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The Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 994 conducting the posting of colors at Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony in the Veteran's Memorial Park. Originally called Decoration Day, the day was first observed during the Civil War when citizens placed flowers on the graves of those who had been killed in battle. After World War I, it came to be observed in honor of those who had died in all U.S. wars, and its name changed to Memorial Day. For more details and photos, see page 12. Photos by Vickie Carpenter

## County manager presents \$54 million budget

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Macon County manager Derek Roland presented his 2021-22 budget proposal to county leaders last Tuesday night during the monthly meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners. Roland's proposed budget keeps the county's tax rate of .374 flat and totals \$54,641,096.

"FY '22 Expenditures will increase by \$2,338,651 or 4.5% over the FY '21 original budget to \$54,641,096," said Roland. "At the proposed level of expenditures, we

will accomplish the primary goals as established by the Macon County Board of Commissioners at the commencement of the FY '22 budget process. The goals included maintaining the current high level of service, identifying and addressing compensation issues within the organization and maintaining our solid financial position without increasing the ad-valorem tax rate."

**"The FY '21-22 budget will allow us to continue providing high quality public services to the citizens of Macon County at the third lowest tax rate in the state."**

– County manager Derek Roland

### County employee salaries

Roland proposed setting aside \$1,232,183 in FY '22 non-departmental expenditures to be used to implement recommendations from the classification and compensation study following its completion in late summer of '21.

"While exact cost of implementation is unknown at this time, it is important to note that a 7% increase to salaries and fringes within the current FY '22 operating budget amounts to \$1,459,701 or \$227,518 above the earmarked amount," said Roland. "Addressing this increasingly urgent situation was the primary goal established by the Macon County Board of Commissioners for the FY '22 budget."

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operations and teacher supplement has increased by \$1,115,000 or 14.6 percent. Revenue to sustain this increase was generated through a \$.018 increase to the ad-valorem tax rate in FY '20."

### Capital Expenditures

Capital expenditures within the operating budget are defined as those expenditures that exceed \$5,000 and have a useful life of greater than one year. In FY '22 capital expenditures will account for \$2,882,542 or 5.3% of the General Fund Budget. This is an increase of \$726,184 over the current fiscal year original budget.

Of the FY '22 recommended \$2,882,542 in capital spending, \$505,348 is representative of grant-funded expenditures and \$1,150,000 will be set aside for Macon County Schools' annual technology and capital needs. The remaining \$1,227,194 in capital expenditures will go towards funding capital needs within the system.

### Public Safety

The Public Safety Function includes Sheriff, Courthouse Security, Forest Service, Jail, Inspections/Planning, Emergency Medical Services, Emergency Management and Animal Control. In the coming year, public safety represents \$14,976,835 or 27% of the general fund budget. This is an increase of \$800,931 or 5.6% over the FY '21 original budget amount.

### Culture/Recreation

The Culture/Recreation budget function accounts for recreation, Highlands recreation, and libraries. In the coming year, Culture/Recreation represents \$2,834,643 or 5% of the general fund operating budget which is a \$199,996 increase over the current fiscal year original budget. The increase is primarily attributable to an increase in capital expenditures of \$127,500 to Highlands Recreation to assist the Town of Highlands with lighting replacement at the Highlands ballfield and \$29,000 in Recreation for the purchase of a new vehicle.

Operational funding for Macon County libraries will remain at \$1,019,390. At approximately 2% of its operating budget, Roland said that Macon County will continue to place priority on our local libraries.

"The FY '21-22 budget will allow us to continue providing high quality public services to the citizens of Macon County at the third lowest tax rate in the state," said Roland. "Improving economic conditions combined with gained efficiencies in the operating budget will enable us to restore capital funding to prior year levels while addressing lingering compensation issues within the organization. The budget as proposed accomplishes each of these things without compromise to our solid financial position or long-standing commitment to public education."

## New application period now open for emergency rent and utility assistance

North Carolina's emergency rental assistance program has opened a second application period for very low-income renters that are experiencing financial hardship due to COVID-19. The N.C. Housing Opportunities and Prevention of Evictions (HOPE) Program promotes housing stability during the ongoing pandemic by providing rent and utility bill assistance to prevent evictions and utility disconnections. To date, the program has awarded more than \$133 million in assistance to help more than 36,000 families statewide.

"As we begin to turn the corner on the pandemic, many people are still struggling with rent and utility payments," said Governor Roy Cooper. "This effort will help tens of thousands of families stay in their homes with the lights on."

The HOPE Program will serve very low-income renters in 88 North Carolina counties. Very low-income is defined as earning less than or equal to 50 percent of the area median income for the county where the renter lives. Twelve additional counties and five Native American tribal governments received direct federal allocations to operate their own emergency rent assistance programs. A complete list of the counties served by the HOPE Program, county programs and tribal government programs can be found online using the NC HOPE Interactive Map.

In addition to first time applicants, people who received rent and/or utility assistance funding from the first phase of the HOPE

Program are eligible to reapply for additional help. Eligible applicants may receive up to 12 months of rent assistance, which may include up to nine months of past due rent. Rent assistance provided during the first phase of the HOPE Program counts towards the 12 months of total rent assistance that an applicant can receive. Utility assistance is available to applicants that apply and qualify for rent assistance. Utility-only applications will not be accepted in this phase of the HOPE Program.

Complete details about the HOPE Program, including eligibility requirements, program benefits and an online application, are available at [www.hope.nc.gov](http://www.hope.nc.gov). Applicants who cannot access the website may also call (888) 9ASK-HOPE or (888) 927-5467 to speak with a program specialist. The HOPE

Call Center is open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Funding for the HOPE Program is provided to the state through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant-Coronavirus Relief and U.S. Department of Treasury Coronavirus Relief Fund allocations, and the Emergency Rental Assistance Program established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act 2021. The HOPE Program is managed by the N.C. Office of Recovery and Resiliency, a division of the Department of Public Safety. To learn more about the HOPE Program, visit [www.hope.nc.gov](http://www.hope.nc.gov).



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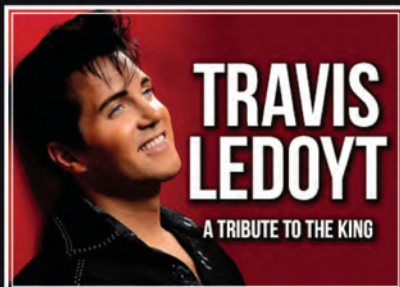
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# MCSO K9 trainer 1st Sgt. Bryson attains national accreditation

**Brittney Lofthouse**  
Contributing Writer

Macon County Sheriff First Sergeant Clay Bryson completed his trainer accreditation for the North American Police Work Dog Association (NAPWDA) and now serves as a nationally accredited trainer in narcotics and utility phases of law enforcement canine work.

Bryson's training specializes in canine utility which is obedience, tracking/trailing, article recovery, and aggression control as well as narcotics detection.

"Continued training and staying on top of the new and evolving techniques and needs of our law enforcement officers is a top priority for the Macon County Sheriff's Office [MCSO]," said Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland. "Imploring officers within the department to receive additional training above and beyond their law enforcement certifications improves the services we provide to the general public. First Sergeant Clay Bryson's recent accreditation with the North American Police Work Dog Association will not only make our department's K9 unit more ef-

fective and efficient, but will be beneficial for law enforcement agencies across Western North Carolina."

Holland noted that Bryson's accreditation was part of the long term plan for MCSO's K9 unit.

"This specific certification has been a long time goal for our agency and for Sgt. Bryson," said Holland. "This has been achieved through hard work and dedication with the support of the citizens of Macon County for our agency and for the MCSO K9 program."

Bryson said that the trainer accreditation is just the beginning and he will continue to stay dedicated to improving his knowledge for the citizens of Macon County.

"I will continue to work with master trainers until I have reached the amount of time and knowledge to sit for my master trainer accreditation," said Bryson. "The more information I have, the more I am able to give back to our guys as well as the surrounding agencies that take part of in our training days."

Bryson said his new accreditation will also be of cost savings for local taxpayers.

