. Normal operations will return Monday, Nov. 30. The deadline for scheduling trips for Monday, Nov. 30, is Wednesday, Nov. 25, at 11 a.m.

The Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 7.5 mile hike on Dec. 5, elevation change 600 ft., on the Blackwell Gap Loop in the Standing Indian Recreation Area, hiking on Forest Service road 67 from the Back Country parking lot to Hurricane Creek Rd, then onto Blackwell Gap Trail to Long Branch Trail and back to the parking lot. Meet at Westgate Plaza at 10 a.m., drive 35 miles round trip. Call leader Katharine Brown, 421-4178, for reservations. Visitors welcome.

Open Music Jam with The Vagabonds Monday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m. at the Macon County Public Library. Bring your musical instrument and/or your voice, and jam with Jim Hite and Bill Jackson, or just come out to listen to the music. Call the library at (828)524-3600 to reserve a seat; space is limited and masks covering nose and mouth are required to be worn at all times.

The Gem Country Republican Women's Club will hold its Christmas luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at The Factory. Bring a friend and a gift for an elementary grade student. For info contact [mcrwnc@gmail.com](mailto:mcrwnc@gmail.com).

Celebrate Recovery at Discover Church every Monday night, 6 to 8 p.m. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery pro-

gram for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. Free childcare up to five years old for attending parents. Discover Church is located at 47 Macon Center Dr (behind Bojangles). For more information, email [cr@discover.church](mailto:cr@discover.church) for questions.

Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Centers in Cullowhee and Franklin have an educational parenting program to earn "points" to use to obtain free items for your family. The centers carry formula, diapers, wipes, baby items and clothing up to size 6, as well as strollers, car seats, high chairs, pack n' plays, etc. Donations are always welcome. Services are free and confidential. For more information or an appointment, call (828)349-3200, (828)293-3600 or [smppcc.org](http://smppcc.org)

Crawford Senior Center is hosting Zoom classes. Zoom classes will include exercise, tai chi, and others. For more information, or to register, call the Senior Center at (828)349-2058.

Macon Chips, the Franklin Wood Carving Club will meet on Thursday, 6:30 p.m. in Franklin High School Wood Shop. They will continue to meet on Thursdays. Participants are asked to comply with social distancing and other endemic protocols. All members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Contact D Lansont (828)369-2144.

Uptown Gallery on Main Street new hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia is designed to provide caregivers opportunities for sharing, education, and support through a telephone conference. Support group participants and a support group facilitator connect each month for one-hour confidential sessions. For more information, call (800)272-3900.

Franklin Covenant Church has a grocery delivery service for anyone at higher risk for COVID-19. If you are unable to leave home to get the supplies you need due to sickness, disability or age, please contact us for more details. The only cost to you would be the items you order, there is no delivery charge. [FCCdelivery@yahoo.com](mailto:FCCdelivery@yahoo.com).

Volunteer drivers needed at Macon County Senior Services. Mileage will be reimbursed. For more information, call (828) 349-0211.

Macon County CareNet is in need of volunteers. Positions open are food pantry, soup kitchen and file room. If interested stop by for an application at 130 Bidwell St., or call (828)369-2642.

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## CHURCH HAPPENINGS

All Saints Episcopal Church is conducting worship online through its YouTube page. Go to [www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com) and search for "All Saints Franklin." The in-person worship schedule is subject to change. To learn more about attending in-person worship, contact us directly at [admin@allsaintsfranklin.org](mailto:admin@allsaintsfranklin.org) or by calling (828)524-4910.

First Alliance Church's Sunday School begins at 9:30 a.m. for all ages; worship service is at 10:30 a.m. Rev. Matt Fisher will deliver the message. The music presentation will be from Rosemary Wilson. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane, Franklin (off Womack next door to Trimont Christian Academy). For info, call the office (828) 369-7977. [www.franklincma.com](http://www.franklincma.com)

Spiritual Light Center will host Thea & the Green Man - Acoustic Singer-Songwriter Duo Cynthia Stacey and Chuck Willhide on Sunday, Nov. 29. The theme will be "A Clear Vision for our Future." The center is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr.

Olive Hill Church Services are held on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pastor is Keith McWhite. The church is located at 2389 Olive Hill Road.

