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Hundreds turned out in downtown Franklin on Saturday, July 25, for Back the Blue, an event organized to show support for law enforcement and their families. For more, see page 12.
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Sylva board votes to remove 'Sylva Sam'

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

The Sylva Town Board of Commissioners voted in a split decision Monday night to pass a resolution asking Jackson County Commissioners to relocate the Confederate Monument, also known as Sylva Sam, to somewhere outside of the city limits. While the monument is located on county property on the steps leading up to the Jackson County Public Library, the original courthouse, town leaders are requesting county officials to remove it.

"We're not talking about tearing down the statue," said Commissioner David Nestler, who made the motion to approve the resolution. "We're talking about relocating it. This is about putting this part of history in its proper context."

Sylva's Confederate Monument statue was constructed during the 50th anniversary of the Civil War and was built to

honor the 164 soldiers from Jackson County who served in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and all the citizens who helped with the war effort.

Since the monument's construction in 1915, the county's Veteran's Memorial has been built at the base of the steps to include the Civil War monument in the memorial for veterans of all wars. At the base of the steps sits the War Memorial Fountain.

A brick walkway surrounds the fountain and in front of the walk is a low, half-circle granite wall which holds a dedication plaque. Behind the fountain is a curved granite retaining wall several feet high with a broad opening for the long stairway that leads up a hill to the historic Jackson County Courthouse. The fountain was partially constructed

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The fate of Sylva Sam, a memorial built in 1913 to honor soldiers killed in the Civil War will be taken up by Jackson County Commissioners at its next regular meeting on Aug. 4. The monument sits in front of the historic former Jackson County Courthouse.

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in 1920 to honor World War One veterans and never finished although the memorial plaque was placed at that time. After World War Two the American Legion Auxiliary raised funds to complete the project in honor of veterans to both World Wars. The fountain was officially dedicated in 1949. Additional memorial items have been built at the base of the steps making up the Jackson County Veterans Memorial.

A group leading the charge to remove the monument, Reconcile Sylva, argue that the monument is a sign of hate and racism and needs to be removed for the safety of black residents in the community. Members of the community called in to the Sylva Town Board of Monday night express their opinions, both for and against removing the statue.

"This whole thing hurts my heart so bad, and I am so sick of listening to people tell me to go back to whatever country I came from," concurred Carrie McBane, who has lived in Jackson County for the past 15 years. "I have been a citizen of the United States since I was six years old."

Sylva resident Tracy Mann said that she believes the statue could negatively impact if it appears that local government leaders had a chance to get the statue re-

moved but opted not to. Mann said that tourism could be impacted because people of color might not want to spend their money in Sylva, if they do not take a stand against racism.

Sylva resident Frank Huguélet spoke to the town board about how for him, the statue is a memorial to his ancestor, John Parker, who did not make it home from the war after dying from dysentery in a Union Army prison camp.

"Hundreds of men went out to fight. Thousands of ancestors are left," said Huguélet. "Dividing a community based on a national political movement is wrong. It's a bad precedent to set. The majority of the people in this country want to keep it."

After hearing from residents, the town of Sylva voted to pass the resolution asking county leaders to remove the monument. Sylva Commissioners David Nestler, Greg McPherson, and Ben Guiney voted to remove the statue. Commissioners Mary Gelbaugh and Barbara Hamilton voted against the resolution.

The resolution will be sent to the Jackson County Board of commissioners for consideration during their next scheduled meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 4.

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Nursing homes work to lift spirits through 'no-visitor' rules

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

In some areas of the country, restrictions on visitors are being relaxed somewhat with COVID-19 safety precautions still being adhered to.

Not so in North Carolina. Governor Roy Cooper on July 24 issued an executive order returning regulatory authority for skilled nursing facilities to the Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS). Thus, current restrictions remain in place, meaning, "nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities, including combination skilled nursing/adult care assisted living facilities must continue to restrict visitation of all visitors and non-essential health care personnel, except for certain compassionate care situations, including end-of-life situations. Communal dining and group activities also remain restricted."

At Macon Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Lillie Zentmeyer, LRT/CTRS, activity director, said, "Ever since the virus began, and many precautions to keep residents and staff safe were put in place, it has been challenging to come up with activities to keep residents smiling."

Macon Valley residents are able to go outdoors and get fresh air.

"We have done lots of work planting in our courtyard garden beds so that residents have something nice to look at when going outside

and something to look forward to as our veggies grow," added Zentmeyer. In the memory care unit, residents were able to watch butterflies grow and hatch from their chrysalis and then experience their release to the outdoors.

A hit with residents is what she calls hallway bingo.

"We have also played music overhead for all residents to hear, sing, and/or dance to. We have had many holiday decorated carts travel down the hallways handing out goodies to residents, such as root beer floats, coffee and donuts, ice cream, virgin pina colodas, boiled peanuts, popcorn, and much more."

Not just the main holidays, but daily national holidays or recognition days are focused on as well.

"We just recently had national peach ice cream day," said Zentmeyer.

To keep residents in touch with loved ones, Zentmeyer and other staff members have arranged video chats.

"One volunteer, who used to come for Bible study every week even reached out and has been talking with some of our residents over FaceTime," she said.

During the shelter-at-home mandate, Janie Key, a concerned Macon County resident, collected donations of basic tablets for nursing home residents so that they could communicate



Macon Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Activity Aide Laura Koster (left) enjoys outdoor time with residents Ann Clark (right) and Kris-teen Potts, (back).

with family members and friends and watch church services if they chose. She said the community greatly supported those efforts. "It was very successful. We were able to collect enough tablets for all of the nursing homes in Macon County."

The Macon County community at large can

continue to support and encourage quarantined nursing and assisted living facility residents by becoming a pen pal, sending flowers, providing care packages, and more. "We have pen pals that have generously been writing to our residents," said Zentmeyer, "and the residents that have chosen to participate are enjoying getting new mail and writing back to their pen pal."

Donations appreciated include large-print word-find books, Readers Digest magazines, large-print devotionals, large-print Bibles, sketch books with colored pencils, smaller puzzles, and notebooks.

"If community members want to reach out and support residents, they can always contact me by email at mv129-act@maconvalley.com," said Zentmeyer. "Most of all, I think community members could help the most by praying for all our nursing homes and assisted livings during this difficult and unprecedented time."

Making it real

Ruth Ann LeBlanc, 86, who, with the onset of dementia, became a resident of The Hermitage

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in Sylva in mid-February after 30 years in her own home. But after a short stay at The Hermitage, LeBlanc was moved to Franklin House so that her daughter, Cynthia Michael, who works full-time, could be five minutes away. Then came the shelter-in-place mandate and no visitors were allowed into Franklin House.

“She’s in there and cannot come out and I can’t go in,” said Michael. “It’s been such a struggle ... very hard.”

At least three times weekly, Michael “window visits” her mother, who has a room on the ground floor. If the window is not cracked a few inches so they can hear one another, they must talk by cell phone. Earlier in the week, Michael said she sat outside in the pouring rain under an umbrella so she could see her mother and her mother could see her – since the visit is something they both look forward to. “If this goes into the winter, I’ll be out there with two winter coats on.”

Michael said it is important that her mother and the other residents are supported, especially during this unprecedented crisis.

“I bring her magazines, chips, cookies, pop. I gave her a Mrs. Potato Head and an Etch and Sketch. The Mother’s Day parade they did was awesome. The residents sat outside and we drove by with balloons and honked our horns.”

But most residents have not had a haircut in many months since a hair stylist cannot visit the



Franklin House resident Ruth Ann LeBlanc, 86, “window visits” with her daughter, Cynthia Michael, at least three times at week.



facility, and Michael pointed out there are many tasks she wants to help her mother with that the “taxed” staff does often does not have time for.

“It’s heartbreaking,” said Michael. She encouraged people in the community to consider contacting local nursing and assisted-living facilities to learn needs and to see if their residents would appreciate such things as picture books depicting travel, animals, flowers, etc., magazines such as National Geographic, CD players with headphones and oldies or gospel CDs, easy games, and

even clothing and socks. “Some people didn’t have anyone to visit before [COVID-19] and now they can’t have any one visit,” she said. “No one wants to be forgotten. I’m ready for this [pandemic] to be over. I really want to get to know the residents and be able to actually visit with my mother.”