"Now that I have at least my trainer

accreditation, NAPWDA will also help cover some of my expenses when I travel and assist at various workshops," said Bryson. "It's a win-win for not only our agencies but also the communities we serve."

Founded in 1977, NAPWDA is comprised of law enforcement K9 officers throughout the U.S. and several other countries. They are dedicated to assisting police work dog teams throughout the world. NAPWDA conducts in-service training throughout the year and hold a major national workshop yearly. Officers and their K9's attend these events for problem-solving, legal updates, new techniques in various phases of police work dog use and certifications to our standards

"Just like humans, no two dogs are exactly the same," said Bryson. "Working with all these different master trainers puts additional tools in my toolbox. There is no one way to train a dog and I don't want to know just one way. By working with different master trainers, I learn different ways of doing things which allows me to recognize, diagnose, and problem solve more and more issues."



Pictured are 1st Sgt. Clay Bryson with David Rives, Master Trainer/Accelerant with North American Police Work Dog Association.

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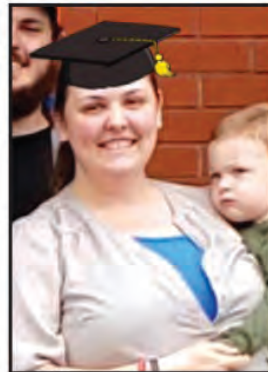
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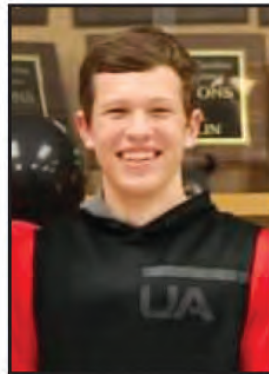
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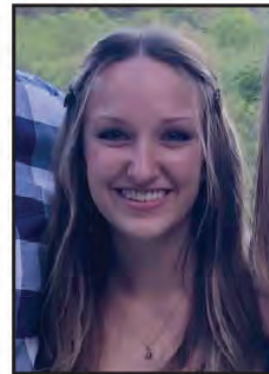
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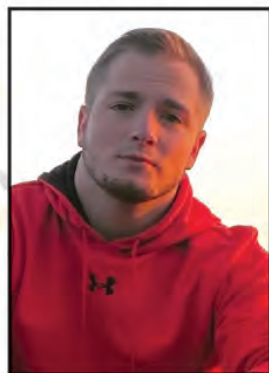


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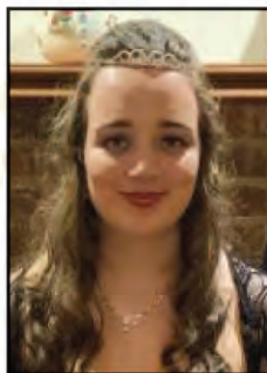
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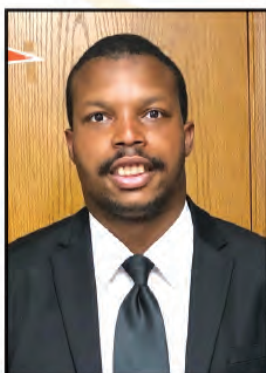
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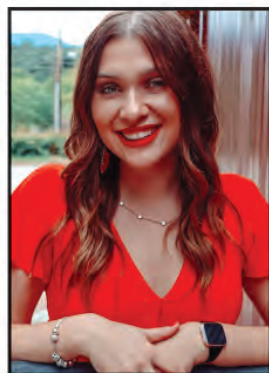
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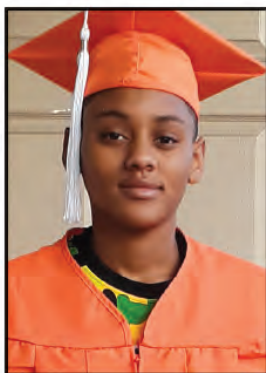
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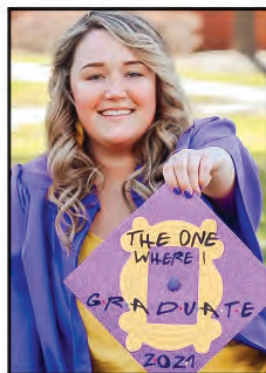
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# Meet the new principals of Franklin High School and Macon Middle

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

Michael Noe will be replacing Franklin High School (FHS) retiring Principal Barry Woody, on July 1, 2021. Noe will be coming to FHS from Hayesville in Clay County, North Carolina. Noe held the position of Dean of Students at Edgewater high School in Orlando, Fla., from 1998 - 2002. He and his wife Stacy purchased a cabin in Shooting Creek, and one day on their vacation in Hayesville, they decided it was time to leave the city and move to North Carolina. That was in 2002.

"It was the best decision we ever made," he said.

He accepted a teaching position in 2002 at Hayesville Middle School and in 2003, he became principal of Hayesville Elementary School. In 2007, Noe advanced to Hayesville Middle School as their principal and in 2014, he accepted a position as principal of Hayesville High School. In 2018, he moved on to become principal of the Oaks Academy, an alternative school, where he has been to the present. Although he says he has enjoyed each of his placements, he misses the action of high school life. Oaks Academy did not offer extracurricular activities such as athletics, band, chorus and clubs.

"I miss walking into classrooms and having discussions about important topics, or watching a science experiment. I miss meeting with a large faculty and collaborating on items important to the school. Becoming principal of FHS is an honor and I am looking forward to working for such a great school system."

A few strengths that he will bring to FHS is his passion for student success.

"I feel with my energy and compassion, together we can



Michael Noe



Dr. Kevin Bailey

make FHS the best school it can be. So far the teachers and students I have met have been amazing. We all have one common goal and that is to succeed in everything we do. I am looking forward to a prosperous year with a great school, exceptional student population and a community that supports FHS 100%.

Noe looks forward to meeting the staff and students during lunch shifts, class changes, before school and after school. He also looks forward to attending ballgames, chorus concerts, band concerts and more.

"I enjoy watching our students participate in the things they love to do."

Noe also has some ideas he would love to implement at FHS.

"In order for new programs to be successful you must have buy in from students and staff. I believe in transparency and

I will include staff and students in the decision making process. I am looking forward to these conversations and I look forward to the great decisions we make together as a team," said Noe.

Noe has been married to his wife, Stacy, for 20 years, and has two daughters. Haley just graduated from Union County High School and is off to the University of Georgia. Saylor will be a junior next year and currently attends Union County High School. In the past the family has had several pets. Everything from horses, mini horses, dogs, ducks, rabbits and chickens. Currently they have six dogs, most of which were rescued from the shelter. Their newest dog is a six-month-old Great Pyrenees.

"She is awesome! When I first brought her home, I thought I would have to sleep outside for a period of time, but it didn't take Laney long to win my wife's heart. Now we both get to sleep inside."

Noe and his family enjoy traveling, going to the beach, ballgames and fishing.

"Stacy and I got married in a 13th century castle in Edinburgh, Scotland, and we have had the travel bug ever since. We spend a lot of time at travel ball tournaments with our daughters. We enjoy watching them be successful in the sports they love."

Noe wants the faculty at FHS to know that he shares their visions and compassion for the students.

"I am very transparent and I look forward to meeting with them and creating an atmosphere at FHS that is conducive to learning and having a little fun along the way. I would like the students at FHS to know that I bring charisma and positive energy for the students. I want them to know they

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will be included in the decision-making process and together with faculty and staff we will continue to make FHS the best school it can be. I am looking forward to building a relationship with each of you. I hope you guys have a terrific summer and I will see you soon."

Noe said he is looking forward to a great year and he can't wait to begin meeting people in the community.

"I think we know how important the school system is to Macon County and I am ready to work hard to insure FHS is a place of pride, commitment and is dedicated to our shared vision of making FHS the best high school in the state of North Carolina. I would also like to thank Dr. Baldwin and the School Board members for blessing me with this amazing opportunity to be the principal of Franklin High School."

