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The downtown gazebo on the square got a new roof last week in advance of the 4th of July holiday. The gazebo has traditionally been the site of Pickin' on the Square, a summer staple for more than a dozen years. Franklin Town Council discussed the possibility of Pickin' on the Square being held this year, and while an official decision wasn't made, town officials were not optimistic of the possibility. Donnie Clay, long time organizer of the event sent a request to the council to be paid his contracted amount of \$600 per week, even though Pickin' has not been held this year. The council suggested Town Manager Summer Woodard discuss a prorated amount with Clay and return to the board in August with an update.

Photo by Vickie Carpenter

More CARES Act funding coming to Macon

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Governor Roy Cooper signed a second round of relief funding for the state, a measure that garnered unanimous support in both the House and the Senate. The Ratified House Bill 1023 spends the remaining portion of \$4 billion in federal CARES Act funding that the state was responsible for disbursing.

As part of the additional funding, most North Carolina counties will receive a share of an additional \$150 million – bringing the total to \$300 million in relief funds for local governments. Macon County received \$150,000 from the

first round of relief money and is expected to receive the same amount, which will require that 25 percent of the monies be distributed to the town of Franklin and the town of Highlands. The relief funds can only be used for expenses directly incurred as a result of COVID19 such as purchasing PPE equipment for staff, technology to allow remote work, or overtime pay for employees directly working on the front-lines of the pandemic.

In the last week of May, Macon County received \$833,000 in federal CARES Act funding which was slated to be

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Franklin Town Council recognizes employees for years of service

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Franklin Mayor Bob Scott was joined by town staff Monday night to honor six town of Franklin employees, who have spent decades in public service.

First to be honored was Randy Gibbs, equipment operator for the Town of Franklin Public Works. Gibbs has spent the last 10 years working for the town of Franklin.

Jim Zilbauer, Utility Crew Leader for the Town was honored for his service.

Franklin Police Department Chief Bill Harrell joined Mayor Scott in recognizing four officers with a combined 105 years of service to the town. Franklin Police Sergeant Tony Ashe, FPD Captain Danny Bates, and Patrol Sergeant Laurie Beegle were all honored for 25 years of service to the town. Franklin Police Detective Sgt. Tracy Chastain was recognized for his 30 years of service to the town as well as his recent retirement from the Franklin Police Department.

Franklin Mayor Bob Scott said that seeing



Recognized for years of service to the Town of Franklin were (L-R) Tracy Chastain, Laurie Beegle, Randy Gibbs, Tony Ashe, Danny Bates, with Mayor Bob Scott. Not pictured, Jim Zilbauer.

Chastain retire was bittersweet.

“You know, you always hate to see some-

one retire when you’re kind of like family around here after being here for that long.

sons who have a proven record of service to

Tracy, we wish you all the best in the world,” said Scott.

Chastain’s fellow officers with the Franklin PD presented him with a shadow box showcasing the badges he has worn throughout his career and other memorabilia items.

Mayor Scott and Chief Harrell presented Chastain with The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, given by the governor which “is awarded to persons for exemplary service to the State of North Carolina and their communities that is above and beyond the call of duty and which has made a significant impact and strengthened North Carolina.”

Among the honors and awards the Governor of North Carolina can bestow, none is more valued than The Order of the Long Leaf Pine. Since its creation in 1963, it has been presented to honor persons who have a proven record of service to the State of North Carolina or some other special achievement, and to others as a gesture of friendship and good will. Upon being named to The Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the honoree receives a certificate by which the governor confers upon the recipient “...the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary privileged to enjoy fully all rights granted to members of this exalted order among which is the special privilege to propose the following North Carolina Toast in select company anywhere in the free world.”

Chastain, who is already enjoying retirement, said he’s very proud and honored by all of the support he received over the years.

“I’ve had a good career, and I appreciate all of the support I’ve gotten from the town, coworkers, friends, and family. I’m proud to be able to reflect back on a good career.”



Franklin Police Detective Sgt. Tracy Chastain was recognized for his 30 years of service to the town at Monday’s regular meeting of the Town Council. He was presented with a shadow box of badges he has worn over the course of his career and other memorabilia. Chastain was also awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, North Carolina’s most prestigious award. Pictured (left) are Chastain; Devin Holland; Tony Ashe and Laurie Beegle who were recognized for 25 years of service. At right is Chastain with his wife April and son Tye.



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MVI receives solar project award; \$6,000 in matching funds needed

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

Mountain View Intermediate School (MVI) through the STEM program was one of 10 schools recently selected for the Solar+Schools Project. According to Jennifer Love, STEM coordinator, who wrote the grant, MVI will realize \$800 per year in electrical savings for the next 40 years, for a total of approximately \$32,000 in savings. But first, MVI must raise \$6,000 by Sept. 30, toward the \$27,000 total cost of the project, or they will forfeit the grant.