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Cowee Mountain accident sends six to area hospitals

Brittney Lofthouse
Contributing Writer

Around 2 p.m. on Saturday, emergency personnel were dispatched to a report of a head on collision at the base of Cowee Mountain in Macon County. Sixteen-year-old Ethan Farrell was travelling north when his vehicle hydroplaned and wrecked onto another vehicle travelling southbound on U.S. 441.

The collision sent six people to the hospital, including Farrell, who was initially taken to Angel Medical Center and later airlifted to Mission. The other vehicle involved in the accident was a family from Florida. Of the five occupants of the other vehicle, three were transported directly to Mission in Asheville (one critical, two serious) and two taken to Harris Regional Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Farrell remains in critical condition at Mission Hospital. Farrell, a rising junior at Franklin High School, a member of the cross-country team and a Panther Award winner, suffered a brain injury during the accident, according to reports posted by family members on social media.

Farrell underwent surgery to relieve pressure on the left side of his brain. He is still sedated and in the intensive care unit today, although sedation levels have been lowered and he is beginning to move on his own.

The family posted on Facebook to report that Farrell continues to improve.

“Doctors just came by and things just keep getting better. No infection results from tests and his lungs are already improving. Sitting here watching him he has grabbed the side of the bed on his own. I also prayed in his ear and he squeezed my hand. He hears your prayers and keep them coming,” the family said Monday.

“Lots of moving in both legs and right arm some too. Respiratory came in to see if they could go to the next reduced setting of him breathing on his own with it as a backup, but his pressures went into the 40s so he is not ready for that. He still needs a little time there, which is okay.” (Posted on Tuesday)

According to the family, neurology has been monitoring Farrell’s brain activity since the surgery, and appears to be recovering well.



Ethan Farrell

Nearly 700 requests submitted for mail-in ballots

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

The November 2020 election is just four months away, and with Coronavirus cases in North Carolina continuing to rise, voting during the pandemic can be intimidating for some people. To make it easier and safer to vote in the election, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 1169, which changed the way N.C. voters are able to cast their ballots by mail.

With the changes, any registered voter in North Carolina may request and receive a mail-in “absentee” ballot. Prior to the new legislation mail-in absentee ballots were only available to voters under special circumstances.

Macon County Board of Elections Director Melanie Thibault said if the current trend continues, more people than ever are on track to vote this November by mail.

“We had a total of 188 to vote absentee by mail for the second primary,” said Thibault. “We have already at this time, and it has not even started yet, 656 requests for the November election.”

Absentee by mail is scheduled to begin on Sept. 4 in North Carolina and run through Oct. 27.

Voters may call the North Carolina State Board of Elections or their county board of elections and request a blank absentee ballot request form be sent to them by mail, e-mail, or fax.

Voters will be able to submit online requests for absentee ballots once the North Carolina State Board of Elections creates the online portal, which should be no later than Sept. 1, 2020.

The voter or their near relative/legal guardian must sign the request form and submit it to their County Board of Elections in person or by email, fax, or mail via U.S. Postal Service, DHL, FedEx or UPS. Each county board of elections will then mail absentee ballots to registered voters who have made a request. The board will send the an absentee ballot, a return envelope with a certificate statement on it, and an instruction sheet. The ballots may not be picked up in person.

Mark the ballot with your choices in the presence of one witness who is at least 18 years old and not a candidate in the election in which you are voting. The voter and witness (or

notary public) must each complete and sign the certificate on the return envelope and provide their addresses. Make sure all parts of the certificate form on the envelope are filled out, including your signature, insert the ballot in the envelope, and seal it.

Return the ballot in the container-return envelope by mail or deliver in person to your county board of elections. If returning by mail, the envelope must be postmarked by 5 p.m. on Election Day (Tuesday, Nov. 3). If you are returning the ballot in person, take the ballot to your County Board of Elec-



Photo by Vickie Carpenter

For those planning to vote in person, safety precautions will be taken during the November election as they were during the June primary.

tions office – not an Early Voting site or Election Day precinct. Only the voter or the voter’s near relative or legal guardian may return your ballot— do not give it to someone else to return.

For those planning to vote in person, safety precautions will be taken during the November election, as they were during the second primary which occurred in June. Voting booths will be set at least six feet apart and sanitized between each voter. Voting will have one entrance and one exit and masks will be required.

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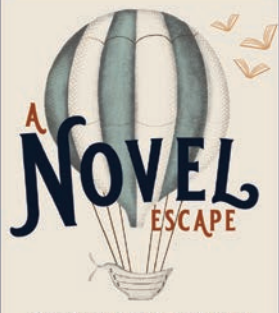
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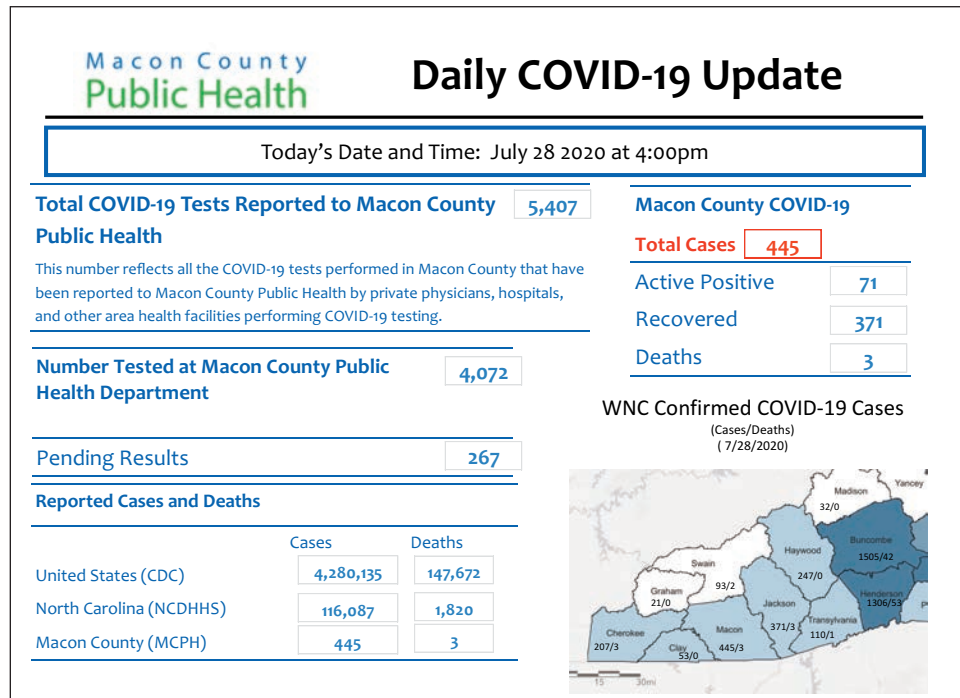
For six days in a row, active positive cases of COVID-19 has dropped to below 100 cases. On Tuesday, July 28, Macon County Public Health daily update lists 445 total cases with 71 active positive and 371 recovered. MCPH reported a third death of a Macon County resident who had been diagnosed with COVID-19. The person was over the age of 65 and had underlying health conditions.

“With our second and third death occurring within a week of each other, our urgent message to the community continues to be: wear a mask, wash your hands, and wait 6 feet from others. Continue to practice social distancing and limit your trips outside your home to help to slow the spread of COVID-19,” said

Kathy McGaha, Macon County Health Director.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath). If you believe that

you may have COVID-19, call the Health Department at 828-349-2517. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Know where to go to get the care you need

Tammy Dills – Harris Regional Director of Care Management

Knowing where to go to get the care you need can be confusing – especially now. Efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 have resulted in many new practices for hospitals, outpatient centers and medical offices. As we move forward, life – and healthcare – will look different, but our commitment to providing a broad range of healthcare services won't change.

As always, it is important to seek out the right level of care.

Use your primary care provider during normal business hours for non-emergent conditions or symptoms.

Your primary care provider knows your medical history and should be your first line of defense for any illness or disease that isn't a medical emergency. Think cough and cold, flu, stomach upset, chronic conditions like diabetes or high blood pressure, and more. They should also be your regular resource for preventive care, including annual wellness visits, routine vaccinations, smoking cessation, diet and exercise consultations, and more.

It is safe to visit your primary care provider, but most will ask that you wear a mask during your visit. This helps to protect you, staff members and other patients. Many providers are intentionally spacing patient visits to support social distancing measures.