**Macon Middle School's new principal**

Dr. Kevin Bailey has been chosen to assume the position of principal of Macon Middle School (MMS) on July 1, 2021. The former principal, Scot Maslin is retiring, leaving the helm to a qualified replacement. Dr. Bailey has spent seven years in the classroom, teaching various subjects, including eighth grade science, earth science, animal science, horticulture and agricultural mechanics. He spent five years as assistant principal at Rutherford-Spindale Middle School in Rutherfordton, N.C.

"It was this experience that made me fall in love with middle school-aged students."

In 2017 Dr. Bailey was hired by Jackson County Public Schools as their Human Resource Director. In 2019, he was promoted to Executive Director of Human Resources.

"I applied to Macon County because my personal and professional values are the same values found in Macon County. Macon County Schools (MCS) has a great reputation and I wanted the opportunity to be a part of such a great school system and community."

Dr. Bailey has two daughters ages 11 and 13. He enjoys trout fishing, maintaining his landscape and home improvement projects. For now, Dr. Bailey plans to commute from Jackson County; however, he is open to relocating to Macon County if the right opportunity presents itself.

A strength that he feels he will bring with him to MMS is his ability to effectively communicate with faculty and staff, parents, and students. He stresses, "communication is key to having a successful school." He also feels it is important to lead in and amongst everyone as opposed to leading up on high. He explains,

"I think everyone will see that I'm a servant leader and that I won't ask anyone to do anything that I wouldn't do myself."

As far as making any changes at the middle school Dr. Bailey plans to listen to students, parents and staff to get their take on what works well and what needs attention.

"I am 100% invested in Macon Middle School and the community. I am eager to build relationships with students, parents, staff and community members."

Dr. Bailey has a favorite quote, "never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game," by Babe Ruth.

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## News from the Legislature

From the office of  
N.C. Rep. Karl Gillespie



Karl Gillespie

The House held no-vote sessions on Monday, May 17, Tuesday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 19. Although no-vote sessions were held, budget negotiations continue between the two legislative chambers.

On Thursday, May 20, the Appropriations Committee met and passed two bills:

– SB172, Additional COVID-19 Response and Relief, which establishes various reserves and funds to handle grant funds received by the State under the federal American Rescue Plan Act. The bill also appropriates funds from the Local Fiscal Recovery Fund for distribution to local governments and appropriates grant funds provided to the State under the American Rescue Plan Act. Technical and other changes are also included in the legislation.

– HB947, The G.R.E.A.T. Broadband Expansion Act, creates the Completing Access to Broadband Program (CAB) to supplement federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding received by counties with State ARPA funds to expand broadband infrastructure to unserved and underserved areas. HB947 establishes a separate process to administer ARPA funds appropriated for broadband grants in the Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology (GREAT) program, and makes various changes to the State-funded GREAT program.

Session convened at 10:30 a.m. and the House voted on SB172. I voted in favor and the bill passed by a vote of 100-2.

"I'm proud to have worked with my colleagues this session to get children back in school as quickly and safely as possible while also taking steps to help them recover from lost time in the classroom.

This includes a new K-12 summer school option for all students who have fallen behind due to remote learning. In the House, we have also advanced bills to expand school choice, reduce over-testing and increase academic transparency."

The House passed HB813, which prohibits state agencies from paying ransom to hackers.

The House held no-vote sessions on Monday, May 24, and Tuesday, May 25. On Wednesday, the House reconvened to vote on the following bills:

– HB395, Health Information Exchange Deadline Extension Patient And Patient Protection, would, among other things, exempt ambulatory surgical centers from the Health Information Exchange (HIE) Network known as NC HealthConnex but re-

quire a physician who performs procedures there to be connected and to submit demographic and clinical data. The bill passed unanimously, 109-0.

– SB241, Modified Utility Vehicle Def/Use of Funds, would broaden the definition of modified utility vehicle and amend the restrictions and requirements applicable to modified utility vehicles that may be registered and operated on highways. I voted in favor and the bill passed, 105-5.

– HB947, G.R.E.A.T. Broadband Expansion Act, would distribute \$750 million in federal funding to expand high-speed broadband internet access in all 100 counties in North Carolina. The bill passed unanimously, 109-0.

The House concluded the week with a no-vote session prior to the start of Memorial Day weekend.

### Did You Know?

#### Autism Accessibility Bill Signed Into Law

Gov. Cooper has signed the bill that increases access to treatment therapy for families with children with autism. The bill passed in the legislature unanimously and will provide meaningful help for these families and their children.

#### Letter to Governor to Reinstate Work Search Requirement

I signed onto a letter with 60 of my colleagues requesting that the governor immediately reinstate unemployment work search requirements. Many business owners are in a desperate search to hire folks but have been struggling to do so. This is a common-sense step to help connect the unemployed with current job opportunities.

I am pleased to report that hours after the letter, the governor reinstated work search requirements.

#### Recently Sponsored Legislation

HB943, Funds to Support Western NC HIEs [Health Information Exchange].

HB947, The G.R.E.A.T. Broadband Expansion Act  
HB95, Authorize Broadband Cooperatives

*Note:* The bill filing deadline has passed. Therefore, the opportunity to introduce new legislation has ended and the ability to co-sponsor legislation for the remainder of session will be limited.

**Education Bills Passed**

- ✓ Reopen schools for in-person instruction (SB 220)
- ✓ Establish summer school option to help kids catch up (HB 82)
- ✓ Prohibit "Critical Race Theory" in schools (HB 324)
- ✓ Expand school choice for low-income families (HB 32)
- ✓ Reduce over-testing in high schools (HB 486)
- ✓ Remove barriers to expand successful charter schools (HB 616)
- ✓ Make it easier for retired educators to return to teaching (HB 428)
- ✓ Require school lesson plans to be posted online for parents (HB 755)
- ✓ End \$50 fee teachers pay for a substitute (HB 362)

## Letters to the Editor

### It's important to support those who wear the badge

With all the negativity and malice toward those who bravely serve and protect our families, it is important to support those who wear the badge as local police department and sheriff's department peace officers. Every day, thousands of law enforcement officers across the country leave their families at home while they faithfully protect the communities they serve. They say goodbye to their families, not knowing if, when, or in what condition they will arrive home.

Yet every day, these heroes continue to uphold and defend the oath they took to protect the community. The American Family Association has designated Sunday, June 13, 2021, as a Day of Prayer and Appreciation for Law Enforcement. I am participating and invite our community to join me and millions of Americans in showing these law enforcement officers our respect and appreciation, as well as offering prayers for their safety.

Linda Behr – Franklin, N.C.

### Not enough to just not be racist; be anti-racist

The United States was founded on the belief that all citizens are created equal. Nonetheless, the foundation of our country commenced with the attempted mass genocide against indigenous people, depriving them of their land and cultural history. Our nation's economic growth and development originated off of the labor of kidnapped and enslaved Africans and their descendants. Race by itself doesn't exist biologically, but just how we interact with race has such a substantial impact on our perceptions and lives. Racist views are accepted as prevalent within our media, culture, social structures, and institutions in a society that privileges white people and "whiteness." Racist beliefs have historically validated unequal treatment and discrimination of people of color, of which have included the mass murders of Mexican Americans at the hands of Texas Rangers during the 1940s, segregation of housing and schools

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during the Civil Rights Era, as well as the internment of Japanese Americans during World War II.

While we might be led to assume that racism is solely a result of individual attitudes and behavior, racist policies often add to our polarization. But while individual decisions are harmful, discriminatory policy proposals have a far-reaching effect by jeopardizing the equity of our systems and the justice of our institutions. To achieve equality, we must commit to making unbiased decisions and being "anti-racist" in all facets of our own lives. A commitment to anti-racism manifests itself within our very own decisions. We become consciously aware of ethnicity and inequality, and we take steps to eliminate social inequities in our everyday lives, reacting to and disrupting interpersonal racism, whether blatant or subtle.