Franklin First United Methodist Church meets on Sunday, at 8:30 a.m. for in-person worship or online on Facebook Live at Franklin First United Methodist Church. Note that COVID-19 health protocols will be followed for in-person worship. Plan to arrive early for check in, masks are required. The church is located at 66 Harrison Ave. Senior pastor is Rev. David Beam. For more information, call (828)524.3010 or visit [www.firstumcfranklin.org](http://www.firstumcfranklin.org)

Lifespring Community Church is holding Sunday services beginning at 10 a.m. with social distancing observed. Brian Lamb in the pastor. The church is located at the intersection of Cheek Road and Addington Bridge Road.

Tellico Baptist Church is now having in-person Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. inside the church building with the Reverend L. E. Angel. Everyone is welcome.

West Franklin Church services are held on Sunday, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. The church is located on Sloan Rd. next to the Forest Service Office.

Prentiss Church of God is holding Sunday worship service in its sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing is observed and safety measures are in place. Pastor Kevin Chapman invites the community to attend. Services are also streamed online on the Prentiss Church of God Facebook page. The church is located at 59 Church Hill Lane, off Addington Bridge Road. Phone: (828)369-3885.

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# Vertical towers making it possible to teach gardening to students

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

Thanks to a community member (Beth Lequire) who started a Go Fund Me campaign plus a grant that Macon Schools STEM Coordinator Jennifer Love received through Kids Gardening.com and some funds from their STEM-E grant that is funded through the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, they have been able to purchase three garden grow towers for the schools.

"We purchased only three because I have had two teachers approach me consistently about putting in a school garden. One teacher at Iotla Elementary and one at South Macon. The one issue with an outdoor garden is that it is difficult to grow a crop during the school year. Either students see the crop being planted but they don't get to harvest because of summer or they see the tail end of the season. With the grow towers, students will be able to grow greens (lettuce, kale, spinach) throughout the school year in their classroom (the towers come with a light source). It takes 4-6 weeks to grow from seed to harvest. The tower also comes on wheels so we



The seedlings are planted in the vertical towers and begin to grow with minimal maintenance and care.

are hoping that different classrooms can "adopt" the tower for a month or two and then pass it along to another class. The hope is to expand the project to additional towers in the future if this seems like a sustainable project. I also want to make sure the towers that we have purchased are being utilized before we invest in additional towers. The third tower is going to be shared/check out by any teachers who are interested. Right now I have Nantahala School and Highlands School on the list to check it out."

So what is a vertical garden?

Vertical gardening is growing things upwards rather than outwards. They consist of a hydroponic systems that allows growing of plants in a vertical fashion. Hydroponics is the process of growing plants in sand, gravel, or liquid, with added nutrients but without soil. Vertical hydroponics works by using conventional hydroponic techniques in a vertical, gravity-fed system. The nutrient-rich water is fed from the top and collected at the bottom. Seedlings are started in a window kit. When the seedlings are ready — usually about three weeks after germination — they are planted in the Tower Garden. Instead of soil, Tower Garden plants grow in a medium called rockwool, which provides plant roots with oxygen and consistent moisture, encouraging rapid, healthy growth.



Kimberly Sanders kindergarten class shows off their tower garden with their greens already growing.

The reservoir is filled at the base of the Tower Garden with a mineral blend mixture and water. A low-wattage, submersible pump in the reservoir pushes the nutrient solution to the top of the Tower Garden through a small central pipe. The nutrient solution then drips down the inside of the Tower Garden, evenly cascading over the exposed plant roots. A timer ensures this process repeats continuously, to deliver the ideal amount of oxygen, water and nutrients to plants at the perfect time. Aside from a few minor maintenance tasks, such as checking water levels and cleaning the pump filter, a Tower Garden will take care of itself. And in just a few short weeks, homegrown produce can be harvested at its peak.

In Kimberly Sanders's South Macon Ele-

mentary class, her kindergarten students have already begun to see the fruits of their labor. Miriam Laird, a student in Sanders's class explained how it works. She says, "we are growing lettuce, we all helped plant it and when it is ready to harvest we will put it on a hamburger and eat it."