Your provider may be offering telehealth services during this time in an effort to support social distancing while continuing regular patient care. Providers offering telehealth may do your visit over the phone or through video conferencing. Check your provider's website or call the office to determine if telehealth is available and appropriate for your needs.

Use an urgent care or walk-in clinic for moderate/worsening symptoms when prompt primary care is not available or after normal business hours. This is a great option if your primary care provider is not readily available, or if it is after normal business hours and your primary care provider's office is closed. Urgent cares and walk-in clinics commonly treat people for cough and cold, flu, ear infections and allergies, skin conditions, minor injuries and more. Some urgent cares or walk-in clinics have x-ray capabilities onsite as well.

It is safe to visit urgent cares and walk-in clinics, but most will ask that you wear a mask during your visit. This helps to protect

you, staff members and other patients. You also have the option to wait in your car until your appointment time to help decrease the risk of exposure.

Use your nearest emergency room for any medical emergency.

If you are experiencing symptoms of a heart attack or stroke, have shortness of breath or are experiencing another medical emergency, call 9-1-1 or go to your nearest emergency room. Symptoms of a heart attack include:

- Chest discomfort. Most heart attacks involve discomfort in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or that goes away and comes back. It can feel like uncomfortable pressure, squeezing, fullness of pain.

- Discomfort in other areas of the upper body. Symptoms can include pain or discomfort in one or both arms, the back, neck, jaw or stomach.

- Shortness of breath with or without chest discomfort.

- Other signs may include breaking out in a cold sweat, nausea or lightheadedness.

Symptoms of a stroke include:

- Face drooping; If you notice one side of your or someone else's face drooping, or if it is numb, this is a telltale sign of a stroke. If you are uncertain, ask the person to smile. If their smile droops on one side, they are likely having a stroke and it's time to call 9-1-1.

- Arm weakness. Many stroke victims experience weakness or numbness in one arm

- Speech difficulty. Speech may be slurred, prohibited or difficult to understand. If someone you are with is experiencing this, ask him or her to repeat a simple sentence, like "the sky is blue." If he or she cannot, call 9-1-1 immediately.

To help prevent the spread of illness, you will be screened for fever and other symptoms of respiratory illnesses when you arrive and will be asked to wear a mask.

It is critical that you seek emergency care if you are experiencing a medical emergency. Procedures are in place to protect the health and safety of our patients, staff members and visitors. Our standard infection prevention protocols help in preventing the spread of infectious diseases, including COVID-19, year-round. It is safe to come to the hospital, and your life, or the life of a loved one, may depend on prompt emergency treatment.

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Letters to the Editor

What would our Founding Fathers do?

"He has erected a Multitude of new Officers and sent hither Swarms of Officers to harass our People..."

"He has affected to render the Military independent of and superior to the Civil Power."

These words were among the charges against tyrant King George III in declaring independence from England in 1776. History repeats itself. These charges have come alive today in the tyrannical actions of our would be king, Donald Trump.

To quote further from our Declaration of Independence:

"Governments are instituted among Men deriving their just power from the consent of the governed."

No Governor of any state, or Mayor of any city, has given consent to Trump's sending his storm troopers to invade their cities. These storm troopers have unlawfully beaten, gassed and detain demonstrators in Portland, Oregon, violating their constitutional rights.

To quote from the First Amendment to our Constitution:

"Congress shall make no laws..... abridging the right of people peaceably to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

The Fourth Amendment states:

"The right of people to be secure in their persons.....against unreasonable searches and seizures, shall not be violated."

Donald Trump's use of storm troopers is in flagrant violation of our first and fourth amendments. Please note Trump is only targeting states and cities with Democratic governors and mayors. His unidentified military force is creating urban warfare designed to prove Democrats are out of control rioters and anarchists. Trump is posturing as a law and order president. His use of this tactic is designed to sway voters to reelect him and his Republican supporters in November.

Do we still believe in the values expressed in the Declaration of Independence and our Constitution? Our Founders fought and died in the Revolution to secure this government for future generations of Americans. At the conclusion of the Constitutional Convention Benjamin Franklin was asked "What kind of government do we have?" Franklin replied, "A republic, if we can keep it." This question has yet to be determined. What would our Founding Fathers do?

Margery Abel – Franklin, N.C.

Human Trafficking Awareness Day July 30

As parents, grandparents, aunts or uncles, what wouldn't we do to protect the children in our lives from harm? We teach our children how to be safe, to not talk to strangers, and more. Do our hearts go out to a family whose child dies, to families who have children dealing with cancer, to a fam-

ily who has a child lost or missing? It's hard to imagine anyone answering, "No."

Thursday, July 30, is Human Trafficking Awareness Day worldwide. In her powerful and passionate speech at the Variety Power of Women event on April 22, 2017, actress Blake Lively, herself a mother, spoke about her work with Child Rescue Coalition. She said that 30 million child pornography files are traded every day and that the average pedophile abuses 50 to 100 children in his lifetime. You can watch her short speech titled "Blake Lively Gives Emotional Speech on Child Pornography" at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMVHz-1I1zY&feature=youtu.be>.

It's said that sex trafficking makes three times as much money as the NFL and that it's the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. One organization that has been working to rescue children is Operation Underground Railroad (OUR), founded by Tim Ballard. OUR has teams that work with governments and agencies around the world to rescue children caught in the sex trade. An essential component is their aftercare program to give children the support and space to heal, however long it takes. A movie is being made about their work, which will feature Jim Caviezel as Tim Ballard. More can be learned about Operation Underground Railroad in the video, "Actor Jim Caviezel and Tim Ballard of Operation Underground Railroad 3 Questions with Bob Evans":

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=94hChHDLrTo>

In the United States, "When a child is reported missing to law enforcement, federal law requires that child be entered into the FBI's National Crime Information Center, also known as NCIC. According to the FBI, in 2019 there were 421,394 NCIC entries for missing children. In 2018, the total number of missing children entries into NCIC was 424,066." The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, "NCMEC, operates the CyberTipline, a national mechanism for the public and electronic service providers to report instances of suspected child sexual exploitation.

In 2019 the CyberTipline received more than 16.9 million reports, most of which related to: Apparent child sexual abuse material; Online enticement, including 'sextortion'; Child sex trafficking; and Child sexual molestation."

<https://www.missingkids.org/footer/media/KeyFacts>.

The Bible says, "But Jesus called them to Him and said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of Go," NKJ. Human trafficking and sex trafficking needs to be stopped. Please pray that those responsible for this horrendous evil be exposed and brought to justice and that children and adults trapped in human trafficking be rescued and able to heal.

Panthea Crawford – Franklin, N.C.

Have you been sprayed?

Duke Energy, through a contractor, has started aerial spraying of herbicides over the rights-of-way for their transmission lines, the lines supported by large steel towers. Here

in Oak Grove, this means that three routes are subject to the defoliants: the line which runs over Lakey and Bradley Creeks into the Cowee Community, up Goshen Creek and down Greens Creek in Jackson County; the line which crosses the Little Tennessee River at Deans Island and runs up Tellico Creek to Wesser Gap, crossing the Appalachian Trail and descending into the Nantahala Community; and finally, the line which parallels NC 28 and the Little Tennessee before veering toward Bryson City.

Were you notified prior to the spraying operation? We were not, yet Duke's own instructions state: "In developed and maintained areas, we typically notify property owners a minimum of three days prior to the start of planned vegetation maintenance work. We usually notify customers with a door hanger, but we may also call, send a letter or knock on your door. Sometimes notification includes a combination of these methods. We'll also provide a point of contact in case you have questions or concerns about the work being done. If our attempts to notify a customer are unsuccessful, work will proceed without further direct notification."

What chemicals are being used in this operation? We have observed containers labeled IMAZAPYR, METHOD, and TRICLORPYR. The safety data sheets warn of not allowing human contact with the airborne mist or allowing it to enter surface water. Google these herbicides and you will be more dismayed, as some have been responsible for irreversible eye damage, skin irritation, and fish kills.

But the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved these herbicides. They must be safe. Wait. Look again. According to the Natural Resources Defense Council, who made a two-year investigation of EPA approval of pesticides (and herbicides), the EPA used a regulatory loophole to approve 65% of 16,000 pesticides that pose a threat to public health. The approval loophole was intended to be used only in public health emergencies, not in the routine way it was used by EPA. Aerial spraying of herbicides has only been used by Duke for the past 3-1/2 years, since 2016. Go figure.

