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Last Thursday at 3:18 p.m., Macon County dispatch received a call for assistance due to an airplane on fire at the Macon County Airport. First responders arrived on scene to find a plane at the east runway engulfed in flames after crashing on the runway. No injuries were reported and all passengers were able to exit the aircraft prior to the arrival of first responders. Responding were Franklin Fire & Rescue, Burningtown Fire Department, the Cowee Fire Department and Squad 4, who assisted in extinguishing the fire. The crash is now under investigation and the Federal Aviation Administration and the National Transportation Safety Board have been notified of the incident.

Photo by Vickie Carpenter

## Board votes to help fund WHT sculpture

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Anne Hyder said she was “thrilled” that monies were allocated to help pay for the Women’s History Trail (WHT) sculpture that will eventually be installed near the bridges at the entrance of Franklin on Main Street. Hyder is the chairperson of the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County, the 501c3 nonprofit that serves as the umbrella organization for the Women’s History Trail.

At the March 9 meeting of the Macon County Commissioners, a motion made by Commissioner Ronnie Beale and seconded by Gary Shields resulted in a decision to allocate \$19,000 out of the county’s contingency fund to make a payment for the sculpture.

“The contribution was made in memory of Barbara McRae,” said Hyder. “She established Women’s History Trail and worked tirelessly on that effort. McRae, former vice mayor for Town of Franklin and a local historian, passed away March 2 after a long battle with cancer. “We

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## FROGs planning major projects for greenway

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Friends of the Greenway, or FROGs, which is a volunteer organization overseen by a board of directors, presented plans, projects, and needs of the Little Tennessee Greenway for the foreseeable future to Macon County commissioners at their March 9 meeting. The current state of the Greenway was also a part of the presentation.

“This past year’s been very difficult, with projects and plans being on hold, so we’re working to jump in for 2021,” said Rita St. Clair, FROG board’s secretary.

FROG’s 2021 goals for the Little Tennessee Greenway, which winds along the river and past wetlands, meadows, woodlands, gardens, and more, include:

1. To hold two arts and crafts fairs as fund raising events
2. To establish the Delores “Dee” Beamish Garden at FROG Quarters
3. To add educational signage to explain the history of the Tasse, Nickajack, and Nonah bridges on the Greenway

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# GREENWAY

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4. To secure the boundary of the Cartoogechaye Creek Bluff, designated as a North Carolina Natural Heritage Program Natural Area, and provide educational signage

5. To implement the American Hops Project

6. To partner with Nikwasi Initiative with the Heritage Apple Project

St. Clair elaborated on the 2021 schedule of activities.

“We had such a successful arts and crafts fair last November, which included some food sales as well, that we decided to host two this year, one on May 8 and another in the fall. Hopefully, we will make additional funds at these fairs to use toward our projects,” she said.

The Delores “Dee” Beamish Garden will be located behind the FROG Quarters at 573 E. Main Street.

“It will allow people to sit a while, look down the river, and enjoy some quiet time,” said St. Clair. “We are interested in maintaining the continuation of the area’s beautification, especially since Mainspring Conservation Trust is right next door. And in this East Franklin area ... a lot is happening, so we want to partner with folks to beautify the area.”

Three bridges exist along the extensive Greenway paths, and FROG members explained to commissioners that it behooves the public to understand why the bridges are there and how they came about – just as it is important for Greenway users to be provided information about how the Greenway was devel-



Among the many projects and updates planned this year for the Little Tennessee Greenway, is the placement of informational signage to be installed at the three bridges along the trails.

the plants to verify they are American hops. We want to fence that area off for cultivating and demonstrating the history of hops growth. So Stan and Jim Clink, chairman of the FROG board, have been working on the area to identify hops that are coming up. It would be fun to eventually work with a local brewery, if there is enough hops to initiate a beer named after the Little Tennessee Greenway.”

The other main project, Heritage Apple, will involve Nikwasi Initiative and will be located, according to St. Clair, “halfway between Big Bear and Suli Marsh on the north end of the Greenway.”

“happening soon,” added St. Clair. She also noted that interaction with Macon County Commissioners, with Gary Shields as a liaison, is win-win in that, “We continue to function as an independent nonprofit, but we provide commissioners with information about issues and concerns, such as erosion along the river, for the benefit of anyone using the Greenway.”

Plus, three area Rotary Club groups have taken on the project of repairing the dilapidated shelter, which is located by the butterfly garden, taped off for many months due to its condition.

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She said volunteers will be needed to prepare the site and plant the seedlings, and donated funds and monies from grants, especially from Blue Ridge National Heritage Association and Ferebee Endowment, are covering the cost of the project. When the trees produce fruit in a few years, it will be collected and several ideas are being discussed about what to do with the apples.

St. Clair said members were “excited” to learn that plans are underway to continue the trail under the Main Street bridge, and make it handicap accessible, so that people walking and biking on the trail do not have to cross the busy roads to continue from the Big Bear portion of the Greenway to the Shops at Riverwalk Greenway segment by the butterfly garden.

“We are hoping this will bring more people to stop at FROG Quarters Wednesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.”

The under-the-bridge trail is “happening soon,” added St. Clair. She also noted that interaction with Macon County Commissioners, with Gary Shields as a liaison, is win-win in that, “We continue to function as an independent nonprofit, but we provide commissioners with information about issues and concerns, such as erosion along the river, for the benefit of anyone using the Greenway.”

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FROGs plans major renovations to the shelter near the Airport Trail portion of the Greenway. Local Rotary clubs will assist with the repairs.  
Photos by Vickie Carpenter



Heritage Apple Project is planned for the northern end of the trail between Big Bear Shelter and Suli Marsh, in which 20 Cherokee apple trees will be planted. The Cherokee apple trees is a variety cultivated by the Cherokee before the Trail of Tears.

oped.

“Additional signage will be going up along the Greenway to provide more information,” explained St. Clair.

New signage will also call attention to the area behind the Macon County Public Library.

“It is a natural heritage area because there are plants there that are unusual,” said St. Clair.

One of FROG’s two main projects, American Hops was initiated by Barbara McRae, Town of Franklin vice mayor, who passed away on March 2.

“Barbara discovered wild hops growing in a section going south beyond the butterfly garden, so this project is important to us,” said St. Clair. “Stan Polanski, who writes plant-related articles ... has been working with contacts to send samples of

“Elaine Eisenbraun, executive director of Nikwasi Initiative, is spearheading the project and we will provide volunteer assistance,” said St. Clair. “There will eventually be memorial signage in honor of Barbara McRae because she was also involved in this idea and she was part of the original group of FROG.” In fact, McRae, according to Little Tennessee River history “wrote two major grants to bring in the cash to restore the riverbanks, build trails, picnic shelters, and bridges across the river.”

“Yes, we will call the area the Barbara McRae Cherokee Heritage Apple Trail,” said Eisenbraun. “We will plant at least 20 heritage Cherokee apple trees, which is a variety originally cultivated by the Cherokee before the Trail of Tears, so we are working with the ECBI to get the trees.”

ect, but two other clubs are assisting as well: Rotary Club of Franklin and Franklin Rotary Satellite club. Rotary clubs paid for the construction of the shelter originally.

“But it now has rotten planks and the trees have overtaken the shelter,” said Luke Smith, a Rotarian and the owner of Highlander Roofing. “We hope to replace all the decking, wash the roof and railings, cut the overhanging branches to let in sunlight. In about four weeks, Highlander Roofing will be taking the heavy lifting lead on the tree removal, deck replacement, and cleaning with hopefully material funding by Rotary clubs.”

Smith said Rotary members will help with debris clean up. He added, “We hope the improvements will make people feel better about using the shelter for picnics and small events.”



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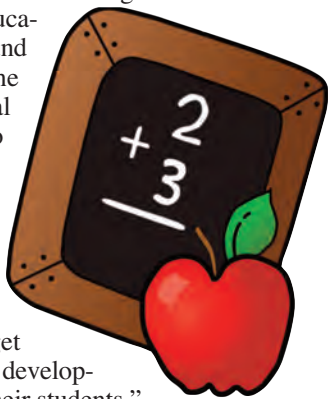
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## Teachers encouraged to apply for Educator Awards

North Carolina public school teachers are encouraged to apply for awards to get additional training and experience. Governor Roy Cooper and the North Carolina Business Committee for Education announce that educators can apply for the Governor’s Educator Discovery Award which provides a stipend of up to \$1,000 for public school teachers to pursue professional development.

PreK-12 traditional public and public charter school teachers can use the award to attend a workshop or conference that deepens their subject area knowledge or contributes to their development as an educator. This will be the sixth round of teachers to receive the award and brings the total number of grants awarded to 15.

“Teachers are the most important factor in improving student success in our public schools,” Governor Cooper said. “We want to give them more ways to get the training and professional development they need to support their students.”



Teachers can apply for the award now with selections announced in late April. To be eligible for the Governor’s Educator Discovery Awards, teachers should submit a proposal that includes details about their teaching experience and the professional development activity they wish to pursue. The next round of awards will open May 1 and the final round will open October 1.

To learn more about the Governor’s Educator Discovery Awards or submit an application, visit [experiencemorenc.com](http://experiencemorenc.com)

The Governor’s Educator Discovery Awards are funded by member companies of the North Carolina Business Committee for Education (NCBCE).

“The Governor’s Educator Discovery Award gives teachers the flexibility to choose professional development opportunities that will help them become better practitioners and inspire and support their students,” said Lilyn Hester, NCBCE Chair. NCBCE operates out of the Office of the Governor as a non-partisan, business-led education non-profit. NCBCE has been providing the critical link between North Carolina Business leaders and the state’s education decision-makers since 1983 through work-based learning opportunities, professional development opportunities, and North Carolinian’s overall work readiness across the state.

## Lt. Governor creates task force to address fairness and accountability in classroom

**Brittney Lofthouse**  
Contributing Writer

During a press conference Tuesday afternoon, Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson announced that he has created a new task force titled “Fairness and Accountability in the Classroom for Teachers and Students” (F.A.C.T.S.) to give students, teachers and parents a “voice to speak out about cases of bias, inappropriate material, or indoctrination they see or experience in public schools.”

“It [the task force] will seek to compile and assess legitimate reports from across the state, assist those who need help navigating the bureaucratic process surrounding education, and provide a platform to disseminate information regarding indoctrination in public schools,” Robinson said.

The FACTS Task Force advisory board is composed of education professionals representing all levels of K-12 including teachers, administrators, and university professors.

Purpose of the Task Force:

- To assist in holding local and county-level education officials accountable for what occurs in their schools;
- To provide a safe and secure setting where education professionals can transmit concerns regarding their school without fear of retaliation;
- To provide a central state-wide mechanism for gathering and sharing data related to parent concerns regarding public education, and to provide a mechanism for elevating awareness of concerns so that they can be addressed;
- To provide underrepresented parents and students a voice and an open line of communication with professional educator advocates for student experiences and outcomes;
- To assist concerned parents in navigating the bureaucracy within our public school system.

Senator Kevin Corbin is one of the two legislators appointed to the task force. With 20 years of experience serving on the Macon County Board of Education, many of which Corbin served the board as chair, as well as six years serving on the Macon County Board of Commissioners, also serving as chairman, Corbin brings a unique perspective to the task force.