In addition to the solar array, which will be placed in front of MVI, the school will receive a weather station, real-time monitoring equipment, a STEM curriculum and lesson plans, giving teachers valuable, hands-on tools to educate their students about renewable energy.

“Our goal is to provide teachers and students with a really fantastic educational experience that can be used now and for years into the future,” says Vicky McCann, NC GreenPower’s vice president.

Introduced on April 1, 2015, NC GreenPower Solar Schools uses a portion of NC GreenPower donations to provide matching grants for small PV systems (3 kilowatts) at North Carolina schools. All K-12 schools are eligible, though preference may be given

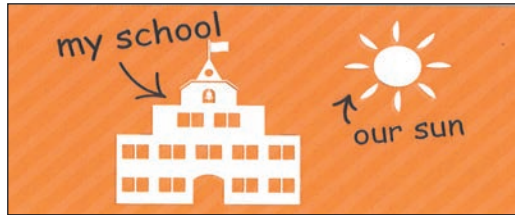
to those in economically distressed counties as defined by the NC Department of Commerce. Through the program, schools receive a 50% matching grant up to \$10,000 and are then tasked with raising the remainder of the costs.

NC GreenPower also partners with the State Employees’ Credit Union (SECU) Foundation, which offers a \$15,000 challenge grant to selected public schools that enables them to increase their system to 5 kilowatts.

By the end of 2018, Solar Schools’ first four years had reached 27 North Carolina schools in 22 counties, bringing solar and energy education to more than 23,000 students.

MVI’s solar array is scheduled to be installed by Sept. 30 and a link to view the real time energy usage will be put on the Macon County Schools website.

To make a donation by check, make payable to "NC GreenPower" and be sure to note MVI in the "memo" section of the check. Mail to NC GreenPower, Attn: Solar Schools, 909 Capability Drive, Suite 2100, Raleigh, NC 27607. Donations to NC GreenPower on behalf of the school are tax deductible. For more information about the project and how you can donate, go online to <https://donate.ncgreenpower.org/team/301302>.



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divided between the county and the town of Franklin. The funds also came with the stipulation that they be spent on expenses related to the pandemic.

Macon County has received additional funding from the relief grant as \$1.5 million was set aside for grants targeted for areas of the state that are most dependent on travel and tourism economic – which is Macon County’s largest industry.

In addition to the additional funding for local governments, the second round of relief funds specifically allocates \$7 million for local school districts to purchase PPE equipment for when school resumes this Fall.

While most of the items in the relief bill increased the amount of funding and extended deadlines by which the funds had to be spent, additional measures were included to specifically address needs which have been identified since May. To aid small businesses in the state, House Bill 1023 includes \$15 million for job retention grants for businesses and nonprofits that were excluded from the fed-

eral Paycheck Protection Program. The package also sets aside funding for tourism, marketing and technology advances for the state.

Funding was also allocated to educational resources in the state such as the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for the State Library’s NC Kids Digital Library and NC Museum of History to enhance digital offerings to students lacking physical access due to measures in place because of COVID-19.

Addressing broadband connectivity across the state remains an important issue for State leaders, however a bill that would provide \$30 million for the GREAT grant program was passed unanimously in the House, but not taken up in the Senate before they broke for the Labor Day holiday. While \$9 million was previously added for broadband expansion, the significant connectivity issues in rural regions of the state were made evident when school, work, and even healthcare went virtual this Spring.

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Community rallies around FHS student recovering from car accident



Friends, family and fellow Franklin High School students welcomed Devyn Blackburn home in what has been seen as nothing short of a miraculous recovery following a May 19 vehicle accident. Escorted by Sheriff Robert Holland, Devyn, his mother and grandmother were surprised by the crowd that had gathered at the Panther Pit to welcome Devyn home when he was released from a six-week stay in a Charlotte hospital after undergoing intensive therapy.

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Three local students are selected for Golden Leaf Foundation Scholarship

North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (NCSEAA) recently selected 215 rural North Carolina students to receive up to a \$12,000 Golden LEAF Scholarship.

Each of these students was selected to receive a \$3,000 scholarship each year for up to four years of study at a participating four-year North Carolina college or university. Recipients from rural, tobacco-dependent or economically distressed North Carolina counties are selected based on career and educational goals, a review of school and community service activities, academic performance, length of residence in the county and expressed intent to contribute to the state's rural communities upon graduation from college.

Winning students from this area are: Charley Inabinet, Franklin High School; Christopher Owen, Macon Early College; and Natalie Owens, Franklin High School.

The Golden LEAF Foundation created the Golden LEAF Scholarship Program to broaden educational opportunities and provide support to students from rural counties with the hope that after graduation recipients will contribute back to these communities.