Have you come into contact with the spray while it was airborne, or on grass, vegetables or fruit where it has come to rest? Have you experienced skin or eye irritation? Have your crops or fruit been damaged by drift from the prescribed ROW zone? Has your drinking water source been contaminated? We know of at least two neighbors who have been impacted.

In the past, right-of-way vegetation management of transmission lines has been a ground operation, much safer for Duke customers in proximity to this ROW, but not now. Be aware. Be safe. Stay out of the way of active spraying and airborne drift. Aerial herbicide application is happening right now.

See a doctor, of course, if your body has been impacted, but also call the regulatory agency to report any contamination of crops, gardens, water or trees outside of the ROW: Dwight Seal, Western District Manager, NC Dept of Agriculture and Consumer Services 939-733-3556.

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Texas doctor: 'There is a cure for Covid-19'

I just watched a video of an African-American physician named Dr. Stella Immanuel. She was speaking in Washington, DC, to a group of doctors. She spoke with passion and conviction. She is courageous and bold. She is a primary care physician in Houston, Texas, where she daily treats 10-15 Covid-19 patients.

She went to medical school in Nigeria, West Africa, where she used Hydroxychloroquine (HCQ) to treat malaria. Dr. Immanuel has treated over 350 patients, some with diabetes, high blood pressure, and asthma. Her oldest patient is 92. All of the treated patients are alive because she had the courage to buck the system and use a treatment that works. She has put her staff and many doctors she knows on HCQ as a preventative. None have gotten sick. She came to Washington to say to America, "Nobody needs to die."

She is upset because she sees patients who cannot breathe, who are diabetic, and some with other issues, knowing that this is a death sentence for them. They are terrified. She hugs them and tells them they are going to live. She treats them and they live. None have died. She condemns those who published fake scientific studies saying it doesn't work. She says there is no way that HCQ doesn't work since she treated 350 people and none died. Instead, they all got better.

Covid has a cure. It is called hydroxychloroquine, zinc, and azithromycin. Nobody needs to get sick or die. Nobody needs to wear a mask. No one needs to miss school or work. People don't need to be locked down. There is prevention and there is a cure.

She condemned all the "fake doctors" who say they want a double-blind study. She said that's immoral when people are dying. She named doctors who say it doesn't work and challenges them, "Have you ever treated a Covid patient, and they died from heart disease? When you do, come and talk to me!" (Some claim that HCQ causes heart problems. False. It is chloroquine that had that side effect. That's why HCQ was developed.) She says she sees people every day who drive 2 or 3 hours to see her because their ER doctor is afraid of the Texas Board and they won't prescribe life-saving medication for them. She says those doctors are like the "good" Nazis who stood by and watched the murder of Jews and did not speak up.

She receives many threats but refuses to stand by and let Americans die while there is a cure for their condition. She says, "You can threaten me, kill me, you can report me to the boards. I don't care! I am NOT going to let Americans die unnecessarily."

She says, "America, there is a cure for Covid! All this foolishness does not need to happen! People don't need to stay six feet apart. They don't need to wear masks (which don't work anyway). There is a cure for Covid! It's called hydroxychloroquine. It's called zinc. It's called azithromycin. And it's time for the grassroots to wake up and say we're not going to take this any longer, and we're not going to die. When someone is dead they're not coming back to argue, and ask to look at your double-blind studies." She says if six months from now, you doctors get the data you want, and it says this works, what about all the patients who have died in the meantime? And you want a double-blind study? It's unethical!

Ed Hill – Franklin, N.C.

Election will be referendum on MAGA promise

This November's presidential election will be a referendum on President Trump's promise to "Make America Great Again" and, in my view, will also significantly impact the future of Representative Democracy itself.

History gives testimony to many great and exceptional nations and civilizations; Ancient Egypt and Persia in biblical times, Greece and Rome at the dawn of Christianity

and of course, Ancient China. Their fall from greatness are epic sagas worthy of study.

Nations seeking greatness by attempting to dominate the rest of the world soon become pariah states, wither and die from within, and disappear. That's not new news, it's a small slice of known history in an even smaller nutshell. It happened to Nazi Germany, the Soviet Union, it can happen to us.

America became great (as many of us remember from history class) because we didn't flaunt our cultural, economic and military power but rather developed strong allies, established mutually beneficial and multinational security arrangements, engaged in global trading and financial systems and (most importantly) exemplified those cultural values that were proven universally worthy of emulation.

Being "great" also requires internal domestic harmony (or, as the preamble to the Constitution states – "domestic tranquility"). It also demands leaders experienced in world affairs, a reputation for honoring commitments and (believe it or not) generously sharing the rewards of greatness with others.

Compare those essential prerequisites to greatness with the disruptive, dishonorable and narcissistic behaviors of Donald Trump, his administration. and a good portion of his party. His divisive mystifying jumble of domestic policies have undermined decades of racial justice progress, public health programs and environmental protections. His immigration and deportation methods have denied entry to talented workers, skilled university students and wantonly destroyed families.

Knowledgeable and dedicated intelligence service personnel have been harassed unmercifully, fired, or muzzled. International laws, treaties and norms that have served our country well for decades have been cast aside resulting in our hard-earned global respect and reputation being destroyed.

These are not the policies or actions of a leader who will keep America strong and great. They are the behaviors of a self-worshipping, self-serving, egocentric President who has recklessly put this nation on a path of decline, global marginalization and at extreme risk and vulnerability.

I believe we can conclude that after nearly two and a half centuries, our system remains an experiment in self-government. Until Donald Trump arrived on the scene we could still claim to attempt equal political rights, economic opportunity, equal access to protection of law and order and (despite our many flaws and weaknesses) equal access to political representation.

To put this nation back on the path toward greatness, ordinary citizens have got to step up and be counted. All citizens do matter, so all citizens have to take advantage of the grand opportunities our system of government affords us and never, never, never relinquish those grand opportunities to anyone who would endeavor to take them from us.

David Snell – Franklin, N.C.

A nation in need of kindness

All that felt safe and normal is no longer safe and normal. The uneasiness of COVID-19 which causes us to seem to readjust our outlook and direction every couple days. We blame those in office, but honestly, no matter who would be in office we would be blindsided and continue being blinded in just what and how we should react to this pandemic. The seemingly innocent but tragic death of George Floyd which is resulting in riots against law enforcement within some of our American cities, the cries of Black Lives Matter, demanding change and removing memorials of a once painful divided older America. Offending our Native Americans and the need of changing the names of many sports teams. A seemingly endless list could go on and many feel marginalized for whatever reason, not feeling a part of what we

call "Our America." It seems there's so much focus on what's bad with us and so little of what is good, wholesome, and honorable. For me, I've cut down watching TV and most media. I've found so much conflicting stories even within a couple minutes watching the same channel. Tension, stress and confusion is in no short supply. There's no question there needs to be a friendly discussion of how we reason many of this issues out, but here end is the problem for many, we've lost our ability to do so, because we have lost the essence of the betterment of human goodness. For those who have done wrong who seemingly struggle in making things right we judge and point fingers, instead of helping towards the good in a need of kindness, whether by words or action. But just where is it we can look or show our children the why and where this is to be found. Society asks for all of us to be this way, schools try to instill this thinking or, "need of kindness," to humanity in general. We even have ethics classes in higher education to raise a higher awareness for better living. Why is it we have such difficulty in being good, kind and thoughtful towards others? Just how do we explain, why we are the way we are? Can we ever lift one another up, even if we don't fully understand each other? The life of Christ is the light of goodness which dispels darkness from within, and is the giving source of kindness and a love for all, even for the one who doesn't believe. His image is set within all humanity, this makes understanding where goodness, kindness and love for all comes from and the absents of this, we don't want, but we seem never to find our way, without Him.

At a summer Special Olympics, nine physical or mentally disabled contestants started out for a 100 yard dash, but not exactly in a dash, but a desire to run. Except one boy stumbled and began to cry. The others heard and looked back. All, everyone of them, went back. One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him, saying, "This will make you better." All nine walk across the finish line together. The crowd was crying and cheering. Why? Because deep down we know one thing. What matters in this life, more than winning for "ourselves" is helping others win. This means many of us need a change of heart and mind. Matthew 22:37 Love God with all your Heart, Mind and Soul. Love your neighbor as yourself.