However, the concept of "color blindness" stems from the notion that ethnic and race-based distinctions must not be recognized when decisions are being made, impressions are created, and actions are to be performed. The rationale behind the idea that color blindness will deter bigotry and discrimination is simple: if individuals or organizations do not notice race, they cannot behave in a racially discriminatory manner. The allure of color blindness is that it seems to have a very straightforward basis for dealing with racial issues in contemporary culture. Despite the prevalence of this colorblind approach to race relations, recent psychological research has put its purported advantages into question. A summary of current statistical analysis suggests a simple and direct dispute: shielding our eyes to the nuances of race does not make it vanish, but it does make it more difficult to see that color blindness often introduces more challenges than it addresses.

It is not only naive and dense to suggest that bigotry does not exist and flourish in our modern society; it is also inaccurate. In March of this year, the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University, San Bernardino, published a report that examined all reported hate crimes throughout 16 of America's largest cities. It confirmed that, while such crimes declined by 7% overall in 2020, those affecting Asian residents increased by nearly 150 percent. This being directly attributable to the xenophobic prejudice associated with the Coronavirus Pandemic. As a result, the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act was passed by Congress to combat the rise of hate crimes and brutality against Asian Americans. Its passing represents a moment of bipartisanship on a topic that has piqued broad public concern.

The argument is simple: there isn't only one appropriate manner in which to make a difference when it comes to combating bigotry and prejudice; there are plenty. The most valuable thing we as a nation, as a society, can do is to act, and to act right now. By engaging in these types of discussions, you open the door to restoration. And it is through these types of conversations that redemption becomes concrete and meaningful, announcing for the possibility of effective change. However, it is important to recognize responsibility. Possibility without accountability is nothing more than wishful thinking.

It is not enough to just not be racist; we must also be anti-racist.

Erick Mendez – Franklin, N.C.

**Country has strayed far from basic tenets**

The following is a poem by Rev J.H. Boetcker, an early 20th century opponent of organized labor.

**THE 10 CANNOTS**

1. You cannot bring about prosperity by discouraging thrift.
2. You cannot strengthen the weak by weakening the strong.
3. You cannot help little men by tearing down big men.
4. You cannot lift the wage earner by pulling down the wage payer.
5. You cannot help the poor by destroying the rich.
6. You cannot establish sound security on borrowed money.
7. You cannot further the brotherhood of man by inciting hatred.
8. You cannot keep out of trouble by spending more than you earn.
9. You cannot build character and courage by destroying men's initiative and independence.
10. And you cannot help men permanently by doing for them what they can and should do for themselves.

We are soooo far from these tenets.

Boetcker is also credited with the phrase ..."A man is judged by the company he keeps, and a company is judged by the men it keeps, and the people of Democratic nations are judged by the type and caliber of officers they elect."

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Dan Morgan – Franklin, N.C.

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Vietnam veterans Victor Moraloza and Billy Jones



Master of Ceremonies Ken Carpenter accepts a \$1,000 check from the Smoky Mountain Jeep Club for upkeep of the Veterans Memorial Park.



U.S. Navy vet and Franklin native Radford Penland was the guest speaker. Photos by Vickie Carpenter



The wreath presentation was performed by American Legion Auxiliary president Ellen Smith and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary president Shirley Fouts.



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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 May 20 - June 3. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



## Macon County Sheriff's Department

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 Crystal Hayes, was charged with child support en-

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forcement contempt. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Selena Marie Kempton, was issued a warrant for injury to personal property. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

May 25

Ambrosio Toga Pichale, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

Kara Marie Vasquez-Perez, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

May 26

Axel Anguiano Magana, was issued a true bill of indictment. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

Kimberly Ann Young, was charged with failure to appear. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

Jeffery Adam Gischel, was charged with failure to appear. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

May 27

Lamont De Shaun Washington, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

## Franklin Police Department

May 20

April Renee Burd, 28, was charged with larceny, possession of stolen goods. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set. Sergeant Norman made the arrest.

June 3

Kraig Allen Lackey, 36, was charged with shoplifting. A secured bond of \$10,500 was set. Detective Foster made the arrest.

Ivy Tallent, 22, was charged with trafficking methamphetamine by transportation, trafficking methamphetamine by possession, possession with intent to sell/deliver heroin, possession with intent to sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle for use/keeping sale of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$200,000 bond was set. Officer Dula made the arrest.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Nantahala Hiking Club** will hike to Thomas Divide to Kamari in GSMNP on Saturday, June 5, 8:30 to 3:30 p.m. The total distance will be 4 miles, hike rating M. For more information, details or reservations, call Gail Lehman (828)524-5298

**Nantahala Hiking Club** will hike Standing Indian Mountain Starting at Deep Gap on Sunday, June 6, 12:30 p.m. The total distance will be 5 miles, hike rating M/S. For more information, details or reservations, call Katharine Brown (828)421-4178

**Cullasaja Community Club Monthly Meeting** will be held on Monday, June 7. 7:30 p.m.

**Franklin Women's Club Social Kick-off Luncheon** will be held on Friday, June 11, noon at Fat Buddies restaurant in Westgate Plaza. The Board will provide ice cream cakes to celebrate meeting in public again. To RSVP, call Brenda Jacobs at (828)421-0411. For more information about the club, call Joy Wood at (828)349 4440.

**Adult and Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center Graduation** will be held on Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m., in the Center auditorium, 336 Living Hope Way (formerly 336 AG Camp Rd) Franklin. The center is a 12-month residential addiction recovery program for men. For more information, call (828)524-2157 or visit [www.livinghopeway.com](http://www.livinghopeway.com).

**Nantahala Bicycle Club Rally** will be held on Saturday, June 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with live radio coverage as well as a ribbon cutting/grand opening for the under-the-bridge greenway connector.

**Death Cafe** will be held on Sunday, June 13, 2 to 4 p.m., Wayfarers Unity Chapel, 182 Wayfarer Lane, Dillard, Ga. Join Jan Brewer, M.A., CMT, for a group-directed conversation about death and dying/life and living. Talk about all things death-related with others joining the discussion. Share fears, tears, laughter, curiosity, creativity, stories, or lend an ear in this safe, relaxed and supportive setting. For more information, call Jan at (510)684-5555 or visit [www.deathcafe.com](http://www.deathcafe.com).

**Macon County Art Association Encaustic Painting Classes** will be held on Fridays, July 9 and 23, Aug. 3 and 27, Sept. 3 and 17, Oct. 29, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Uptown Gallery 30 E Main St., Franklin. For more information, contact Karen Smith, at [karen@programservices.org](mailto:karen@programservices.org)

**Macon County Art Association Veteran's Portrait Project** will be held this year. Spots are open for four to seven veterans as applications remained from 2019. Macon County veterans or their family members can apply to have the veteran's portrait painted by a local artist at the gallery between Memorial Day and July 4. There is no cost to apply or for the portraits. The only requirement is that the veteran or their family member be present to receive the portrait on Veterans Day. Community members who wish to help support the costs for this program are also welcome. For more information, email at [karen@programservices.org](mailto:karen@programservices.org).

**Gem & Mineral Museum**, located in the Old Jail on Phillips Street in

downtown Franklin is now open Friday and Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m., featuring gems and artifacts from North Carolina as well as all over the world.

**Friends of the Rickman Store** are looking for volunteers to be greeters and assist in Saturday activities. No amount of time is too small. The store is open Saturdays 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, call Connie Reynolds (828)524-0359.

**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 Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. at No Wrong Door, 102 Thomas Heights Rd., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Outreach Center, 66 Harrison Ave., Franklin. Online meeting information is available by visiting [www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org). or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828)349-4357.

**Historic T M Rickman Store** is now open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Located at 259 Cowee Creek Road in the historic West -Mill District. Music Jams begin at noon.

**Franklin Seventh Day Adventist Community Services** are open on Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., with a fully stocked food pantry and to help Macon County residents in need with rent and/or power bill. The church is located at 93 Church St., Suite 212. For more information, call (828)369-9000.

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**Macon County Public Health** is vaccinating all groups. Individuals that want to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, must call Macon County's Vaccine Call Center at (828)524-1500 to register and schedule an appointment. The Call Center is open Monday - Friday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Email calendar items to [maconcountynews@gmail.com](mailto:maconcountynews@gmail.com).

