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Macon Valley Nursing and Rehab invited family and friends to drive by the facility on Tuesday to show residents some love and brighten their day. Since the COVID pandemic residents have been unable to receive visitors and Macon Valley staff wanted to let them safely connect in some way to their family members. Cars were decorated with signs, balloons and flags while passengers waved enthusiastically as they drove by. Franklin emergency services also participated in the parade. For more photos see page 16.

COVID-19 cases nearing 100 in Macon

Brittney Lofthouse
Contributing Writer

As of Tuesday evening, the number of Macon County residents diagnosed with COVID 19 was 95 cases. With two clusters of positive cases in the county, Macon County Public Health (MCPH) held a press conference on Friday to provide information to the community.

Macon County Public Health Director Kathy McGaha began the press conference with some numbers.

“Over the last 48 hours, we have had a total of 42 positive cases identified in Macon County. We had 27 Thursday and we’ve had 15 more today (Friday). We are very confident that the Coronavirus is spreading through the community. We are now have community spread in Macon County, as is most of the state and country.”

According to North Carolina General Statute regarding information released surrounding communicable diseases, a



Kathy McGaha
Public Health Director

place of employment or organization can be identified for the public in the event that a “cluster” is identified. A cluster is defined as five or more individuals – which is why MCPH was able to identify a local church, which has resulted in several dozen positive cases. Members of the church worked at Old Edwards Inn in Highlands, and because more than five (a total of six at last count) were positive, a second cluster was identified at Old Edwards Inn.

Additionally, MCPH confirmed on Friday that three employees at Walmart had tested positive for COVID19, leading the store to take additional safety precautions.

As of Tuesday evening, the total number of positive cases in Macon County was 95, 82 of which are currently active with 12 individuals having recovered and one death. The health department has conducted a total of 1,062 tests, however the

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Early voting for primary now underway

Voters across the 17-county District 11 Congressional area in Western North Carolina can head to the polls today [Thursday] as early voting opened begins. Early voting in Franklin is no longer being held at the Macon County Courthouse, but is being held at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building on Georgia Road.

Voters will be casting their ballots to decide between Haywood County Republican Lynda Bennett and Henderson County Republican Madison Cawthorn. A candidate must receive more than 30 percent of the vote to win the ticket and Bennett came in at 23 percent of the vote with just 2,000 more votes than Cawthorn in the March 5 primary.

The Macon County Board of Elections are taking extra health and safety precaution during the voting process including recommending masks and providing masks for those who want them, protective barriers between voting kiosks, and regular sanitation practices. Curb-side voting will also be available for individuals who wish to vote without leaving their vehicle. According to the Board of Elections, more than 350 absentee ballots have already been received, an above average number.

Voting specifics

- Absentee by mail began May 9, and ends June 16, 2020
- Early voting will run Thursday, June 4, through Saturday, June 20, 2020
- Two locations for early voting:
 - Highlands Civic Center - 600 N. 4th Street, Highlands, Monday-Friday 8:00am-7:30pm and open Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Robert Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Road, Franklin, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and open Saturday, June 20, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Voter ID is NOT required for this Election
- No new voter registrations are permitted until after the second primary is completed
- No changes to party affiliations are permitted to a voters record until after the second primary is completed
- Voters registered as an Unaffiliated and voted a Republican ballot in the 1st Primary Election, (March 3, 2020) are permitted to vote in this Primary Election
- Voters registered Democrat who voted in the first Primary Election are not permitted to vote in this election
- Early voting ends on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 3 p.m. at both locations
- No voting at the Macon County Courthouse for this election. To cast your ballot on Election Day June 23, 2020, the following Precincts will be combined into one location:

- North Franklin, South Franklin, East Franklin, Iotla, Union, Millshoal, Ellijay, Sugarfork, Smithbridge, Cartoogechaye, Burningtown and Cowee. All voters who are eligible will vote at the Robert Carpenter Community Building

- Highlands and Flats Precincts-voters who are eligible will vote at the Highlands Civic Center

- Voters in the Nantahala Precinct will vote at the EMS building located at 1096 Junaluska Road, Topton, as usual

- Canvass for the 2nd Primary Election will be held on Monday, July 6, 2020, at 11 a.m. in the Board of Elections office

Filing deadlines for General Election

Filing for School Board and Soil & Water begins Monday, June 8, 2020 at noon and runs through Thursday, July 6, 2020 at noon for the November General Election.

Seats up for Election for School Board:

- District 4 at large - Jim Breedlove - four-year term
- District 3 - Melissa Evans - four-year term
- District 1 - Stephanie McCall - four-year term

For Soil & Water:

- Matt Mason - four-year term
- Filing fee is \$5 for all seats

The Board of Election office is located in Room 127A on the 1st floor of the Macon County Courthouse, 5 W Main St., Franklin, NC 28734. Phone 828-349-2034.

Future election information

- Presidential General Election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2020
- All voters are eligible to vote
- Absentee by mail begins Sept. 4, 2020 through Oct. 27, 2020
- Voter registration deadline is Oct. 9, 2020 at 5 p.m.
- One-Stop early voting begins Thursday, Oct.15, 2020 through Oct. 31, 2020

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2019	Chevrolet	Blazer	17,294
2017	Chevrolet	Camaro	134,652
2019	Chevrolet	Colorado	15,542
1972	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE	91,171
1969	CHEVROLET	CORVETTE	69,247
2019	Chevrolet	Cruze	34,698
2020	Chevrolet	Equinox	15,630
2015	Chevrolet	Equinox	60,021
2019	Chevrolet	Equinox	12,239
2016	Chevrolet	Malibu	66,724
2014	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	139,498
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	15,105
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	11,654
2016	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	41,798
2014	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	114,928
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	25,450
2011	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	255,565
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 LD	34,349
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	50,327
2005	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	137,183
2005	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	86,504
2001	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	169,693
2017	Chevrolet	Tahoe	75,142
2017	Chevrolet	Traverse	44,814
2012	Chevrolet	Traverse	95,570
2016	Chevrolet	Traverse	80,732
2015	Chevrolet	Trax	32,279
2019	Chevrolet	Trax	7,439
2007	Chrysler	Pacifica	181,297
2014	Chrysler	Town & Country	150,724
2013	Dodge	Durango	141,512
2000	Dodge	Durango	214,249
2019	Dodge	Grand Caravan	45,143
2015	Dodge	Grand Caravan	64,249
2017	Dodge	Journey	76,764
2007	Dodge	Nitro	106,328
2001	Dodge	Ram 1500	215,775
2018	Ford	EcoSport	5,000
2018	Ford	Edge	52,660
2013	Ford	Escape	73,138
2019	Ford	Escape	34,909
2015	Ford	F-150	74,115
2013	Ford	F-150	101,572
2017	Ford	Fusion	43,886
1930	FORD	MODELA	78,269
2006	Ford	Taurus	176,151
2013	GMC	Sierra 1500	99,394
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2019	GMC	Yukon XL	41,477
2002	HARLEY DAVIDSON	FATBOY	2,318
1997	HARLEY DAVIDSON	ULTRA CLASSIC	26,160
2017	Honda	Accord	21,739
2019	Honda	HR-V	13,836
2019	Honda	Odyssey	25,630
2017	Honda	Pilot	39,009
2017	Hyundai	Tucson	63,714
2017	INFINITI	QX30	37,697
2019	Jaguar	XE	16,641
2019	Jeep	Compass	46,307
2013	Jeep	Compass	125,791
2016	Jeep	Patriot	57,115
2018	Jeep	Renegade	21,426
2016	Kia	Forté	30,564
2016	Kia	Sorento	79,870
2019	Kia	Soul	34,258
2015	Nissan	Altima	105,350
2019	Nissan	Frontier	25,659
2019	Nissan	Frontier	24,310
2019	Nissan	Frontier	19,914
2019	Nissan	Rogue	34,462
2019	Nissan	Rogue	36,401
2019	Nissan	Sentra	36,199
2019	Nissan	Versa	36,544
2017	RAM	2500	55,649
2018	RAM	3500	19,819
2019	RAM	3500	3,284
2014	Subaru	Forester	95,536
2018	Subaru	Legacy	39,087
2016	Toyota	Camry	68,815
2017	Toyota	Prius Prime	32,541
2018	Toyota	RAV4	41,686
2019	Toyota	RAV4	32,712
2014	Toyota	Tacoma	123,087



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total number of tests completed for Macon County is 1,395, which includes tests by area health facilities, hospitals, and private practices, with 253 cases pending.

The majority of the positive cases currently identified in Macon County have been found through contract tracing, which means that individuals being tested had come in contact with someone else who was found to be positive. While the majority of cases are due to contract cases, a handful of confirmed cases have no known origin, which is why McGaha confirmed Community Spread in Macon County on Friday.

Compared to the other 100 counties in North Carolina, Macon County is in the middle in terms of case count. According to the Department of Health and Human Services website – 74 cases and 1 death are reported for the Franklin zip code, nine for the Highlands zip code, and one for Otto.

Macon County Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe spoke during Friday’s press conference and assured the community that the county is prepared for the increase in numbers.

“Obviously, it’s a little surprising for folks to see that increase in numbers this week, but it’s not necessarily surprising to us. We had an extremely low positive case count for a long time and we knew that when the amount of tests started going up, we would see those numbers go up,” said Cabe. “So, it’s not unexpected to some degree, it’s a little surprising that it happened so quickly, but it’s not necessarily unexpected. So we are prepared to deal with the circumstances, and we do have some processes in place to manage this situation.”

Persons who think they may have been exposed to the Coronavirus from either of the clusters, call the Macon County Health Department at (828)349-2517 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MCPH’s most frequently asked questions about COVID-19

When does Macon County Public Health release the name of a workplace, educational, and other community settings?

Macon County Public Health will publicly report and name all clusters of COVID-19 cases identified at a workplace, educational, and community setting in Macon County to protect the public’s health. NC DHHS defines clusters of COVID-19 cases in workplace, educational, and other community settings as:

- A minimum of five cases with illness onsets or initial positive

results within a 14-day period AND

• Plausible linkage between cases; where cases were present in the same setting during the same time-period (e.g., same shift, same classroom, same physical work area); that the timing fits with likely timing of exposure; and that there is no other more likely source of exposure for identified cases (e.g., household or close contact to a confirmed case in another setting).

What constitutes a workplace, educational, or community setting?

Occupational settings are as followed:

- Food processing plants
- Production facilities
- Distribution facilities
- Factories
- Construction sites
- Retail settings
- Office buildings

Educational settings are as followed:

- Childcare facilities
- Schools
- Colleges or universities

Other Community settings are as followed:

- Religiousgatherings
- Camps
- Other large gathering/events

Does MCPH have antibody tests?

No. At this time MCPH does not offer this service due to questionable reliability of currently available tests. The FDA states the antibody tests may not detect COVID-19 if it is in the early stages. Studies are still being conducted to better understand antibody tests. To learn more about the effectiveness of antibody tests, visit: <https://www.fda.gov>.

Question 4 - How will I know if I have been in close contact with a person with COVID-19?

Macon County Public Health is actively contact tracing all contacts of known COVID-19 cases. If Macon County Public Health believes that a person has likely been exposed with COVID-19, they will be contacted by the Communicable Disease staff to set up an appointment to get tested for the virus. In the event MCPH is not confident that all close contacts can be reached, a public announcement will be made.

Question 5 - How can I prevent getting COVID-19?

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Chamber cancels fireworks; Town of Franklin planning alternative Fourth of July celebration

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

“The show must go on,” at least for residents of Macon County. The town of Franklin voted to approve an alternative Fourth of July fireworks celebration this summer – adhering to social distancing guidelines and safety precautions.

Over the last few years, town officials have built up their Independence Day Celebration, working to brand it as a key event as a mountain destination. What usually begins with a Patriotic Parade with pets and their owners donning the stars and stripes, and concluding with water activities and watermelon eating contests – will look drastically different this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

The Town of Franklin has organized morning and early afternoon Fourth of July activities downtown – ahead of the countywide celebration hosted by the Chamber of Commerce at the recreation park in the afternoon, which served as a prelude to one of the largest firework displays in Western North Carolina. However, the Chamber of Commerce announced earlier this month that due to the pandemic, they would not be hosting the annual celebration – which draws thousands of people to the park.