"Golden LEAF is pleased to announce the 215 Golden LEAF Scholarship recipients,"

said Scott T. Hamilton, Golden LEAF Foundation President, Chief Executive Officer. "These students were selected out of a pool of more than 2,200 applicants. We are proud to award scholarships to hardworking and bright students with deep roots in their rural communities. We support our scholarship recipients as they follow their education pursuits and develop into North Carolina's next generation of rural leaders."

About Golden LEAF Foundation

The Golden LEAF Foundation is a nonprofit organization established in 1999 to receive a portion of North Carolina's funding received from the 1998 Master Settlement Agreement with cigarette manufacturers. For 20 years, Golden LEAF has worked to increase economic opportunity in rural and tobacco-dependent communities through leadership in grantmaking, collaboration, innovation, and stewardship as an independent and perpetual foundation.

The Foundation has provided lasting impact to rural areas of the state by helping create 65,000 jobs, over half a billion dollars in new payrolls and more than 84,000 workers trained or retrained for higher wages.

Highlands Police Chief Sissy Holland settles into new position

Andrea “Sissy” Holland was sworn in as Highlands’s new Police Chief earlier this month after a hiring process that saw nearly a dozen applicants. Holland has been with the department since 2004, rising through the ranks to lieutenant before applying for the chief position, which was left vacant when Chief Bill Harrell took on the same position for the Franklin Police Department.

“When I was a teen, I knew that I wanted to first enter a branch of the military and then enter some type of law enforcement field,” said Holland. “I had a strong desire to help people; therefore, if I could make a difference in someone’s life, then that is what I needed and wanted to do. I feel that I have made a difference in many people’s lives. When I say this, I don’t just mean from a victim’s standpoint but, with offenders as well.

Holland is a native of Macon County and has served with the Highlands Police Department for the past 13 years, 10 years full-time. Before working with the Highlands Police Department, Holland worked six years as a bailiff/detention officer with the Macon County Sheriff’s Department. Due to her past experience, she has a close relationship with the Macon County Sheriff’s Department and the Macon County District Attorney’s Office.

“The most memorable experience has to be when I received a handwritten and colored card from an eight-year-old child,” Holland said of her career thus far. “The card stated, “Thank you for helping us and being there for us I love you.” I have



Pictured with the newly appointed Highlands Police Chief are Nicholas Morgan, brother; Erika Franks, daughter; Chief Sissy Holland; and parents Joe and Edna Morgan.

Photo by Quintin Ellison

this card on my desk at all times. When I am stressed, I look at that card and tell myself that nothing I endure will ever compare to what this child had to endure. The card is a constant reminder that I am here to make a difference.”

Holland obtained her associate degree in criminal justice from Southwestern Community College and her bachelor of science in criminal justice from Western Carolina University.

She has also completed various leadership, management, media and public relations courses administered by the FBI and State of North Carolina.

Holland’s hard work has propelled her through the ranks at the Highlands Police Department from patrol officer to sergeant/detective to lieutenant. She says that she has developed a strong relationship with the Highlands community during her tenure.

Chief Holland said that she will continue to operate the department in the same forward direction that was started by Chief Harrell during his tenure.

“Highlands Police Department will operate as we have in the past because I believe we are a well-oiled machine with some of the best officers and staff in the state,” said Holland. “Although, I do plan to implement minor changes to structural and promotional procedures. During tourist months, we utilize extra community-oriented patrol techniques. We have several officers who sign up for bike patrol and foot patrol on their days off. We also implement foot patrol during peak hours, which occurs while working regular shift schedules.”

Chief Holland noted that while she is settling into her new post, she is taking time to appreciate the confidence in her by town of Highlands leaders as well as her staff.

“I am humbled and blessed to have the opportunity to work for such a wonderful department, town government and community,” said Holland.

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Union Academy receives grant award for 'Habitudes' learning program

Diane Peltz - Contributing Writer

Union Academy has been the recipient of a grant, from The Growing Leaders Foundation, to pay for their involvement in the Social and Emotional Learning Program "Habitudes" for the past three years.

Diane Cotton, principal of Union Academy, explains.

"In January of 2018, Union Academy received a grant from the Growing Leaders Foundation to provide professional development to teachers, the curriculum, online resources and a motivational speaker during a kick off event. At that time, Timothy Alexander, along with members of the Growing Leader organization, came to Union to motivate our students and introduce the Habitudes program. Our students were grouped into Habitude Huddles, small groups of 8-12 students who remained together as a group under the same Habitude facilitator. Every member of our staff is trained on Habitudes and facilitates a Habitude Huddle. They meet twice a week for 30 minutes.

"During the Huddle, students are taken through the curriculum and have a safe supportive environment to discuss the topic and how it can relate to their everyday lives. The



In the Social and Emotional Learning Program "Habitudes" teachers facilitate a "huddle" in which a topic is introduced and students share how it relates to their everyday lives. The huddles meet twice a week for about a half hour. The exercise is designed to kick-start conversations and inspire memorable experiences that instill valuable leadership and life skills.