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Son Rise Ministries and Dynamic Women Ladies Brunch** will be held on Saturday, June 12, 10 a.m. The guest speaker will be Ida Thornton, a Minister of the Gospel prophetically called to declare the Seasons and Times of the Lord and to establish, equip, and strengthen believers in their faith. The Fellowship is located at 462 Depot St. For more information or reservations, call (828)369-2465 or (828)524-7631.

**Spiritual Light Center** meets on Sundays, 11 a.m., The church is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant in Heritage Hollow.

**First Alliance Church** Sunday services are held at 10:30 am. Sunday School (all ages) is at 9:30 am. The Senior Pastor is Scott Eichelberger. The church is located in Franklin at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack next door to Trimont Christian Academy). For more information, call the church office at (828)369-7977.

**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., Ladies prayer and Bible study is Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. The church is located at 462 Depot St. For more information, call (828)369-2465 or (828)421-4153.

**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** 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. The church is located at 59 Church Hill Lane, off Addington Bridge Road. Phone: (828)369-3885.

**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, Franklin** Services are held Rite I, 8 a.m. without music and Rite II, 10:15 a.m. with music, every Sunday. First and third Sundays at St. Agnes Chapel, 66 Church St. and second and fourth Sundays at St. Cyprian's Chapel, 216 Roller Mill Rd. Sunday 10:15 a.m. services can be viewed live on the website: [www.allsaintsfranklin.org](http://www.allsaintsfranklin.org) and past Sundays can be viewed on YouTube by searching "All Saints Franklin" to find our YouTube page.

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

**Franklin First United Methodist Church** meets at 9:30 a.m., on Sundays for in-person worship or on Facebook at Franklin First United Methodist Church. Note that COVID-19 health protocols are followed for in-person worship. Plan to arrive early for check in; masks are required. The church is located at 66 Harrison Avenue in Franklin.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

# Library's summer learning kicks off June 7

Readers of all ages are invited to join the Macon County Public Library for its Summer Learning Program which kicks off Monday, June 7. This year the library is participating in the nationwide Summer Learning Program with the theme "Tails & Tales."

Families can begin signing up children ages 0-12 for this year's program now at <http://maconcountylibrary.read-squared.com>, with separate logs available for ages 0-4 and ages 5-12. While registration this year is online only, library staff are able to assist with registration either in person or by phone.

Reading and activity progress can be tracked starting on Monday, June 7. Children will now have the option to track their reading and rewards online or by downloading the Read Squared app. Those able to use this online platform will have access to additional reading suggestions, mini-games, and badges to go along with traditional prizes. Paper reading logs are available at the children's desk upon request for children ages 0-4 and 5-12. "Cool" prizes will be available all summer long, including a spectacular Grand Prize from the Jump Factory and a bicycle raffle made possible by Walmart.

The library has an awesome lineup this year for a hybrid summer full of educational entertainment. Several great virtual options are available including exciting programs from the Big Bang Boom Band, Red Yarn Barn Productions, and cartoonist Paul Merklein, as well as animal videos from Balsam Mountain Trust and the North Carolina Zoo. The library will also be providing some in-person programs, starting with a free family movie showing on Monday, June 7. Note that all summer events for children will be limited to 25 at-



tendees. This number includes adults who attend with their children but does not include infants. Tickets will be available at the circulation desk on a first come, first served basis starting at 9 a.m. the morning of each 10 a.m. program. Program calendars and additional information are available online at [www.fontanalib.org/summer](http://www.fontanalib.org/summer). Grab-and-Go bagged lunches will also be provided for free to students 18 and under this summer in partnership with Macon County Public Schools. Lunches will be available Monday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. starting Tuesday, June 1.

Along with their fun options for children, the Macon County Public Library will also have reading and learning programs available for teens and adults. Teens can look forward to the return of Anime Club, Movies, and Game Days in addition to a Police K-9 demonstration with Officer Elijah Kirkland and Art Days with instructors from The Bascom: Center for the Visual Arts. Stop by at the Reference Desk to pick up a Teen Summer Program and register for Summer Reading. A grand prize awaits the teen who attends the most programs and logs the most reading hours over the summer.

Adults have also have something to celebrate with the return of Adult Summer Reading Bingo. Visit the library to pick up a bingo card and start earning prizes for reading all summer long.

As always, participation in any of these programs is completely free. The library is located at 148 Siler Farm Road, Franklin. For more information, call the Macon County Public Library at (828) 524-3600 or visit the website at [www.fontanalib.org](http://www.fontanalib.org).

# Pickin' on the Square



The J.W. Band opened this season of Pickin' on the Square last Saturday night. Crowds came out for some live music for the first time since 2019. Photos by Betsey Gooder



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Donnie Clay, Coordinator for Pickin' on the Square



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## Countryside has great turn out for Rev It Up



Countryside Chevrolet held its annual Rev It Up for the Vets Cruise In last Saturday, where they reportedly had the highest number of vehicles entered in some time. Festivities included music, food and raffle ticket sales all of whose proceeds went to local veterans' organizations.

Photos by Betsey Gooder & John Killory



## Hometown Market Day



The Streets of Franklin Heritage Association held a Hometown Market Day Saturday inviting residents and visitors to come downtown to shop. Vendors, crafters and balloons created a festive atmosphere for this first event of the season in downtown Franklin. At left, author Deena Bouknight signs books in front of Books Unlimited. Photos by Betsey Gooder

## Deaths & Funerals

### Laura Belle Long Guffie

Laura Belle Long Guffie, 83, of Franklin, N.C., passed away May 24, 2021.

She was born to the late Lawrence and Annie Sprinkle Long in Macon County. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by husband, Zeb Guffie Jr.; and brothers, Lawrence Long Jr. and George "Eddie" Long.

She was a lifetime resident of Macon County and was a member of Windy Gap Baptist Church. She loved her grandchildren and enjoyed watching the Hallmark channel and cooking. Her instant smile will be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by children, Terry Brown (John), James Guffie, Rita Hall (Jimmy) and Jerry Guffie, all of Franklin; sisters, Louise Roper and Barbara Mashburn and sister-in-law, Devannah Long, all of Franklin; grandchildren, Shane Hall, Jody Brown, Angela Phillips, Joi Adler, Nathan Brown, Michaela Guffie, Jason Brown; nine great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; and special best friends, Nellie Downs and Eunice Browning.

A service was held at the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home on Thursday, May 27.

Rev. Mark Bishop, Rev. Steve Reeves, and Dr. Jimmy Guffie officiated.

Burial followed at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Nathan Brown, Jimmy Hall, John Brown, James Guffie and Jerry Guffie, Jason Smith, and Loyd Mashburn. In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Gideons at <https://www.gideons.org/donate>.

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

Macon Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.



Laura Belle Long Guffie

### William Lee Young

William Lee Young, 73, passed away Thursday, May 20, 2021, at his residence. He was born in Jackson, County Oct. 25, 1947, to the late John William Young Jr. and Dorothy Green Young. He worked and retired as a carpenter in commercial construction. He loved hunting, fishing, football games and NASCAR. He was also of the Baptist faith. He was a loving husband, father, brother, and friend.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Carolyn Rogers Young; two sons, Greg Young (Elizabeth Johnston) and Eric Young (Jill Arnold) both of Franklin, N.C.; a brother, Stanley Young of Asheville, N.C.; three sisters, Hilda Young and Loretta Young both of Franklin, and Tena Hicks of Waldo, Fla.; and his little dog "Bentley."

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Lillian Young.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 24, at Zion Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Eddie Stillwell and Rev. Mark Bishop officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Online condolences can be left at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Young family.



William Lee Young



# Deaths & Funerals

## Betty Jo Parrish

Betty Jo Parrish, 87, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on May 27, 2021.

She was born in Macon County to the late Edgar and Maude Roper Queen. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles L. "Rudolph" Parrish; and siblings, Pauline Trivetta, Bill Queen, Ted Queen, Jack Queen, and an infant brother.

She enjoyed sewing and was a skilled quilter. She found joy in being outdoors, bird watching, gardening, and taking walks with her friends.