“Due to the Coronavirus pandemic and the NC Governor’s Executive Order 141 limiting mass gatherings, the Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors has made the decision to postpone the fireworks display at the Macon County Recreation Park,” the Chamber posted on social media.

“This decision was not made lightly. We look forward to the day when we can safely come together for this fun community event again” said Candy Presley, Chamber Board

president.

With the Chamber bowing out of this year’s celebration, the town of Franklin wanted to provide at least some sort of normalcy for the summer and decided to host a drive-in fireworks display.

The town of Franklin will be contracting with a company from Lexington, N.C., to provide the fireworks display on July 4. The fireworks will be deployed from the Whitmire Property located on the Highlands Road and will be visible all across town.

“While we won’t be able to do our normal Fourth of July festivities, we thought this would be a great way to be patriotic and give back to the community,” said Town Manager Summer Woodard.

Woodard noted that the Whitmire property will not be open for the public to access, and residents are encouraged to park around town to view the display. The town of Franklin is working with the local radio station to arrange for patriotic music to be played over the radio leading up to the fireworks display.

Woodard also noted that she plans to reach out to local property and business owners such as the vacant parking lot at the old Walmart, to see about opening up additional spaces for viewing opportunities.

The town of Franklin will need to get final approval for the firework display from county commissioners, who routinely approve commercial fireworks displays each year.

The town of Franklin voted unanimously to approve the display which is expected to begin shortly after dark, around 9:30 p.m., on July 4. Additional details regarding the celebration will be released at a later date.



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Graduation ceremonies to be held in August

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

The Macon County Board of Education held a meeting last week, for the purpose of discussing and approving upcoming graduation ceremonies. After reviewing the Franklin High School student survey, as well as surveys for Highlands, Nantahala, Macon Early College and Union Academy, graduation ceremonies will be held on the following dates:

- Nantahala School- Friday, June 5
- Highlands School- Saturday, Aug. 1
- Franklin High School- Saturday, Aug. 1
- Macon Early College- Saturday, Aug. 1
- Union Academy- Saturday, Aug. 1

– Nantahala School has five graduates this year, and will be allowed to have three family members attending the ceremony. It will be held on the track where chairs will be placed outside for families to sit.

Highlands School has 33 seniors graduating this year, and their tentative plan is to hold the ceremony at the school.

Union Academy has 41 graduates but they are still searching for a place to hold their ceremonies.

Franklin High School (FHS) is hosting a drive up on Wednesday and Thursday, by appointment, for those seniors wanting to pick up their diploma early. Principal Barry Woody will be out there with cap and gown on to greet the graduates. FHS has 224 graduates and their ceremony will take place on the track. All graduates may take part in the ceremony in August, regardless of whether they

received their diploma in June. Events for the graduation ceremonies held in August may be similar to Option 2, whereby, graduates might drive onto the campus in their family car. Students will exit their car to get their diploma. At that time, photographs will be allowed to be taken. Depending on the governor's executive orders at that time, parents might be able to sit in the stands.

Macon Early college has 39 students graduating with a High School diploma and or an Associate's Degree. The ceremony is tentatively planned at the Smokey Mountain Theater for the Performing Arts.

FHS Senior Prom scheduled

The Senior Prom for FHS is finally scheduled for July 11, to be held at the Rabun County Civic Center, from 8 p.m. to midnight. Prom plans include having a DJ, catered food, photos, and decorations. Tickets can be obtained at Franklin High School near the end of June. Updates will be posted on Facebook (Macon County Schools, NC) and also on local radio stations.

Highlands School is planning to hold a prom on July 24 or 25 but no solid plans have been made as of yet.

Nantahala School and Union Academy will not be holding proms.

The graduation and prom dates are all contingent upon the governor's executive orders at the time, along with state and local health requirements regarding social distancing and mass gathering limitations in place.



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Double homicide set for trial this October

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Paul Eugene Snow was arrested in November 2016 for the murder of his mother, Sunshine, and his sister, Jacquetta. Since his arrest, Snow has remained in custody while awaiting his day in court. The District Attorney's office announced this week that Snow has officially been set for trial on Oct. 26, just shy of the four-year anniversary of his alleged crime.

"It has been a long process to get to this point, but we have finally been able to set the case for trial," District Attorney Ashley Welch said. "Macon County only has five jury trial sessions a year, so this is the first opportunity we have had to set it for trial since COVID this year."

Welch said that the length of time it took to set the case for trial is due to the fact that both the state and the defense have an extensive list of experts to call for trial. Extensive negotiations between the state and the defense have occurred in terms of a plea deal that would avoid a jury trial, however, Welch said when it became apparent that a plea was not going to be possible, a trial date was set.

Becca Phillips, the daughter of Paul Snow has been anxiously awaiting his trial. In honor of her grandmother and her aunt, once hearing the news of the trial Phillips said, "I hope justice is served."

On Monday, deputies served Snow with a separate, but related, grand-jury indictment for arson. That case is on Macon County's court calendar for July 6. At that time, Chief Resident Superior Court Judge Bill Coward also intends to accept and review pre-trial motions in advance of Snow's murder trial.

Snow's attorney, Tony Dalton of Brevard, told Coward in court this week he would represent his client on both the murder and arson charges.

On Nov. 6, 2016, at approximately 12:19 a.m. a house fire was reported at 219 Creekside Drive of Macon County. Upon arrival, responding fire personnel found the home fully engulfed with three occupants (two females and one male) missing along with a maroon 2002 Dodge truck belonging to home owner, Sunshine Snow. The vehicle was found unoccupied on Sloan Road hours after authorities first responded to the house fire.

Police in Santa Rosa County, Florida arrested Snow about two weeks later, on Nov. 21, on an outstanding warrant of failing to register in North Carolina as a sex offender. That charge of failure to report a new address is pending.

Jury selection for Snow's trial is set for the Oct. 26 term of Macon County Superior Court. The 53-year-old faces two counts of first-degree murder. If convicted, Snow would spend the remainder of his life in prison.



New Franklin police chief sworn in

The new Franklin Police Chief was sworn in in a ceremony Monday night at Town Hall. Pictured are Chief Bill Harrell, his wife Patti and their children, Tyler and Taylor. Harrell had previously served at the Chief of Police in Highlands for nearly 14 years and has been in law enforcement for 27 years.

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Macon County Community Foundation makes COVID-19 response grants

The board of advisors of the Macon County Community Foundation recently announced COVID-19 local response grants from the Macon County Community Disaster Relief Fund.

Grants were awarded to organizations addressing immediate needs in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Grants made from the fund include:

- \$3,270 to the Macon County Care Network to support food shortages and setting up distribution channels in Macon County
- \$3,270 to the Highlands Emergency Council to respond to food insecurity in households in Franklin and Highlands
- \$2,000 to the International Friendship Center/The Highlands Food Pantry to respond to the increase in food insecurity due to the pandemic

“These are challenging times and it’s never been more important for philanthropy to step up and help our community,” said Lisa Leatherman, Macon Community Foundation board president.

For further information, contact NCCF Community Leadership Officer Colby Martin at (828) 358-0030 or cmartin@nccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at nccommunityfoundation.org.

Make an appointment to visit the library

Beginning June 1, members of the public can make an appointment to visit any Fontana Regional Library location in Macon, Jackson, and Swain Counties starting June 8. Appointments are limited to 45 minutes each and can be made by phone up to one week in advance.

Curbside service to pickup reserved items will remain in place for those who prefer that option.

Appointments at the Macon County Public Library will be available at the beginning of every hour, starting at 10 a.m. Monday – Friday. The last appointments will be scheduled at 4 p.m. Curbside service will be available Monday-Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hours are subject to change.

All people entering library buildings will be required to wear a mask or other face covering. Social distancing and sanitizing procedures will be observed.

In line with health department recommendations, puzzles, legos, soft toys, armchairs, couches, and other upholstered furniture will not be available for use.

For more information, visit www.fontanalib.org or call the Macon County Public Library at (828)524-3600 for details.

NCBAM Hope Line now offers outbound calls

When North Carolina Baptist Aging Ministry (NCBAM) began its Hope Line service in the summer of 2019 to address social isolation and loneliness among older adults, no one imagined the societal changes that would occur nine months later. Over the course of just a few days in March, 2020, calls to the Hope Line increased exponentially. To meet the demand, the ministry opened the service on weekends and added two lines.

Now open daily, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., the Hope Line (866.578.4673) continues to receive more than 100 calls each week from older adults—many of whom have been living in isolation for years. Other callers are new to the experience because of self-isolation measures or stay-at-home orders, many

of whom are now alone and also experiencing feelings of fear and uncertainty. NCBAM team members and volunteers trained in evidence-based health coach techniques focus on listening and allowing callers to have a safe space to express themselves.

Knowing that many individuals most in need of a friendly call service may not initiate a call, the Hope Line now offers outbound calls. The service is free and can be requested by calling 877.506.2226 or by emailing ncbam@bchfamily.org. A link will be sent to sign up for the “friendly call” service. Call recipients must be 65 or older and live in North Carolina. Requests can be made by individuals themselves or by a family member or caregiver.

Whitney Brooks, Board Certified Integrative Health Coach through Duke Integrative Medicine developed and teaches the training provided to all Hope Line communicators. When the pandemic brought unprecedented challenges, Brooks responded with extra guidance. “Many of the incoming Hope Line calls are heavy conversations, and when a volunteer has three of these in a row, that can be pretty stressful. We’ve updated the training to incorporate self-care strategies so that volunteers can learn how to maintain and nourish their own emotional health while helping others.” NCBAM has also implemented a monthly support group meeting for Hope Line volunteers.

NCBAM’s director, Dr. Sandy C. Gregory, began the Hope Line because of the adverse health risks associated with social isolation and loneliness and is now more concerned than ever. “More than one million North Carolinians 65+ are currently experiencing an increased level of isolation – and for an indeterminate length of time. NCBAM wants to help as many as possible by making the Hope Line available for both inbound and outbound calls.”



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'Golden' solution to situation

George Hasara – Columnist



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Just when you think things are starting to get a little better, you realize the light at the end of the tunnel is actually a runaway 18-ton garbage truck barreling straight at ya. (30 tons if you count the trash.) Looks like it may be time to shift to plan B, C, D or &#%@?! You know that things are seriously out of kilter when you can simply say “the situation” and someone else knows exactly what you mean. Now we have a new “situation.” I’m not sure if civil unrest is replacing the virus as the crisis du jour, or if both “situations” will run concurrently.

2020 seems as if we are in a computer simulation game with one disaster after another being coded in to see how society reacts and adjusts. I wonder when the plague of locust is scheduled? Another metaphor for these trying times is the stress test. Financial institutions use analysis and computer models to see how well they will hold up in volatile economic situations. Doctors use stress tests to measure a patient’s resiliency under physical exertion. So far this year, we as a people haven’t done particularly well with our stress tests. More agitation than enlightenment.

It was only a matter of a few weeks ago that First Amendment rights were relegated to provisional status, pushed aside in the name of public safety. This month, those rights of speech and assembly have magically regained their “inalienable” status even though the pandemic is still with us and another public safety issue of civil unrest has materialized. Is the right to protest being argued because of conviction or convenience? Should it matter what is being protested? And, if it does, who gets to decide?

I’m not a particular fan of demonstrations. Regardless of what group is holding them, protests are usually an attempt to project political power especially if large numbers of protesters can be assembled. I have never thought, “Wow! That’s a big crowd! They must be right.” Mindless repetition of slogans whether from the left or right doesn’t make for a compelling argument. I realize that profanity is quite popular nowadays, but when was the last time you changed your mind under a barrage of F-bombs?