"It is wonderful for the children to watch the life cycle of the plants as they grow," said Sanders. Her class has some bib lettuce already growing in the tower along with some herbs.

At Iotla Valley Elementary School Missy McConnell's third grade class is also starting a vertical garden in their classroom. Their seeds are still in the germination process in the windowsill, but have recently sprouted. They are waiting until the stems

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Missy McConnell's third graders are ready to transplant the seedlings into the tower that are germinating in the window.

become strong enough to transplant them into the tower. They have a variety of lettuce, herb, spinach and kale growing. Several students had a lot to say about their excitement regarding this project. Brady Baldwin said, "it is a lot of fun helping the teacher and looking at the plants get bigger and bigger. I can't wait to eat the vegetables."

Another student, Maylee Postell explained, "I was excited to get it and the teacher told us we could eat the vegetables that we grew. I can't wait until it grows so I can make salsa." Nathan Prevette added, "I want to make salads, it is a fun project."

Finally, Rylan Heaton exclaimed, "I'm so excited to grow and eat the plants. We can all share with the class and with Ms. McConnell."

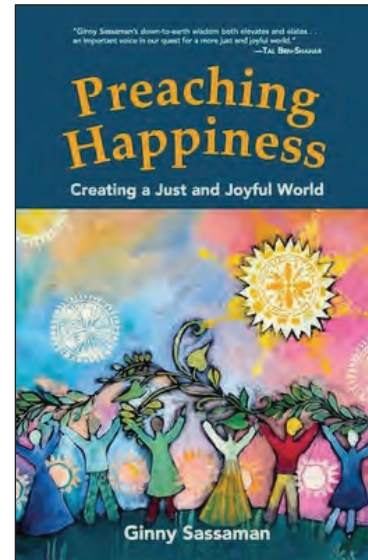


"I was raised in the mountains, I have been gardening since I could walk. My students will get the fulfillment of harvesting the vegetable and then getting to taste them," said McConnell.

Many of the students in McConnell's class have never tasted vegetables such as spinach or kale but they are all anxious to give it a try. She also explained that it is possible to grow tomatoes in the tower, maybe in the spring, which Maylee would need to make the salsa.

## Virtual author discussion December 2

City Lights Bookstore will host a virtual discussion with Ginny Sassaman, author of "Preaching Happiness: Creating a Just and Joyful World," and co-founder of Gross National Happiness USA (GNHUSA). Sylva poet and former GNHUSA board member Jeannette Cabanis-Brewin will also join the discussion, along with Dave Molinaro who is the volunteer leading the drive for a Charlotte, NC Wellbeing Index. This Zoom event will be at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 2.



written, impressively informative, exceptionally thoughtful and thought-provoking, Preaching Happiness: Creating a Just and Joyful World is an ideal and unreservedly recommended addition to both community and college/university library ... collections. (It is) a life enriching, life-enhancing DIY guide."

"Preaching Happiness is an important voice in our quest for a more joyful and just world. Ginny Sassaman's down-to-earth wisdom both elevates and elates." – Tal

"'Preaching Happiness' is a book you will find yourself returning to again and again for its wisdom and guidance," says Rev. Joan Javier-Duval of the Unitarian Church of Montpelier. "The sermons presented here artfully combine personal story and social science research to pose new ways of thinking and living," she says.

Through a series of secular sermons on a wide range of happiness skills, Preaching Happiness teaches and encourages the soul-deep transformation needed to live a full and happy life while also creating conditions for maximum well-being for all humans, animals, and the planet

"This is my cause, this is my passion, this is my life's work," says author Ginny Sassaman. "Part of my goal in writing this book is to get these words out there. They are needed now more than ever," she says.

Praise for Preaching Happiness :

From the "Midwest Book Review: "Deftly

Ben-Shahar, co-founder and chief learning officer of Happiness Studies Academy, Potentiallife, Maytiv, and Happier.TV

"Ginny Sassaman shares several practical lessons on the importance of bringing happiness more fully into our collective consciousness. Through very accessible storytelling, Sassaman speaks to the urgency with which we must create the conditions that support the well-being of people, animals, and the planet. This book serves both as an excellent primer for all who seek to increase their own levels of happiness, as well as a refreshing validation for those who have been steeped in the Gross National Happiness movement for years. It is a collection of sermons every book club should have on their list." – Paula Francis, co-founder of GNHUSA

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## Deaths & Funerals

### Agnes Echols Cabe

Agnes Echols Cabe, 86, of Otto, N.C., loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, surrounded by family at her home.