Re-thinking life,

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Hundreds gather for Back the Blue to support law enforcement



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Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Tuesday morning, a Haywood County Sheriff's Deputy was sent to the hospital after being shot on a call near Canton. The deputy, along with other members of law enforcement were responding to a call of a disturbance involving a rifle. As soon as law enforcement arrived on scene, the suspect opened fire and struck a deputy before being fatally shot. Just days prior, Haywood County residents were among a crowd of hundreds of people from across WNC who met in Franklin for the first annual Back the Blue event.

The event was co-hosted by Macon County Sheriff Robert Holland and resident Sandy Hughes, who had the idea to host an appreciation event for law enforcement and their families. Hundreds walked up Main Street, holding signs in support of law enforcement and simply thanking them for their service.

Sheriff Holland said that when Hughes approached him about the event, he was instantly on board and thought it would be a great way to honor the lives of fallen officers, something that typically occurs every May in Franklin.

"Because we weren't able to host our Law Enforcement Memorial event this year because of COVID19, I wanted to take this opportunity to honor those who gave their lives in the line of duty," said Holland.

Holland read off the names of fallen North Carolina officers before Highlands Police Chief Andrea Holland and Franklin Police Chief Bill Harrell laid a memorial wreath in their honor.

Every Macon County Commissioner was present for some portion of the event to show their appreciation. The event also saw the likes of House Representative Kevin Corbin, Senator Jim Davis, and candidates for Congressional District 11 Moe Davis and Madison Cawthorn, each taking time to share their gratitude for law enforcement.





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Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests July 13 - 27. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

July 13

Matthew Devon Perkins, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

July 14

Diana Lee Wilkinson, was issued a true bill of indictment. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

July 15

Eric Eugene Anderson, was charged with first degree burglary, assault on individual with a disability. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Cameron Michael Norman, was charged with trafficking MEAD, conspiracy to traffic MEAD. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Kris Danielle Caleb, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, felony possession of cocaine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

July 16

Austin Jeffrey Carita, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Richard Steven Willis, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Ricardo Alonso Najar, was charged with possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a schedule I controlled substance. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

July 17

John Michael Howard Jr., was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia probation violation. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Will Joseph James Isom, was charged with child abuse misdemeanor, assault on a child under 12 years of age. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Simitar Rison Rios-Vasquez, was charged with resist, obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

Steven Chase Stanley, was charged with failure to appear. James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

July 18

Anthony Vincent Alos, was charged with possession of

methamphetamine, possession of cocaine, possession of schedule III controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of drug paraphernalia. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

John Cody Sanfilippo, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of methamphetamine, alter/steal/destruction of criminal evidence, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of stolen firearm, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, simple possession of a schedule III controlled substance. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

July 19

April M. Nations, was charged with communicating threats. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Samantha Marie Bates, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin, possession of a schedule III controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Weston Darwin Lawrence, was charged with common law robbery, communicating threats, interfering with emergency communication, aid and abet larceny, receiving stolen goods/property. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

July 20

John Paul McCall, was charged with common law robbery, communicating threats, interfering with emergency communication. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Brannon James Parrish, was charged with common law robbery, communicating threats, interfering with emergency communication. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Anita Belle Rodrigues, was charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering. Jonathan A. Taylor made the arrest.

Jeffery Scott Johnson, was charged with misdemeanor breaking and entering. Jonathan A. Taylor made the arrest.

July 21

Dylan Wayne Tallent, was charged with failure to appear. Adrian L Mace made the arrest.

Jason Riley Batten, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

Selena Renee Nicole Lewis, was charged with failure to appear for felony possession of methamphetamine, felony possession of drug paraphernalia. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

July 22

Meghan Judith Woody, was charged with failure to appear for probation violation. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Stephanie Sutton, was charged with failure to appear. Stephanie Robbins made the arrest.

July 23

Nicole Dee Stewart, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer.

July 24

Shean Gamble, was charged with fugitive out of state felony. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Nicole Jeanette Gibson-Neely, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a schedule I controlled substance. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Curtis Earl Guest, was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in opium or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Holly Michelle Breedlove, was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, trafficking in opium or heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Brannon James Parrish, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises, possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

July 25

Timothy Allen Wells, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Charles Russell Edwards, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Samantha Nichelle Ramsey, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Walter Trey Welch, was charged with assault on a female, assault by strangulation. Matthew W. Bowman made the arrest.

July 26

Hagen Devin Henderson, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Nathan Isaac Starkey, was charged with concealed gun after/while consuming. Jonathan A. Taylor made the arrest.

Ossiel Garcia Rodriguez, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

July 27

Jonathan Wade Hurst, was charged with domestic violence protective order violation, probation violation. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Brandon Lee Mills, was charged with felony probation violation, larceny of a motor vehicle, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. David Blanton made the arrest.

Justin David Carver, was charged with simple assault. David Blanton made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

July 23

Sean Leonard Gamble, 33, of Highlands Rd., was charged with stolen property offenses. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set. Detective Foster made the arrest.

Tyler Jake Shelnut, 22, of Hutson Rd., Blairsville, Ga., was charged with speeding(73 mph in a 55 mph zone), carrying a concealed gun, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a vehicle for use/sale/keeping of a controlled substance, possession of heroin. A \$10,000 bond was set. Officer Dula made the arrest.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

July 21

Brandi Nicole Moore, 26, of Fisher Creek Rd., was charged with simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Tyler Andrew Sutton, 27, of Thornhill Dr., was charged with possession of a firearm by a felon. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

July 22

Sandra Ledford Evans,45, of Corn Flower Lane, Dillsboro, was charged with resisting a public officer, contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Laura Lindsey Clark, 32, of Muse St., Waynesville, was charged with failure to appear for expired registration card/tag, expired/no inspection, possession/ displayed/altered/fictitious/revoked drivers license, driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Bryan Lewis Brooks, 46, of Gringstone Knob Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Ricky Carl Brooks, was charged with failure to appear for possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

MacKenzie Lee Mathis, 28, of Redwing Vista, Whittier, was charged with felony possession of heroin. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Cleo David Geiger, 44, of Cullowhee, was charged with violation of sex offender registration. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

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South Macon's Allison Guynn named Principal of the Year

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

Allison Guynn, principal of South Macon Elementary School (SME) has been chosen as Macon County's Principal of the Year. Guynn has been in the educational field for 22 years. She started out teaching in a Resource Exceptional Children's classroom in Clewiston, Fla., and then taught in her childhood hometown LaBelle, Fla., for 10 years in second thru fifth grade classrooms. Her family relocated to Franklin in July 2007, and she accepted a job at Cowee Elementary teaching fourth grade. Guynn loved teaching at Cowee, and stayed there for four years, before accepting the position as the assistant principal of South Macon, a position she held for four years and then became the principal of South Macon Elementary in 2017.

Guynn explains her job as principal.

"Just like our teachers, as a principal you wear many hats. Your job revolves around meeting the needs of your students, their families, and the staff members that work in your building," said Guynn. "Your job description only gives you a glimpse of what you will be asked to do, but as a principal and teacher, you look for things you need to do and that make a difference."

Guynn's responsibilities are many. From supervising transportation, car lines and greeting students, to budgets, schedules and policy making. She also hires and evaluates staff, assesses teaching methods, and works to create school improvement plans. She plans school activities, addresses maintenance issues and is visibly present to mitigate problems that could arise and stays in touch with students and staff and daily activities that affect members of the school.

"I just do what needs to be done, whether it be cleaning a toilet, bandaging a scratched elbow, opening car doors, or calling subs for a sick teacher. Being a principal, just like a teacher means you do whatever needs to be done in order to meet the needs of our children and their families. You do it because you love children."

Guynn speaks about some of the daily struggles of being a principal. She said it is about managing work-life balance and having enough in the tank to take care of your personal needs and taking care of your family while also being responsible

for so many others. Time management is essential along with prioritizing what needs to be addressed first.

In these challenging times, Guynn is also responsible for seeing to the health concerns – both mental and physical – of students and staff, being creative about how to address requirements and mandates and keeping a positive attitude through the changes and demands.

Although some tasks are daunting there are many rewards that come with the job. Guynn remarks, "The children are definitely the best part of this job! I feel blessed every time I am somewhere in town and a child sees me and excitedly says, 'Mrs. Guynn!', then runs up to give me a hug or waves. You don't get any better than that. ... Assisting teachers in order to make their job easier, and impact our community is always rewarding. Being a part of many lives and knowing that God has blessed me with this position. With this blessing comes a lot of responsibility, but so rewarding."