We are moving toward a more divided and violent society. Civil unrest could metastasize into civil war. I could try to make predictions but they would change by tomorrow morning. I could offer solutions but someone already came up with the Golden Rule. There is, however, one piece of prudent advice from my childhood that is ingrained into my psyche: “Two wrongs don’t make a right.” Wrong is wrong, no matter how many people do it and/or get away with it. Someone else’s misdeeds don’t excuse mine. It’s simply basic stuff a five-year-old can understand but unfortunately, much of society can not or will not. Let’s see if we can change the “situation” and get out of the way of that rogue garbage truck.

Letters to the Editor

U.S. is still very much a racist nation

Black men make up 6% percent of the U.S. population, but account for 40% of the unarmed men shot to death by police. One in 1,000 black men and boys can expect to die at the hands of police – a risk that’s about 2.5 times higher than White males.

Blacks make up 12% of the population, but they account for 26.4% of those killed by police.

Blacks make up 13.2% of the U.S. population, but 40% of America’s prison population.

Whites are more likely to use illicit drugs, but Blacks are three times more likely to go to prison for it.

White per capita income is \$31,313; for Blacks, it is \$18,406.

Black unemployment and poverty rates are consistently more than twice that of Whites.

Now, due entirely to our history of systemic, institutionalized racism, nearly 60% of COVID-19 deaths are Black.

At its heart, the United States is still very much a racist nation. White supremacy has been woven inextricably into our society’s very fabric, warp and woof; it always has been. There’s no other explanation for our utter and complete indifference in allowing the above to blithely continue largely unnoticed, or for how we now breathlessly clutch our pearls and pontificate about nonviolence while tacitly approving of our brutal hyper-militarized police response to our greatest ancestral fear; a slave revolt. After suffering generations of oppression, injustice, and brutality; such defensive, even retaliatory violence as we’ve seen this week may be construed as an inevitable expression of our collective karma.

Emmet Bondurant – Hayesville, N.C.

Actions speak louder than words

For years I’ve read your Letters to the Editor; some I’ve agreed with, others I thought were written by truly uninformed people, some made me so angry I wanted to scream. It was only today when I read the editorial “Overcome Fear” did I get to the point where I felt I needed to respond in writing.

I am of the belief actions speak louder than words. If you are truly a Christian, show it by your actions. You don’t have to physically attend a church building to receive the benefit of a religious message unless you want to make sure all your friends see you sitting in a pew. You’re darn right I’m afraid of the virus, and so should be every other human being on the planet.

If you want to physically attend a church service, that’s your prerogative. If you happen to contract the virus while in church, you have no one to blame but yourself. However, if you contract the virus and then spread it to me or some other innocent person, that’s unforgivable. “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.” My advice:

Stay home until this virus is under control, do not take unnecessary chances. Physically attending a church service is not necessary given the spike in cases in Macon County and the State of North Carolina as a whole. Do us all a favor and practice your religion in the privacy of your own home. My life and yours may depend on it.

Patricia Wilson – Franklin, N.C.

Important to tell the truth about our president

When I read complaints about any criticism of the performance of our current president, I am reminded of what one of our most revered presidents, Theodore Roosevelt, said in a speech in Kansas City on May 7, 1918:

“To announce that there must be no criticism of the President, or that we are to stand by the President, right or wrong, is not only unpatriotic and servile, but is morally treasonable to the American public. Nothing but the truth should be spoken about him or any one else. But it is even more important to tell the truth, pleasant or unpleasant, about him than about any one else.”

John Barry – Franklin, N.C.

Infrastructure spending needed for quality of life

David Stearns of Otto encouraged *Macon County News* readers to write letters to the editor. Okay, here’s one.

As you all know the loss of millions of jobs due to Covid-19 lockdowns have left so many unemployed wondering what they’ll do when their \$600 extra benefit runs out. Small businesses are seeing maybe half the revenues they took in before the Pandemic. But how can people feel good about shopping and spending when they don’t know if there will be a job to go back to?

One answer is massive infrastructure spending on the part of Federal, State and local governments. There is a critical need for access to broadband service in rural areas such as ours. A critical need for weaning the country off fossil fuels to be replaced by renewables. Fix our crumbling bridges, tunnels, roads. Thousands of high paying jobs will be created. People will regain the confidence to patronize businesses. Businesses will hire more employees. The economy will benefit, quality of life will improve in many ways.

I sent a similar letter to our United States Senator up for reelection this year, asking him to please support infrastructure spending. Never got a response.

Sharon Weiss – Franklin, N.C.

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Notes on Donald John Trump as president

Trump apparently ran for the Presidency and appealed to voters who believed (in large part) that:

- Trump would “drain the swamp”
- He would secure gun rights
- He would appoint Judges that are “conservative”
- He would make trade and immigration more “fair”
- He would provide for more support for the military
- He was not politically correct, which had gone to far. (Obama unwilling to call Islamic terrorism by name.)
- And 20 other reasons which are included in my first draft but left off here for brevity.

I have issues with each of these assumptions and I do not concede that Trump and his policies are the best way to deal with them. I am willing to overlook these arguments in order to deal with what I believe is the most pressing danger Trump presents to the United States of America. That danger, simply stated, is that Trump is a danger to our democracy. An understanding of our constitutional government shows us that our founding fathers had a serious mistrust of any person or even any branch of the government having too much power. The Founders therefore instituted a system of “checks-and-balances.” These, constitutionally enshrined, checks on presidential power include congressional oversight. Therefore, President Trump’s refusal to comply with requests from the House of Representatives for evidence, papers, and testimony which may have shown illegal or inappropriate behaviors (or, perhaps some level of vindication) resulted in hindrance of the House’s ability to perform its duty and should be considered Obstruction of Justice. Such actions are obviously detrimental to our Constitutional Representative Democracy.

Our other branch of government is the Judicial branch. “Separation of powers is not a threat to democracy; it is the essence of democracy.” (The quote is from the Brennan Center for Justice website)

- He called Judge Curiel “biased and unfair” because of his “Mexican heritage” in a June 2, 2016 tweet.
- The President called the system “unfair” and “broken” when Judge Alsup did not rule the way Trump wanted in the DACA issue.
- He attacked Judge Jackson apparently because the judge recommended a longer sentence in the Roger Stone case than Trump wanted. Accusing her of bias in a February 25, 2020 tweet.
- And five other examples in my original draft excluded here for brevity

This denigration is an apparent attempt to bully the court system into more favorable decisions regardless of the merits of the case. Such action, if successful, would undermine the authority of this branch of government, apparently, he thinks to his advantage.

The third maneuver is his attack on the free press. The First Amendment protects the right to a “free press,” therefore, this attack is another attack on the Constitution and on our democracy.

While I am sympathetic to complaints of the press’s frequent mistakes in a story, I accept that the press is made up of individual humans who are not perfect. The press is often working to report complex issues and the sources are human also; usually with issues, biases, agendas and misunderstandings of their own. A free press is not itself immune to criticism and, if it has a reputation to protect, will need to be seen as correcting itself when it reports in error. That is one reason one should be skeptical of information reported by unknown or untraceable sources such as those on the internet. If a source proves to be slanted, untruthful or inaccurate and does not later attempt to correct itself it should lose your trust and you should look for other sources for your information. Don’t just look for information that reports information that agrees with your existing opinions. Look for reporting that challenges your beliefs and then try to find

facts that prove them wrong before writing them off as unreliable. If they prove reliable you should consider changing your beliefs instead of the source.

While I consider Donald Trump to be an almost worthless human, I do not consider this to be his most dangerous quality. It is his nearly unrelenting attacks on the foundations of our democracy that worries me most!

Clark Shope – Franklin, N.C.

Crises brings out the best and worst in us

As Charles Dickens wrote: “It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope, it was the winter of despair.”

All crises bring out the best and worst in us. While some wear face masks to protect themselves and others, others suggest the virus is not a big deal and flaunt social distancing. The president himself refuses to wear a mask and offers unproven and dangerous alternative medical advice. All this is wrapped up in the covid19 pandemic.

While some homeless folks are being housed in vacant motels, ostensibly to help stop the spread of the virus, and so they can shelter in place and have running water to wash their hands, asylum seekers are being turned away at the border and returned to uncertain death in the countries they fled from. Isn’t shelter a basic human right? Aren’t we the land of the brave and free?

While most Americans have received stimulus checks, families with one non-citizen spouse will receive nothing, even if they have children who are citizens. Don’t we value all Americans?

While paid sick leave is provided to low wage earners, (ostensibly so they don’t come to work sick and pass the virus on to others), and to other workers who have children or older adults at home, workers at meat processing plants, are threatened with losing unemployment benefits if they fail to show up for work, even if they are afraid of contracting the virus and bringing it home to their families. Shouldn’t paid sick leave be a basic right for all workers even in good times?

Basic services such as water, electricity, communications, natural gas are provided to everyone or reconnected so that people can stay at home and have good sanitation. Why are these basic services only important during a pandemic?

The government is paying for some medical expenses connected with covid19 including testing. Does this suggest that health care is a basic right? Minorities have been hardest hit by covid19 for the very reason that they have lacked access to basic health care to address their health needs for many years. They are paying the price with the highest mortality of any group. Black Americans are 13% of the population but have 25% of covid deaths. Conservatives are attempting to have the Supreme Court overturn ObamaCare. Isn’t everyone’s health important to us all?

While some prisoners waiting on trial or convicted of non-violent crimes are being released from jail, older inmates are dying in jail from the corona virus. Some groups paid bonds so mothers didn’t spend Mother’s day in jail solely because they are poor. Is it a crime to be poor while the wealthy go free?

The government has declared war on a virus that we can’t see and that all the weapons of mass destruction can’t kill. Maybe it is time to spend money on health care and not on useless weapons. In an age of global travel, walls do little to keep a virus out.

Governors enact laws to protect citizens from spreading covid19 so that workers don’t bring it home to susceptible members of their families. Others suggest the economy is more important and the economy needs to be opened up and we have nothing to worry about. Past history of other pan-

demics shows otherwise.

The pandemic has improved our environment: The skies are clearer, the songs of birds can be heard again, and the streets are emptier. There is just a slight improvement in reduction of greenhouse gases, so the climate may warm a little more slowly. People are getting out and exercising more and enjoying the Great Out Doors. Will we forget this when the pandemic is over? What about Climate Crisis?

Nations send each other PPE’s and ventilators while our government stops payments to the World Health Organization which eradicated polio. Is this to deflect blame from our own incompetence? China is blamed for concocting the virus in a lab and Asian reporters are slammed by the president (small “p”) for asking questions concerning our response to the Pandemic (capital “P”). With less than 5 percent of the world’s population, the U.S. has had 25% of deaths due to the pandemic. Are we doing an outstanding job as the president suggests?

Covid19 has kept families at home and children from going to school, yet the miracles of the internet have allowed some to sing together, families to visit on Zoom and students to continue schooling. We realize how much we need each other when we aren’t so busy. What about families who don’t have internet access?

Most importantly, covid19 may be a reminder that our health matters, and what we put in our bodies may make us healthier and our immune system stronger to fight off this virus and others to come. Our health begins with us.

Renters may be given a reprieve on payments and not evicted (at least for the present) and lenders are prohibited from foreclosing on mortgages. Remember the 2008 financial crisis when banks were bailed out and lenders allowed to go Scott-free while workers lost jobs and homes.

While the average American will suffer economically from the pandemic, the wealthy, especially billionaires, are getting wealthier by the minute. The divide between the rich and the poor grows. Do the wealthy need to pay more?

Maybe the pandemic will bring us to our senses, that people deserve basic rights and that we all benefit when we help those who have less. And there are much bigger challenges on the horizon: climate crisis just to mention one.

All of this suggests that we can be a kinder, gentler nation that puts people first. We can work with other nations on peace and security. And we understand that the role of the government is to protect workers and provide basic human needs in times of crisis and otherwise.

We will all reach the other side of the pandemic, one way or the other, but life may be quite different than we expect. Those who have passed, they deserve our respect and honor, as much as those who have fallen in battle. For the living, let’s do whatever we can to help protect each other.

Paul Chew – Otto, N.C.