Photos by Bob Scott



training has equipped facilitators to speak the language of our students, kick-start conversations and inspire memorable experiences that instill valuable leadership and life skills. Habitudes utilizes real-life imagery and stories to engage students in a creative and relevant way," she continued.

"It has proven to spark a positive shift in our school's overall culture. We have found our discussions in the Huddles allow students to break free from peer pressure and learn to use their influence in positive ways. It has brought about greater empathy in our students, minimized bullying, and allowed students to capitalize on their own personal strengths. They have reported it helps them develop critical thinking skills that produce better life choices.

"Last year, our students began several service projects as a direct result of the Habitudes program. They visited nursing homes, assisted in a preschool classroom, worked on campus beautification projects, and partnered with Nantahala Hiking Club to perform needed maintenance on a portion of the Appalachian Trail. Many of them joined our afterschool program conducted by Macon County School Resource Officer Anthony Zari. The Molding Tomorrow's Leaders Club performs a service project every month. They have helped organize shelves at CareNet, worked organizing and cleaning various charity clothes closets, made holiday cards for nursing homes and veteran's organizations, and provided physical labor for various nonprofits in our

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community.

"Last week, we were elated to find out we have once again been awarded the Growing Leaders Foundation grant to continue using the program with our students during the 2020-21 school year. During this time of uncertainty, our students need every advantage to overcome the obstacles placed before them," she concluded.

Growing Leaders is a global nonprofit that encourages and equips young adults to take on real-life opportunities and challenges by partnering with schools and organizations to teach practical life and leadership skills using images, relatable stories and experiences. Their youth leadership development program and curriculum helps organizations:

- Create a healthy culture that fosters leadership at all levels
- Provide adults with the necessary tools to connect with the emerging generation
- Guide unprepared teens to productive adulthood
- Equip students to think and act like authentic leaders

Many organizations in the business world, such as Chick-fil-A, Coca Cola, and Popeyes, use the Habitudes program to train their employees. In addition, many major league and college sports programs use Habitudes with their athletes.




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Online applications improved for Medicaid and nutrition services

The NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) released improved online applications for Medicaid and Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) that will help both North Carolina families and county Departments of Social Services (DSS) during the COVID-19 pandemic. These new applications will reduce administrative burden for county DSS and help applicants maintain social distancing when applying for these programs.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has increased the number of people who need these programs, while also creating new challenges for our county partners,” said NCDHHS Deputy Secretary for NC Medicaid Dave Richard. “Improving the online application process helps everyone.”

North Carolina’s online application portal for Medicaid and FNS is called ePASS.



New and updated features in ePASS include:

- More efficient processing for Medicaid applications
- Improved look and feel making navigation easier on multiple device types
- Fewer questions and enabling applicants to only answer questions applicable to them
- Personalized dashboards with important account information and notifications
- Guidance placed throughout the site based on frequently asked questions
- Ability to attach documents easily
- Links to relevant program information
- Links to paper applications and voter registration

These improvements will remain in place beyond the COVID-19 pandemic and do not impact previously submitted applications. Questions about an existing application should still be directed to county Departments of Social Services.

To learn more about the new features of NC FAST’s ePASS upgrade, visit the Medicaid/NC Health Choice webpage or the NCDHHS Food and Nutrition Service webpage.

SCC aids foundation’s mask distribution to non-profits

On Monday, June 22, Southwestern Community College hosted Nantahala Health Foundation (NHF) representatives as they set up a mask distribution site at the Burrell Building on the Jackson Campus.

The mask distribution resulted from a collaborative effort between Nantahala Health Foundation, the United Way of Asheville and Buncombe County, and the State of Franklin Health Council to distribute face coverings to non-profit organizations throughout Western North Carolina.

“The most important thing that we can be doing for each other as a community is to make sure that we’re all wearing masks,” said Paige Christie, director of the Community Table in Sylva. “We are very grateful to be one of the many nonprofits getting a distribution of masks to give out to our visitors. These are people who may otherwise have no way of getting one to protect themselves and others.”

The Nantahala Health Foundation, which supports the six westernmost counties in N.C. and the Qualla Boundary, was working to distribute more than 35,000 masks in June.

“The supply has been distributed based on requests from each organization submitted to the United Way of Asheville Buncombe County or directly to NHF. Thanks to the State of Franklin sharing their mask resources, we’re happy to say that we’re going to be able to fully support the needs of our service area,” said Lori Bailey, Director of the Nantahala Health Foundation. “We’re extremely grateful for both our suppliers and distributors for helping make this happen. It is absolutely vital that we protect our communities as much as possible.”

Dr. Don Tomas, SCC’s President, worked with Bailey to coordinate a time and date for the mask distribution.