Guynn is always willing to offer helpful advice to beginning teachers.

"Remember to take time for yourself," she said. "You can't take care of others unless you take care of yourself. Be professional in your job and in your personal choices. As teachers, we are a role model for our students."

"Treat each child like they are your own. Be fair, firm when needed and show love to your students. They have needs we don't always know about, but it is our job to reach them."

"Be flexible with yourself and your students. We are all



Allison Guynn
Principal of the Year

learning through this process.

"Ask for help and build relationships with veteran teachers. Learn from their years of experience."

When asked for specific advice for this school year she said that remaining flexible is definitely a necessity. She said it is also important to support other educators and stay positive for the children.

"You are important. You are making a difference, our children need you; hang in there," she said.

Guynn has been married to Billy Guynn for 22 years. They have three children, their oldest is starting her junior year at NC State in the Mechanical Engineering program; their middle child is a sophomore at FHS and their youngest is a rising freshman at FHS. They have a shih tzu that is about a year old. She enjoys spending time with her family, gardening and the camaraderie she gains through crossfit classes at Kavod.

"For me, throughout my life, the words that have helped me are, 'I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,'" she said.

Even though this year will be presenting many new challenges and new situations, Guynn is confident she and her teachers will rise to the occasion.

"I have missed what school looked like. I have missed the children occupying our buildings and buses. I am willing to do whatever it takes to get our students back to school. I know our teachers are also ready to love and teach our students. They are hard workers, and looking for ways to improve, and prepare for these new challenges. We will work together to do our best to protect children while educating them. I know it will be difficult, and at times seem impossible, but together we can creatively adapt for this season," she concluded.



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MMS counselor named Support Person of the Year

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

James Taylor, (MMS) Macon Middle School counselor, has been chosen as the Support Person of the Year. Taylor has been a school counselor for six years, and has worked with all levels, K-12.

As a school counselor, he provides for the mental health needs of students in individual, group, and family settings. He works with teachers, parents, and community stakeholders to insure that students' needs are met. He also coordinates with other mental health and student service providers district-wide. Other duties that he performs includes heading up ongoing projects like clothing closets and food programs as well.

Presently Taylor is working as a counselor at Job Corps for the summer on a contract basis. He helps provide services to students such as evaluations of progress, mental health concerns, answering questions pertaining to the program, and more.

"I went straight from my Master's program into counseling," said Taylor. "I have worked in both educational and clinical settings and am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor in the state of North Carolina. I have also had the great experience of teaching college level counseling classes as an adjunct faculty member at Western Carolina University.

"Being a school counselor is both challenging and rewarding," he continued. "The most rewarding aspects involve seeing a student's mental health, educational situation, or family dynamics improve.

I love it when students are successful and happy. I like hearing from students years later to see how their lives are progressing and the amazing things they have been able to accomplish. Some of the most challenging cases involve larger systemic issues like students not having their basic needs met outside the school setting. It can be challenging to be able to provide what they need outside of school."

Taylor has lived in Franklin for the last seven years and really enjoys and cares about the amazing community and school system.

"I have never lived in a town where people genuinely cared for each other as much as they do in Franklin," he said.



James Taylor
Support Person of the Year

On a personal note he says, "I have two dogs. I enjoy hiking, reading, running, spending time with family and friends, and working in my garden."

"2020 has taught us a lot about being flexible and re-thinking our traditional educational plans. It has taught me

that we can overcome any obstacle if we come together as a team to problem solve and implement plans. MMS has done a great job of that. I am not sure what plan will be implemented in the coming year, but I am confident that our state and county educational leadership will make the best decision for the students, educational staff, and community," he concluded.

"I feel honored to be able to serve MMS in the way that I do. We have an impressive student body, fantastic teachers/staff, great administration, and awesome parents. No matter what happens this year, we will continue to strive to provide for our students. We will all work together to make this happen. Remember, different is not always bad. It is just different. There is opportunity in struggle and change," he concluded.

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– James Taylor, counselor

Macon County library launches 'Dial-A-Story'

The Children's Department of the Macon County Public Library in Franklin has launched an exciting new program called "Dial-a-Story." Parents can call (828)634-1128 to hear a story read by one of the children's librarians.

This program was designed with community in mind and is perfect for families who are trying to avoid extra screen time or do not have internet at home. Stories will be around three minutes long so they are great for bite-sized listening and are completely free. This week's story is "Friends" by Eric Carle and will begin playing automatically right after the last ring when patrons call. Listeners are encouraged to leave requests, feedback, or comments in the voicemail after the story is through. For more information, call the Library at (828)524-3600 or visit the website at www.fontanalib.org.

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Hawkins awarded scholarship for second time

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Last month, Elijah Hawkins, a sophomore at Western Carolina University, and a 2019 Franklin High School alum, was awarded the Arts Council of Macon County’s annual \$1,000 art scholarship for the second year in row.

Hawkins did not realize he had an innate talent for art until he began doodling in his chemistry notebook. Since elementary school, he had been drawn to science. By the time he entered Franklin High School, he was set on becoming a marine biologist. However, over time he began to recognize that the doodles in his chemistry notebook were taking on a life of their own – and improving in their imagery and clarity.

“I never took an art class in high school, just one in the sixth grade,” said Hawkins, “so it’s interesting that this ability just happened.”

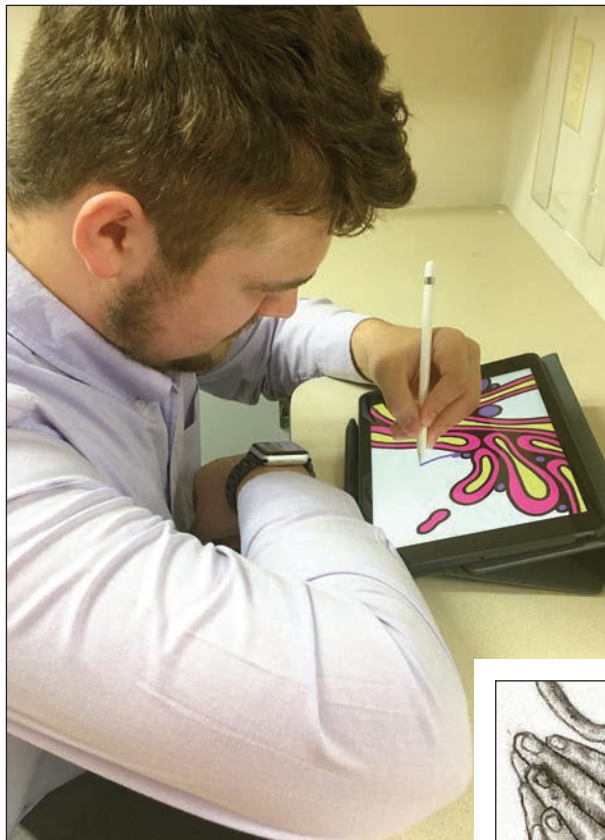
The Arts Council recognized Hawkins’ artistic ability, and learned of his dedication to art through recommendation letters from some of his professors. Although he is now pursuing a degree in fine arts with a graphic design focus, he said he was self-taught until he entered WCU.

His interest in science, however, is conveyed through his art, which he describes as “noodling abstract ... grotesque, but not in a gory way ... more biological with split images.”

One modernistic image, for example, conveys a hand holding an eye ball with what resembles veins reaching out of the pupil area (below). Another is of severed praying hands with worm-like images emerging out of and around the hands (at left).