FHS Athletic Awards for 2019-20 announced

Blair King and Ryan Haley announced the 2019-20 Franklin High School Athletic Awards last Thursday, May 28, on the Franklin Panther Sports Network YouTube Channel. The athletes were contacted by their respective coaches to make appointments to collect their awards. Since spring sports were suspended, those coaches couldn't name MVPs and were only able to name Panther Award winners.

Sports Superlatives

Panther Pride Award - Branden Berger
Outstanding Male Athlete of a Team Sport - Cris Chavez
Outstanding Female Athlete of a Team Sport - Taylor Carlton

Panther Award - Lylia Foutty

Men's Soccer - Coach Matt Kolodzik
Co-MVPs - Cris Chavez and Jacob Kolodzik

Panther Award - Juan Gomez

Women's Golf - Coach Felicia Nidiffer
MVP - Alex Torres
Co-Panther Award - Shea Jones and Olivia Stahl

Men's Cross Country - Coach Rita Esterwood

Co-MVPs - Ethan and Nathan Stamey
Panther Award - Ethan Farrell

Women's Cross Country - Coach Rita Esterwood
MVP: Dylan Garcia
Panther Award - Hailey Bryant

Winter Sports Awards
Women's Basketball - Coach Scott Hartbarger
MVP - Canaan Drake
Panther Award - Makayla Brewer

Men's Basketball - Coach Doug Plemmons
MVP - Miles McClure
Panther Award - Chad Wilson

Women's Swimming - Coach Dina Picou
MVP - Claire Holland



Branden Berger - Panther Pride Award, MVP Wrestling



Cris Chavez
Outstanding Male Athlete Team Sport
Tom Raby, Booster Club Scholarships



Taylor Carlton
Outstanding Female Athlete of a Team Sport, Panther Award - Volleyball & Softball, Tom Raby and Booster Club Scholarships, Scholar Athlete



Alex Torres
Outstanding Female Athlete of an Individual Sport (Olympic), MVP Golf, Walter Scruggs & Booster Club Scholarships



Jarrett Evans
Outstanding Male Athlete of an Individual Sport (Olympic), MVP Track & Field, Panther Award

Outstanding Male Athlete of an Individual Sport (Olympic) - Jarrett Evans
Outstanding Female Athlete of an Individual Sport (Olympic) - Alex Torres
Male Scholar Athlete of the Year - Chris Hartbarger
Female Scholar Athlete of the Year - Maitlyn Rewis
FCA Awards - Lexy Gibson and Noah Sitton

Fall Sports Awards

Football - Coach Josh Brooks
MVP - Noah Sitton
Panther Award - Jesus Torres

Volleyball - Coach Bekah Brooks
MVP - Rhiley Bryson
Co-Panther Award: Taylor Carlton and Maitlyn Rewis

Women's Tennis - Coach Heather Bell
MVP - Mariah Sloan
Co-Panther Awards - Mary-Helen Koloušek & Cassidy Lanning

Fall Cheer - Coach Lynn Baker



Noah Sitton with Coach Josh Brooks
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Award, Walter Wright and Booster Club Scholarships, MVP Football Award



Lexy Gibson with Coach Josh Brooks
Fellowship of Christian Athletes Award, Panther Award



Maitlyn Rewis - Female Scholar Athlete of the Year
Chris Hartbarger - Male Scholar Athlete of the Year
 with FHS Principal Barry Woody

Co-Panther Awards - Callie Roper and Olivia Stahl

Men's Swimming - Coach Dina Picou
 MVP - Michael Frazier
 Co-Panther Award - Caden Tyler and Clayton Guynn

Winter Cheer - Coach Lynn Baker
 MVP - Kassidy Mixer
 Panther - Michelle Perez

Women's Indoor Track - Coach Zach Tallent
 MVP Field - Hannah Angel
 MVP Track - Dylan Garcia
 Panther Award - MyKayla McClure

Men's Indoor Track - Coach Zach Tallent
 MVP Field - Jarrett Evans
 MVP Track - Ethan & Nathan Stamey
 Panther Award - Micah Tatt

Wrestling - Coach Kyle Barrington
 MVP - Branden Berger
 Panther Award - Braden Cody

Spring Sports Awards
 Panther Awards (no MVP, all spring senior will receive a Panther Award)

Baseball - Coach Tim Hawkins
 Panther Awards - Zach Buchanan, Dylan Burt, Jadon Knepp, Trey Woodard, Lexy Gibson, & Leighanne Handley

Softball - Coach Bobby Bishop
 Panther Awards - Taylor Carlton and Haley Freeman

Men's Golf - Coach Ryan Raby
 Panther Award - Bennett Swafford

Men's Tennis
 Panther Awards - Seth Campbell, Chang Tian, Noah Sitton, and Caleb Talley

Men's Track and Field - Coach Jay Brooks
 Panther Awards - Jarrett Evans, Nik Payne, and Jeffrey Tallent

Women's Track and Field - Coach Jay Brooks
 Panther Award - Chelsea McGuire

Women's Soccer - Coach Dwight Long
 Panther Awards - Chela Green, Chloe Lane, and Kaci McMahan

Scholarships
Brandon Stiwwinter - Chloe Lane

Tom Raby - Cris Chavez & Taylor Carlton

Walter Scruggs - Alex Torres & Noah Sitton

Stan Sloan - Trey Woodard
Parker Mathis - Trey Woodard & Gavin Riddle

Walter Wright - Rhiley Bryson & Leighanne Handley

Eric Witherington - Chela Green, Leighanne Handley, Noah Sitton, Caleb Talley, Alison Knop

Booster Club - Cris Chavez,

Noah Sitton, Alex Torres, & Taylor Carlton

Athletes Signed to Play at College

Jacob Kolodzik - Brevard, Soccer
 Alison Knop - Bryan College, Volleyball
 Gavin Riddle - Brevard, Football
 Riley Bryson - Kentucky State, Volleyball
 Cris Chavez - USC-Salkehatchie (South Carolina)

Taylor Carlton - Catawba Valley (Softball)
 Haley Freeman - Catawba Valley (Softball)

Chris Hartbarger - Warren Wilson (Basketball)

Juan Gomez-Montero - USC - Salkehatchie (South Carolina) - (Soccer)

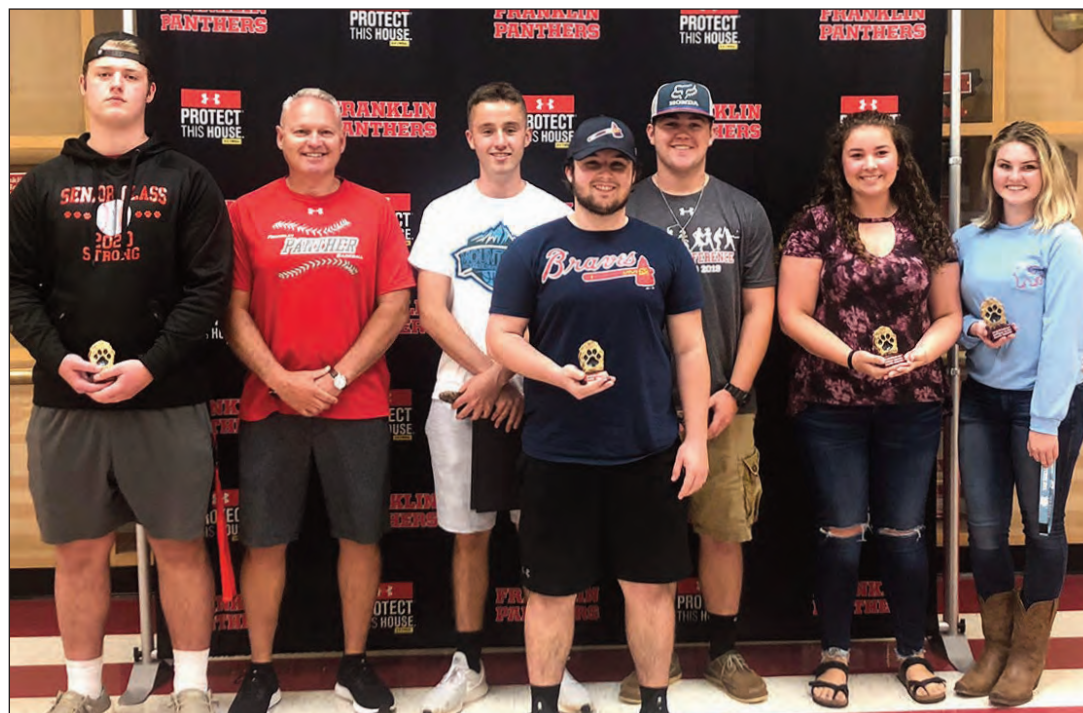
MaKayla Brewer - Brevard (Basketball)
 Bennett Swafford - Chowan University (Golf)

Athletes Entering Armed Forces

Nik Payne - Air Force

Senior Scholar Athletes
 (3.5 GPA or higher)

Brewer, Makayla Rachel
 Bryson, Rhiley Nikole
 Campbell, Seth Tyler
 Carlton, Taylor Mackenzie
 Duvall, Adrienne Byers
 Green, Chela Karlyne
 Handley, Leighanne Michelle
 Hartbarger, David Christopher
 Knop, Alison Noel
 Kolodzik, Jacob William
 Lane, Chloe Marie
 McMahan, Kaci
 Pliego-Hernandez, Joel
 Rewis, Maitlyn Sue
 Sitton, Noah Lee
 Sroka, Brayden Andrew Skylar
 Swafford, Bennett Randall
 Talley, Caleb Benjamin
 Tian, Chang
 Torres, Alex Emma
 Woodard, Michael Trey



Baseball Panther Awards (in no particular order) Zach Buchanan, Dylan Burt, Jadon Knepp, Trey Woodard, Lexy Gibson, & Leighanne Handley with Coach Tim Hawkins



Chela Green
 Eric Witherington Scholarship, Panther Award - Soccer, Scholar Athlete



Alison Knop
 Eric Witherington Scholarship, Scholar Athlete



Trey Woodard
 Parker Mathis and Stan Sloan Scholarships, Scholar Athlete

Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests May 18 - June 2. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

May 26

Christina Marie Shaw, was charged with drug/narcotic violations.

Keith Andrew Basty, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Christopher A. Jones, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

Eric Edward Hill, was charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Kayla Marie Coffey, was charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering, misdemeanor probation violation. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

May 27

David Samuel Vinson, was charged with possession of heroin.

Austin Chad Parrish, was issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction.

May 28

Robert Shane Laws, was charged with violation of domestic violence protective order violation. David E. Underwood made the arrest.

May 30

Austin Henry Posey, was charged with probation violation. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Krystal Marie Downing, was charged with parole violation, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny misdemeanor.

Kyle Benjamin Cabe, was charged with parole violation, interfere with electronic monitor device, possession of stolen goods/property. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

James Horner Taylor, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a firearm by convicted felon. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Daniel Steven Lucas, was charged with failure to appear. Jonathan Phillips made the arrest.

May 31

Jesse Ray Machuca, was charged with assault on a government officer/employee, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Luis Roberto Rubio, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Brenda Marie Rubio, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia.

June 1

Regina Leigh Sanders, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. Kimberly Osborne made the arrest.

Regina Leigh, was charged with simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. Kimberly Osborne made the arrest.

Renate M. Cosgrove, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation. Kimberly Osborne made the arrest.

Clint S. Cosgrove, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation. Kimberly Osborne made the arrest.

Barry Alexander Lawrence, was charged issued a warrant for arrest for a fugitive. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

June 2

Tyler Lee Watson, was charged with purchase/sell a motor vehicle/part/altered ID, tampering with vehicle parts, possession of stolen motor vehicle, injury to personal property.

Hagen Devan Phillip Henderson, was charged with harboring escapee felony.

James Verlin Mullins, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

May 18

Joshua Eugene Bailey, 37, of Dillsboro Rd., was charged with violation of domestic violence protective order. No bond was set.

May 19

David Charles Roberts, 40, of Whittier, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, first degree trespass, possession of stolen motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$8,500 was set.