“I think all too often state task forces are comprised of peo-



Pictured (L-R) are Sen. Kevin Corbin, Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson and Rep. David Willis. Corbin and Willis are the only two legislators on the newly formed FACTS task force. Other members represent all levels of K-12 including teachers, administrators and university professors.

ple in Raleigh or other urban areas,” said Senator Kevin Corbin. “It is rare that someone from the western part of the state gets to be a voice on these state boards, so I am excited for this opportunity.”

Corbin said he is looking forward to the opportunity to work alongside Lt. Governor Mark Robinson and other stakeholders in North Carolina to have their voices heard.

“As far as I know, this is the first task force of its kind for North Carolina and I am proud to be a small part of it,” said Corbin. “I applaud Lt. Governor Robinson for taking the initiative to make sure parents, teachers, and students across the state are heard about what is best for their education.”

In addition to Senator Corbin, members of the task force include Melissa Oakley-Onslow County BOE Member; Melissa Merrell - Union County BOE Member; Rep. David Willis-District 68; Terry Stoops, K-12 Policy Expert; Oliva Oxindine -, State Board of Education Member, UNCO Associate Profession; Dr. Gregory Cizek, UNC Chapel Hill Professor; Lindalyn Kakadelis, executive director at NC Coalition for Charter Schools; Judy Henion, Classroom Teachers Association NC Director; Baker Mitchell, Founder of The Roger Bacon Academy; Terrance McCotter, Wake County Principal; and Dr. Rick Watkins, 30 year K-12 Educator, Wingate Adjunct Professor and Educational Consultant.

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# Board votes to give \$10,000 for makeover of the basketball courts at Cowee School

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

The basketball courts at the old Cowee School will soon get a makeover thanks to a \$10,000 matching grant from a Cowee couple. Stacy Guffey spoke to members of the Macon County Board of Commissioners last week to request \$10,000 to match a pledged donation to fix the outdoor basketball courts at the Cowee School and Heritage Center.

“We have an opportunity, thanks to a couple in Cowee, to renovate the basketball court at Cowee School,” Guffey said. “We have seen the facility used more and more, especially during COVID, and we want to take this opportunity to improve the facility for the community.”

The Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center operates as a 501c3, however, the property is owned by Macon County. The center is open to the public with current outdoor facilities including a playground, a walking track, picnic tables, and the basketball courts.

“I think as the only recreational opportunity for the folks in the Cowee Community, this is a great opportunity to do something positive for the folks that live out in that part of the county,” said Macon County Commissioner Vice-Chair Ronnie Beale.

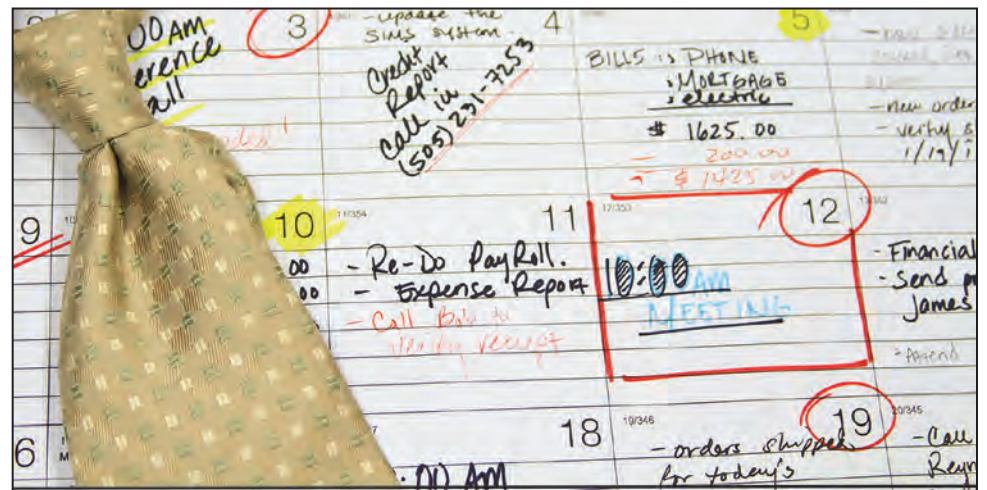
Throughout the pandemic, Cowee School has worked to serve members of the community by establishing a food pantry and becoming one of several community wi-fi hot spots in the county. Cowee School made drive-up wi-fi internet access available to students, families, and workers who need to work or study online. The signal reaches both the upper and lower parking lots.

The purpose of Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center is to promote the teaching and preservation of the cultural and artistic heritage of the Southern Appalachians and Cherokee people to serve as a community resource and gathering place. Guffey said that improvements to the basketball court will not only improve recreational opportunities for the community, but will also add a resource for young people.

Macon County commissioners voted 4-1 to approve \$10,000 from the county’s contingency fund to provide matching funds to resurface the basketball court. Commissioner Paul Higdon voted against the measure saying that even though the county owns the Cowee Arts and Heritage Center, because it is operated by a nonprofit, the nonprofit should apply for funds through the county’s nonprofit funding pool.



Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center has become the heart of the community offering recreational opportunities, cultural events and as a gathering place. Photo by Vickie Carpenter



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# Mission of 3H Handy Helping Hands thrift store is to pay it forward

Diane Peltz - Contributing Writer

In July 2019, after 25 years in Orlando, Fla., Russ and Kim Pullen decided to take a leap of faith and move their family to Western North Carolina to fulfill a dream, to open a mountain top retreat center.

Kim explains. "Everything was new for this suburb girl, moving into a cabin on the side of a mountain, where our closest neighbors were a quarter of a mile away down a dirt road. Our teen daughter, and 23-year-old son with autism, adapted beautifully."

Russ settled into his job as a fitness trainer at Franklin Health and Fitness Center and Kim continued her online business as a Life Coach. For eight months they tried to get started building their tiny house for their retreat center, but they kept running into roadblocks. Then COVID hit and Russ was released from his job at the fitness center.

Little did they know that God had something else planned for them. Russ immediately reached out to former clients from the fitness center to see if they needed any repairs or maintenance done around their

home.

"Russ is the kind of person who doesn't know a stranger and he met hundreds of people while working at the gym, many of whom were elderly, physically challenged and on a fixed budget," said Kim.

That quickly turned into a full-time job. While many of them needed services like pressure cleaning, painting, gutter cleaning, trimming trees, and minor carpentry, some couldn't afford to pay full price because of their own financial hardships, and they refused to let Russ do it for free. So, they bartered for reusable items and sometimes even brownies.

Word spread and within a few months, Russ had already impacted dozens of lives helping the disadvantaged, the elderly, and the handicapped. But he wanted to do more. That's when he dreamed up the idea of starting "Handy Helping Hands" and opening the 3H Thrift Shop, a charitable organization consisting of a circle of services, whereby individuals share their skills, wisdom, muscle, resaleable items and financial resources to pay it forward for the benefit of the whole town.

So, after weeks of prayer, research, advice, fundraising, marketing, cleaning, painting, receiving truckloads of donations, and forging a bond with a host of volunteers, on Feb. 2, "Handy Helping Hands" and the 3H Thrift Shop opened in Franklin.

"The reception has been incredible," said Kim. "Resaleable donations from the community pour in daily, and we have several volunteers who've taken ownership of the shop and what we are doing as much as we have, offering dignity and purpose through service."



Russ and Kim Pullen have opened a thrift store on Highlands Road with the mission of helping the disadvantaged, the elderly and the handicapped. The 3-H Thrift Shop is an organization consisting of a circle of services whereby individuals share their skills, wisdom, muscle, resaleable items and financial resources for the benefit of the community.



Cindi Brantley, 74, is one of Russ Pullen's clients. She had undergone some health challenges and Pullen was able to do some repairs on her home as well as see to her welfare when she was recovering from surgery.

The Pullens had to rent half the basement below their facility to store everything. They have also been approached by several other organizations in the area to partner with them.

"First Peter 4:10 says, Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. Our goal is that Handy Helping Hands and the 3H Thrift Shop can help the residents of Franklin to do just that," said Kim.

One of Russ's clients is Cindi Brantley, who is 74 years old. Brantley purchased her mobile home at the end of 2019. It was in great need of repairs, pressure washing and paint. In the beginning of 2020 Brantley developed breast cancer and she had to undergo surgery and radiation. She was overwhelmed. A few months later she wound up needing extensive back surgery. Russ was there throughout these trying times, giving her home a beautiful facelift.

"Russ has a servant's heart," said Brantley. Throughout her ordeal, Russ brought

her flowers, balloons, candy, and hanging baskets, when she was unable to walk. The repairs on her home are ongoing. The next project that Russ will soon begin is to put new insulation in her two sheds. There is also still some indoor repairs that need to be attended to, which he will get to right after he repairs the sheds. Brantley says, "We have some wonderful people in Macon County."

Both Kim and Russ have taken a path which has led them to offer help for people in the community and beyond. Although Kim helps Russ out at their 3H Thrift Shop, she still maintains her job as a Life Coach at Hope and Healing for Spouses in the wake of adultery or sexual addiction. Their own marriage has taken a long and winding path but they have both returned home to serve God and the community in multifaceted ways.

The 3H Thrift shop is located at 179 Highlands Road in Franklin. Donations can be brought to the store Tuesday - Saturday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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had gone to them in November to ask for \$15,000, which would have been a match with what the Town of Franklin had given. So we were very pleased to receive not \$15,000 but \$19,000. They were very supportive and the dedication in memory of Barbara meant even more.”

World-renowned sculptor Wesley Wofford, who resides in Cashiers, has been at work on the various stages of the sculpture. Last March, models were selected to represent three important figures in the sculpture: artist Angela Cunningham for Timoxena Siler Sloan, a white woman; local singer Delphine Kirkland for Salley (last name unknown), a slave; and, Wahlahah Brown of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians for Rebecca Morris, a Cherokee woman.

“The [WHT] is about focusing on the contributions of women in Macon County,” Barbara McRae told The Macon County News in 2018, when Wofford began the process for what will eventually be a seven-foot bronze sculpture. “We fell in love with a story we learned about through our research that includes three matriarchal figures.”

Wofford’s name for the sculpture, “Sowing Seeds for the Future,” shows the Cherokee figure, Rebecca, pouring corn into the hands of Timoxena as a child, and the grown Timoxena taking a basket of corn and apples from Salley, the African American.

According to Wofford, the one-third scale maquette of the sculpture was approved by the WHT committee last Sunday.

“This initiates the 3D scan of the maquette and the digital enlargement to seven feet in foam,” he said. “In about a month, we should have the seven-foot foam figures in the studio to begin the monumental portion. The foam pieces will be put together and have strong armatures inside the foam before the clay starts. We are aiming for the completion of the full size clay at the end of this year in December. Then the mold and

bronzing process will be next.”

“Over the next year or so, an additional \$200,000 will need to be raised to fund the completion of the sculpture,” said Hyder. “We’re feeling very, very positive about the process and how it’s progressing. When it becomes real, we will all know it was Barbara’s dream realized.”

Odyssey Wofford, Wesley’s wife and the studio director for Wofford Sculpture Studio commented.