Born in Elbert County, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Edward Echols and Harriett Whitner Echols. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband Russell Cayton Cabe.

She loved quilting, gardening, cooking, reading and spending time with family and friends. She was a cafeteria supervisor with Macon County Schools where she touched many lives of students and faculty. She spent many years working as a CNA where she flourished taking care of those in need. She was an active member of Mulberry United Methodist Church.

She will be remembered by her family and friends as a loving, caring, gentle, compassionate soul who always put others before herself. She touched more lives than she could imagine and brought much joy and love into this world. Through good times and bad, her faith in God never wavered and this led to a life well lived. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her beloved children, David Cabe and wife Suki of Otto, Danny Cabe and wife Lori of Otto and Kathy Swint and husband Roger of Jonesboro, Ga.; six grandchildren, Michael and wife Lena, Brandon and wife Samantha, Kyle, Olivia, Adam and Eric and wife Lauren; seven great grandchildren, Hunter, Jacob, Julia, Angel, Memphis, Trystan, Rachel and Kaytyn; and one great grandchild, Elena.

A celebration of life will be held at 2pm, Sunday, Nov. 29, at 2 p.m., at Newmans Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery, Otto, with Rev. Eric Henson officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mulberry United Methodist Church, 155 Mulberry Rd., Otto, NC 28763.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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

### Jeffrey Todd Queen

Jeffrey Todd Queen, 47, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Thursday, Nov. 19, 2020

Born in Lexington, N.C., he was the son of Barbara Waldroop Queen and the late Kenneth Lewis Queen. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a son, David Randall Queen and two brothers, Kenneth "Shane" Queen and David Lewis Queen.

He was a member of Burningtown Church of God. He was a carpenter and an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed ginseng hunting and coon hunting. He also enjoyed Nascar, wrestling, history and coin collecting.

He is survived by his mother, Barbara Queen; a companion, Selena Lakey; children, Cody Queen (Kimberly Faith), Candice Dale Queen, adopted son, Cadon Justice, step-daughter, Sara Mathis; sister, Sherri Queen Cloud; six grandchildren, Zayiden, Adelyn, Peyton, Evelyn, Malaki and Konner.

A memorial service was held Monday, Nov. 23, at Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Michael Stephens officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development 2900 Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Agnes Echols Cabe

### Margaret 'June' Hedden

Margaret "June" Hedden, 84, of Lilburn, Ga., passed away on Nov. 18, 2020.

Born on Feb. 17, 1936, in Jackson County, North Carolina, she was the second daughter of the late John Quince Hedden and Emma Stewart Hedden. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three sisters, Hester Keener, Barbara Ledford, and Hope Calloway; one brother, Dwight Hedden; and lifelong friend, Sylvia Brown.

She graduated with honors from Anderson Hospital School of Nursing in 1963. She was a proud RN working in Highlands, N.C., and then Atlanta, Ga., until her retirement in 2004. She was awarded as an outstanding RN in the early 1990s, but her care extended far beyond the walls of the hospital. The first one to offer a helping hand, a listening ear, or a kick in the pants, She cared for others in a way that was selfless and compassionate. Spending time with her family, God-given and chosen, was her favorite pastime. She also loved to play cards, speed around the back roads of Cashiers in her baby-blue 1963 Ford Fairlane and tell heartwarming yet hilarious stories about growing up in the mountains with seven sisters.

The stubborn, adamant, dedicated love she gave to the world will persist and multiply for the rest of time through the beloved ones surviving her: four sisters, Mary Keener of Highlands, Shelba McFarland of Virginia Beach, Va., Helen Justice of Hendersonville, N.C., and Alice Lee of Knoxville, Tenn.; many nieces and nephews; special friends, Janet Tipton and Virginia Smith; the group of wonderful women who played cards with her every weekend; and countless others, all of whom she adored.