Alisha Kay Toineeta, 28, of Recreation Park Rd., Cherokee, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of heroin. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set.

May 20

Mateo Diaz Hernandez, 23, of Monta Vistas, Cashiers, was charged with second degree trespass. No bond was set.

May 21

Courtney Anne Sherrill, of Gardenia Lane, was charged with failure to appear for a misdemeanor. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Andrew Todd Muenzel, 56, of Cherokee, was charged with fictitious/altered/title/tag/registration card, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia not marijuana, possession of a schedule IV controlled substance, maintaining a controlled substance in a vehicle/dwelling place, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Trent Harrison Kaspro, 27, of Troy Allen Dr., Bryson City, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana, resisting a public officer, possession of a schedule IV controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possessing/selling stolen property, possession of stolen goods/property, misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Raymond Dakota Whitecotton, 28, of Kamama Dr., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for expired no inspection, driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Kristi Danielle Brooks, 34, of Sittin Creek Rd., Bryson City, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Christopher Brooks Gammon, 42, of Hacienda Lane, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. No bond was set.

May 22

Missey Fern James, 48, of Althea Ridge Rd., was issued an order for arrest for failure to appear for simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen goods/property, misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$3,500 was set.

Kenneth David Groat, 38, of Iron Mountain Dr., was charged with indecent liberties with a child. A secured bond of \$100,000 was set.

May 23

Ethan Murry, 45, of Armor Rd., Whittier, was charged with domestic violence protective order violation. No bond was set.

May 24

Anthony Clifton McCall, 43, of Pinhook Dr., Tuckaseegee, was charged with protective order violation. No bond was set.

Shayla Faye Trull, 21, of Locust Creek Rd., was charged with driving while license revoked, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Brandon Craig Taylor, 35, of Emma Taylor Rd., Cherokee, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Steven Joseph Smith, 23, of Raintree Dr., Whittier, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, resist/delay/obstruct, flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

May 25

Travis Ryan Parker, 49, of Tuck View Lane, Dillsboro, was charged with felony probation violation. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Cassandra Chey Fox, 23, of Luker Branch Rd., Tuckaseegee, was charged with breaking and entering non-forcible. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

Christian Nicole Franks, 23, of Walnut Cove, Tuckaseegee, was charged with breaking and entering non-forcible. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

May 26

Shawn Robert Beloin, 41, of Hacindia Lane, was issued an order for arrest for possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$33,000 was set.

Cody Lee Reitman, 24, of Pumpkinify Rd., was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed gun. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Michael William Rhinehart, 48, of Sugar Fork Rd., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Jeffery Duane Childers, 38, of Pincushion Lane, Cullowhee, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

All Saints Episcopal Church in Franklin Sweet Corn Festival has postponed due to the COVID-19 epidemic.

Meal Delivery Service has resumed. School buses will be delivering meals to students from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Meals will also be available for pickup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday at the following locations: South Macon Elementary School, Mountain View Intermediate School, Iotla Valley Elementary School, Franklin High School, Nantahala School and Highlands School. This meal service is free for any child 18 years old and younger. For more information, call School Nutrition Director David Lightner at (828)524-3314 ext. 1010 or david.lightner@macon.k12.nc.us

NC Pre-K program through Macon County Schools is now taking applications for the 2020-2021 school year. A child is eligible for NC PreK if they turned four on or before August 31 of the program year (2020), but is not yet five years of age and the family meets income guidelines. Anyone who is interested in applying for a NC Pre-K spot or has questions on eligibility requirements, contact Valerie Norton ASAP at (828)524-3314 ext. 1041.

Uptown Gallery on Main Street new hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

Nantahala Hiking Club Hikes have been canceled until further notice.

Taste of Scotland and Celtic Festival scheduled for June 19 and 20 has been cancelled. The next Taste of Scotland is scheduled for June 18 through 20, 2021.

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

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

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Editor's Note: Due to a judge's ruling that declared the closing of churches unconstitutional, some churches are now opening with safety protocols in place and altered schedules. Email maconcountynews@gmail.com with schedule or venue changes.

Oak Grove Baptist Church Homecoming will be held on July 19. For more information call (828)369-2415.

New Song Church Cherokee 5th Annual Speak to the Mountain Divine Healing Conference is hosting a Hundred Days of Healing, will be held through September 6. Services held daily at 10 a.m. for prayer, 2 p.m. for teaching, and 7 p.m. nightly healing demonstrations. The church is located at 3548 Wolfetown Rd., Cherokee. Visit Newsongcherokee.com

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

Tellico Baptist Church Sunday Services are currently being held in the parking lot at 11 a.m. Anyone wishing to attend are asked to stay inside their car or near their car and maintain a 6 foot distance from others. For more information, call TJ Guffey at (828)347-1014.

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

Prentiss Church of God is holding two services in its sanctuary. One at 9 a.m., and one at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing is observed and safety measures are in place. Pastor Kevin Chapman invites the community to attend. Services are also streamed online on the Prentiss Church of God Facebook page. The church is located at 59 Church Hill Lane, off Addington Bridge Road. Phone: (828)369-3885.

CHURCH LISTINGS (Call for current schedules)

Mulberry United Methodist Church's Sunday worship is at 11 a.m. The church is located at 155 Mulberry Rd., Otto. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call Rev. Eric Henson at (828)342-0431.

Patton United Methodist Church Services are Sunday worship 9.45 a.m., Sunday school 11 a.m., prayer time Wednesday 6 p.m., youth group Wednesday 6 p.m., Bible study Wednesday 6.30 p.m. 119 Patton Church Road, Franklin Pattonmethodistchurch.org

Memorial United Methodist Church regular Sunday services are held at 10:55 a.m. each Sunday, and Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. The church is located at 4668 Old Murphy Rd., just off 64 West. For more information, call (828)369-5834 or visit our website at: www.memorialmethodistchurch.org.

Son Rise Ministries is a non-denominational, full-gospel, Christian fellowship that meets Friday evenings at 7 p.m., Men's Bible Study 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.

St. Nicholas Orthodox Christian Church Divine Liturgy is held on Sundays, 10 a.m., followed by coffee hour. The church is located at 23 Hickory St., in Murphy. For more information, call Fr. James Blomeley (828)361-1464 snocmurphy@gmail.com

First United Methodist Church Sunday Worship Schedule: Contemporary Worship at 8:30 a.m. immediately followed by a Fellowship Breakfast, Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and Traditional Worship at 10:55 a.m. (childcare provided) at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Ave, Franklin. Call (828) 524-3010 / firstumcfranklin.org

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Divine Worship with Holy communion is held on Sunday 10:30 a.m. Rev. Fred Balke is the pastor. The church is located one block north of SR 64 next to BP Station. Visitors are welcome. For more information, call (828)369-1006 or web site gslc-franklin.com

Grace Presbyterian Church (EPC) Services with Pastor Toby Popeare are Sunday School, 9:45 a.m., Worship 11 a.m., Wednesday Bible Study 6 p.m. The church is located at 360 First St. (828)369-6800. Visit www.graceepc-franklin.com or find us on facebook @ gracepresbyterianchurch-EPC

Franklin Church of the Nazarene Service times are Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Praise and worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday night prayer service 6 p.m. The church is located at 266 Belle Dowdle Rd. in Franklin.

Morrison Presbyterian Church Sunday Worship Service is held at 9:30 a.m. The church is located off 441S.; take the first right after the visitors center onto Morrison Church Rd.; go 1/4 mile to the church.

Franklin Seventh Day Adventist Church Services are, Saturday Sabbath school 9:30 a.m., Saturday services 11:30 a.m., Wednesday prayer meetings 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 71 Brindle Rd., Franklin. Pastor is Glenn Marshall. For more information, call (828)524-5493.

Iotla Baptist Church services are Sunday School at 10 a.m., followed by worship service at 11 a.m. Sunday and Wednesday evening supper 5:30 p.m., services at 6:15 p.m. The church is located at 1537 Iotla Church Road. Pastor is Brandon Breedlove. For more information, call the church office at (828)524-7167.

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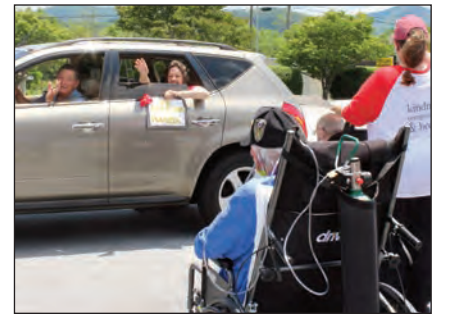
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Local brewery to donate beer proceeds to civil rights group

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Currahee Brewing in Franklin announced over the weekend that 100 % of the proceeds from the sale of their Boogaloo Beer will be donated to civil rights groups.

“We will be giving all profits from any sales of Boogaloo-branded beer, to civil rights organizations and to help families affected by the unjust killings, destruction, and riots around the country,” Currahee Brewing wrote on Facebook Sunday night.

Brandon Hintz, co-owner of Currahee Brewing with locations in Franklin and Alpharetta, Ga., said that the brewery made the decision over the weekend after learning that one of their beers, “Boogaloo” was being used by a Hate Group to represent themselves.

“This racist Hate Group is reportedly causing destruction and possible violence in the otherwise peaceful protests around the country,” said Hintz. “Once we were made aware of this, we pulled all beer and any branding associated with the beer and will be disassociating ourselves with the term ‘Boogaloo’ immediately.”

Currahee began crafting the beer last December. During branding discussion surrounding the beer, like many of their beers, a name and concept relevant to Currahee’s brand and current in today’s society was developed. Branding discussions were occurring simultaneously with a movement across the United States to defend the Second Amendment. Currahee Brewing has built its business built on military support, even named for such. Currahee originally stems from a Cherokee Indian word which roughly translates to “Stand Alone.” The brewery was named Currahee in honor of the Cherokee people who are deeply rooted in Western North Carolina as well as the brave men and women in the military who fought and continue to fight for freedoms today. Currahee is the official motto of the

506th Infantry Regiment, originally designated as the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment (506th PIR) during World War II, a unit of the 101st Airborne Division. The unit was made fa-



mous by their role in Operation Overlord (D-Day), Operation Market Garden, the Battle of the Bulge, and many other campaigns throughout World War II, and the Vietnam War. When a nationwide discussion involving the Second Amendment arose in Virginia, with a significant movement sprouting in Currahee’s hometown of Franklin, Hintz and his staff drew inspiration from the movement.

“Back in January, there was legislation being proposed in the state of Virginia that would have stripped law abiding citizens of their 2nd Amendment rights,” said Hintz. “Like others who express their opinions peacefully, it was something we disagreed with given the circumstances of that proposed amendment. While, I, myself didn’t serve in the Armed Forces, we have countless family members and friends who

did, who took an oath to uphold our Constitutional Rights. Rights that we hold dear. From the 1st – 27th, not just the more controversial 2nd. When Virginia proposed the new laws that would have all but done away with one of our country’s foundational amendments, tens of thousands of people gathered to peacefully protest the laws.”

Hintz noted that as a result of those peaceful protests, that particular legislation was not passed in Virginia. As a representation of that simple, peaceful protest resulting in the upholding of the 2nd amendment in Virginia, Currahee decided to make a label for the recently brewed Imperial Stout, depicting George Washington in modern attire, with a Gadsden Flag on it as the

focal point.

“While thinking about a name, we found some information and memes depicting the term ‘Boogaloo,’” said Hintz. “After seeing some more items on Boogaloo, we understood that it was a saying, more or less, objecting to the oppression and potential over-reach of a government, whether that’s the State or Federal government, which is why we went with it.”

The term Boogaloo gained popularity in late 2019 and early 2020 as a term referring to a grassroots rebellion against government over-reach. But as circumstances in the country have changed in recent weeks after the killing of George Floyd by a police officer in Minnesota, the term Boogaloo was adopted by hate groups to take on a different meaning, something Hintz said he never saw coming.