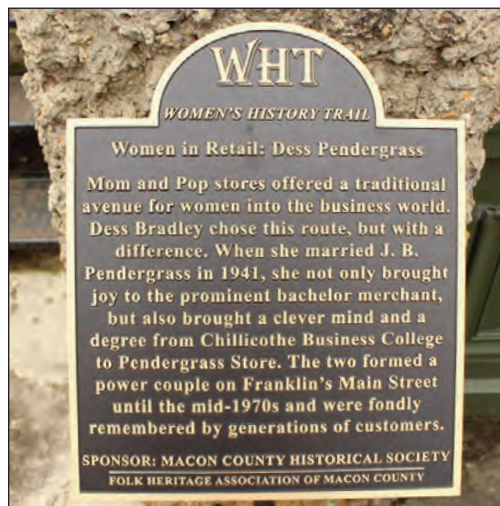
“We were so saddened and truly devastated to hear of Barbara’s passing,” she said. “What a truly amazing and inspirational woman she was. We were able to spend time with her on the Saturday before she passed to show her pictures and video of the final 1/3 scale maquette and to get her final approval. She smiled and gave a thumbs up so we feel like she gave her final blessings to move on. Barbara was the vision for this monument. She came to us years ago and sat down with us in the studio with nothing but an incredible story to share ... the story of three women who all shared a time in history on the same land in Franklin.

“The sculpture evolved so much through dialogue between Wesley and Barbara and in turn the maquette continued to get better as their vision for the piece came together. The messaging is so beautiful and that came from

Barbara’s inspiration and knowledge of the history of the area. We are so sad that she won’t be there physically to see the final installed sculpture but we know deep down she will be there, celebrating with all of us in spirit.”

Launched in October 2018, WHT is a free and open-to-the-public walking tour that takes participants throughout the Town of Franklin to learn about historically significant women who have made contributions to and/or have had an impact on the community. Women recognized on the WHT represent education, entrepreneurship, the arts, social work, and much more. Plaques at various sites provide information about the women, and guides can be picked up at the Macon County Historical Society and Museum on West Main Street.

Hyder added that throughout 2021 and in the future, additional women will be recognized and sites added to WHT.



Plaques celebrating women’s contributions in Macon County have been placed all over downtown Franklin. Guides to the Women’s History Trail can be obtained at the Historical Museum on West Main Street. Photo by Vickie Carpenter

# Seventh rabies positive animal found in Macon

Macon County has identified an additional rabies positive raccoon, bring the total of rabies positive wildlife detected in Macon County to seven since December 2020. A citizen’s dog was attacked by a raccoon and killed by the dog. The raccoon was picked up by Macon County Animal Services and sent for testing. The dog is current on their rabies vaccination, and received a booster vaccination. The incident occurred in the Franklin Township.

While rabies is endemic to bats, skunks, and raccoons in North Carolina, the best prevention is the rabies vaccination. In light of recent rabies positive animals, Macon County Animal Services will be sponsoring low-cost rabies vaccination clinics at local schools on March 27 and April 10. More details can be found on Macon County Animal Services Facebook page. Macon County residents are encouraged to ensure that their animals are up-to-date on all vaccinations.

Macon County Animal Services Section Administrator, Dr. Jimmy Villiard, said of the incident, “Given the dramatic increase in detected rabies in wildlife in Macon County, it is critical that pets are vaccinated against rabies and that their rabies shots are current. This helps protect them as well as their owners from exposure to rabies.”

Rabies is a virus that affects the nervous system in humans and other mammals. A person may contract rabies through a bite, scratch, or saliva from an infected animal. Potential rabies exposure should never be taken lightly; left untreated, rabies is fatal. Animals do not have to be aggressive or behaving erratically to have the rabies virus. Changes in any animal’s normal behavior can be early signs of rabies. Any exposure to these animals should be reported to Macon County Animal Services, so that the animal can be located and tested for rabies.

In addition to keeping pets vaccinated, pet owners should keep cats and ferrets indoors and keep dogs under direct supervision, by spaying or neutering their pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or vaccinated regularly, and call animal control to remove all stray animals from their neighborhood since these animals may be unvaccinated or ill.

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## Executive Order 200 to connect state's unemployed with jobs

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued an Executive Order that the Department of Commerce will increase efforts to help North Carolinians who file for unemployment benefits return to work.

Executive Order 200 establishes a flexible work search requirement for all new claimants who apply for unemployment benefits after March 14, 2021. With the recent end of the Extended Benefits program for state unemployment under federal law, this step will ensure that out of work North Carolinians can access job seeking assistance available through NCWorks and other state-sponsored job search programs.

The Order directs the Department of Commerce to interpret work search laws flexibly to account for burdens posed by COVID-19 that could affect a job seeker's ability to satisfy search requirements. The department is also directed to establish a broad set of reemployment activities that qualify for a claimant's job search.

"More jobs are being created as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, and people who are out of work need help getting them. Unemployment payments have been critical for families and we want them to have jobs before the payments end," said Cooper.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than \$10 billion in unemployment benefits has been disbursed to North Carolinians through multiple state and federal benefit programs, despite the state providing among the fewest weeks of state benefits in the country.

In his COVID relief budget announced in February, Cooper proposed expanding state unemployment benefits, which are still among the lowest in the country. Since the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund balance is high and the ongoing need of North Carolinians out of work due to the pandemic is so great, he proposed that the maximum duration of benefits be increased to 26 weeks and the maximum benefit be increased from \$350 to \$500 per week.

For assistance searching for work in North Carolina, job seekers can contact NCWorks for remote services at NCWorks.gov or call 1-855-NCWORKS.

## WCU center examines prospects for economic recovery

The Center for the Study of Free Enterprise at Western Carolina University has issued an assessment of economic recovery, sustainability and growth in North Carolina following the pandemic.

According to the U.S. Department of Labor, the state recorded 11,508 unemployment claims for the week that ended Jan. 23, down from a revised 14,177 the previous week. While that is a better status than national unemployment trends, it still reflects an economic slowdown in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Authored by Edward Lopez, economics professor at WCU and center director, and Emma Blair Fedison, a policy researcher at the center and a graduate student at George Mason University, the study found the state's prospects for making a sustained economic recovery are sunny, with some qualifications.

"The decisions of today's policymakers will affect the climate of Covid-19 economic recovery well into the future," the authors write. "North Carolina's prospects for sustained recovery are good, underscoring the need to maintain good fiscal health and continue improving economic health in the state."

The study focused on two main components, the state's fiscal health and the state's economic health, as well as the public-private emphasis on a well-trained workforce, modern infrastructure with a strong, competitive tax structure that attracts jobs and investment.

"I'm so appreciative of the timely work that Dr. Lopez and Ms. Fedison have done," said AJ Grube, dean of WCU's College of Business. "Their efforts have produced valuable, impactful information for local and state policymakers, which will realize positive effects for the state of North Carolina."

The researchers said that when it comes to



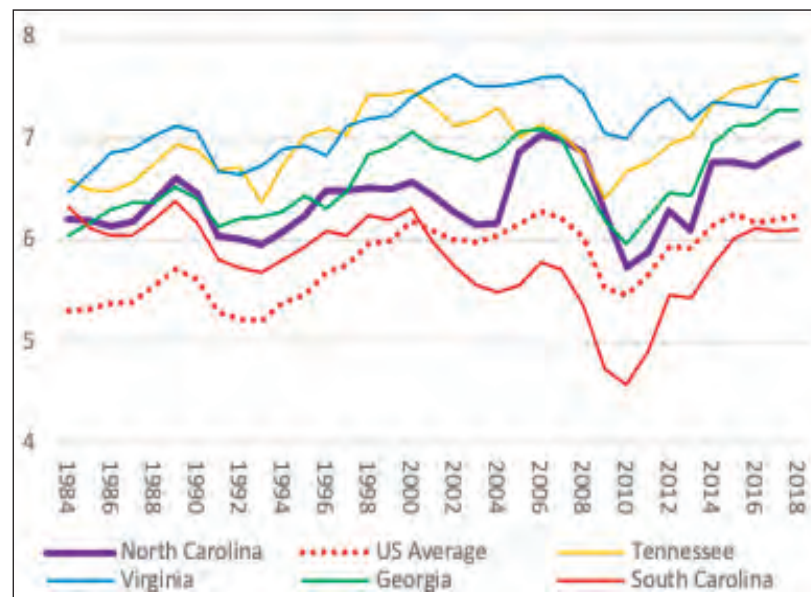
Edward Lopez

North Carolina's goals for growth and prosperity, economic freedom indexes are the most important among all barometers of economic prospects for growth, drawing from both the state level data and, using the most recent studies, the municipal level.

"To promote our state's leaders' goals of growth and prosperity, our analysis supports three broad policy conclusions," Lopez said. "Maintain fiscal discipline, a healthy level of economic freedom, and a good balance of economic freedom in the state."

Founded in 2015, the Center for the Study of Free Enterprise conducts economics research, public forums and thought leadership on issues pertaining to economic development in Western North Carolina and statewide, through students, faculty and staff involvement. The research was funded by the center's

Covid-19 Research Initiative, which received a grant from the North Carolina Policy Collaboratory. For more information, visit [wcu.edu/csfe](http://wcu.edu/csfe) or email [csfe@wcu.edu](mailto:csfe@wcu.edu).



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## Group 4 now eligible for COVID vaccine March 17

Governor Roy Cooper and North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. announced last Thursday that beginning on March 17, people in Group 4 who have a medical condition that puts them at higher risk of serious illness and people who live in certain congregate settings will be eligible for vaccination. The rest of Group 4, which includes other essential workers will become eligible April 7.

"This move to Group 4 is good news," said Cooper. "I know there are many efforts across the state getting vaccines to people as quickly and fairly as possible and I want our providers to know that their work is making all the difference."

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) is in constant contact with providers across the state and surveys both their vaccine capacity and supply. The state was able to update its timeline today based on provider feedback and expected supply. As with previous eligibility changes, some vaccine providers may not be ready to open to Group 4 on March 17 if they are still experiencing high demand for vaccines in Groups 1 through 3.

"We are very fortunate to now have three tested, safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines that keep people out of the hospital and prevent death from this virus," said Cohen. "With improving supplies, North Carolina can get more people vaccinated sooner and meet our goals to provide equitable access to vaccinations in every community in the state."

More than 1.1 million North Carolinians have been fully vaccinated as the state works with local health departments and providers to distribute this vaccine quickly and equitably. While supply is still limited, the increased federal allocation of doses is helping providers administer vaccines to more people.

On Tuesday, Macon County Public Health gave its 10,000th COVID-19 vaccination. County staff, volunteers, and the North Carolina Army National Guard have participated in getting people vaccinated.

As of Tuesday, at 5 p.m., Macon County had 22 active positive cases with 2,966 recovered and 30 deaths reported.

To get registered and on the call list for a vaccine appointment, regardless of which group you fall into, call (828)524-1500, to get on the list.

## Cohen: Visitors now allowed in nursing homes

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is updating its visitation guidance for long-term care facilities to allow for in-person, indoor or outdoor, visitation in most circumstances. The change aligns with new guidance released this week from the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and reflects rapidly improving trends in long-term care facilities.

"This action shows that our vaccination efforts are already having benefits," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, M.D. "I am grateful to all who have worked so hard to protect our most vulnerable residents and am so thankful that families and loved ones can be physically reunited."

In addition to updating its guidance, the department is rescinding Secretarial Order 6: Visitation for Long-term Care Facilities.

While outdoor visitation is best when possible, indoor visitation is now allowed for all residents, regardless of vaccination status, except for a few circumstances when visitation should be limited due to a high risk of COVID-19 transmission in a particular facility. It is recommended that unvaccinated residents who wish to become vaccinated should not start indoor visitation until they have been fully vaccinated.