A private service was held at Stewart Cemetery in Cashiers, N.C. on Sunday, Nov. 22.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Stewart Cemetery Fund, c/o Carl Stewart, 3295 Yellow Mountain Rd., Cullowhee, NC 28723.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

### Henry (Hank) Schuldt Burmester

Henry (Hank) Schuldt Burmester, 82 of Otto, N.C., passed away Nov. 16, 2020, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. A native of Avriil Park, N.Y., he grew up participating in every sport he could. He loved sports. As a result of this passion, he became a professional baseball umpire. And as one could imagine, he could always be found giving out advise to young players and coaches alike. But his all-time favorite sports team was the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Flying the Bucs flag at home was a given and all the neighbors knew to give local directions using it as a marker.

He proudly served in the United States Army, and later in life became a licensed funeral director and embalmer. His genuine spirit to care became a hallmark of his wonderful life and career. Serving families brought him fulfillment and a sense of purpose to help others during one of life's toughest times.

He truly loved his family. He is survived by his wife, Kaki Roberts Burmester; four children, Pamela Mathis (Danny), Cody, Roy and Chris Burmester along with two grandchildren, Lloyd and Len Nettles. He was preceded in death by his parents, Henry James Burmester and Muriel Schuldt Burmester, and one brother, Fred Burmester.

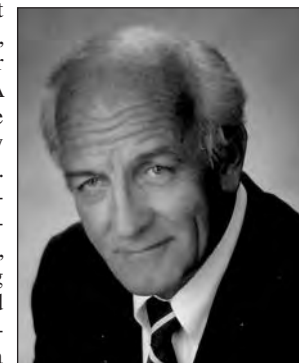
He also had a special little companion that he pulled to, his rescue dog, Braylie. Hank and Braylie had a special bond.

He was of the Catholic faith and a Funeral Mass will be held at a later date.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve Hank's family. Online condolences at [www.moffittfamilyfuneralcare.com](http://www.moffittfamilyfuneralcare.com).



Margaret 'June' Hedden



Henry Burmester



# Deaths & Funerals

## Evelyn Hyer

Evelyn Hyer, 91, of Clayton, Ga., passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. A native of Asheville, N.C., she has been a long time resident of DeLand, Fla., and Clayton, Ga. She and her late husband owned Ray Hyer Carpet in DeLand for over 15 years. Family and faith were the foundations upon which she and her late husband Ray built their lives. She was happiest when spending time with her family.



Evelyn Hyer

She leaves behind to cherish her memory, three sons; Gary (Pam) Hyer of Dillard, Ga., Rick Hyer (Marcia) of Otto, N.C., Michael (Sandra) Hyer of Tiger, Ga.; a daughter, Patricia (Richard) Whitaker of Deltona, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Hyer.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 20, at the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home with Chaplain David Feathers officiating.

Interment was held Monday, Nov. 23, at DeLand Memorial Gardens, DeLand, Fla.

Memorials can be made to FAITH Fight Abuse in the Home, P.O. Box 1964 Clayton Ga. 30525

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

## James 'Jim' Porter Cunningham Jr.

James "Jim" Porter Cunningham Jr., 69, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Tuesday, Nov. 17, 2020.

Born in Franklin, he was the son of the late James Porter Cunningham Sr. and Esther Minerva Clouse Cunningham. He attended Life Spring Community Church and was a motorcycle enthusiast who loved riding locally and long distance. He was an avid outdoorsman, very active in the Carson Community Club and was formerly a Carson Cemetery Committee Trustee. He was president of United Steel Workers Local 7202 and later began organizing for USW on a level that allowed him to travel the U.S. and Japan. He retired from Duke Energy as a Quality Control Specialist after more than 35 years. He began his work with Nantahala Power and Light working on a survey crew, then as a lineman and later a powerhouse operator. He enjoyed serving others and loved his family and friends.



James Cunningham Jr.

He is survived by his daughters, LeighAnn Cunningham of Sylva and Jessica McHan of Franklin; sisters, Brenda Elliott and Suzanne Williams, both of Franklin; and one granddaughter, Kalyn McHan.

Funeral services were held Friday, Nov. 20, at Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Bryan Lamb officiating. Burial followed in the Carson Community Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Fred Shope, Bob Stewart, Todd McGaha, Jim Williams, Mike Lequire, Mike Bingham, Brandon Brown, and Harold Elliott.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, 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).