In addition to the name of the beer – the imagery used on the can depicts George Washington in a Hawaiian shirt – which was part of the attire used by protesters late last year in Virginia, but like the Boogaloo term has evolved. The uniform of wearing a Hawaiian shirt has also shifted over the last few weeks to represent hate.

“We were made aware of the correlation to our beer and hate groups on Saturday night and first thing Sunday we pulled the beer and all branding,” he said. “We find any and all forms of racism or any form of hate, morally reprehensible. We believe everyone should be treated as equals, no matter their race, religion or political view. And with the civil unrest happening around the country right now, the last thing we want to see is more violence, property destruction, or worse, death. We do, though, believe in every person’s right to peaceful protest. Our hearts break for friends and families of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and all others that have been affected by these travesties. We too, are extremely saddened and frankly enraged by these racially motivated and clearly unlawful events that seem to continuously and unjustly occur in our communities, particularly to those African-American communities, around the country. For Currahee to have any association to a word that is now used by a racist group, we deeply apologize as it was severely unintentional.”

While Currahee took immediate actions to rectify the association – Hintz felt that simply pulling the branding was not enough.

“We didn’t want to just pull the beer and make it go away,” said Hintz. “We wanted to use this as an opportunity to turn a negative into a positive, which is why we made the decision to use the funds from the beer to benefit civil rights groups working for systematic and meaningful change in our society.”

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Deaths & Funerals

John Clarke

John Clarke, 72, of Knoxville, Tenn., passed away on Monday May 18, 2020, in his favorite place, Highlands, N.C. He was born Aug. 25, 1947 in Winter Park, Fla. In 1952 his family moved to West Palm Beach, Fla., where he grew up. A member of Kappa Sigma fraternity, he graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1972 with a degree in Business Administration. After graduation he worked in the construction industry in West Palm Beach until he moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1976 to take a position as a bond underwriter with Continental Insurance. During that



John Clarke

time he met the love of his life, Elizabeth "Lissa" Brandon. They moved to Knoxville, Tenn., in 1980 and had two children. He was an insurance agent during this time. He purchased Home Investment Insurance in 1986 and John Bailey Company in 1997. He later merged the two agencies into John Bailey Company. The agency was founded in 1946 on integrity and care. He loved his employees, the clients they help, the industry, and the insurance company relationships. He was a great businessman.

He was admired and loved by his family and friends. Most notably known for his huge heart, curious mind, incredible work ethic and infectious laugh. He enjoyed walking, hiking, horseback riding, deep sea fishing, fly fishing, reading and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a friend to all and someone you could always count on. He was a member of the Church of the Ascension (Episcopal) in Knoxville, Tenn.

He leaves his wife of 43 years, Lissa Clarke; son, Brandon and wife Lauren; daughter, Jean Clarke Bainer and husband John; four grandchildren who adored their "PJ", Emerson, identical twins Taylor and Bankston Clarke, and Austin John Bainer; brothers and their wives, Dan and Mary Clarke and Fred and Elaine Clarke. He cherished moments with his nieces, Carey Aron, Kathy Bird, Stirling Halversen, Roddy Belfatti and their families. His family made him proud.

This has been a tough time for the family as his death was unexpected. We take great peace and joy, however, in our time with John. He was a great teacher, a positive cheerleader and the life of the party. We all wanted to be around him. Every day he would ask "You doing OK?" He never missed an opportunity to tell us he loved us and was proud of us.

A funeral service was held on Saturday May 23, at the Episcopal Church of Incarnation, Highlands. Burial followed in the Highlands Memorial Park.

A Celebration of Life service will be held in Knoxville, Tenn., at a later date.

Well done, good and faithful servant.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is serving the Clarke family. Online condolences can be made to www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

David Franklin Head

On May 23, 2020, a beautiful spring day, just perfect for enjoying a motorcycle ride, David Franklin Head, along with his wife, Dawn, tragically lost his life and entered into his heavenly home.

Born on Dec. 11, 1973, he followed in the footsteps of his Uncle Ray by serving his country in the United States Navy. He was a member of the Blue Ridge Masonic Lodge 435 Af & AM. His desire to help others and serve his fellow man resulted in a position with the Macon County Sheriff's Department where he held the rank of Corporal. His work was very important to him, and his coworkers became like family.

He enjoyed the great outdoors and all that came with it, including hunting and motorcycle riding. He loved big. He was a proud dad, a loyal friend, a genuine person, a jokester, and a storyteller. He eagerly offered a helping hand to those in need. He had a way of lighting up a room with his contagious laugh. He never left without saying "I love you" and showing that was true with one of his big hugs.

He was joined in death by his wife, Dawn Head; and preceded by his paternal grandparents, JD and Annie Dryman Head; and his maternal grandparents, Ben and Polly Wax.

He is survived by his children, Jeslyn Kate Head and John David "JD" Head; his parents, Ellis Franklin Head (Gail) and Ann Wax; his sisters, Deborah Head Holt (Steve) and Polly Deann "DeDe" Head; and his niece and nephew, Hannah Holt and Jacob Holt.

His great love for his children, Jeslyn and "JD," was apparent to anyone who knew him. He was their biggest fan and most ardent and loudest supporter. They were truly his pride and joy.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, May 28, at 11 a.m., at the Scaly Mountain Fire Department. Rev. Oliver Rice will officiate with eulogies given by Sheriff Robert Holland, Nancy Lata, and David Sanborn.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to:

David and Dawn Head Children's Education Fund c/o United Community Bank 257 East Main Street Franklin, NC 28734

Donations can also be made to the same account by going to the Macon County Sheriffs Facebook Page and GOFundMe link. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/afz8w-david-amp-dawn-head-childr...>

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is serving the family.



David Franklin Head

Louis Douglas 'Doug' Whitley

Louis Douglas "Doug" Whitley, 70, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Born in Jacksonville, N.C., he was the son of the late Benjamin Louis Whitley and Pauline Bynum Conyers. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Judy McGuire and Margie Mooring. He was a talented Master Trim Carpenter. He was a dedicated member of the Lighthouse via de Christo community for 26 years and served as retreat leader of weekend 17 each year. His walk with Christ was intimate and inspiring to those whose lives he touched. We rejoice knowing that he is now walking side by side with Christ in Heaven.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Judy Mae Strider Whitley; two sons, Brian Thomas of Daytona, Fla., David Edmisten of Southern Pines, N.C.; two brothers, Barry Whitley of Osteen, Fla., and Joe Whitley of Franklin and Cocoa, Fla.; one grandson, Hunter Hardy and one great granddaughter, Amberly Hardy.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.maconfuneral-home.com.



Louis Whitley

Dawn Michelle Head

Dawn Michelle Head was born on Jan. 21, 1970, to John E. Rabun and Nancy Lynn Shirey Lata.

She was an avid runner, participating for more than 20 years in the world's largest 10K race—The Peachtree Road Race in Atlanta, Ga.

A member of the Methodist faith, she was personable, friendly, and big-hearted. Her favorite Bible verse from I Corinthians 13:4, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud," describes her and her desire to always be compassionate and gracious. She wanted people to know she was available when anyone needed love and care.

She enjoyed being a part of community events. She loved being out and about with people enough to be called a social butterfly. Her favorite event was Cashiers Chocolate Cook-Off, which she won several times. Her kindness also extended to animals, and she rescued an ugly, gnarly-looking dog named Alex that she absolutely adored.

Her great love for her girls was evident. They brought her so much joy and pleasure. She always wanted to be known as a "community mom" and kept out the welcome mat for all of their friends. She enjoyed being a part of their lives.

When you hear "I Hope You Dance" by Leann Womack or "Slow Dancing in a Burning Room" by John Mayer, two of her favorite songs, remember her and picture her dancing the night away in heavenly places.

She and her husband, David F. Head, both died tragically on May 23, 2020. She is survived by her parents and her daughters, Sidney H. Sanborn and Erin Charlie Sanborn. She was predeceased by her step-father, Pete Lata.

In lieu of flowers, celebration gifts may be made to: David and Dawn Head Children's Education Fund c/o United Community Bank, 257 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734

Donations can also be made to the same account by going to the Macon County Sheriffs Facebook Page and GOFundMe link. <https://www.gofundme.com/f/afz8w-david-amp-dawn-head-childr...>

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is serving the family.



Dawn Michelle Head

Jimmy Lee McCall

Jimmy Lee McCall, 78, of Cashiers, N.C., passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2020.

Born in Jackson County, North Carolina, he was the son of the late Albert and Mary Brown McCall. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Johnny McCall and a brother, Thomas McCall. He loved his dogs and enjoyed hunting coon, hog, bear and deer with them. He was a truck driver for Jennings Building Supply, a lifelong resident of Western North Carolina and he attended Cashiers Church of God.

He is survived by his wife, of 58 years, Geraldine Hooper McCall; a daughter, Jessica McCall; two brothers, Carol and Bobby McCall, both of Cashiers; two grandchildren, Colton McCall and Sheena Shook; two great grandchildren, Emma and Owen Shook; as well as several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Friday, May 29, at Cashiers Church of God with Rev. Tim Pressley and Rev. Tommy Wrenn officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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Deaths & Funerals

Archibald "Tom" Hart III

Archibald "Tom" Hart III, passed away at home in Highlands, N.C., on May 15, 2020, after a valiant battle with cancer.

A native Californian, he was an avid tennis player for most of his life, but his true passion was vintage Italian sports cars, which he raced all over the world.

The profound and lasting impact that he had on those who knew and loved him, is immeasurable. He was a man of great kindness, dignity, and grace. He left us a better world because he was fully engaged in life, giving love, strength, and an uplifting spirit to all whom he touched. Tom deeply loved his wife and grew to love their life in the welcoming community of Highlands.

Though grieving this immense loss, his family finds comfort in the words of a close family friend: "How like life. The dark times of sorrow and grief are an unbearable reality, but there are also times of joy, elation, and such beauty that blinds the eye. All of this is blended together into the most profound epic that God is directing. The dark times are intricately immeshed with the deep richness and depth that is life."

He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Kathy Duvall Hart of Highlands, N.C.; his son, Dominic Petersen Hart; his grandson, Chase Barneson Hart (Lindsey), and his great-granddaughter, Layla Ruth Hart, all of Sacramento, Calif. He was preceded in death in 2009 by his son, Christian Barneson Hart.

As per Tom's wishes, no services will be held. His ashes will be taken to California to be interred at his beloved Klamath.

In Tom's memory, please consider donating to The Hospice House Foundation of WNC, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, N.C., 28744

Patrick Kevin Finnegan

Patrick Kevin Finnegan, 62, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020.

He was born in Louisville, Ky., to the late John J. and Juanita Neal Finnegan. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Karen Rohrer.

He was a very active member of Coweeta Baptist Church where he was instrumental in the creation of the Coweeta Clothes Closet and designing the church's website and web page for Facebook.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Finnegan; step daughter, Julia Reeves of Georgia; sister, Lou Anne Hakel (John) of Florida; three grandchildren, Daniel, Madison and Mia; nephew, Dr. Michael Richardson (Gleva) and their children, Kaylin, Finley and Aiden of California; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A graveside service was held Sunday, May 24, at Coweeta Baptist Church with Rev. Keith Ashe officiating. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Coweeta Baptist Church Building Fund, 780 Coweeta Church Rd., Otto, NC 28763.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Archibald Hart II



Patrick Kevin Finnegan

Daniel Ray Tomberlin

Daniel Ray Tomberlin, 18, of Franklin, passed away on Friday, May 29, 2020.

A native of Macon County, he was the son of Jody and Cindy Peek Tomberlin. He was a member of Cartoogechaye Church of God. He was a video gamer; and enjoyed watching NASCAR, his favorite driver was Jimmie Johnson.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his maternal grandparents, Richard and Shirley Talent Peek; sister, Heather Tomberlin and many aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family. He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Jerry and Patsy Tomberlin.

A private service and burial was held Wednesday, June 3, at Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Phillip Cochran and Rev. Eddie Brewer officiated.

Pallbearers were Mark Sutton, Fred Hobbs, Jim Byrd, Dennis Dietz, Chet Williamson and Paul Clifton.