Additionally, new long-term care residents will not be required to quarantine if they are fully vaccinated and have not had close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the previous 14 days. Fully vaccinated and non-immunocompromised health care providers with higher risk exposures who are asymptomatic also do not need to be restricted from work.

In order to mitigate the risk of relaxing restrictions, vaccinating residents and staff in long-term care facilities and continued adherence to prevention measures, including the 3 Ws – wear, wait, wash – are still the safest approach to reducing the spread of COVID-19.

Expanding visitation has substantial benefits to residents and their visitors. In order to keep everyone safe, visitors and residents should continue to adhere to the 3 Ws, and visitors should still be screened and restricted from visiting if they have signs or symptoms of infection or have been in prolonged close contact with someone with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days

AHCA/NCAL issues statement following announcement on new guidance for nursing home visitation

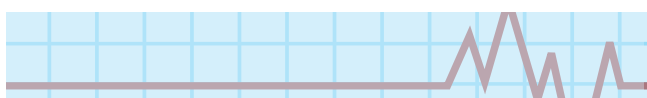
The American Health Care Association and National Center for Assisted Living (AHCA/NCAL), representing more than 14,000 nursing homes and long term care facilities across the country that provide care to approximately five million people each year, released a statement following an announcement from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on new guidance for nursing home visitation.

The statement is attributable to Mark Parkinson, president and CEO of AHCA/NCAL:

"While we are still reviewing the guidance, the indication that nursing home residents can visit with their loved ones is welcome news that we fully support. It has been nearly one year to the day since visitors were restricted from nursing homes, and now thanks to the vaccines, we cannot wait to safely reopen our doors. Our dedicated staff members have done an extraordinary job filling in for loved ones and adapting visitations during this difficult time, but nothing can replace engaging with family members in-person. The health and wellbeing of our residents will improve thanks to this important guidance.

"It is critical that public health officials continue to prioritize vaccines for long term care residents and staff in order to help facilitate these reunifications. After the three rounds of on-site clinics, it is unclear how long term care facilities will be able to quickly access vaccines moving forward. We need the CDC to ensure the vaccine is readily available for new admissions as well as current residents who have since decided to get the vaccine, so they are able to visit with their families per the new CMS guidance. A steady, ongoing allocation of vaccines to long term care will also help ensure we continue to build upon the progress we have already made in reducing COVID in long term care.

"It is also critical we continue to educate staff, residents and family members, and the general public, about the importance of the vaccine, giving them the facts they need to make an informed decision. We launched the #GetVaccinated campaign in December to help in this effort, and providers are committed to increasing uptake among residents and staff."



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## What's new on the plateau

**Patrick Taylor**  
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

Ran Shaftner, the archivist emeritus for the Highlands Historical Society, wrote an interesting article in the February March Plateau Magazine. It is entitled, "Allowing the Soul to Bloom." My friend Alice Nelson shared the piece with me. I found it very informative as we develop a new community comprehensive plan and grapple with pressures of growth and expansion.

Dr. Shaftner writes:

"Growth looms more destructive in a village than in a metropolis, where it is far less noticed. To argue that a town, which doesn't grow, will die is to disregard deaths from overgrowth. The high cost of too much growth in a small town is not so much financial as human. The stakes are higher in a town like Highlands than for larger cities, whose residents visit for love of what makes it different rather than what duplicates life back home. The hope for Highlands' future lies in preserving its natural and human qualities, its innate beauty and humanity."

I find myself agreeing with Ran about the future of Highlands and the plateau. A motto I have embraced over the years has been "to balance preservation and progress." Progress does not imply ever expanding growth. Preservation has many dimensions, not just preservation of this beautiful environment. Shaftner points out we need to preserve our human capital also. The community needs an ongoing conversation as to how this dynamic between change and constancy develops.

I witnessed the value of our humanity in this community over and over this winter. This past Sunday another event was put on by the Highlands Cashiers Vaccination Clinic at the Highlands Recreation Center. I was again gratified to see such a tremendous volunteer effort in vaccinating almost 1,000 people. As a volunteer I found myself empathizing with everyone getting vaccinated. Regardless of our status in life, I again realized we are all connected to one another in mutual support and concern. We are at our best as a community when we help our neighbors in time of need and distress like what we have endured this past year. Highlands is a caring community of volunteers that responds to those needs. We can't afford to lose this invaluable human asset. We can't afford to lose this core of residents who love to live, work and serve this community. What will we really accomplish if we sacrifice this human, caring resource for only

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## Letters to the Editor

### If we don't stand up we will lose the war

This is a letter for us.

The left, the right, the independents and especially you woke people, the Black Lives Matter programs.

I will digress for a moment now.

I was born in 1933, will be 88 in March. Seventy percent of all of you, the people, will not even know what I'm talking about.

I was 12 years old when the troop trains rolled through our neighborhood in Iowa, me and so many other kids would line up as the train came and slowed down just for us. Why? They were all soldiers on board and they would throw change, nickels, quarters, dimes and pennies, out the windows to us as they passed. We scrambled to get even two coins, so many kids.

I would take mine to my mother of 11 and she would save every day until she could buy flour and sugar with her war stamps she received, called rationing stamps to me. There was no money, little food, we were at war with Hitler, World War II. She got us all to school then off to her job as a riveter for the government welding factory to make planes to fight the war; everyone suffered poverty together.

Now to get to the heart of the story.

Hitler, the monster that 90 percent of our youth even know who he is and what he was to grab more power and control of everyone decided to burn all the books in Germany and if you don't know what I am talking about, go to your history books and learn what you need to know today.

The people – all the people – did not stand up against this grab for power. We nearly lost that war. God was on our side, we didn't. But, here we go again. It all started a long time ago attempting to cancel We the People and did. We didn't stand up and they are winning.

Hitler used a need for power for his awful history. The woke group, Black Lives Matter and all other groups that hate America are using race to cancel We the People. The most recent is takeover of our books, our history, our rights, our freedom of speech. Hello? We are doing it again. We did not and are not standing up. Neither did Germany.

For God's sake, you Republicans, my family, just keep failing us, We the People. When the history is gone for all of us and children, then we go to artifacts, everything. I feel if we don't for once stand up we will lose this one. That means you, too, on the left, you, too, with your cut woke, you, too, with those pushing race to have power. I've been there, I've seen it all, so good luck. I lost my husband but he was fighting for the Standup.

Ellen Young – Franklin, N.C.

### HR1 mandates creates avenues for fraud

Here, I believe, is the "rest of the story" on HR1, the so called "For the People Act." The title makes it sound really good doesn't it? But a closer look will give you pause. According to the Conservative Caucus, this bill about "voting reform" includes:

1. Banning photo ID's or ID's of any kind.
2. Mass mailing of unsolicited Mail-In Voting Ballots with prepaid postage
3. Automatic Voter Registration
4. Voting rights for illegal aliens and felons
5. Election Day registration
6. Online Voter Registration

I, for one, am mystified by objections to photo ID's being required at the voting booth. You cannot board a plane without one. Anyone can get one for free at any DMV licensing site. It assures that the person who is voting is that person. Seems very simple and secure to me.

Not only would mass mailing put undue financial burdens on States (printing and postage), but it would leave the field wide open for abuse and fraud. It makes no practical sense. If someone wants to vote by mail, they can request an absentee ballot as has been the case for decades. Voter registration should be an easy process, yes, but it should also be a careful and regulated process to avoid fraud.

And why on earth would we want to allow illegals to vote? By legal definition they shouldn't even be here, so why should they be having a say in our elections?

According to the Conservative Action Project, this bill also gives the federal government a lot more power over the states, which is always a dangerous move; it changes the Federal Election Commission, now a neutral body, into a 3-2 make-up, thus giving it partisan control; it "mandates" voter registration instead of allowing free participation by citizens; it starts registering minors at 16 years of age which again, can lead to fraudulent votes being cast ahead of time; it prohibits election observers from cooperating with election officials to file formal challenges to suspicious voter registration activity; it even limits the ability of states to cooperate to see who may be registered in more than one state.

These would be "mandates" not electives!

While we need to take a closer look at our electoral process with the goal of improving it, these provisions are not only suspect and illogical but dangerous. They could only make the process much more open to fraud and give the federal government more control over the states.

Taking a closer look at HR1, I would certainly discourage anyone from supporting it. Tell your Senators "NO" to HR1.

Loretta Hastings – Franklin, N.C.

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expanded monetary gain? While preserving the natural beauty of the plateau is essential, preserving our humanity actually goes hand in hand in a broader preservation vision.

Our town retreat last week identified a long list of needs that require funding. The most critical needs will be included in the forthcoming budget. Other important needs will remain as top priorities for subsequent budgets. The board will have to make difficult decisions between now and July.

The March Highlands Town Board Meeting will be in person tonight [Thursday] at the Highlands Conference Center at 7 p.m. There will also be a ZOOM option, but public comment will be done in person. A person wishing to make a comment can come to the start of the meeting, make a comment and then leave. Masks and social distancing will be observed at the meeting.

## Please keep pets at home for their safety

Free roaming pets. I'm asking please keep your pets safe by using a leash, tethering or fencing. Yesterday my wife and I were returning from grocery shopping. We were on Patton Road near the intersection of Belden Road. As we drove I noticed a young man and lady cleaning debris from the side. We drove past and all of a sudden a dog crossed in front of me. I hit the brakes but couldn't stop in time. As I looked in my rear view mirror I could see the dog laying in the road and the young boy running up the road. I went and turned around asap. The boy had the dog in his arms carrying it. We stopped and ask if we could help. He said no she's dead. We apologized and told me she just ran out and I couldn't stop in time. He said it's ok. Mom then came and we apologized also to her. She said it's ok. I am so sorry to that family for causing you grief. It has had a toll on us. We have two dogs now and urns of four others.

I'm asking please restrict your pets. We live in Patton Valley and we can't walk our dogs because of strays. Macon County has a leash ordinance but very difficult to enforce. They say call animal control. I beg you please keep your pets at home for their safety and your peace of mind. We're very sorry for the loss.

Richard Duane Kinninson – Franklin, N.C.

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## 30 Hour Famine goes on despite pandemic



The youth of First United Methodist Church participated in a modified 30 Hour Famine this year with the students not only collecting money and food, but working on cleaning projects at the Outreach Center and weeding, cleaning up and rebuilding the Share and Serve Garden. FUMC children also packed 180 backpacks at CareNet. This year's Famine effort ended up taking in more than 2,400 food items, and \$12,770 in cash so far. Money is still coming in. Nineteen youth were involved along with seven children and 12 adults who all pitched in to make the event a success.

Photos by Vickie Carpenter



# Franklin Panthers show up in third quarter, beats Hendersonville 31-27



The Franklin High School Panthers played their first home game of the season last Friday night. The Panthers were down 24-3 in the third quarter when things started to turn around for the Panthers resulting in a comeback from being down 21 points to a 31-27 victory. The Panthers next game will be Friday at Brevard.



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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 March 5 - 14. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



## Macon County Sheriff's Department

March 8

James Cowart Jr., was issued a warrant for offenses committed in jurisdiction. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

March 9

Cory Jason Watts, was charged with probation violation. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Michael Lee Keener, was issued warrant service. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

James Daniel York, was charged with assault on a female. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Brittany Kay Campbell-Turner, was charged with driving under the influence. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

March 10

Jennifer Elise Bateman, was charged with assault on an individual with a disability. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Sheldon Trent Bateman, was charged with assault on an individual with a disability. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Daniel Joseph Raby, was charged with probation violation.