“We have a great partnership with the NHF, and we offered to help without hesitation,” Dr. Tomas said. “We have the space and means to create a safe, central location for such an important cause. It’s an honor to support our communities in



From left, Lori Bailey, executive director of the Nantahala Health Foundation, holds up a package of masks alongside SCC President Dr. Don Tomas and Paige Christie, director of The Community Table in Sylva.

any way possible.”

The NHF also donated 1,500 masks to the SCC Foundation, a 501(c)3 non-profit subsidiary of SCC. The masks will be used to promote employee and student safety on campus. Earlier this year, the NHF pledged \$107,000 toward equipment for SCC’s new Opticianry program, set to launch when SCC’s new Health Sciences Building opens in 2021.

“The Nantahala Health Foundation exists to support initiatives that address the social determinants of health, not just as they relate to COVID-19, but in all ways possible,” said Bailey. “No matter what happens, we’re going to be here for our communities.”

SCC is open, and fall classes will start Aug. 17. For more information about Southwestern and the programs it offers, visit SouthwesternCC.edu, call 828.339.4000 or drop by your nearest SCC location.

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MCPH: Two more test positive for COVID-19 at local nursing home

Macon County Public Health (MCPH) was notified that a resident and employee at Macon Valley Nursing Home have tested positive for COVID-19, bringing Macon Valley's outbreak to a total of five; four staff members and one resident. The resident is asymptomatic and is isolated at Macon Valley and the staff member, who is also asymptomatic, has been isolated at home. None of the positive employees will return to work until they have two negative COVID-19 tests, taken 24 hours apart.

Residents and staff of Macon Valley Nursing Home are being routinely tested for COVID-19 at the direction MCPH's Medical Director and Macon Valley's leadership team. Macon Valley Nursing Home and MCPH have been working together and have verified that Macon Valley has all the necessary PPE,

sanitizing, and monitoring supplies and guidance needed to assure that any spread is minimal.

As of Tuesday, July 7, 296 cases have been identified in Macon County with 113 active; 182 recovered and one death. MCPH reports 3,160 total tests with 317 pending results. As of Wednesday morning, Mission Hospital has 21 lab-confirmed positive COVID patients admitted to the hospital; and one at Blue Ridge Regional Hospital. Of the 21 at Mission Hospital, one is from Macon County and one is from Jackson County.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness. If you believe that you may have COVID-19, call the Health Department at (828)349-2517. For up-to-date information visit the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MaconPublicHealth.

N.C. Department of Health launches testing initiative for nursing homes

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) will partner with Omnicare, a CVS Health company, to make facility-wide testing available to residents and staff in all North Carolina skilled nursing facilities. There are over 400 nursing homes in the state with approximately 36,000 residents and more than 30,000 staff. Testing will begin in July and continue through August.

"We are using every tool we have to respond to COVID-19," said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen, M.D. "Building on North Carolina's early and aggressive actions to protect residents who live in long-term care settings, DHHS will pay for proactive testing of staff and residents in all nursing homes to slow the spread of COVID-19."

NCDHHS already recommends that nursing homes with one or more cases test all staff and residents. This initiative further makes testing available to all nursing homes to conduct a baseline test of all residents and staff.

CVS Health will bill insurance as possible, and NCDHHS will cover any additional costs for testing. Facilities should continue to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for repeat testing and work with community and private vendors to support ongoing testing needs.

These actions build on earlier measures North Carolina has taken to protect residents and staff in long-term facilities, including:

- Issuing Executive Order 138 which codified public health and safety requirements for long-term care facilities, including requiring staff to wear surgical masks and screenings all staff and residents for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 daily.

- Distributing PPE to over 3,000 state-licensed long-term care facilities, including 14-day supplies of gloves, procedure masks and face shields.

- Conducting remote infection prevention and control consultation with skilled nursing and other long-term facilities across the state through a partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the North Carolina Statewide Program for Infection Control and Epidemiology.