Memorial donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at www.maconfuneralhome.com.



Daniel Ray Tomberlin

Mary Louise Prince Garcia Cadenas

Mary Louise Prince Garcia Cadenas, 66, passed away Friday, May 22, 2020 in Asheville, N.C.

She was born in Rabun County, Ga., on June 15, 1953, to the late Sam and Ella Mae Johnson Prince. She worked and retired as a nurse from Highlands-Cashiers Hospital. She loved camping, animals, and quilting. She loved spending time with her grandkids, friends, and neighbors.

Survivors include her husband, Marco Antonio Cadenas of Franklin, N.C.; a daughter, Selena Marie Kempton of Franklin; a son, Aaron Reese and wife Justyn of Highlands, N.C.; a step-son, Manuel Cadenas Banda and his wife, Mary Jo of Franklin; six grandchildren, Amber Marie Reese, Trevor Reese, Trey Gerrolls, Jason McMahan, Michael McMahan, and Jayden Kempton; and four great-grandchildren, Madison Hixon, Bryce McMahan, Owen McMahan, and Lilly McMahan.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by three siblings, Ray Prince, Katherine Poindexter, and Harold Prince.

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

Flowers, gifts, or food may be sent to the family home. Contact Bryant-Grant Funeral Home for the address.

Online condolences can be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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



Mary Louise Cadenas

Amy Thomasine "Tommie" Jenkins Anthony

Amy Thomasine "Tommie" Jenkins Anthony, 75, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Born in Macon County on Dec. 29, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Alean Queen Anthony, and the granddaughter of the late Thomas Queen. In addition, she was preceded in death by two sisters; Jeanette Thomas and Marjorie Caldwell.

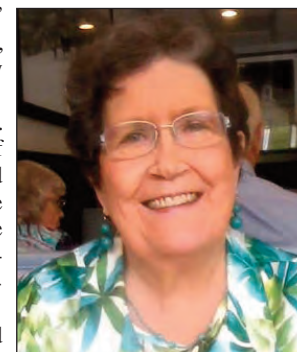
She was retired from the United States Forest Service. She was a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Franklin and a former member of Allens Creek Baptist Church in Waynesville. She loved all animals and was an advocate for all of them.

She is survived by her two children, Scott Anthony (Jennifer) of Charlotte and Sheila Ramos (Victor) of Franklin; three grandchildren, Grayson and Drew Anthony and Carramia Ramos; two sisters, identical twin, Bobbie Clark of Waynesville and Darlene Green (Curtis) of Franklin; a brother, Leon Anthony (Tonda) of Franklin; as well as several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held Thursday June 4, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home. A private funeral and burial will follow. Rev. Davis Hooper will officiate. Pallbearers will be Scott Anthony, Norris Davis, Ronnie Gentry, Todd McGaha, Jim Brown and Lonnie Jones.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.



Amy Anthony

Sandra Kay McCall Smith

Sandra Kay McCall Smith, 62, of Vernon, Fla., passed away May 8, 2020, at Gulf Coast Medical Center in Panama City, Fla. She was born Jan. 15, 1958, in Atlanta, Ga.

She was preceded in death by her father, Daniel Rogers McCall.

She is survived by her mother, Mary Sue McCall of Vernon, Fla.; one daughter, Kristen Hammond Hayes and husband Chris of Nashville, Tenn.; two sisters, Donna West and husband Dave of Hollywood, Ala., and Teresa Sims and husband Mark of Bonifay, Fla.; three grandchildren, Walker Hayes, Cauley Hayes and Keller Hayes; two nephews, Brad West and Chad West and wife Laura; uncles, James A. McCall Jr. and Sue, Charles H. McCall and Faye, John H. McCall and Virginia; aunt, Karen McCall Stinson; and several cousins.

A celebration of life was held Monday, May 11, at The Majestic Oaks, 3351 Mallory Road, Vernon, Fla.



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Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 Kelley Blue Book Chevrolet, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series AlSCO Uniforms 500 at Charlotte Motor Speedway on May 28, 2020 in Concord, N.C.



Brad Keselowski, driver of the #2 Discount Tire Ford, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Food City presents the Supermarket Heroes 500 at Bristol Motor Speedway on May 31, 2020 in Bristol, Tenn.



Noah Gragson, driver of the #9 Plan B Sales Chevrolet, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Cheddar's 300 presented by AlSCO at Bristol Motor Speedway on June 1, 2020 in Bristol, Tenn.

Fortune finally favors Chase Elliott with NASCAR Cup Series win at Charlotte

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

Lightning struck near Charlotte Motor Speedway on Thursday night. Bad luck didn't, where Chase Elliott was concerned.

After two crushing defeats since the re-opening of NASCAR's 2020 season May 17 at Darlington, Elliott got to the checkered flag without incident and won the rescheduled AlSCO Uniforms 500 NASCAR Cup Series race at the 1.5-mile intermediate track.

In an event contested at 500 kilometers (312 miles), Elliott passed fading Kevin Harvick for the lead on Lap 181 of 208 and cruised to a 2.208-second victory over fast-closing Denny Hamlin, who passed Ryan Blaney for the runner-up position on the final lap.

The win was a welcome relief for the driver of the No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet, who was wrecked by Kyle Busch while running second May 20 at Darlington and was KO'd by a late caution in the Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte on Sunday while leading with two laps left.

"It feels awesome," said a relieved Elliott, who won for the first time this season, the first time on the Charlotte oval and the seventh time in his career. "Man, it was a tough week for sure. We've had some tough losses, but that deal on Sunday night was a heart-breaker. It's not the Coke 600, but any win in the Cup Series is really hard to get."

Even with a Chevrolet that was running up front, Elliott didn't think he was home-free until he saw the checkered flag.

"Just after the last couple of weeks, I didn't think, truly, it was going to go green to the end. I'm just glad it did and glad we're, hopefully, back on the right path."

The start of the race was delayed from Wednesday when tropical depression Bertha invaded the Carolinas. Nor was Thursday

race free from weather issues. Lightning in the area of the Concord, N.C., track interrupted the proceedings for 75 minutes after NASCAR called a caution on Lap 28 for Matt Kenseth's spin in Turn 4. After the resumption at 9:07 p.m., Harvick had the dominant car, piling up a race-high 63 laps led. But Harvick's car was set up for short runs, and the final stint went long.

"It just fell off at Lap 30," Harvick said. "We knew that's what we had, and it went straight 60-some laps. (The team) did a really good job of turning the car around—the total opposite of what we raced last Sunday. So it was a good test session for us. We just didn't need a long run."

Blaney ran third behind Elliott and Hamlin, who was driving without the services of his crew chief, car chief and lead engineer after the team was penalized for the accidental dropping of tungsten ballast on the warm-up laps for the Coca-Cola 600.

Ricky Stenhouse Jr. came home fourth, posting his first top five since running third at Las Vegas before the coronavirus pandemic brought the season to a temporary halt. Kurt Busch was fifth, followed by Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski, Austin Dillon, Martin Truex Jr. and Harvick.

Logano won Stage 1, with Alex Bowman picking up his fourth stage win at Charlotte this week with a victory in Stage 2 after leading 51 laps. Bowman, however, clobbered the Turn 4 wall while chasing Harvick on Lap 136 and finished 31st, two laps down.

Brad Keselowski pulls off surprising win at Bristol

Providing exactly the kind of wild finish that has made Bristol Motor Speedway one of the most popular venues on the NASCAR Cup Series schedule, Brad Keselowski was in perfect position to take advantage of hard racing in the closing laps and earned the

victory in Sunday's Food City presents the SUPERMARKET HEROES 500.

With two laps remaining race leaders Joey Logano and Chase Elliott collided in front of the field and Keselowski's No. 2 Team Penske Ford rallied on to take the lead and earn his second win of the season - holding off fellow Ford driver Clint Bowyer by 0.471-second.

Bowyer joked after the race, "I wasn't going to have a problem apologizing to Brad for dumping him at the end."

Keselowski seemed almost surprised as he was satisfied by the ultimate positive outcome. He had been fast all day even when he wasn't leading. But all three of the late race leaders - Denny Hamlin, Logano and Elliott crashed out inside of 10 laps remaining.

"We were in position and able to strike when it counted with the Discount Tire Ford Mustang. Joey and Chase got together there. I don't know what all caused it, but we were just in position to strike and here we are in Victory Lane."

Seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson finished third, followed by Kyle Busch, and his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Erik Jones. Austin Dillon, Kurt Busch, William Byron, rookie Christopher Bell and Bubba Wallace rounded out the top 10 on a day of high action and drama.

"Wild and crazy for sure," Johnson said. "I wish there were more long runs but still salvaged a great day out of it."

There was no lack of motivation at the front of the field - and plenty of cars who showed the way there.

Keselowski started on pole position and his 115 laps led was second only to Denny Hamlin's 131 laps out front. Keselowski certainly set the early pace up front and consistently ran among the top-10 all day. He said he had trouble hitting the restarts correctly as the race went on and conceded he got frustrated, "I was



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pushing really hard and got a pit road speeding penalty and thought, man, I'm just digging a hole."

In the end, however, he was exactly where he needed to be to hoist the trophy.

With less than 10 laps to go Hamlin and Elliott were dueling at the front of the field for the victory before Hamlin hit the Turn 4 wall with six laps remaining. Elliott and Keselowski's teammate Joey Logano took up the fight for the lead and ultimately collided into the Turn 4 wall leaving a golden opportunity for Keselowski who led the field right by.

Logano, who ended up 21st and Elliott, who ended up 22nd, had an intense conversation on pit road after the race.

"I really felt like that was my shot, he was really good on the short run and I felt like I had to keep him behind me right there in order to win the race, with only three or four laps to go. I hate we both wrecked," Elliott said.

Big picture perspective, however, Elliott, had yet another strong day winning the first two stages.

His fast No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet won the most recent series race on Thursday at Charlotte and was runner-up to Keselowski in the 600 as well.

It was also a promising day for Kyle Busch, who had led only 14 laps this entire season coming to Bristol - where he is NASCAR's all-time winningest driver with eight Cup, nine Xfinity and five Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series victories - but ultimately led 100 laps Sunday earning his fifth top-five finish of the season; third in the last four races.

He certainly turned in a great rally effort. After being penalized for speeding on pit road early and falling back as far as 31st, he methodically and expertly worked his way forward to lead laps and show his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota a factor in the outcome.

Ryan Blaney led 60 of the opening laps and was challenging his Team Penske teammate Keselowski for the race lead when he hit the wall on Lap 199 of the 500. As Blaney's No. 12 Ford came down off the wall, Ty Dillon's car - unsure where Blaney's car was sliding - slammed into the front of it.

Radiator damage spelled the end of Blaney's otherwise promising day. But as he reassured his crew heading onto pit road, "at least we've got something to build off for the Playoff race here."

A larger accident, involving eight cars in various capacities ended Ricky Stenhouse Jr.'s day at his favorite track. Stenhouse ran among the top-10 for much of the early race and was among those frontrunners when he was caught up in a chain reaction accident.

While slowing for Matt Kenseth in front of him, Stenhouse was nudged from behind by Johnson. The contact sending Stenhouse hard into the wall and he collected a half dozen others including 2020 race winner Alex Bowman, Tyler Reddick and Cole Custer.

In all, there were 17 caution periods for 102 laps on the day - the most in a Bristol race since 2006.

With an 11th-place finish, Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick continues to lead the NASCAR Cup Series championship standings by 24 points over Logano and 45 over Elliott.

Noah Gragson takes the Xfinity win at Bristol

Noah Gragson held off Chase Briscoe after a bump-and-run with his JR Motorsports teammate Justin Allgaier to earn his second victory of the NASCAR Xfinity Series season in a frantic finish to the Cheddar's 300 presented by AlSCO at Bristol Motor Speedway on Monday.