Tyson Brooks Stager, was issued warrant service for carrying a concealed gun, concealed gun after/while consuming. Mike Langley Sr. made the arrest.

March 11

Joshua Ryan Wiggin, was charged with probation violation, parole violation. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Heath Darrell Pressley, was charged with breaking and entering, larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Brannon James Parrish, was charged with probation violation, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, breaking and entering, larceny after breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

March 12

Jaclyn Sue Poole, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

Steven Blake Edwards, was charged with failure to appear. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

March 14

Daniel Mark-Zacharias Adler, was charged with probation violation. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Anthony Vincent Alos, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, maintaining a place for a controlled substances, simple possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

Callee Suzanne Bowman, was charged with possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises, possession of methamphetamine, carrying a concealed weapon, maintaining a place for a controlled substances, possession of drug paraphernalia. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

Jessie Lee Cody Atcheson, was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer, issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

## Franklin Police Department

March 5

Matthew Paul Leonard, 41, was charged with domestic criminal trespass. No bond was set. Officer Riles made the arrest.

March 9

Jennifer Marie Gerba, 41, was charged with all other offenses. Officer Evans made the arrest.

March 10

Melissa Ann Evans, 32, was charged with driving while impaired. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set. Sergeant Stahl made the arrest.

March 11

Justice Lee Littlejohn, 26, was charged with failure to appear for carrying a concealed gun, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set. Sergeant Norman made the arrest.

## Jackson County Sheriff's Department

March 8

Shawn Aaron Bradley, 38, of Dills Branch Rd., was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor probation violation. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

March 9

Brandon Todd O'Dell, 32, of Long Circle, Hiawassee, Ga., was charged with maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance, conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine, trafficking of methamphetamine by transportation, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$100,000 was set.

Seth Dillan Saxon, 23, of Yellow Banks Rd., Hays, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession

of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of methamphetamine, conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$50,500 was set.

Brooklyn Shea Lackey, 23, of Tabernacle Rd., North Wilksboro, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, conspiracy to traffic methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

Cody Douglas Woodard, 26, of Swayney Rd., Cherokee, was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation, possession of a stolen vehicle. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

March 11

Lakisha Nicole Walkingstick, 26, of Blue Wing Rd., Cherokee, was charged with absconder, failure to appear for misdemeanor probation violation, misdemeanor probation violation. No bond was set.

Emerson Sequoyah Welch, 43, of Yellow Hill Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for uttering a forged instrument, possession of stolen goods/property, possession of heroin, attempt to obtain property by false pretense. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Brent William Berry, 48, of Tuts Terrace, was charged with failure to appear for assault with a deadly weapon, simple assault. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Matthew Adam Freeman, 37, of Atlanta, Ga., was charged with failure to appear for no operators license, driving while impaired, first degree trespassing enter/remain. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Savanna Morgan Sistare, 26, of Lee Bumgarner Rd., was charged with felony possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

March 12

Craig William Shuler, 48, of Maple St., Bryson City, was charged with violation of domestic violence protective order. No bond was set.

William Manuel Rodriguez, 27, of Arrowhead Lane, Whittier, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Reyna Mae Owle-Perez, 21, of Arrow Head Lane, Whittier, was charged with simple assault. No bond was set.

Cody Jason Green, 25, of Violet Dr., was charged with true bill of indictment/indecent liberties with a child, all other offenses. A secured bond of \$200,000 was set.

Tarrell Lawshawn Williams, 40, of Old Greenville Highway, Clemson, S.C., was charged with failure to appear for simple possession of schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

March 13

Tansi Elaine Young, 40, of Old Soco Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for failure to complete community service. A secured bond of \$750 was set.

William Donald Cline, 29, of Jonny Allan Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for possession of stolen goods/property, obtain property by false pretense. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Nantahala Hiking Club on Saturday, March 20, will take a strenuous 9-mile hike on the Twenty Mile Trail in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park...

Jackson County Branch Online Meeting of the NC NAACP will be held on Saturday, March 20, 10 a.m. On the program, the topic for discussion is "Critical Race Theory: A Primer."

Nantahala Hiking Club will take an easy 4-mile Greenway stroll on Sunday, March 21, with an elevation change 100 ft., with a stop at Charlie's Gazebo for beginning hikers and meditators.

Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church Food Pantry will be open on Wednesday, March 24, from 4 to 6 p.m., at 86 E. Hickory Knoll Rd.

Louisa Chapel UMC and Macon New Beginnings are offering a free to-go meal Thursday, March 25, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., while the meals last in the parking lot of Franklin First Assembly, 1150 E. Main St.

Democratic Women of Macon County Food and Donation Drive for CareNet will be held on Thursday, March 25, at the Otto Post Office 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Franklin Memorial Park 12 to 2 p.m.; and 4 to 6 p.m., 488 W. Main St.

Macon County Animal Services Rabies Shots for all dogs, cats and ferrets are \$10. Vaccination clinics will be held on Saturday, March 27, East Franklin Elementary, 9 a.m. to noon, Mountain View Intermediante School, 1 to 3 p.m., Saturday, April 10, Cartoogechaye Elementary, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Franklin Seventh Day Adventist Community Services are open on Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to help Macon County residents in need with rent, power bill and a fully stocked food pantry.

First Presbyterian Church Clothing Drive on the theme of "clothe the naked" as a part of the Matthew 25 Initiative. A box will be out in front of the sanctuary on Church Street on Mondays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm.

pants for elementary schools, nursing homes and the homeless in our area. This drive will continue through April.

New Girl Scout Troop forming in Franklin. Now recruiting for Daisies ages 5 and 6; Brownies ages 7 and 8; and Juniors ages 9 and 10. For more information, call (828)371-2823 or email dianepeltz1953@gmail.com

Habitat for Humanity of Macon/Jackson County needs volunteers to share skills or gain some experience learning new ones. From carpentry to cleaning, marketing to moral support, computer skills, planning and organizing or just plain common sense, the greatest gift you could ever give is your time.

Friends of the Greenway FROG Quarters is open Wednesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 573 E. Main. Stop by for coffee or a soft drink and a snack, and free internet. Reserve the shelters for your events there.

Franklin Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. In Person Meetings with Covid 19 Preventive Measures are held Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Outreach Center, 66 Harrison Ave., Franklin.

Macon County Public Health is currently vaccinating those eligible under Group 4. People in Group 4 are those who have a medical condition that puts them at higher risk of serious illness and people who live in certain congregate settings are eligible for vaccination.

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

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.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Grace Baptist Church services are held on Sunday, 11 a.m. Frank Rodriguez is the pastor. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 130 Setser Branch Rd.

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. Services are also streamed online on the Prentiss Church of God Facebook page.

First Alliance Church Sunday Services on March 21, will be in-person and on Facebook at 10:30 a.m. Senior Pastor Scott Eichelberger will deliver the message, as part of the series on Genesis. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:30 a.m.

Son Rise Ministries is a non-denominational, full-gospel, Christian fellowship that meets Friday evenings at 7 p.m., Intercessory Prayer is Monday night at 6:30 p.m., Womens Bible study is Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. The church is located at 462 Depot St.

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, March 21, speaker will be Rev. Dr. Katherine RB Greysen. The church is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant in Heritage Hollow.

Seventh Day Adventist Church meets on Saturday, with Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m., Worship Service at 11 a.m. Masks are required. The church is located at 71 Brendle Rd.

All Saints Episcopal Church is conducting worship online through its YouTube page. Go to www.youtube.com and search for "All Saints Franklin." The in-person worship schedule is subject to change.

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 is on Facebook at Franklin First United Methodist Church either live at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays or later on recorded video while they are social distancing due to COVID19.

Email Church events to maconcountynews@gmail.com

Advertisement for Whistle Stop Depot Antiques, Shops & RV Park. Includes text: "Yes! We have Re-Opened!" and contact information: "145 River Rd., Franklin, NC • (828) 349-1600 whistlestopantiquesnc.com"

Sudoku puzzle grid with numbers and the text "SUDOKU ANSWERS FOR PG. 22" on the left side.

Crossword puzzle grid with words filled in and the text "ANSWERS FOR PG. 22" and "CROSSWORD PUZZLE" on the left side.

# Easter Hat Parade Saturday, April 3

On Saturday, April 3, the day before Easter, Dillsboro is presenting its famous Easter Hat Parade.

The public is invited to come out to Dillsboro and bring your finest Easter bonnet to march in the parade. New this year, in keeping with the times and the pandemic you should plan to wear a mask. And if you do not participate in the parade, you can simply do as hundreds of others do—come to Dillsboro at 2 p.m. and bring your best girl, your family, and your dog to watch the array of folks strolling “down the avenue” in their finery.

Registration for the parade starts at 11 a.m. Brenda Anders, coordinator for the event for the last 30 years, has taken the joy of Easter just a little further.

“The first couple of years the number of participants in the parade were less than 24,” she says, “but the event has grown, until we have had over 200 hat contest entries in our parades through the years. The prizes for our hat contest are simple and mostly handmade. The categories are ever changing but include the largest, smallest, most outrageous, best use of fresh flowers, hat that traveled the far-

The Easter Bunny will be available for photos at the Easter Hat Parade on April 3.



The public is invited to wear their finest Easter bonnet to the Easter Hat Parade to be held Saturday, April 3, in downtown Dillsboro.

thest, youngest and, of course, best dog. So come and join in our Easter Hat contest.”

Anders continues to add other fun activities. The Easter Bunny will be there for photos. The parade is always the Saturday before Easter and begins from the town hall at 2 p.m. The town of Dillsboro is only two long blocks so the parade doesn’t last a long time. Of course, there is plenty of other things to do while waiting for the parade – visit some of the stores and have lunch. Piles of eggs will be displayed which have been colored with many different tech-

niques—eggs wrapped in onion peels, dyed with different herbs, oil and water, as well as the traditional egg color. Or just spend time simply looking at the different, unique hats. Small prizes will be available for small children. So come on out on April 3, and spend the day the Easter Bunny, have lunch at one of our many restaurants for a fun day planned for children and adults alike in the historic town of Dillsboro.

For more information, call (828)506-8331, or go to the website [visitdillsboro.com](http://visitdillsboro.com).

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# Village Nature Series is happening virtually

The Village Green and Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust co-host a speaker series called the Village Nature Series (VNS), which features experts in their field presenting on wildlife, habitats, conservation, and local cultural heritage. Traditionally, these events are held at The Village Green Commons in Cashiers, on the last Tuesday of every month during the summer season, however, at this time, presentations are happening virtually.



Photo by Sonya Carpenter

The first VNS of this year will be on April 2, at 5 p.m. In honor of this year's Earth Day theme, "Restore Our Earth," presenter, Sonya Carpenter, co-owner of Cauty Worley and Company, will present on "Nurturing life in your backyard; choices within our control."

"Over the past year, most of us have had our lives significantly disrupted by forces beyond our control," shared Carpenter. "World-wide crises such as the pandemic and the climate crisis may leave us feeling hopeless and helpless. Let's celebrate Earth Day by focusing on choices we can make for a better world. By committing to changes in our own gardens and communities we can nurture the other species by improv-

ing the environment that we share. Learn more about how native plants support native species of insects, birds and other wildlife and how practices in your own garden can lead to big changes."