## Jackie Hensley

Jackie Hensley, 69, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020. She was born Oct. 19, 1951, in Missouri. She was a loving wife, sister, mother and grandmother. She loved crossword puzzles, word finds, cats and her family most of all. She worked at Dnet Services for more than 15 years until her retirement. After that she spent her time at home with her family. She was a loving person that will be greatly missed by everyone that knew her.



Jackie Hensley

She is survived by her husband of 45 years, Cary Hensley; three children, Curtis Green, Keri Hensley and Adam Lee Hensley; one grandson, Devon Hensley; and a sister, Janice Stonestreet, along with many other loving family members.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be held at a later time.

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

## Jeannie Gilham Nolle

Jeannie Gilham Nolle, 88, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Monday, Nov. 16, 2020.

Born in Orlando, Fla., she was the daughter of the late Charles Gilham and Daisy Harrell. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Frank Richard Nolle. She was a telephone operator for Southern Bell Telephone Company prior to her retirement. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Franklin.

She is survived by her five children, Frank Richard Nolle Jr. and wife Maria of Tempe, Ariz., Michael Stephen Nolle and wife Jackie, Russell Kevin Nolle, Susan Nolle Pollard and Eric Gilham Nolle, all of Franklin; 11 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren.

Nothing gave her more pleasure than to walk her little dog around the neighborhood, with the sun shining on her back. She would always say, "Thank you Lord for sunshine and neighbors." God bless her sweet soul.

No services are planned at this time.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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

## Public input sought on first draft of statewide trail plan

After more than 11,000 North Carolinians shared their thoughts on the Great Trails State Plan survey, public input is now being sought on a first draft of the proposed network.

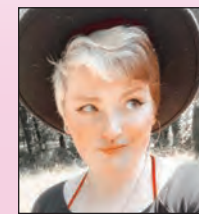
The Great Trails State Plan is a state Department of Transportation-led effort to identify existing trails and define what actions need to take place to connect those trails statewide. The plan builds upon local and regional trails to identify one overall trail network that is focused on connections to state parks and populated areas.



This summer, the department released a survey asking for the public to weigh in on where they would like to see new or better connected trails.

People can provide feedback on the plan's current draft by visiting the plan's webpage at [ncdot.gov](http://ncdot.gov). The final day to submit comments during this phase is Friday, December 4.

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## Historic 2021 slate includes three new road courses and first dirt race in half a century

NASCAR's 2021 NASCAR Cup Series schedule boasts a historic slate that includes the introduction of three new racetracks – and new layouts at two iconic venues – to the sport's top level.

Not since 1969 has NASCAR added this many new venues to its premier series schedule.

The 36-race slate includes races at three new road course layouts, and the first Cup Series dirt race in more than 50 years.

The road course at Circuit of the Americas (May 23) joins the schedule for the first time, Road America (July 4) returns for the first time since 1956 and, after a thrilling debut in the NASCAR Xfinity Series in 2020, the Cup stars will race on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course in 2021 (Aug. 15).

The high banks of Bristol Motor Speedway will transform into a dirt track for a NASCAR Cup Series race on March 28, the first premier series race on dirt since Sept. 30, 1970 (North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, N.C.).

And as previously announced, NASCAR returns to the Music City with a race at Nashville Superspeedway on June 20, which will kick off the NBC Sports portion of the season.

"We developed the 2021 schedule with one primary goal: Continue to take steps to create the most dynamic schedule possible for our fans," said Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president and chief racing development officer. "Extensive collaboration between NASCAR, the racetracks, race teams and our broadcast partners allowed NASCAR to create what promises to be an exciting 2021 schedule of races."

In addition, NASCAR announced the NASCAR Cup Series All-Star Race's return to a high-speed 1.5-mile track in 2021, as the annual star-studded event moves to Texas Motor Speedway on June 13 for the first time in its 36-year history.

NASCAR will open its Cup Series season with two consecutive races in Florida. As is tradition, the season will kick off with the running of The Great American Race – the DAYTONA 500 – at Daytona International Speedway on Sunday, Feb. 14 live on FOX before heading south to Homestead-Miami Speedway on Sunday, Feb. 21.