Gragson's No. 9 JR Motorsports Chevrolet edged Briscoe's No. 98 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford by a mere 0.328-second for Gragson's second victory of the season, matching his winning work in the Daytona season-opener. And his victory Monday night on the

PRO RACING THIS WEEK

Racing News, Stats & Trivia

This Week's Cup Series Race: Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500

Race Details

Location: Hampton, Ga.
Date: June 7, 3:00 p.m.
Last Year's Pole: Aric Almirola - 181.473 mph
Last Year's Winner: Brad Keselowski

Race Preview

The biggest names in racing will battle this weekend for 500 miles in the Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 Cup Series race. The Atlanta Motor Speedway is a superspeedway located 20 miles south of Atlanta with a seating capacity of over 125,000. It opened in 1960 and was almost completely rebuilt in 1997. In the process it has become one of NASCAR's fastest tracks. Bobby Labonte has achieved more wins than any other full-time driver at this speedway. Last week's winner of the Food City 500, Brad Keselowski, also won last year's race. The race will be broadcast live on FOX on Sunday, June 7th, at 3:00 p.m.

Atlanta Motor Speedway



Track Details

Distance: 1.54 miles

Shape: Quad-Oval

Turns/Straights: 24° / 5°

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NASCAR reveals planned schedule through mid-August

As has been the case with every schedule reveal, it is considered provisional due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. The planned schedule that was released goes through mid-August. The expectation is that the Cup Series will resume its original schedule by that point. Michigan was already set to host one of its two races on August 9 but will now host both races that weekend after having its June race postponed. The remaining races in the originally scheduled regular season are Watkins Glen, Dover and Daytona on August 16, August 23 and August 29. Putting the schedules together leaves the 2020 NASCAR Cup schedule at 35 races, meaning one of the above three could be turned into a doubleheader to reach 36. NASCAR has stated from the beginning its intent to run the 10 race Cup Series playoffs as originally scheduled. Those races are scheduled to take place at Darlington, Richmond, Bristol, Las Vegas, Talladega, Charlotte, Kansas, Texas, Martinsville and Phoenix. The schedule disseminated to teams reveal the All-Star Race as a midweek event wedged between Cup races at Kentucky and Texas. The current expectation is for fans to return to the track in some capacity during Independence Day weekend at Indianapolis.

Last Weekend's Race: Brad Keselowski won the Food City 500

Brad Keselowski inherited his second win in a row when the leaders crashed in front of him with a lap remaining Sunday at Bristol Motor Speedway. He won the Coca-Cola 600 seven nights before at Charlotte Motor Speedway when a caution with two laps remaining helped him get to victory lane. "I felt like I was in Las Vegas," Keselowski said about the Bristol win. "I went from having a bad hand to a full house real quick." The victory dropped into Keselowski's lap when Chase Elliott and Joey Logano collided as they raced for the win.



Brad Keselowski
 Born: Feb. 12, 1984
 Crew Chief: Paul Wolfe
 Car: Ford

Year	Wins	Top 10s	Avg. Finish
2020	2	6	9.4
2019	3	19	12.9

2020 Standings

Cup Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Kevin Harvick	370	8
2) Joey Logano	346	4
3) Chase Elliott	325	5
4) Brad Keselowski	315	6
5) Alex Bowman	289	2
6) Martin Truex, Jr.	280	4
7) Denny Hamlin	276	5
8) Ryan Blaney	274	3
9) Kyle Busch	256	5
10) Kurt Busch	253	6

Xfinity Series Top Ten

Drivers	Points	Top 10s
1) Chase Briscoe	251	4
2) Austin Cindric	243	5
3) Ross Chastain	239	5
4) Harrison Burton	234	6
5) Noah Gragson	232	4
6) Justin Allgaier	218	3
7) Ryan Sieg	192	4
8) Brandon Jones	186	3
9) Justin Haley	186	4
10) Michael Annett	169	2

Racing Trivia

How many races has Chase Elliott won this year? ?

a) 0

b) 1

c) 2

d) 3

ANSWER: 1 (d)

high-banked Bristol half-miler was equally as dramatic as the three-way finish he prevailed in at the big speedway this past February.

Allgaier, who led a race best 156 of the 303 laps, was leading the field when his 21-year old teammate Gragson caught up, pulled alongside and ultimately made contact sending Allgaier's No. 7 JR Motorsports Chevrolet into the wall and out of the race for an 18th-place finish. It marked the third consecutive Bristol race that Allgaier has led at least 100 laps and didn't celebrate in Victory Lane.

As Gragson took the checkered flag he apologized on his radio

to his teammate Allgaier as he thanked his team for the winning car.

"I really apologize to Justin and the 7 team, that's not how I want to race but I saw a position open up, he kind of slipped off the bottom the lap before and I tried to get to the bottom and I just got too loose," Gragson said following his win. "But one heck of a night for this 9-team."

Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Brandon Jones and race polesitter Harrison Burton finished third and fourth followed by Myatt

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who rallied to a fifth-place finish after starting 22nd.

Daniel Hemric, Brandon Brown, Jeremy Clements, Josh Williams and A.J. Allmendinger rounded out the top-10.

With their top-four finish at Bristol, Gragson, Briscoe, Jones and the rookie Burton have qualified for the first round of the four-race Dash 4 Cash incentive program that begins next weekend at Atlanta Motor Speedway. The highest finisher among those four in the Atlanta race will win an additional \$100,000 and automatically earn a spot to try again for another big payday at the next race.

"Last year I don't know if we ever qualified one time for it, this year is a whole new ballgame and I'm showing up to win races," Jones said. "I think we're going to be a competitor when we come to tracks that are eligible."

Monday night's race certainly lived up to the typical Bristol Motor Speedway hype of tough short-track competition where inevitably some drivers leave frustrated while others are smiling.

The early stage wins went to both Gragson (Stage 1) and Allgaier (Stage 2) with Allgaier really taking control of things around the race's midpoint.

Several race favorites were taken out in a typically hard-nosed style of racing that comes at the famed Bristol high-banks with 12 caution periods for 85 laps.

Two drivers among the championship top five coming into the event - Ross Chastain and Austin Cindric made contact a mere six laps into the race - ending Cindric's day and damaging Chastain's Chevrolet enough to hamper him the rest of his night. Cindric finished 36th of 37 cars and Chastain was 28th.

The melee dropped Cindric from second place in the standings to sixth place - now 56 points behind the leader Briscoe. Gragson's victory moved him up to second in the standings only nine points behind Briscoe. Chastain is fifth in the championship, 52 points back from the series standings lead.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series moves to the 1.54-mile Atlanta Motor Speedway for a doubleheader with the NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series on Saturday, June 6.

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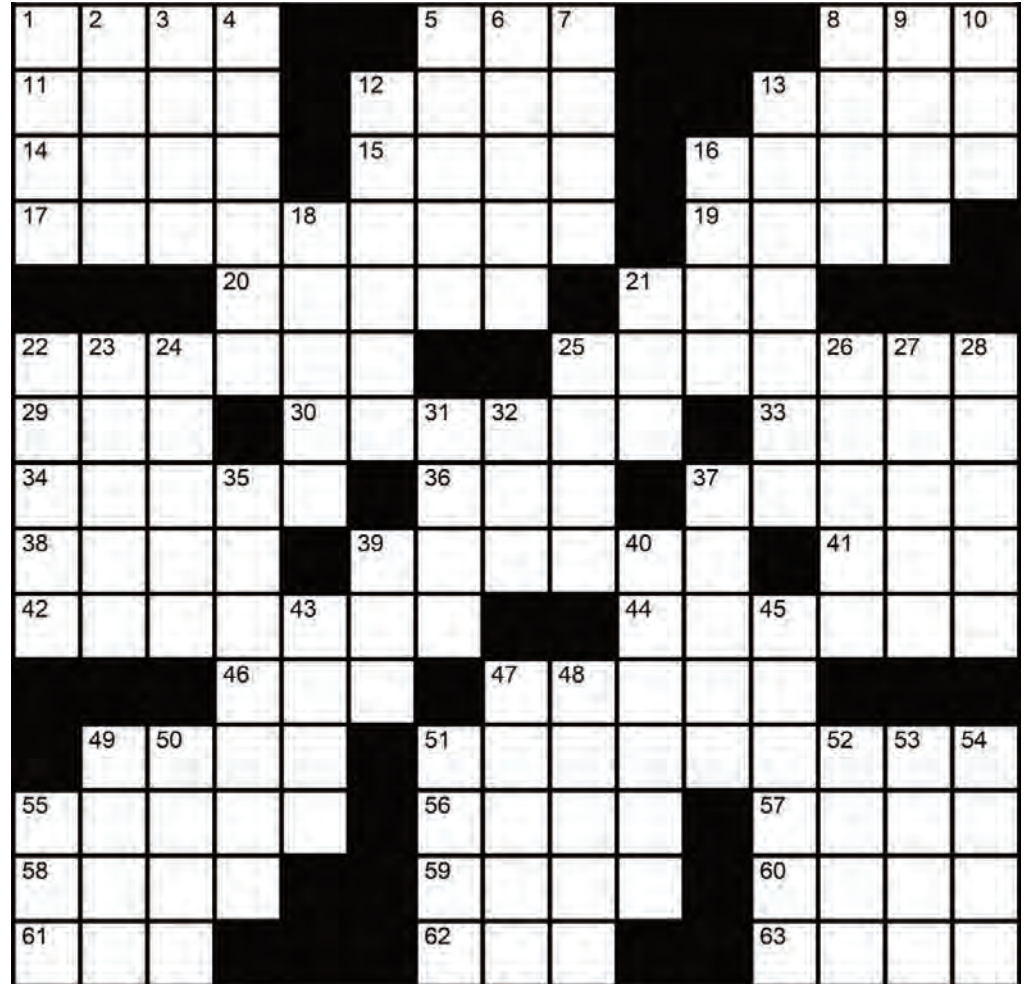
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ACROSS

- 1. Requests
- 5. Pub dispenser
- 8. Feline sound
- 11. HGTV's "____" or Flop"
- 12. Ferdinand, e.g.
- 13. Like a ghost
- 14. *Pro _____, or in proportion
- 15. Miscellany
- 16. *Elsewhere
- 17. *Response to #51 Across?
- 19. Cher has one
- 20. Marine enchantress
- 21. Not tac nor toe
- 22. *Not underwear!
- 25. *Battery's companion
- 29. Literary "even"
- 30. "____ it _____," or go full force
- 33. Quartet minus one
- 34. Greyish brown
- 36. Common conjunction
- 37. Ban from school, e.g.
- 38. Homesteader's measurement
- 39. Complete failure
- 41. "Stand and Deliver" singer
- 42. Relating to breastbone
- 44. Spectacle venues
- 46. Marcia's jealous sister
- 47. Type of assistant, for short
- 49. Sudden and brilliant success
- 51. *Courtroom protest
- 55. Like blue sky
- 56. Twins, e.g.
- 57. Was a passenger
- 58. Shirking work
- 59. Volcano in Sicily
- 60. All over again
- 61. *____ se or ____ tem
- 62. Bear's hangout
- 63. Quiet attention grabber

DOWN

- 1. Big do
- 2. Eastern European
- 3. Toy with a tail
- 4. Thinly spread
- 5. Tutu fabric
- 6. Mork from Ork
- 7. Walk, as through mud
- 8. Cripple
- 9. Major European river



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- 12. Stock exchange, in Paris
- 13. Mollify
- 16. Anisette, for short
- 18. Often precedes through, to search
- 21. Cough syrup amt.
- 22. Greek Bs
- 23. Don't just stand there!
- 24. Habituate
- 25. Gives a hand
- 26. Of a city
- 27. Tarzan's swing rope
- 28. *Reasons to sue
- 31. Peacock's pride
- 32. Genetic initials
- 35. *Lie made under oath
- 37. Pre-Ionic
- 39. Belieber or Parrothead, e.g.
- 40. Usually not allowed in court
- 43. Back of the neck
- 45. *To lure into a compromising act
- 47. *To annul or suspend
- 48. Jinn or genie
- 49. Old Russian autocrat
- 50. Anis-flavored aperitif
- 51. Newspaper piece
- 52. Atom that lost an electron, pl.
- 53. Words from Wordsworth, pl.
- 54. Type of salamander
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