Participants can register and receive a Zoom link prior to the event by emailing Ann Self, director of the Village Green, at director@cashiersgreen.com.

On the Village Nature Series line-up will be a presentation about Hemlocks by the Hemlock Restoration Initiative on May 25; a talk about Hellbenders by the NC Wildlife Resources Commission on July 27; and a presentation about Red Wolves by the WNC Nature Center on Sept. 28. (June and August TBA). Follow High-

lands-Cashiers Land Trust and The Village Green on social media for more information and updates about these upcoming presentations.

Highlands Cashiers Land Trust is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that has conserved over 3400 acres in over 100 places on the Highlands-Cashiers Plateau. To learn more about the Land Trust, visit [www.hicashlt.org](http://www.hicashlt.org).

## Artists invited to submit works at Uptown Gallery

The Uptown Gallery is inviting local artists to submit original works of art with the theme of "The Architecture of a Rural Landscape - barns, sheds, chicken coops and more" for a show during the month of April. The show will be open to residents of Macon County, ages 18 years and older.

All two-dimensional work is welcomed. Art size should be no larger than 11"x16" and can be framed photographs, drawings, paintings or canvases. Artwork must have a wire for hanging. The artwork will be for exhibition only. The purpose of the show is to bring attention to Macon County's local artists.

Artwork may be delivered to the Uptown Gallery at 30 E Main St, Franklin, on March 27, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and March 28, from 1 to 3 p.m. The art will be displayed from April 1 through April 30.

Uptown Gallery is open Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Dominick De Paolo's oil painting of "The Architecture of a Rural Landscape"



Authors Jacob Morgan Plott and Bob Plott will be at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva on Saturday, March 20, to sign books.

## Jacob and Bob Plott book signing Saturday at City Lights Bookstore

On Saturday, March 20, at 3 p.m., authors Jacob and Bob Plott will be on hand at City Lights Bookstore in Sylva for an open house to greet folks and celebrate the release of the new book, "Smoky Mountain Railways." Mask wearing and social distancing protocols will be maintained.

North Carolina native Jacob Morgan Plott is a lifelong train historian, "especially trains from the southern Appalachians" and a renowned train photographer, as well as a NASCAR and country music historian. He was featured on National Public television at the age of five discussing trains.

Bob Plott is the author of five award-winning books pertaining to the Plott hound and southern mountain history and culture, all published by The History Press. Bob and Jacob continue to perpetuate the family legacy, raising Plott hounds at their North Carolina home.

To reserve copies of "Smoky Mountain Railways" or any of Bob Plott's books call City Lights Bookstore in Sylva at 828-586-9499.



## Deaths & Funerals

### Arthur A. Havenhill

Arthur A. Havenhill, 77, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on March 12, 2021 at home with his family.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur E. and Shirley Havenhill and his aunt, Almyra "Dolly" Havenhill.

He worked many years in the auto industry and was very active in the Tea Party. His love of cars began at a young age. He enjoyed working on cars and was also a pit crew member at Byron Dragway. As a Tea Party organizer, he effected change in LaSalle County, Illinois, held many rallies, and even spoke in Washington D.C. at the White House. He and his wife Ruth moved to Franklin two years ago from Seneca, Ill., and loved spending time getting to know the community. Most knew him by his sense of humor, and his dad jokes were a part of his daily encounters with people of all walks of life. Most times, the wait staff at various restaurants took the brunt of those jokes but he enjoyed putting a smile on their faces. His optimism and humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Surviving are his wife of 50 years, Ruth Havenhill; son, Edward (Elizabeth) Havenhill, of Minooka, Ill.; his brother and sister-in-law, Herman (Sally) DeLawter of Franklin; niece and nephew, Christine (Randy) Smith and Daniel DeLawter; great nephew, James Barclay; cousins, Philip (Gerda) Shank and Ken (Louise) Miller.

A service will be held at a later date.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangement.



Arthur A. Havenhill

### Betty L. Raasch

Betty L. Raasch, 92, originally from Miami, Fla., passed away peacefully Saturday, March 13, 2021.

She was born on Nov. 1, 1928, in Miami, Fla., and was proud to be a graduate of Miami High School. In 1947, she married the love of her life, Wally Raasch from the rival school Edison High. She worked at Burdines both downtown and Dadeland.

They built a summer house in the mountains in 1972 and retired to the mountains in the late '90s. She was active in the Snow Hill Methodist Church. She enjoyed playing cards and was in several bridge clubs as well as weekly card games. She enjoyed bowling in the weekly senior league and traveling.

She was predeceased by her husband, Wally Raasch. She is survived by her children, Judy (Richard) Parcell and Woody (Maria) Raasch; four grandchildren, Stephanie (Jeff) Kingery, Paul (Carolyn) Parcell, Liz (Frank) Cario and Nicolas Raasch; and seven great grandchildren Damon Kasovan, Rachel Kasovan, Raury Kingery, Ben Parcell, Luke Parcell, Finn Kingery and Emma Parcell.

We would like to thank Franklin House for their devoted long term care and Four Seasons Hospice.

Graveside services will be held later this year at Woodlawn North in Miami. Van Orsdel, Miami, is in charge of the arrangements.



Betty L. Raasch



## Deaths & Funerals

### Ada Mae Henry Pickens

Ada Mae Henry Pickens, 84, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Monday, Feb. 15, 2021.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Canton and Lillian Elliott Henry. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Eugene Pickens in April 2020; daughter, Pat Browning; son, Jimmy Pickens; one sister, Ruth Frady; two brothers, Lester Henry and Naaman Henry; and brother-in-law Charles Pickens. She was a long-time member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, where she loved working for the Lord. She held various offices at the church throughout the years.

She is survived by a daughter, Teresa Pickens (Steve) of Greenville, S.C.; brother, Jake Henry (Shirley) of Sylva, N.C.; and two sisters, Nina Coggins of Cullowhee, N.C., and Nellie Downs (Lowell) of Franklin; four grandchildren, Kristy McGuire (Chris), Erica Browning, Robert Browning (Kendra), and Ricky Pickens; four great grandchildren, Chelsea McGuire, Christopher McGuire, Anna Lee Browning, and Kayce Browning; and numerous nieces and nephews also surviving; four sisters-in-law, Lucy Pickens, Judy Shuler, Carolyn Henry and Ruth Holden all of Franklin.

A private graveside service was held at Ridgecrest Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Guy Duvall officiating.

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

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

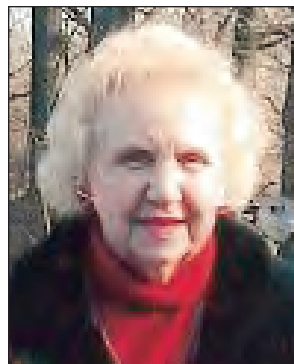
Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Ada Mae Henry Pickens

### Irene Vinson "Rene" Speed

Irene Vinson "Rene" Speed, 93, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Wednesday, March 3, 2021. She was surrounded by her family in the weeks prior to her passing. She was born in Otto on Sept. 28, 1927, to the late Laura Bell and Sylvester Vinson. She was married to Harold "Papoo" Speed, her true love, for 45 years who died in October of 1993. There is a great heavenly reunion taking place as she is now able to see all of her loved ones that went on before her.



Irene Vinson Speed

She was very proud of her heritage and loved talking about her large family and the good times growing up on the family farm. She was of the Baptist faith remained a faithful and active member of Riverbend Baptist Church (formerly Faith Baptist Church) as long as her health permitted. Even when she was unable to attend she prayed and read her Bible often. In fact, she was the oldest surviving member and last living charter member of the church. She had prayed for a church in her community for many years and she loved her church dearly. She set the example on how to live a Godly life. Everyone that grew up around her can remember her quoting scripture to them and offering advice. One of her most common phrases was, "You have to be kind and good to everyone." She was the epitome of "Love is Patient, Love is Kind." She retired from Belden after 30 years of working in the Franklin facility. She loved her work there and the people there were like a second family to her.

She was full of life and loved to laugh and have fun. She also liked to spend time with family, shop, and visit friends and relatives. Included in this would be spoiling her grandchildren and great grand-children. When asked "Rene, you going with us?" a quick reply would be, "You're not going without me." She also loved to go on rides, travel, picnic, fish, and be outside. She loved the fall, winter, snow, birds, apples, holly with berries, and especially Christmas. She was an avid fan of all the Christmas movies, especially Christmas Vacation. She was a night owl and loved watching the Atlanta Braves, Dallas Cowboys, Golf, College Basketball, David Letterman, Jackass, and Iron Chef to name a few.

Her food was second to none as her whole family can attest to. Around the holidays it would not be unusual for her to bake five or six cakes from scratch as well as the full dinner. In fact, every weekend at her home was like a holiday with people, food, ballgames, and good times. It was common to have a full house on the weekend. Later in life, as we began to care for her and keep these traditions alive she never passed up anything new. She could hold her own eating Buffalo wings which became one of her favorites.

She is survived by a daughter, Carol Ann Speed Sanders; two grandchildren, Russell Sanders and wife Tina and Rodney Sanders and wife Renee; five great grandchildren, Nathan Sanders, Katie Sanders, Nicholas Sanders, Luke Sanders, and Emily Sanders; a granddaughter-in-law, Laura Widner Sanders; one sister, Joanne Cabe (Edwin); three brothers, Ray Vinson (Linda), James "Jim" Vinson (Nancy) and Jerry Vinson (Dora Ann) and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins that she loved dearly.

In addition to her parents and husband, she is preceded in death by one grandson, Ryan Sanders; one son in law, Roger Sanders; five sisters, Lucille Moffitt, Betty Sue Elvis; Roberta Welch, Hazel Brookshire, and Dorothy Sosebee and two brothers, Edwin Vinson and Max Vinson. She is also preceded by several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 9, at Riverbend Baptist Church with Rev. Roy Lowe officiating. Burial followed at Highlands Memorial Park. Rodney Sanders, Russell Sanders, Nathan Sanders, Luke Sanders, Nicholas Sanders, James Farrish, and Jason Rogers served as pallbearers.

The family would like to thank the folks who helped take care of her when she went to Grandview Manor.

Crisp Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

### Janet Marguerite Hair

Janet Marguerite Hair (nee Strout), 78, of Franklin, N.C., peacefully passed away Thursday, March 11, 2021, at Accordius Nursing Home in Hendersonville, N.C.

She was born in Sanford, Me. She was the daughter of the late Arnold and Marguerite Wilson Strout. In addition, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard in 2008; and a niece, Rebecca Strout Miller in 2009.

She graduated from High School in Yarmouth, Me., and attended Gray Business School in Portland, Me., and Husson College in Bangor, Me.

She was born with cerebral palsy, but that did not hinder her in any way. She always found a way to get around and get it done in her own special way. She was a long-time volunteer for Angel Medical Center in Franklin, assisting others with their medical paperwork and medications. This is where she made a special long-time and lasting friendship with Sheila and David Frank - thank you specifically to Sheila for everything you did for Janet.

A special thank you also to neighbors Marion Shuler and her daughter, Susan, who went out of their way to look in on Janet and particularly during her hospitalization, they took care of her property.

She accepted the Lord as her personal Savior at an early age. She loved to pray and praise the Lord. Her favorite program was the Jimmy Swaggart Wednesday Night Bible Study. Immediately following each study session, she loved to call her brother, Roger, and her sister-in-law Joanna and review the lesson at length. She loved to talk about heaven and would often say, "When I get to heaven, the first thing I want to do is RUN!" She was never able to run here on this earth, but today, she is running.