The series will also double down on a pair of familiar venues in markets threaded deep with historical NASCAR ties and passionate fanbases. Cars will hit the track at Darlington Raceway

for the first time on Sunday, May 9 and again to kick off the Playoffs on Sunday, Sept. 5 while Atlanta Motor Speedway will host NASCAR's premier series on Sunday, Mar. 21 and Sunday, July 11.

After an overhaul for the 2020 season, the only change in the 2021 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs will be a swap of dates between Texas and Kansas in the Round of 8. Wholly unpredictable venues – Bristol Motor Speedway (Sept. 18), the Charlotte Motor Speedway Roval (Oct. 10) and Martinsville Speedway (Oct. 31) – will once again serve as the cutoff races in 2021.

Phoenix Raceway culminates the 10-race Playoffs slate as host of the NASCAR Cup Series Championship Race for the second consecutive year.

emphasizes the spirit of the sport through its effort to engage millions of fans, consumers and employees. The Marketing Achievement Award has long been the gold standard for brands invested in the sport and sought after by some of the most recognizable brands in the world.

During a year underscored by significant change, the honor will be bestowed to a group of four brands for the first time in history. NASCAR's Premier Partners: Busch Beer, Coca-Cola, GEICO and Xfinity are the 2020 NASCAR Marketing Achievement Award winners.

The start of the 2020 NASCAR season was highlighted by a historic shift in its sponsorship structure, one that fundamentally changed how the NASCAR Cup Series was presented to millions of fans each weekend. The sport transitioned from the traditional singular series title

sponsorship, a model that had been in place for nearly 70 years, to one that highlighted four blue chip brands as Premier Partners.

NASCAR's Premier Partners are long tenured in NASCAR and have been involved across various areas of the business for decades. There was not a partner or stakeholder in NASCAR, however, that could have been prepared for the events of 2020.

"We knew heading into this season that transitioning to this new model would come with some key learnings, and that was before a global pandemic hit and completely shifted how we conduct our respective businesses," said Jill Gregory, EVP and Chief Marketing and Content Officer, NASCAR.

In May, NASCAR became the first major professional sport to return to competition and with all eyes on the sport, NASCAR's Premier Partners stood strongly by its

side. The partners demonstrated leadership and innovation across each platform it supported, including important initiatives like esports, the introduction of new technologies, sharing of best practices on diversity, equity and inclusion, elevating the profiles of NASCAR's drivers, and developing unique content and broadcast integrations.

"In working with global leading brands, NASCAR had the benefit of sharing best practices and collaborating on initiatives that are helping us affect change and shape the future of our sport," said Gregory. "Their commitment to NASCAR has been unwavering and for that reason our Premier Partners are deserving of the 2020 Marketing Achievement Award."



Martin Truex Jr. drives the NASCAR Next Gen car during the NASCAR Cup Series test at Charlotte Motor Speedway on Nov. 16, 2020 in Concord, N.C. The 2021 season will race the Roval on Oct. 10. At left, Martin Truex Jr. climbs into the NASCAR Next Gen car during the NASCAR Cup Series test at Charlotte Motor Speedway. Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images

again air on the FOX and NBC family of networks. Start times and specific networks will be announced at a later date. Schedules for the 2021 NASCAR Xfinity Series and NASCAR Camping World Truck Series will also be announced at a later date.

### NASCAR honors four Premier Partners with 2020 Marketing Achievement Award

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### 2021 NASCAR CUP SERIES SCHEDULE