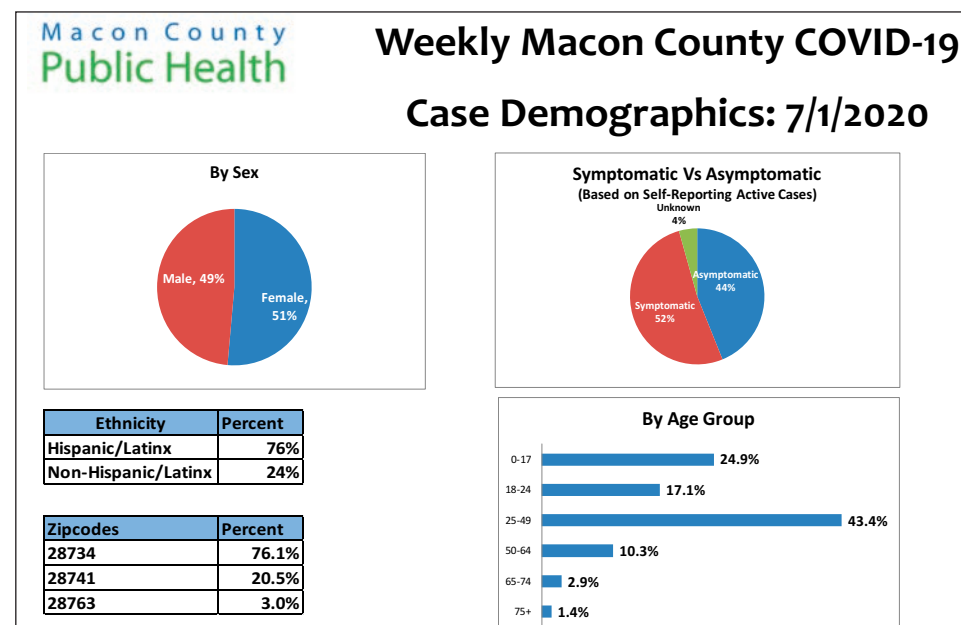
- Providing targeted funding to support nursing homes and adult care homes to provide the intensive care needed for residents with COVID-19 and limit the spread of the virus to other residents and staff.

- Providing a toolkit to support long-term care facilities in preparing for and responding to COVID-19 outbreaks in their facility. The toolkit contains an infection control assessment, infection staffing worksheet, infection prevention educational resources and other tools.

- Implementing several temporary regulatory changes to assist providers in caring for their residents during the COVID-19 pandemic, including adopting an emergency rule granting reciprocity to nurse aides certified in other states to work as nurse aides in North Carolina and allowing facilities to exceed the number of licensed beds if needed to provide temporary shelter and services to adequately care for residents with COVID-19.

- Providing virtual trainings for more than 2,000 staff working in long-term care sites.

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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor - Highlands Mayor

Let me talk trash. Beginning this past Thursday our trash problems began. Town hall staff received a high volume of calls from folks saying their trash had not been picked up. Some callers said the truck had failed to pick up the trash at the regular time. Other callers complained the truck just drove by their trash container.

We had a trifecta of problems that resulted in some collection problems especially on that Friday holiday. The trifecta was having three of our trash trucks experiencing major mechanical problems all at the same time. Crews were having to drive them back to the town yard for the mechanic to assess the problems. In the process crews did drive by some trash cans. Two trucks had to be taken for major repairs and were still in the shop at the first of this week. The other truck limped through the day with still recurring problems.

Trash trucks are very complicated and temperamental machines. One of the problem trucks was the oldest in the operating fleet of five. It is scheduled to be replaced in the coming months.

To respond to the situation, smaller trucks and personnel from other departments were mobilized to complete the routes. Some auxiliary crews were even working on Saturday.

When one thinks about it, we work the heck out of the garbage trucks. The town provides seven days a week garbage service between the residential and commercial sectors, including holiday collections except on Christmas Day and New Years. Very few waste disposal companies, if any, provide this level of service for the cost we charge. Between the residential and commercial routes our trucks pretty much operate daily between 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. At the end of every route, the trucks are driven to the Macon County Transfer Station on Rich Gap. The garbage is offloaded onto larger tractor trailer trucks that will then transport our trash some 20 miles to the Macon County Solid Waste Department. It is a costly process. The town also picks up cardboard and trucks it to directly to the county site in Franklin. The county then sells it to recycle companies. Highlands does not get money from cardboard sales.

The town sanitation department operates at barely a break even level. Some years, like the past, we have a deficit. So, it gets back to those cantankerous garbage trucks. They cost a lot of money and on any given day one may be out of service. To have three break down on the same day is unheard of, but it happened. The large number of folks in town for the Fourth of July added a sense of urgency to the problem.

I want to thank everyone for their understanding and patience. I also want to thank those customers who have already purchased the bear resist totes that the town board voted last August to require. On August 1 all customers hopefully will have converted to these totes. These totes with the lift bar will also help our workers avoid unnecessary back injuries by eliminating the need to manually lift and empty cans. An employee doing repetitive lifting about 600 times a day is an outdated operation that must be changed.



Patrick Taylor

Letters to the Editor

War was fought over political domination

In antebellum America, politics was the means by which large capitalists transferred other people's money into their own pockets.

In the halls of Congress, politicians who represented large agricultural landowners, voted against bills designed to plunder the country for the benefit of capitalists. Capitalists and the people who depended upon them for jobs, wanted no more politicians like that in Congress.

Enslaved labor was the means by which large agricultural landowners were able to turn their land into large wealth.

So, politicians representing capitalists passed a law forbidding slaves in the territories. No slaves—no means for large landowners to turn their land into large wealth. No large, landed wealth—no additional politicians representing large, landed wealth in Congress when the territories became new states.