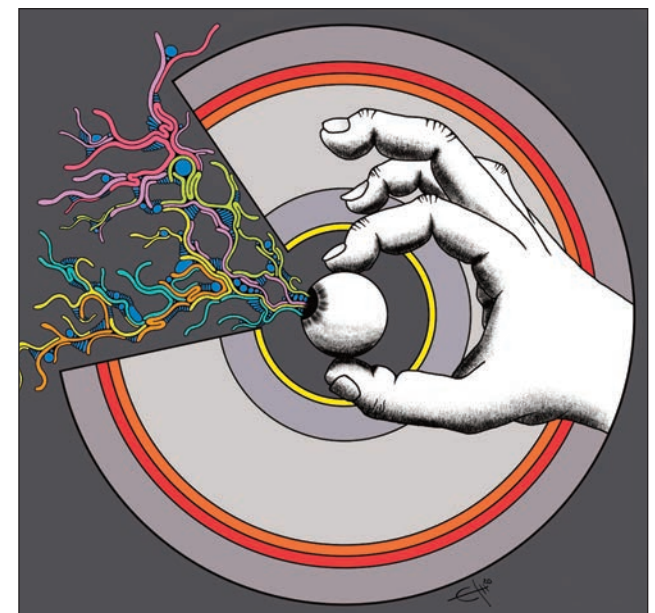
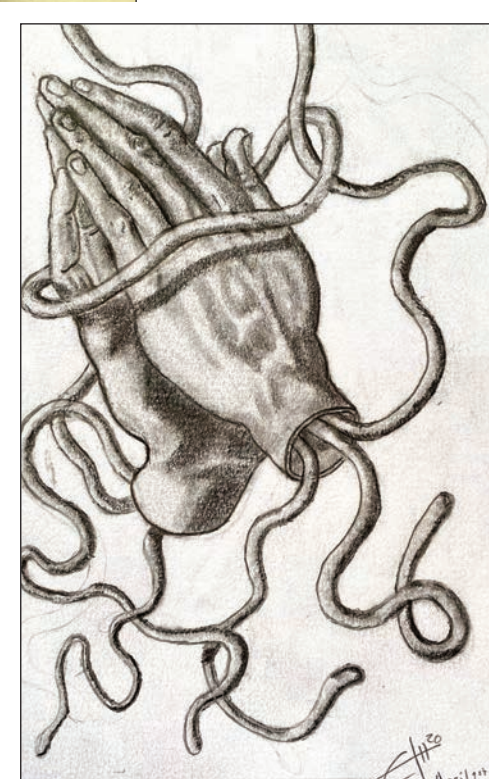
Hawkins has sold two of his pieces so far, and he adorned a guitar with his art. Although he realizes he will need to most likely make a career as a graphic artist, he said, “I hope to one day make money from my original art work.”

He added, “I’m very grateful for the support of the Arts Council.”



Elijah Hawkins, awarded this year’s Arts Council of Macon County scholarship, creates distinct works of modernist art.

Below, Western Carolina University sophomore and Franklin High School alum Elijah Hawkins, the 2020 winner of the Arts Council of Macon County’s annual \$1,000 arts scholarship, took a plain guitar and adorned it with his distinct artistic style.





Deaths & Funerals

Dorothy Lorene Shope

Dorothy Lorene Shope, 91, of Franklin N.C., passed away Tuesday, July 21, 2020. She was born Nov. 30, 1928, in Swain County to the late Norman and Martha DeHart Holden.

She was a home maker and enjoyed playing cards and bingo. You could count on her playing Canasta on Friday nights. She was a member of Prentiss Baptist Church and formerly played the piano. She was of the Baptist faith.

She is survived by a son Edwin Wade Shope (Carolyn) of Franklin; two daughters, Ruth Shope Dowdle (Ronnie) of Otto, N.C., and Lynn Shope Nicholson (Tommy) of Franklin; a daughter-in-law, Gail Shope of Franklin; four grandchildren, Wade Shope Jr. (Tracie), Delena Raby (Bobby), Crystal Dowdle and Kimberly Ledford (Ben); five great grandchildren, Chelsie Raby, Hannah Smith, Macie Ledford, Sydnie Shope and Lucas Shope. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Edwin Woodrow Shope; a son, Aaron Keith Shope; three sisters, Pearl Potts, Myrtle Shepherd and Eddis Patterson; three brothers, Coburn Holden, Gardner Holden and Paul Holden.

A private graveside service will be held. Pallbearers will be Ben Ledford, Bobby Raby and Wade Shope, Jr.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in her memory be made to Hospice House Foundation of WNC PO Box 815 Franklin, NC 28744.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Shope family. Online condolences can be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Margaret Young Hyatt

Margaret Young Hyatt, 85, of Sylva, N.C., passed away Monday, July 20, 2020.

Born Aug. 31, 1934, a lifetime resident of Jackson County, she was the daughter of the late John and Lula Ridley Young. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Leon Hyatt one daughter, Margaret "Alice" Hyatt Webb; one son, John Keith Hyatt; a brother, John Young Jr. and a sister, Arbutus Cochran. She was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church. She enjoyed sewing, gardening and canning. She was happiest when she was cooking and caring for others.

She is survived by her sister, Evelyn Young Franks of Sylva; four grandchildren, Chad, Austin, Susan, Angela and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Thursday, July 23, at Zion Hill Baptist Church, Sylva, with Rev. Eddie Stillwell and Rev. Frank Rodriguez officiating. Burial was in the Zion Hill Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Ernest Franks, Ernie Lee Franks, Dakota Ledbetter, Justin Cosgrove, Zachary Cosgrove and Rocky Franks.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to the Zion Hill Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Wilson, 3110 Pumpkintown Rd, Sylva, NC 28779

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

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



Dorothy Shope



Margaret Young Hyatt

Evelyn Dean Hughes

Evelyn Dean Hughes, 86, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Willard L. Dean and Josephine R. Rogers Dean. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James "Jim" Hughes. She was an active member of Oak Grove Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir and served on the cemetery committee. She was also very active with the Class of 1953 reunion committee.

She is survived by her daughter, June Huggins Angel and husband Doug of Franklin; sister, Shirley Dean Ray and husband Bill of Charlotte, N.C.; two grandchildren, Jennifer Anderson (Ryan) and Rodney Chastain (Lance); step granddaughter, Shannon Shuler (Eugene); four great grandchildren, Seth Shuler, Brittany Shuler, Clara Anderson and Sophia Anderson and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service will be held at Sunday, July 26, at Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Rev. Judson Hall and Rev. Charles Stevens officiated. Masks and social distancing will be required; everyone is welcome.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Oak Grove Baptist Church, C/O Faye Bishop, 73 3rd Street, Franklin, NC 28734 or Four Seasons Hospice House, Four Seasons Development Office 571 South Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

James Frank Willis

James Frank Willis, 52, of Franklin, N.C., passed away July 23, 2020. He was born Nov. 2, 1967, in Orange County, Fla., to Walter Albert Willis and Shirley Jones Willis. He was a roofer.

He is survived by his sons, Devin Willis of Franklin, Daylin Pierce of Dixon, Tenn., and Bradley Willis of Alabama.

No services are planned at this time.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is serving the Willis family.

Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

William Jerry Stamey

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

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

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

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

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at: www.cancer.org

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Evelyn Dean Hughes



William Jerry Stamey

Dorothy Mae Cross Barber Notarbartolo

Dorothy Mae Cross Barber Notarbartolo, 88, of Otto, N.C., passed away on Sunday, July 19, 2020.

Born and raised in Garrard County, Kentucky, she was the daughter of the late John Henry Cross and Minerva Jane Oaks Cross. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death in 1978 by her first husband, Paul C. Barber and in 2004 by her second husband, Ray Notarbartolo; an infant son, Gary Ray Barber; and siblings, William Cross, Thelma Cross, Anna Louise Bridges, Lee H. Cross, Mary M. Hughes, Ada Susan Hammond, Martha J. Goodman and John B. Cross. She was a seamstress at Thorntown Garment Factory and enjoyed hunting for antiques and collectibles. She was of the Methodist Faith.

She is survived by her daughter, Peggy Barber of Otto, and her son, Phillip C. Barber of Virginia; a granddaughter, Laura Pack and husband Chris and great grandchildren, Nathan and Natalie Pack, all of Mississippi; step grandson, Derek Batke and wife Tanya; and step great grandchildren, Dominick and Cristian Batke.

Funeral services will be held at the Morris Hislope Funeral Home in Science Hill, Ky., and burial will be at the Bethelridge Cemetery in Bethelridge, Ky.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

James Preston Kinsey

James Preston Kinsey, 87, of Otto, N.C., passed away at the Charles George VA Medical Center in Asheville, N.C., on July 18, 2020. He was born March 18, 1933 in Lakeland, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary Ann Kinsey; daughter, Karyl Scott (Joe); son, James Preston Kinsey II (Emily); grandchildren, Kyle Kinsey (Carolina), Destiny Lopez (Antony), Levi Kinsey (Evelyn), and Devon Kinsey and eight great grandchildren, Landin, Aubrieh and Diesel Kinsey; River, Rowan and Laken Lopez; and Brentley and Lexi Kinsey.