| Date                          | Race / Track                |
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| Tuesday, February 9           | Clash (Daytona Road Course) |
| Thursday, February 11         | Duel at Daytona             |
| Sunday, February 14           | DAYTONA 500                 |
| Sunday, February 21           | Homestead-Miami             |
| Sunday, February 28           | Auto Club                   |
| Sunday, March 7               | Las Vegas                   |
| Sunday, March 14              | Phoenix                     |
| Sunday, March 21              | Atlanta                     |
| Sunday, March 28              | Bristol Dirt                |
| Saturday, April 10            | Martinsville                |
| Sunday, April 18              | Richmond                    |
| Sunday, April 25              | Talladega                   |
| Sunday, May 2                 | Kansas                      |
| Sunday, May 9                 | Darlington                  |
| Sunday, May 16                | Dover                       |
| Sunday, May 23                | COTA                        |
| Sunday, May 30                | Charlotte                   |
| Sunday, June 6                | Sonoma                      |
| Sunday, June 13               | All-Star (Texas)            |
| Sunday, June 20               | Nashville Superspeedway     |
| Saturday & Sunday, June 26-27 | Pocono Doubleheader         |
| Sunday, July 4                | Road America                |
| Sunday, July 11               | Atlanta                     |
| Sunday, July 18               | New Hampshire               |
| Sunday, August 8              | Watkins Glen                |
| Sunday, August 15             | Indianapolis Road Course    |
| Sunday, August 22             | Michigan                    |
| Saturday, August 28           | Daytona                     |
| Sunday, September 5           | Darlington                  |
| Saturday, September 11        | Richmond                    |
| Saturday, September 18        | Bristol                     |
| Sunday, September 26          | Las Vegas                   |
| Sunday, October 3             | Talladega                   |
| Sunday, October 10            | Charlotte Roval             |
| Sunday, October 17            | Texas                       |
| Sunday, October 24            | Kansas                      |
| Sunday, October 31            | Martinsville                |
| Sunday, November 7            | Phoenix                     |

NASCAR's Premier Partners continued to set an example with unique activation:

**Busch Beer**  
 NASCAR's partnership with Busch served as an example of how unique and engaging content can transcend challenging times. Starting with the historic Busch Clash, Busch engaged fans throughout the season with unique brand campaigns, such as For The Farmers, a campaign that supported Midwest farmers impacted by tornadoes in 2019; to Your Face Here, giving fans the chance to "be back at track" by having their name on a car when NASCAR returned to racing at Darlington Raceway. And as fans sought out ways to celebrate the NASCAR Championship, the Busch and NASCAR teams put together a Ultimate Fan Championship Tailgate promotion where fans entered to win a chance to have a championship race track experience at home.

**Coca-Cola**  
 2020 did not slow down the Coca-Cola team. The partner leveraged its new Premier Partner status to elevate their marketing commitment to NASCAR year-round. This year was highlighted by two entitlement races (Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway, Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway), a presenting partnership of the eNASCAR Coca-Cola iRacing Series, support of military and frontline workers through NASCAR Salutes Refreshed by Coca-Cola, and as the presenting partner of the NASCAR Cup Series Regular Season Trophy. Additionally, Coca-Cola voiced its commitment to change and showed strong leadership and support of NASCAR's efforts to diversify the sport.

**GEICO**  
 GEICO celebrated the start of the racing season by introducing its "NASCAR Returns" platform to millions of fans. When the season was paused due to COVID-19, GEICO sponsored the virtual Talladega Pro Invitational Race – one of the highest viewed esports events in history. When NASCAR returned to the track at Darlington, GEICO sponsored the 100,000 Cameras show that told the story of NASCAR's return to racing through the eyes of drivers, crews, and most importantly fans. Additionally, GEICO enhanced their on-track and in-broadcast presence of the Restart Zone series by creating a weekly custom content series anchored by Jeff Burton airing across NASCAR's social channels. And when NASCAR began to gradually welcome back fans, GEICO's brand was front and center through its sponsorship of NASCAR track campgrounds.

**Xfinity**  
 Xfinity strengthened its role as an industry leader, working to grow the sport on a national and regional level by leveraging its portfolio of Comcast NBCUniversal assets. Xfinity had big plans going into 2020, its first year as a Premier Partner after building fan awareness as the entitlement partner of the NASCAR Xfinity Series since 2015. Prior to the sport returning at Darlington, Xfinity unveiled a new 30-second commercial, titled "Return of Loud." Additionally, Xfinity purchased signage at the track to thank frontline workers battling COVID-19 and became the entitlement sponsor of the NASCAR Cup Series playoff cut-off race at Martinsville Speedway, the Xfinity 500.

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- So out it's in
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- Lightly color
- Different spelling of emir
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- "Wizard of Oz" man
- \*Increase fluid intake
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- \*\_\_\_\_\_ test
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