By 1850, politicians representing capitalists, controlled both chambers of Congress. In 1850, Congress stopped transferring to the governments of new states that it admitted into the Union, the public lands within those states. They shortly started trying to pass a law that would limit the size of new farms made from the public lands. They wished to have no more large agricultural landowners. In 1862, they passed their law, but it did not stop them from transferring millions of acres of public land to capitalist industry—the railroads.

Was the War Between the States, a.k.a. the Civil War, fought to free African-Americans from slavery, or was it fought to free capitalists from opposition to their schemes for political plunder?

If slavery, then it would have been between slaves and masters. It was between social systems, so it was over political domination, not over slavery. The planters wanted to be hegemonic in their own section. The capitalists wanted to be hegemonic throughout the country. And that being the case, it ought to be called what it was, and not called the war over slavery, but called the War of Capitalist Ascension.

I cannot make the radical left and their capitalist manipulators stop lying, but I can foil their manipulation just this one little bit—I can refuse to believe or repeat that “slavery was a central cause for the Civil War.”

George Crockett - Franklin, N.C.

Latest news casts an even darker cloud

Major news sources inform us that Russian operatives have paid mercenaries to kill American soldiers in Afghanistan. What does the Commander in Chief have to say? His knee-jerk response is that he had not been briefed. Not responsible. Will Trump fire those officials who failed

to call it to his attention? Should the Commander in Chief be held accountable? Or will Congressional Republicans blame it all on Putin? Does the buck not stop at The Resolute Desk anymore?

I have never been the president. Never boasted that I don't need daily briefings. Never claimed to be the only person who can fix things. Never said I was “the chosen one.” Never said I know more than the generals. Never belittled an American war hero. Never dodged the draft with “bone spurs.”

This latest troubling news has cast an even darker cloud over Trump's ability/intent to protect Americans. Indeed, what are his basic motives? Perhaps, it is now time for Republicans in Congress to listen to former National Security Advisor John Bolton says: Trump is “unfit for office.” Bolton is a staunch Republican.

Dave Waldrop - Webster, N.C.

Future of America hinges on November election

Nathaniel “Natty” Grigsby was a 2ndLt. in the 10th Indiana Calvary during the Civil War. He died April 16, 1890, and, at his request, the following inscription was placed on his gravestone, “Through this inscription I wish to enter my dying protest against what is called the Democratic party. I have witnessed it closely since the days of Jackson and know that all the misfortune of our nation has come to it through this so called party, therefore beware of this party of treason.”

Let me first qualify what I am about to say. I have friends, relatives and acquaintances who are Democrats and I believe they love this country as much as I do, therefore I am speaking only of the leadership and certain governors and mayors of the Democrat party.

The actions of the Democrat party leadership over the past several months have proven that they are truly a treasonous party. They have openly endorsed the radical and destructive actions of BLM and Antifa, both of which are intent on not only destroying the foundation of our history but our nation as it exists today. They want to turn America into a Socialist country where they will have complete autonomous control.

I believe that there will be a war this November between the Republicans and Democrats. If the Republicans win, we will continue to have a free and productive nation, if the Democrats win, America, as we know it today, will no longer exist. Our Constitution and Bill of Rights will be rewritten and all the freedoms and prosperity that we now enjoy will be a thing of the past.

Marshall “Buck” Miller - Franklin, N.C.

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We all have a GPS - Guiding Principles for Success

It is a joy for me to once again represent the great shipping company, United Parcel Service, this summer as a PVD (Personal Vehicle Delivery driver) in Wilmington, N.C. Delivering packages in an unfamiliar city in neighborhoods I've never seen before is not without challenges. The GPS mapping system with audible directions on my smartphone is an indispensable tool. It is accurate most of the time. Sometimes if two streets are too close together, it tells me I've arrived, when I have not. Occasionally, it gets right and left mixed up. But without it, the job would be much more difficult.

Likewise, in our lives, we have a "GPS" (Guiding Principles for Success as the great black American, Herman Cain, likes to call it) in the Bible. It tells us where we came from, why we are here, where we are going, and how to get there. Unlike the smartphone GPS, it is never wrong! That's because the author is Divine. On the job, sometimes a flashlight is needed to find the correct address. "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." (Psalm 119:105) When we memorize the Bible, it can protect us from going down the wrong path. "Thy Word have I hid in my heart that I might not sin against thee." (Psalm 119:11)

I was so proud of our president, as I listened to his 4th of July speech at Mt. Rushmore. He summarized the contributions of the four great presidents portrayed there. He pointed out that all lives are important, including those in the womb, because they are "created in the holy image of Almighty God." That concept is found in Genesis 9:6. Our founding fathers, 56 of them, enshrined this principle in the Declaration of Independence 244 years ago, when they said that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. One of the presidents cast in stone on Mt. Rushmore, reiterated those words later in his famous Gettysburg Address. Lincoln said, "Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

"Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

"But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate – we can not consecrate – we can not hallow – this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us – that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion – that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain – that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom – and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

This concept, called liberty, has caused a cultural blessing that allowed this nation to lift more human beings out of poverty than any other nation in the world's history. President Trump said there are those who want to employ a political weapon called "cancel culture." They want to tear down statues of our founders and indoctrinate our children so that they no longer know the history of how God used this idea of freedom to enrich the entire earth. He said they believe Americans are weak. But the president affirmed that Americans are strong and will never allow this to happen.