He was a member of First Alliance Church of Franklin and was devoted to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

His retirement years were spent designing and creating special projects for his family.

A military service will be held at Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, Ga., at a later date.



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Hamlin outduels champions for dramatic Kansas victory

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

In what could be a sneak preview of the Championship 4 race later this year, Denny Hamlin outduelled Kevin Harvick, Brad Keselowski and Martin Truex Jr. to win the Super Start Batteries 400 presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts Thursday night at Kansas Speedway.

After a wild restart on Lap 246, Hamlin passed Harvick for the lead on Lap 255 of 267 and held off a late charge from Keselowski to score his NASCAR Cup Series-best fifth victory of the season, his third at Kansas and the 42nd of his career.

Hamlin led four times for a race-high 57 laps to rebound from three sub-par finishes in what otherwise has been a stellar season for the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota team.

"I don't know if we had the best car—we definitely had a top-three car all day," said Hamlin, who has won two straight races at Kansas. "We just went and got it there at the end. I saw the 4 (Harvick) getting loose, and usually when you're loose, you're not able to run up high, and that was a benefit for us to be able to get that momentum going..."

"We've had a rough three weeks—we were leading at Indy when we blew a tire, but it seems like we're really hitting on all cylinders right now."

Moments after the final restart, Harvick made a deft move to slip past Hendrick Motorsports teammates William Byron and Alex Bowman. Hamlin followed and started to close the gap by running the top lane on the 1.5-mile track. Harvick's car was too loose to take Hamlin's line, and after chasing for eight laps, Hamlin made the pass for the lead with relative ease.

"We needed a miracle," said Harvick, who spent most of the night running in or near the top five, before grabbing his short-lived lead on the final run. "Our Busch Light Apple Ford Mustang was really loose. We got a couple good restarts and had a couple good laps, but we were in trouble there regardless, if it didn't just keep going yellow."

"Our guys did a good job keeping us in the fight all night, but we definitely have some work to do."

Keselowski followed Hamlin past Harvick, and Truex soon followed to secure the third position. Truex led 44 laps and Keselowski 30 in a race that featured a surfeit of action, as the 11 cautions implied.

"I thought Denny and I were probably pretty close to equal the second half of the night," said Keselowski, who picked up his fifth stage win of the season in Stage 2. "It was just a matter of who got out in front. We didn't get out in front on the restarts there, and he was able to take advantage and bring home the win. All in all, it was still a really good day."

Kyle Busch, who led 52 laps, won the first 80-lap stage to collect his first Playoff point of the season, but his race



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Office Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Super Start Batteries 400 Presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts at Kansas Speedway on July 23, 2020 in Kansas City, Kansas.



fell apart with 40 laps left when he slid into the outside wall and was forced to pit road with a flat right front tire.

Busch recovered to finish 11th, but the reigning series champion saw his winless streak reach 19 races, his longest drought to start a season since his first full-time campaign in 2005.

The race was a disaster for seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson, who came to Kansas two points inside the current Playoff cutline. Johnson was an innocent victim of a Lap 176 wreck triggered when Joey Logano slapped the outside wall after his left front tire lost air.

Matt DiBenedetto and Austin Dillon also were collected in the crash, but Johnson suffered the most, finishing 32nd and dropping to 18th in the standings, eight points behind

Sunoco rookie Tyler Reddick in the race for the final Playoff berth.


Harvick held the fourth position at the finish. Erik Jones ran fifth, followed by Aric Almirola (scoring his eighth straight top 10), Cole Custer, Bowman, Kurt Busch and Byron. In the race for the regular-season championship, Harvick leads second-place Keselowski by 97 points.

Brandon Jones snatches dramatic NASCAR Xfinity win at Kansas

On the final lap of overtime in Saturday's Kansas Lottery 250, Brandon Jones stole a victory and a piece of history from Austin Cindric.

Restarting from seventh place in the second overtime attempt, Jones charged forward and wrested the lead from Cindric, who was less than one lap away from tying Sam Ard's NASCAR Xfinity Series record of four straight victories, a feat Ard accomplished in 1983.

After Cindric led Lap 174, the seventh circuit of overtime, Jones got a run underneath the No. 22 Team Penske Ford and powered his No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota past Cindric through Turn 1. Jones crossed the finish line .405 seconds ahead of the No. 22 Mustang.



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Brandon Jones, driver of the #19 Menards/Swiffer Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Kansas Lottery 250 at Kansas Speedway on July 25, 2020 in Kansas City, Kansas.

Harrison Burton, who had the fastest long-run car in the race, finished third. Burton had a comfortable lead over Cindric when Joe Graf Jr.'s brush with the Turn 4 wall on Lap 164 of a scheduled 167 brought out the fourth caution and sent the race to overtime.

After the first attempt at overtime was foiled by Jesse Little's spin in Turn 2, Jones came from the fourth row to score his second victory of the year, his second straight at Kansas and the third of his career.

"We're never out of this thing—that's what I love about these guys (the No. 19 team)," said Jones, who ran the Friday/Saturday Truck Series doubleheader before climbing in the Xfinity car on Saturday afternoon. "We keep our head in the game. We don't get excited during these races. We continue to make changes."

"My feedback, I think, was pretty good. It's been a long two days. I feel exhausted, and obviously, the heat is big here. Looking forward to celebrating with these guys, and it feels great to be back in Victory Lane."

Jones has finished seventh and first in the last two races, after a hard-luck string of four events in which his best finish was 30th.

Cindric was gracious in defeat but had to second-guess his choice to leave the inside lane open on the final lap.

"There's about 20 things I feel like I should have done differently," Cindric said. "It was difficult, because up higher was preferred all day, and you could usually generate momentum. I didn't know that we didn't quite get the right adjustment there at the end, so I was probably tighter than I needed to be, but, overall, watching the replay, he (Jones)

got a hell of a run on the bottom, and I knew he had some momentum.

"If I maybe would have known he was coming from the bottom, I probably would have pulled down to slide myself into (Turns) 1 and 2 and been able to fight for it in 3 and 4, but, overall, congrats to him. He earned it. He went from seventh to the lead in two laps. It's like the third or fourth time we've lost on a green-white-checker after being the leader at the line. There are a thousand different things you can do right and wrong and you've got to trust your gut and trust the car is going to stick. Overall, it just wasn't in the cards for four in a row."

Cindric was strong on restarts, but Burton twice was able to run him down from deficits of three seconds or more during long green-flag runs. Burton had taken the lead with nine laps left in regulation and pulled out to a cushion of more than one second before Graf's incident in Turn 4.

The runner-up finish and a sweep of the first two stages propelled Cindric past 14th-place finisher Chase Briscoe to the top of the series standings. Cindric leads Briscoe by four points heading to the Road America road course two weeks hence.

Ryan Sieg solidified his hold on a Playoff position by staying out on older tires during the fourth caution and finishing fifth. Eleventh in the standings, Sieg now has a 66-point lead over Jeremy Clements in 13th. Twelve drivers will qualify for the Xfinity Series postseason.

Ross Chastain ran fifth, his 15th top-10 result in 17 races this season. Justin Haley, Daniel Hemric, Michael Annett, Riley Herbst and Justin Allgaier completed the top 10.

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18. New Mexico's state flower
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21. *"The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian" author
23. Not bright
24. Like Roman god Janus
25. Explosive network?
28. Hindu wrap
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35. Age of Aquarius flick
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40. Bumpkin
41. Rose oil
43. Not top-shelf at a bar
44. Artemis' companion
46. Maori war dance
47. Muscovite or biotite
48. *"Bloodchild" author
50. Bank on
52. A Bobbsey twin
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 71. "For Your Eyes ____"
 72. President Taft's addition to the White House
 73. Fare reductions

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 10. Fungal spore sacs
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 25. Pulsating pain
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 29. *"American Pastoral" author
 31. W-2, e.g.
 32. *"A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" author
 33. *"Fear of Flying" author
 34. *"Chronicles: Volume One" author

36. Not counterfeit
 38. Leaf gathering tool
 42. Pep gathering
 45. Decorated
 49. Kind of caviar
 51. Pined
 54. Newspapers and such
 56. Cause for food recall
 57. One of Five Ws
 58. Seed coat
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