She is survived by her children, Gary Parrish (Mary) of Bryson City; and Cheryl Harwood (Bruce) of Franklin; two grandchildren Stephanie Crabtree (Stephan) and Lacey Harwood; and great grandchildren, Abel Crabtree, Parrish Crabtree, and Henderson Crabtree.

A service was held Sunday, May 30, at Cowee Baptist Church with Rev. Jason Smith, Rev. Johnny Raby, and Rev. Ronnie Branson officiating.

Burial followed at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Buddy Mathis, Todd Kernicki, Ricky Queen, Steve Queen, Marty Queen, Jamie Mathis, and Cody Mathis.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

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

Macon Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

## Charles Samuel Cabe

Charles Samuel Cabe, 73, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021. He was born in Jackson County, North Carolina on Sept. 17, 1947, to the late Homer and Thelma Cabe. He retired from Conmet Plastic but he never stopped working. He took great pride in his lawn care business and in everything he did. His greatest pride and joy were his family and grandchildren. He was loved by all who met him. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Cabe and Gene Cabe.

He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Sybil Cabe; four daughters, TJ Cabe, Tennille Meeks, Elizabeth Leonard (Buddy) and Marcie Maney (Robert); a brother, Larry Cabe; a sister, Juanita Kyzer (Gaylon); eight grandchildren, two great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. He had a large extended family and several close friends.

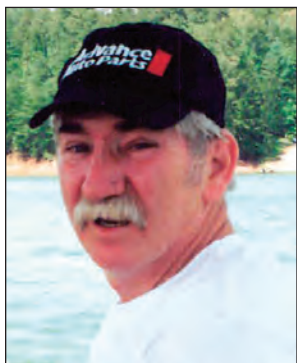
Funeral services were held Saturday, May 29, at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed at Addington Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Jimmy Cabe, Billy Ray Gunter, Darrell Gravitt, Greg Raby, Jason Ellenburg and Torran Meeks. Honorary pallbearers, Sam's long life friend, David Sanders and sidekick, Braydon Williams.

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



Betty Jo Parrish



Charles Samuel Cabe

## James Rodney Sweeten

James Rodney Sweeten, 17, of Franklin, N.C., died on Monday, May 24, 2021, from injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident.

He was born in Mobile, Ala., on Feb. 29, 2004. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Michelle Kennedy and sister Lexie. He enjoyed trucks, motorcycles, reading, music, and hanging with friends. He loved all animals, but his favorite was cats. One of his favorite sayings was "R.H.E.C." and he would always make others around him smile.

He is survived by his parents, Gene and Michelle Sweeten Cain of Franklin; his mother, Jennifer Conner of Theodore, Ala.; siblings, Heaven Leigh Conner of Theodore, Nicholas Conner of Franklin, and Dallas Redwine of Waynesville, N.C.; grandmother, Deborah McCraw (Charles Rowe) of Franklin; and grandfather, Rodney Kennedy of Theodore; two uncles, Patrick Conner and Corey Conner of Theodore.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, June 2, at Macon Funeral Home.

Online condolences at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com). Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



James Sweeten

## William Jerry Stamey

William Jerry Stamey, 73, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020.

Born and raised in Macon County, he was the son of the late William Phearson and Hazel Mary Payne Stamey. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Jim Stamey. He was a member of Windy Gap Baptist Church.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1966 to 1968. After returning to Macon County, he started Imperial Floor Covering in 1973 which he ran successfully for 24 years. He enjoyed camping at Standing Indian and boating on Lake Chatuge.

He is survived by his sons, William David Stamey of Virginia and Brian Stamey and wife Heather of Franklin; a sister, Brenda Dills and a brother, Mike Stamey, both of Franklin; five grandchildren, William Derek Stamey (Kim), Justin Aaron Stamey, Sarah Kathryn Stamey, Ethan Douglas Stamey and Nathan Brian Stamey; two great-grandchildren, William Kaysen and Easton Lee.

A memorial service will be held Sunday, June 6, at 2 p.m., in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Mark Bishop officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

## Melissa Callahan Hall

Melissa Callahan Hall, 66, of Franklin, passed away on May 25, 2021.

She was born in Macon County to the late Troup Hall Jr. and Nancy Calloway Callahan.

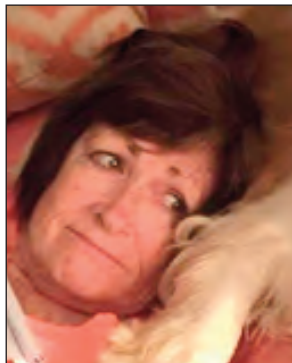
She is survived by her husband of 32 years, Danny Hall; children, Christy Cabe (Jonathan), Jeremy Hall Pyatt, and Courtney Ellen Rogers (Roman); seven grandchildren, Sydney Balmer (Ryan), Preston Jeremy Pyatt, Hunter Jamison, Haley Maria Pyatt, Dylan Jacob Pyatt, Cherish Rogers and Willow Rogers; and one great grandchild, Elizabeth Balmer.

A service was held on Saturday, May 29, at Macon Funeral Home.

Rev. Jim Crayton officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Compassion International at <https://www.compassion.com/donate.htm>.

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



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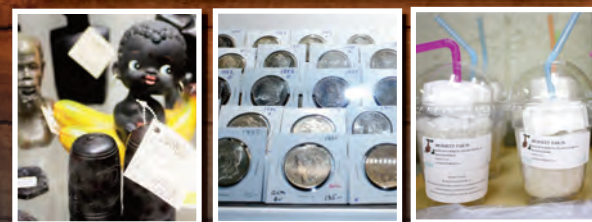
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46%	44%	37%	43%	41%



## Deaths & Funerals

### Sherry Elaine Mitchell Ham

Sherry Elaine Mitchell Ham, 74, of Prairie Grove, Ark., passed away on Friday, May 14, 2021, after a period of declining health.

Born in Greenville, Ala., she was the daughter of the late Bernice and Viola Smith Mitchell. She worked as a ministry director for the North American Mission Board for many years. In her spare time, she enjoyed writing, reading, and traveling.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Thomas Daniel Ham; son, Jeff Ham (Shannon) of Ventura, Calif.; stepdaughter, DeAnna Medlock (Tracey) of Fayetteville, Ark.; sister, Jean Reed (Phil) of Lakeland, Fla.; three grandchildren, Hudson and Harper Ham, Matthew Hawkins; and one great-grandson, Allen Hawkins.

A private graveside was held at the Jennings Cemetery at Holly Springs Baptist Church in Franklin, N.C.; with a memorial service later this year with Rev. Donnie Seagle officiating.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America,

322 Eighth Avenue, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10001.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



**Sherry Elaine Ham**

### Patricia King Brendle

Patricia King Brendle, 85, passed away Tuesday, May 25, 2021. She was born May 30, 1935, in Anne Arundel, Md., to the late Maurice King and Virginia Townson King. She was a school bus driver for 30 years and was of the Christian faith. She loved yard sales and spending time with her family.

Survivors include two sons, Robert "Bobby" Brendle and Charles "Eddie" Brendle (Joy); a daughter, Barbara Collins (Eddie Coward); a brother, Jerry King; six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 28, at Woodlawn Cemetery with the Rev. J.D. Woodside officiating.

Online condolences at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Brendle family.



**Patricia King Brendle**

### Audrey Margaret Holland Cook

Audrey Margaret Holland Cook, 85, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021, surrounded by her loved ones.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of Denver and Delton Jennings Holland. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, David Lee Cook; daughter, Patsy Lynn Cook; one brother, Bryant Holland; and three sisters, Bernice Penley, Phyllis Caldwell, and Marsha Mason.

She loved to spend time with her family and her neighbors. Her grandchildren were her pride and joy, and she never missed an opportunity to tell others of their recent activities and accomplishments. She enjoyed cooking her family their favorite meals and celebrating with them during holidays. She also spent her time working on sewing projects, searching for new recipes in her favorite cookbooks, tending to her plants, and watching birds build nests in her bird houses each spring.