She is survived by her brother, Roger and his wife, Joanna, one nephew, David (Hillary) and one sister, Ellen, her husband, Herb, and their children, Amanda and Elizabeth.

Arrangements are pending.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moffittfamilyfuneral-care.com](http://www.moffittfamilyfuneral-care.com).



Janet Marguerite Hair

### Arthur Grover Browning

Arthur Grover Browning, 89, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Sunday, March 14, 2021. He was born July 7, 1931, in Jackson County, to the late John Charles Browning and Lela Cope Browning. He was a U.S. Army Sergeant serving for 25 years, he served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, the American Legion Post #108, and the Franklin VFW Post #7339 where he served as past VFW Quarter Master and honor guard. He worked as mechanic and he loved to travel.

He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Minnie Gertrude Browning; a daughter, Linda Browning Andy, and sons, Gary Lee Browning (Phyllis), Terry Wayne Browning and Barry Lynn Browning all of Franklin, NC; six grandchildren, Tera, Whitney, Amanda, Aaron, Casey and Skyler; and one great-grandchild, Kaitlyn. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Sherman Browning and John Browning; and a sister, Laura Rollins.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, March 20, at 2 p.m., in the Bryant-Grant Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Tommy Fouts and Rev. Guy Duvall officiating. Burial will follow at Ridgecrest Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 12 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home.

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



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**David Leslie Hina**

David Leslie Hina, 82, passed away peacefully of natural causes at his home in Franklin on March 8, 2021. At the time of his passing, he was surrounded by his loved ones and comforted by the continual presence of his wife, Bonnie Jo Hina.

Born on Jan. 19, 1939, in Ridge-wood, N.J., he was raised as the precocious firstborn son of Alice and Alfred Carl Heine. From an early age, it was evident that he had a remarkable capacity for resourcefulness. After an education largely acquired from purchased “how-to” books and manuals, he became a remarkable craftsman and carpenter at an early age, designing and building two family homes almost entirely without assistance. This capacity for industriousness would also color his professional life as well. After the completion of a business college degree program, he was soon employed as a purchasing manager for both Lockheed Martin and ITT Corporation where he oversaw contracts for aerospace and industrial markets.

In addition to his vocational accomplishments, he also showed a great affinity for several domestic hobbies. One of his passions was model railroading – a passion made evident by a stack of “Model Railroader” magazines that could be found in every family bathroom. Fortunately for his family, he also proved to be an exceedingly competent cook. Some of his more famous dishes included “pepper steak,” an Asian dish upon which he put a remarkably American spin, and his famous apple pie which remains unmatched in the annals of family history. He even tried his hand at needle and thread, stitching together a homemade “great white” shark costume for his son, Joshua, during one particularly eventful New Jersey Halloween.

While David’s final years were physically challenging, he was always comforted by his deep and abiding faith. He wished to experience God joyfully and abundantly, and with the assistance of his wife, Bonnie, he was able to meet that objective. Perhaps his faith in God can best be expressed in one of his favorite biblical passages from the Book of Romans: “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” Romans 8:28

He was preceded in death by his second wife, Brenda Hina.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Hina; six children, David Troy Hina (Cheryl), Tara Hosie (Joseph), Noelle Hina, Kim Leonardo (Nicholas), Tyler Faetz (Melissa), and Joshua Hina (Caitlyn); 10 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

A memorial service and “celebration of life” will be held at a later date to be determined in order to accommodate extended family and friends.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home will be serving the Hina family. Online condolences at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

**Grady Lee Passmore**

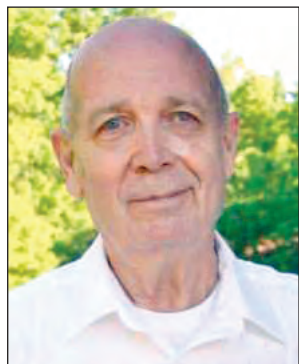
Grady Lee Passmore, 79, of Franklin, N.C., passed away March 8, 2021.

He was born in Macon County to the late Jake and Layla Passmore. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by siblings, Bill Passmore, Don Passmore, Annie Mae Carver and Ruth Carver.

He is survived by companion, Reba Diane Wyatt; son, Randy Lee Wyatt (Kaitlyn); siblings, Gertha Fowler, Dorothy Sharp, and Ruby Higgins; and grandchildren, Blake Wyatt and Adrian Wyatt.

A service was held Tuesday, March 16, at Macon Funeral Home Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Mt Zion Cemetery. Online condolences at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).



**David Leslie Hina**

**Eula Beam Thompson**

Eula Beam Thompson, 88, of Franklin, N.C., passed away March 15, 2021.

She was born to the late Samuel and Ada Watkins Beam. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, James “Bo” Thompson; and her siblings, Frances, Sam, Evie, Junior, Lucille, Thomas, Gussie Mae, Martha, Oscar and Edgar.

She was a member of Holly Springs Baptist Church. She was a hard worker, loved keeping a clean house, an amazing country cook, and loved her husband, Bo.

She is survived by her godsons, Chris VanderWoude (Becky) and Scott VanderWoude (Satu); brother, Johnny Beam (Barbara) of Covington, Ga.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service will be held Friday, March 19, at 3 p.m., at Holly Springs Baptist Church.

Burial will be at Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Holly Springs Baptist Church Building Fund.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



**Eula Beam Thompson**

**Cody Elmer Levi Owen**

Cody Elmer Levi Owen, 25, of Jackson County, North Carolina, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Memorial Mission in Asheville.

He was an avid Bear hunter and Razor rider. He was such a fun loving and a big-hearted friend to everyone he came in contact with. He was always a phone call away for his family and friends, he would be there no matter what he was doing or the time of day.

He is survived by his mother, Loretta Luker (Matt Hoyle) and his father, Steven Owen (Heather Waldrop); fiancé, Maria Kirkland; stepdaughter, Clara Faith Panell; an unborn son, Wyatt Levi Cody Owen; two brothers, Dylan Reece of Sylva and Dawson Reece of Waynesville; stepbrother and stepsister, Landon and McKayla Waldrop of Sylva; grandparents, Elmer (Hop) Luker of Tuckasegee, Ann (Cookie) Luker of Sylva; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, Carmel and Pansey Owen.

He will lie in state from 1 p.m. Friday, March 19, through 8 pm Saturday, March 20, at the home of his mother, Loretta on Blanton’s Branch Road, Sylva.

A funeral service will be held Sunday, March 21, at 2 p.m., at Cedar Baptist Church, Tuckasegee with the Rev. Jason Bryson and Rev. Travis Owen officiating. The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow at the Mathis Cemetery in Tuckasegee.

Pallbearers are Dawson Reece, Dylan Reece, Carson Shular, Johnny Akins, Josh Hair, Danny Stephens and Aaron Messer. Honorary Pallbearers are Steven Broom, Aaron English, Dustin Warren, Dalton Broom, Jeff Buchanan, Toby Brown, Jesse Ammons, Jamie Saunooke, Kevin Field, Jesse Stephens, Jacob Oakley, Nolan McIntosh, Mitch Jenkins, Doug Owen, Gary Owen, Bryan Owen, Jimbo Wilson, Eric Mathis and Ernest Franks.

In lieu of flowers, the family ask that donations be made to Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory 105 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

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



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**Jamie Shepherd**  
 would like to express our most heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all those who have reached out and supported our family in the last few weeks. We have been overwhelmed with your kind words, flowers, food and many calls and messages.

**Special thanks to**  
 Macon Funeral Home,  
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 Rev. Davis Hooper  
 and Rev. Raymond Brooks.

## Martin Truex Jr. ends 29-race drought with Phoenix victory

Holly Cain – NASCAR Wire Service

Martin Truex Jr. overcame an early-race brush with the wall and took the lead on the final restart with 25 laps remaining to earn his first victory of 2021 and first in 31 career starts at Phoenix Raceway.

Truex's No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota ultimately held off Joey Logano's No. 22 Penske Racing Ford by a convincing 1.698-seconds for the win in the Instacart 500. The 2017 NASCAR Cup Series champion Truex took the race lead from the outside on a bold restart move - pulling away in the closing laps of a spirited race that featured 22 lead changes.

Truex, 40, of New Jersey, is now the fifth different winner in as many NASCAR Cup Series races this season joining Michael McDowell, Christopher Bell, William Byron and Kyle Larson who have also earned spots in the Playoffs.

"Just an awesome job by everybody, [crew chief] James [Small], all the pit crew guys fixing it, just really solid," said Truex, who now has 28 career wins. "At the beginning of the race I thought we were going to run 15th or so. Man, I just really can't believe it. I'm kind of speechless.

"This feels pretty amazing. Phoenix has been a tough one for us.

"I wish it was November and I was in the Final Four," he added with a smile, referring to the season championship finale at Phoenix Raceway later in the year. "Just so thankful and proud of everyone at JGR, everyone who makes this possible."

Statistically, Logano's Ford was the dominant car on the afternoon, leading a race best 143 of the 312 laps and winning Stage 2 - his first stage win of the year. His Penske Racing teammate Ryan Blaney won Stage 1 (also his first stage victory of 2021) and all three Penske Racing cars finished in the Top-10. In all, the Penske trio of Logano, Blaney and Keselowski combined to lead 197 laps - out front 63 percent of the day.

Logano started alongside Truex on the front row for the final restart and mounted a challenge for the lead, but he couldn't hold off Truex even with a more favorable inside starting position.

"I was surprised he was able to hang with me on that [final] start," a disappointed Logano conceded of Truex's winning move. "He had a good start too, but I had a good one on the bottom and I thought might have short-cut it on the dogleg and I thought, boy I might have him cleared. Then we went into that corner still door-to-door and when you're door-to-door the outside car has control.

"I'm pretty sure even if I beat him even on that start he was still going to hound me and probably get by me. They had the best car. We had a good car for sure, but once they tuned it in toward the second stage, it was the best car on the race track."

Truex's JGR teammate Denny Hamlin was third, followed by Logano's teammate Brad Keselowski and last November's Phoenix winner Chase Elliott in fifth.

Kevin Harvick, a nine-time Phoenix winner, was sixth, earning his fourth Top-10 finish in the season's opening five races. Last week's Las Vegas winner Kyle Larson was seventh, his Hendrick Motorsports teammate William Byron was eighth followed by JGR driver Christopher Bell and Blaney to round out the Top-10.

Even without the victory, it was an impressive showing for the three Hendrick Motorsports cars that rallied to a Top-10. Elliott, Larson and Byron all had to start from the rear of the field on Sunday with inspection issues. And the fourth Hendrick car, driven by Alex Bowman, was equally resilient with a 13th place finish despite hitting the wall and bringing



Martin Truex Jr., driver of the #19 Bass Pro Toyota, drives during the NASCAR Cup Series Instacart 500 at Phoenix Raceway on Sunday, March 14, 2021, in Avondale, Ariz. At left, Martin Truex Jr. celebrates in victory lane after winning the Instacart 500.