She is survived by a daughter, Marlene Williams (the late Robert Williams); a son, Rick Cook (Vanessa Cook); and daughter, Angela Burrell (Dr. Adam Burrell), all of Franklin; nine grandchildren, Alicia Higdon, Rob Williams, Luke Cook, Taylor Cook, Jordan Burrell, Payton Burrell, Corey Burrell, Jason Kehle, and Renee Jones; six great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, 950 W. Faris Rd., Greenville, SC 29605.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



**Audrey Margaret Cook**

### Jewell 'Sue' Johnson Brown

Jewell "Sue" Johnson Brown, 86, passed away on Sunday, May 30, 2021. She was born in Roane County, Tenn., daughter of the late Rufe Johnson and Marie Cooley Johnson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Edward "Bill" Brown; her children, Steven Edward Brown, Tommy Alan Brown, and Ronnie Lee Brown; her brother, Larry Johnson; and her sister, Louise Wyrick.

She was a member of VFW Post 6724 Ladies Auxiliary.

She is survived by her daughter,

Tody Brown; her son, Barry Brown; her grandchildren, Brooke Bright (Will), Courtnie Webb (Tim), Dylan Brown, and Patrick Brown; her great-grandchildren, Bella Bright and Margo Webb; her sisters, Mary Kimbel, Ruth West (Gilbert), and Shirley Dawson (Henry); her brother, Johnny Johnson (Doriann); and special friends, Connie Hucks, Judy Woodward, Shirley Haigler, and Lorraine Seagle.

A service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Brown will be held Sunday, June 6, at 5 p.m., at the Woodlawn Chapel of Woodlawn Funeral Home, Mount Holly. The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. until the service hour, at the funeral home. Burial will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, June 7, at Wright Cemetery, 2685 Tessentee Road, Franklin.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, 1915 Oakdale Rd., Charlotte, NC 28216 or the Shriners Children's Hospital by visiting <https://donate.lovetotherescue.org>.

Condolence messages may be sent to the family by visiting [www.woodlawnfuneral.org](http://www.woodlawnfuneral.org). Woodlawn Funeral Home of Mount Holly is serving the Brown family.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Brown family with local arrangements.



**Jewell Sue Brown**

### Beverly 'Sissy' Elaine Holland Jenkins

Beverly "Sissy" Elaine Holland Jenkins, 66, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Friday, May 28, 2021 after a period of declining health.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Charlie Robert and Betty Hazel Adams Holland. She was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church, loved spending time with her family and especially loved spoiling all the children. She helped to run Mr. Bob's Carpet bowling league for many years.

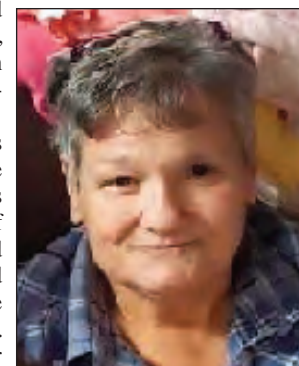
She is survived by her husband, Ray Jenkins of Franklin; and two brothers, Ronnie Holland (Carol) and Richard Dale Holland (Jerdy "Tootsie") of Columbia, S.C.; numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews and great great nieces.

Memorial service was held Tuesday, June 1, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Macon Funeral Home to help with expenses.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



**Beverly Jenkins**

### Dakota Andrew Williamson

Dakota Andrew Williamson, 17 of Franklin, N.C., passed away May 24, 2021.

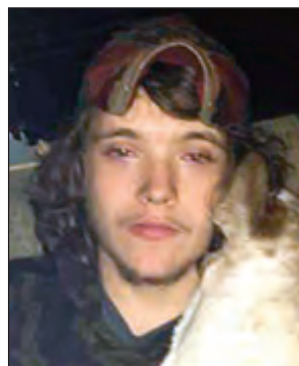
He was born in Macon County to Harold Andrew Williamson and Amber Latisha Klatt. He enjoyed being outdoors, hunting and fishing and had an interest in mechanics.

He is survived by his parents, Harold Andrew Williamson (Dianna Williamson) and Amber Klatt (Michael Crane); grandparents, Sandra K Green (Robert Welch), Linda Garrett (Donnie), and Kevin Klatt (Jennifer); great grandmother, Lila L. Klatt; great grandfather, Jack W. Hodgins; siblings, Quinton Williamson, Brendan Williamson; and step siblings, Alyssa Hamlin, Daylen Hamlin, Nicolas Roquomore, Emily Roquomore, Dana Henry, Kaylie Ann Henry, and Marrissha Shook.

A service was held at Macon Funeral Home on Friday, May 28, with Rev. Steve Reeves officiating.

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Macon Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.



**Dakota Andrew Williamson**

### Jeffery Stuart Martin

Jeffery Stuart Martin, 57, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, May 23, 2021.

Born in Hampton, Va., he was the son of James Franklin and Patricia Grace Reynolds Martin. He was a master carpenter, enjoyed wood working; and he loved music and playing the guitar.

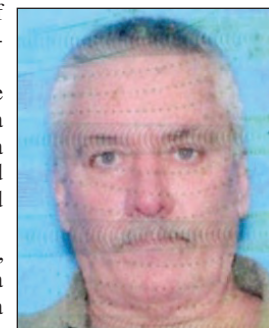
He is survived by his parents, James Franklin Martin and Patricia Reynolds Martin of Franklin; and a brother, Randy Martin of Franklin.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Reach of Macon County, P.O. Box 228, Franklin, NC 28744.

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## Kyle Larson delivers record 269th Hendrick win in stellar run at Charlotte

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

CONCORD, N.C. – In dominating fashion, Kyle Larson won NASCAR's longest race on Sunday night and in the process gave team owner Rick Hendrick a record 269th victory, most in NASCAR Cup Series history.

Larson's win in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte Motor Speedway was the eighth of his career and his second of the season, guaranteeing the driver of the No. 5 Chevrolet a spot in the postseason Playoffs. By the time he crossed the finish line at the end of 400 laps, Larson held a 10.051-second lead over runner-up and teammate Chase Elliott.

The 1-2 finish was the third straight for Hendrick Motorsports. Only third-place finisher Kyle Busch found a way to break up the HMS party, with Hendrick drivers William Byron and Alex Bowman running fourth and fifth, respectively.

Larson led 327 of the 400 laps, with his only real challenges coming from Elliott and Byron, who led 22 and 19 laps.

"It feels great to be that guy who helped Mr. H break that record finally," Larson said of the victory that broke a tie with Petty Enterprises for most wins in the series.

Larson signed on with Hendrick to start the 2021 season. The car he drove to victory Sunday night bore the same number as the Chevrolet Geoff Bodine piloted at Martinsville on April 29, 1984 to give Hendrick's fledgling—and struggling—organization the first of those 269 wins.

"It's been better than I ever could have imagined," Larson said of his first 15 races with HMS. "For us to lead as many laps as we've got this year (a series-best 1,105), to contend for as many wins as we have and now to get our second win in a crown-jewel event, too, it feels great.

"I'm just very lucky that Mr. H was able to put a deal (together) for me. It's just awesome. I'm living a dream, for sure." NASCAR chairman and CEO Jim France was one of the first to congratulate Hendrick.

"I am proud to congratulate Rick Hendrick and all of Hendrick Motorsports on breaking the all-time wins record for a NASCAR Cup Series race team, long held by the legendary Petty Enterprises team," France said in a statement issued at the conclusion of the race.

"With nearly 40 years of excellence, Hendrick Motorsports has set the gold standard for race team success. Rick Hendrick has already cemented his legacy as a NASCAR Hall of Famer, and now adds another incredible accomplishment to an exemplary NASCAR career."

Larson started from the pole and swept the first three stages, but not without challenges from teammates Elliott and Byron.

In fact, in the green-flag run after the second stage break, Byron passed Larson for the lead on Lap 231. During the subsequent exchange of pit stops, however, Larson came in for service one lap earlier than Byron and was roughly one second faster on and off pit road than his teammate.

Larson built a lead of more than 2.5 seconds but spent more than 15 circuits trying to lap the No. 43 Chevrolet of Erik Jones, as Byron closed to his bumper.

"Make him work for it," Jones' spotter, Rick Carelli, radioed to his driver as he fought to stay on the lead lap, and Jones certainly followed those instructions.

But Larson finally passed the No. 43 Camaro and began to pull away from Byron before Ryan Newman slammed the outside wall to cause the fourth and final caution of the race on Lap 296. The stage ended under yellow, with Larson the winner.

Coincidentally, it was also Jones who pitted for fresh tires during the final run to the finish, returned to the track ahead of Larson, and helped Larson build his winning margin.



Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 Metro Tech Chevrolet, and NASCAR Hall of Famer and team owner Rick Hendrick celebrate in victory lane after winning, the NASCAR Cup Series Coca-Cola 600, Hendrick Motorsports' 269th Cup Series win, the most in NASCAR at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 30, 2021 in Concord, N.C. Photo by Maddie Meyer/Getty Images

"I just towed with him for a while and stretched my lead out," said Larson, who for the second time in his career followed three straight runner-up finishes with a pole and a victory.

Austin Dillon ran sixth, followed by Denny Hamlin, Chris Buescher, Tyler Reddick and Kevin Harvick. Hamlin retained the series lead by 76 points over Larson and Byron, who are tied for second in the standings.

Ty Gibbs wins at Charlotte for second Xfinity triumph  
Not bad for a part-timer.

Ty Gibbs won his second NASCAR Xfinity Series victory in the sixth start of his career, recovering from a spin off Turn 4 to take the checkered flag in Saturday's Alsco Uniforms 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway.

The grandson of team owner Joe Gibbs led the final 20 laps, surviving two eventful restarts during that stretch to beat series leader Austin Cindric to the finish line by .437 seconds.

Gibbs, who won't turn 19 until Oct. 4, is the youngest winner at Charlotte in any of NASCAR's top three national divisions.

The race came down to a battle for the lead between Gibbs and Chase Briscoe, who led 30 laps before spinning off Turn 2 as Gibbs closed near his bumper and packed the air on the left rear of Briscoe's Ford.

Gibbs apologized immediately on his team radio for putting Briscoe in a precarious position.

"I wasn't trying to wreck him—I was trying to race him," Gibbs said. "That was never my intention."

After taking the checkered flag and climbing from his car, Gibbs was still apologizing, even though there was clearly no contact between his No. 54 Toyota and Briscoe's No. 99 Ford.

"First off, I just want to say sorry to the 99 and Chase and his crew," said Gibbs, who spun through the artificial turf in the tri-oval at the end of Stage 2. "I didn't hit him, but I definitely helped him out with him getting loose there, and it was not my intention. Already wrecked myself so, I just want to say sorry to them more importantly than this entire win."

But the victory nevertheless assuaged whatever guilty feelings he might have had.

"It's just awesome," Gibbs said. "I'll take it. This is a good day—we got one more (race) to go. So, I just want to say thank you all the fans out there and hell, yeah!"

Briscoe conceded that his spin was simply the product of hard racing between two quality cars. Gibbs had closed on Briscoe in traffic and had actually led the previous lap as the drivers raced side-by-side across the start/finish line.

"It felt like there at the end we just made the wrong adjustment, and I was too tight," Briscoe said. "But truthfully, Ty was probably going to get me either way.... After leading that many laps, it's frustrating for sure."

Seeking his first victory in his 99th start in the series, Daniel Hemric swept the first two stages, but a pit road mistake cost him dearly. During a pit stop under the sixth caution on Lap 121 of 200, Hemric was blocked by the Toyota of Chad Finchem and had to back up to escape his pit stall.

That was the least of Hemric's problems. A tire rolled away from the car and impeded the pit stop of Landon Cassill, who was pitting behind Hemric. The resulting penalty sent Hemric to the back of the field, and though he recovered to run as high as seventh, he couldn't avoid a seven-car wreck after a restart on Lap 187.

That accident knocked Hemric and Noah Gragson out of the race. After the subsequent restart on Lap 194, Gibbs pulled away from Cindric and sealed the victory, lowering his average finish in his six starts to 5.17—from an average starting position of 18.2.

Harrison Burton finished third, followed by Brandon Brown, whose crew chief, Doug Randolph, made the call of the race by saving a set of tires for the final 20 laps. Fighting for a Playoff spot and currently 13th in the series standings, Brown was outside the top 15 for the penultimate restart on Lap 187 but took advantage of his fresh rubber to charge to fourth.

Tyler Reddick came home fifth, followed by Briscoe, Ty Dillon, Brandon Jones, Jeb Burton and Jeremy Clements.

Cindric, the reigning series champion, now leads the standings by 84 points over second-place Harrison Burton.



Ty Gibbs, driver of the #54 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Alsco Uniforms 300 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 29, 2021 in Concord, N.C. Photo by Jared C. Tilton/Getty Images



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# CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PG. 15

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THEME: 1970s LYRICS

### ACROSS

1. \*Carole King: "But you're \_\_\_\_\_ away"
6. "I Thee \_\_\_\_\_"
9. Ring practice
13. Hacienda brick
14. \*Billy Joel: "I love you just the way you \_\_\_\_\_"
15. What speakers do
16. Leg of lamb
17. Styling goo
18. Spooky
19. \*Rod Stewart: "Oh, Maggie, I couldn't have tried \_\_\_\_\_"
21. \*Stevie Wonder: "Very superstitious, writing's on \_\_\_\_\_"
23. Type of constrictor
24. Can of worms
25. \*"\_\_\_\_\_ Cola, what a beautiful drink"
28. Capital of Peru
30. \*Carly Simon: "I had some dreams, they were \_\_\_\_\_ in my coffee"
35. Bad luck precursor
37. Swing seat, possibly
39. Macaroni shape
40. Capital on the Baltic Sea
41. Figure with vertex and rays
43. Venetian magistrate
44. Not fitting
46. Sealed with a hand-shake
47. Wise man
48. Annotator and commentator
50. Facts and figures
52. Bambino
53. Chinese monetary unit
55. International Labor Organization
57. \*The Knack: "M M M My \_\_\_\_\_"
61. \*Sister Sledge: "We are family, get up everybody \_\_\_\_\_"
65. Last European colony in China
66. Pastrami's partner
68. Sheik's bevy
69. Movie premiere, e.g.
70. Gunk
71. Ancient assembly area
72. Used to be wild?
73. Attila, e.g.
74. Part of mortise joint

### DOWN

1. Long story
2. War god in Norse mythology
3. Same as fogey
4. J. Robert Oppenheimer's project
5. Reorganize or modify
6. \$7.25/hour, e.g.
7. Old fashioned 'before'
8. Nile's mouth
9. Boatload
10. What paralegal and parachute have in com-

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11. Seed covering
12. Angler's spool
15. Punch buggy car
20. Indian cuisine yogurt staple
22. Drunkard's sound?
24. Enter uninvited (2 words)
25. \*Bruce Springsteen: "Tramps like us, baby we were born \_\_\_\_\_"
26. \_\_\_\_\_ acid
27. "And Seth.... \_\_\_\_\_ Enos"
29. \*Eric Clapton: "Darling, won't you ease my worried \_\_\_\_\_"
31. Oldsmobile founder
32. Lusitania's destroyer
33. Grown-up pupper, in social media
34. \*ABBA: "Dancing queen, young and \_\_\_\_\_, only seventeen"
36. Back of the neck
38. Dashing style
42. Spritlike
45. Test (2 words)
49. \*Terry Jacks: "We had seasons in the \_\_\_\_\_"
51. One tritely familiar
54. Frustration, in print
56. Missouri River tributary
57. Old World duck
58. \*Creedence Clearwater Revival: "\_\_\_\_\_ you ever seen the rain?"
59. They're hidden up a sleeve?
60. Goes with rave
61. Eon, alt. sp.
62. \*Black Sabbath: "I am \_\_\_\_\_ man"
63. Infamous Roman emperor
64. J. Edgar Hoover's man
67. \*Queen: "Scaramouch, Scaramouch, will \_\_\_\_\_ do the

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