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223; M. Truex Jr. 224-253; R. Stenhouse Jr. 254; M. Truex Jr. 255-263; D. Hamlin 264; B. Wallace 265-267; J. Logano 268; B. Keselowski 269-273; J. Logano 274-283; B. Keselowski 284; J. Logano 285-287; M. Truex Jr. 288-312.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Joey Logano 6 times for 143 laps; Martin Truex Jr. 3 times for 64 laps; Ryan Blaney 1 time for 35 laps; Denny Hamlin 3 times for 33 laps; Brad Keselowski 5 times for 19 laps; Corey LaJoie 1 time for 12 laps; Bubba Wallace 2 times for 4 laps; Ricky Stenhouse Jr. 1 time for 1 lap; Kyle Larson 1 time for 1 lap.

out an early race caution flag.

Larson, in particular put on a lesson in resiliency. He rallied to race among the Top-10 - even lead a lap - a third of the way into the race - but was sent back to the rear of the lead lap cars twice after that because of pit road speeding violations.

Hamlin, Keselowski and Logano - all still looking for their first 2021 wins - are 1-2-3 in the championship standings with Hamlin holding a 39-point edge over Keselowski as the series heads to Atlanta Motor Speedway for next weekend's Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 (Sunday, 3 p.m. ET, FOX, PRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

Notes: Average Speed of Race Winner: 103.808 mph.  
Time of Race: 3 Hrs, 0 Mins, 20 Secs. Margin of Victory: 1.698 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 7 for 45 laps.

Lead Changes: 22 among 9 drivers.

Lap Leaders: B. Keselowski 1-2; D. Hamlin 3-33; B. Keselowski 34-43; R. Blaney 44-78; B. Keselowski 79; J. Logano 80-141; K. Larson 142; B. Wallace 143; C. LaJoie 144-155; J. Logano 156-193; D. Hamlin 194; J. Logano 195-

Austin Cindric makes championship statement with win at Phoenix

Austin Cindric earned his second NASCAR Xfinity Series win in the opening five races of the 2021 season Saturday - taking a .360-second victory over 18-year old rookie Ty Gibbs in an action-packed final race restart with two laps remaining at Phoenix Raceway.

It's the second consecutive win on the one-mile Phoenix oval for Cindric, who won here last November to claim the NASCAR Xfinity Series championship. He led a race best 119 of the 200 laps en route to the win Saturday - including the final 54 laps, holding off the field on three late race restarts. The 22-year old North Carolinian is the only repeat winner so far in 2021.

"Just fighting for track position there," Cindric said of the door-to-door racing with Allgaier on the restart.

"You have to work hard the rest of the year to get here," Cindric said of the good showing on the championship race venue. "So that's where my focus is. I've got my name on the wall right there and the goal is to be back with a shot to do it again."

The last restart with two laps remaining was not-too-surprisingly the most action-packed and the biggest threat to Cindric's lead, but several cars running among the Top-10 on that start hit the wall or hit one another in a chaotic run to the checkered flag.

Daniel Hemric, who restarted on the front row alongside Cindric, was caught up in the heavy full-contact restart and ended up 23rd. Justin Allgaier, whose No. 7 JR Motorsports Chevy started just behind Cindric's No. 22 Team Penske Ford on that last restart, pulled door-to-door hoping to make a move for the win, but he got loose and bounced backwards, recovering to finish eighth instead.

Gibbs, who won the ARCA Menards Series race at the track on Friday night, drove a steady, if not risk-filled race all afternoon and was able to take advantage of the meleé

PJ1 and into the marbles and unfortunately it all comes up quick when you're bumped out of the PJ1..

"I'm so proud of everyone at JR Motorsports," he continued. "I learned a lot I think for when we come back here in the Fall and hopefully we're in the Final Four."

Resilience, like it or not, was a dominant theme on Saturday.

The final restart was a disappointing outcome for Hemric, who for the second straight week won a Stage and proved to be a trophy contender. He rallied from a tough mid-race pit sequence to be back among the Top-5 when it counted most.

His No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, which had been strong all day, fell off after a pit stop adjustment following his Stage 2 win. Hemric's race got more complicated when he was called for speeding on pit road, but he remained calm

just got run over by A.J. but I keep a notebook of all this stuff," Jones said after emerging from the care center.

The Top-5 showing for Riley Herbst, 22, was easily his best run of the season in his maiden year driving the No. 98 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford. He had three DNFs in the opening four races.

It's been a similar frustrating early season for championship favorite Noah Gragson. For the third time in the five races this season, Gragson took a DNF. His No. 9 JR Motorsports Chevrolet suffered an engine failure and he retired on Lap 67. His teammate Michael Annett also had engine problems in the No. 1 Chevrolet and finished 38th.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series races at Atlanta Motor Speedway next Saturday in the EchoPark 250 (5 p.m. ET, FS1, PRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Cindric holds a 47-



Austin Cindric, driver of the #22 Car Shop Ford, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Call 811 Before You Dig 200 presented by Arizona 811 at Phoenix Raceway on March 13, 2021 in Avondale, Arizona. Photo by Abbie Parr/Getty Images

on that last restart to take the runner-up position. In two Xfinity Series starts, Gibbs has a win (Daytona road course) and a second-place finish.

Brandon Brown, Riley Herbst and last week's winner A.J. Allmendinger rounded out the Top-5 – all taking advantage of the aggressive racing on the last restart. For Brown and Herbst, those finishes are a season best. It was Brown's career best finish.

Jeb Burton, Bayley Currey, Allgaier, Brett Moffitt and Jeremy Clements rounded out the Top-10. It marks the first Top-10 in the 24-year old Currey's career. It was the first Top-10 for Allgaier this season. And his 32 laps led was a season best as well.

"Just disappointing there," Allgaier said. "Once we got to his outside, I thought we had it, but he just got me out of the

and raced his way back inside the Top-10, then the Top-5. He re-started next to Cindric before getting caught up in the five-wide racing at the end.

It was a similar day of a strong showing gone awry for the defending race winner Brandon Jones. The driver of the No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota was a Top-5 car early in the race and rebounded from an early pit road speeding penalty to run Top-5 again – even lead the race for a pair of laps.

However, while running in the front pack of cars with only 33 laps remaining, his Toyota was hit from behind by last week's race winner Allmendinger. The damage to Jones' Toyota was too much and instead of a sure-bet Top-5 and a shot for a second straight spring victory at Phoenix, he finished the race from the garage.

"All in all we had a really good Toyota Supra, looks like I

point lead over Hemric in the championship standings  
Notes: Average Speed of Race Winner: 82.408 mph.  
Time of Race: 2 Hrs, 25 Mins, 37 Secs. Margin of Victory: .360 Seconds.

Caution Flags: 11 for 65 laps.  
Lead Changes: 10 among 6 drivers.  
Lap Leaders: D. Hemric 0; A. Cindric 1-50; D. Hemric 51-94; J. Allgaier 95-125; T. Gibbs # 126; R. Sieg 127-128; A. Cindric 129-136; J. Allgaier 137; A. Cindric 138-144; B. Jones 145-146; A. Cindric 147-200.

Leaders Summary (Driver, Times Lead, Laps Led): Austin Cindric 4 times for 119 laps; Daniel Hemric 1 time for 44 laps; Justin Allgaier 2 times for 32 laps; Brandon Jones 1 time for 2 laps; Ryan Sieg 1 time for 2 laps; Ty Gibbs # 1 time for 1 lap.

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2018	Mitsubishi Outlander	49,318
2017	Chevrolet Traverse	91,874
2019	Chevrolet Cruze	14,078
2017	Buick Encore	43,236
2016	Ford Escape	33,265
2019	Nissan Rouge	39,871
2019	Dodge Journey	6,576
2018	Chevrolet Equinox	48,398

## \$350 or less per month

2018	Chevrolet Equinox	21,036
2019	Jeep Cherokee	38,039
2020	Nissan Altima	38,911
2019	Kia Sorento	21,976
2018	Chevrolet Colorado	13,389
2019	Jeep Cherokee	9,020
2018	Ford Explorer	49,476
2019	Ford Edge	45,478
2018	Volkswagen Tiguan	19,002
2017	Jeep Wrangler Unlimited	88,737

## \$450 or less per month

2019	Nissan Frontier	39,039
2018	Jeep Wrangler JK	47,132
2019	Jaguar XE	22,558
2019	Chevrolet Colorado	6,928
2017	Chevrolet Traverse	37,692
2016	Lexus GX 460	81,717
2017	Chevrolet Silverado 1500	41,705

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2017 Buick Encore	43,236
1997 Chevrolet Camaro	16,606
2016 Chevrolet Camaro	29,783
2018 Chevrolet Colorado	22,488
2018 Chevrolet Colorado	13,389
2019 Chevrolet Colorado	3,987
2019 Chevrolet Colorado	6,928
1972 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	91,171
2014 Chevrolet Cruze	62,058
2019 Chevrolet Cruze	14,078
2012 Chevrolet Cruze	63,884
2018 Chevrolet Equinox	26,234
2018 Chevrolet Equinox	21,036
2018 Chevrolet Equinox	48,398
2016 Chevrolet Equinox	107,191
2018 Chevrolet Impala	8,465
2018 Chevrolet Malibu	41,816
2020 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	11,584
2017 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	41,705
2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	9,141
2020 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	6,147

2013 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	201,568
2019 Chevrolet Silverado 1500	24,462
2016 Chevrolet Suburban	112,779
2017 Chevrolet Tahoe	74,241
2012 Chevrolet Traverse	121,174
2015 Chevrolet Traverse	101,068
2017 Chevrolet Traverse	91,874
2018 Chevrolet Traverse	17,683
2017 Chevrolet Traverse	37,692
2019 Chevrolet Traverse	24,449
2016 Dodge Grand Caravan	102,307
2019 Dodge Journey	16,576
2019 Ford Edge	45,478
2012 Ford Edge	136,822
2016 Ford Escape	33,265
2018 Ford Explorer	49,476
2013 Ford Explorer	135,416
2012 Ford Explorer	104,587
2018 Ford F-150	27,491
2018 Ford F-150	25,711
2017 Ford F-150	45,495

2013 Ford F-150	109,025
2014 Ford F-150	133,960
2016 Ford F-250	190,904
2011 GMC Sierra 1500	208,162
2014 GMC Terrain	82,762
2020 GMC Yukon	40,952
2019 GMC Yukon XL	37,969
2020 GMC Yukon XL	25,411
2002 Honda Accord	217,842
2019 Hyundai Elantra	36,506
2019 Jaguar XE	22,558
2019 Jeep Cherokee	9,020
2019 Jeep Cherokee	38,039
2004 Jeep Liberty	130,097
2016 Jeep Renegade	85,600
2019 Jeep Wrangler	6,867
2018 Jeep Wrangler JK	47,132
2017 Jeep Wrangler Unltd.	88,737
2018 Jeep Wrangler Unltd.	52,471
2019 KAUFMAN TRAILER	
2016 Kia Sorento	73,270

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2016 Land Rover Range Rover Sport	55,302
2016 Lexus GX 460	81,717
2017 Lexus GX 460	39,179
2015 Mercedes-Benz GLA 45 AMG	36,859
2018 Mitsubishi Outlander	49,318
2020 Nissan Altima	38,911
2019 Nissan Frontier	39,039
2019 Nissan Rogue	39,871
2019 POLARIS SLINGSHOT SL	
2004 Pontiac Grand Prix	163,739
2020 RAM 1500	25,556
2020 RAM 1500 Classic	18,621
2016 RAM 3500	86,402
2019 Toyota Corolla	27,529
2018 Toyota Tacoma	35,770
2018 Volkswagen Tiguan	19,002