Our founders established our national GPS based on the

Divine GPS found in God's Word. We would all do well to take the command God gave to His people Israel to heart. "Hear, O Israel (America): The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

Before the president spoke, there was a Navy jet military fly-over. I'm sure it was impressive. But Psalm 33:12 and 17 says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. The war horse (or jet) is a false hope for salvation, and by its great might it cannot rescue."

If America once again blesses God, then God will again bless America.

Ed Hill – Franklin, N.C.

Generational prejudice a foe to be conquered

My parents raised me to be a white racist. Don't get me wrong, they weren't bad people. In fact, if you could have asked them, they would have told you that, yes, all people are created equal, that they don't hate other groups of people. But growing up, I often heard racial slurs in my home. I also heard that many black people may just not be as smart or hard working as "other people." My parents inherited these prejudices from my grandparents. This tradition of subtle hypocrisy goes back generations and I am not proud of that.

The church I grew up in preached the gospel of neighborly love and I never gave a second thought to the total whiteness of the congregation. Later in life I joined another large all-white church in a small town, much like Franklin, except that the town's population was fairly evenly split between white and black citizens. The pastor, an ex-Army Chaplain who served in Vietnam, was very popular with the congregation. His powerful sermons were grounded in his war experiences. He preached of bravery, brotherhood, sacrifice, and the closeness to God that soldiers felt in the battlefield.

One Sunday, the preacher began his sermon exploring the trust and love soldiers felt for their comrades in arms, and how this camaraderie transcended religion, birthplace, and skin color. The congregation was hushed by the heartfelt compassion the preacher had for his fighting flock. But the all white congregation got very quiet indeed, when the pastor contrasted his observations of the colorblind friendships of these soldiers with the apparent lack of brotherhood he met in civilian life on his return from Vietnam. He wondered aloud why there were no black congregants in the church. He entreated the members to reach out to our black community. When the sermon was over and the service dismissed, the people filed out of the church in utter silence. Two weeks later, the pastor was gone, dismissed by the church elders, no reason given. But we all knew what happened. If the pastor and his "bad attitude" was not removed, many members would leave that church. I was shocked that my fellow members would take such a blatantly racist action. I could not, in good conscience, raise my young daughter in that church. We joined a growing, racially diverse church, and I started a serious reflection on the hypocrisy of my own thoughts and deeds.

Recently, the growth of the Black Lives Matter movement has reinvigorated my resolve to overcome my racism. I am not black, so I cannot assume to fully understand how black people feel as they face slights, condescension, and out-right racism every day. I see claims that there cannot be racism because separate unique races do not actually exist. These claims, made from a scientific or biblical perspective, are

self-serving semantic quibbles. The fact is that people with black skin color face dehumanizing words and behavior daily, where ever they go. The movement does not claim that the lives of black people matter more than any other people. The movement is about restoring the mantle of humanity to black people, by raising up the lives of black people up so their lives matter as much as any other group of people. The spectrum of racial victimization of black people face runs the gamut from social shunning to abuses in the criminal justice system.

My own struggles with my racial prejudices will continue for the rest of my life. If all people are equal in the eyes of the law and in the eyes of God, I am morally bound to try in my own small way to make those truths real.

John Barry – Franklin, N.C.

Commander in Chief is a real coward

Seems what we have for a president of our Country is a real coward. He runs away from his responsibilities of running our Country. He just had to reopen the back up, several doctors tried to tell him it was to early, but he doesn't care when it comes to money. Now its gotten worse that it was. Now just wear a mask, and it will just go away. He's a real coward, by saying its China's fault. No matter who's fault it is, do something to try to stop it. Holding his big political rallies a crowd all close together and mask, sure isnt going to help. He cares about nothing, except keeping his power. He has such a warped mind He's a one man ruler, he makes all the decisions, look at how many people he has fired. Oh yes, in reading one of the letters in *The Macon County News* May 21. It was brought out that the stimulus bill would eliminate the \$10,000 limit on local and state tax deductions opening the way for billionaires who would no longer pay any taxes on multiple properties they own any where, could help billionaires like George Soros Some how it was overlooked that President Trump and son-in-law Jared Kushner, both real estate tycoons got a provision in the \$2 trillion coronavirus relief package that will let them avoid an estimated \$170 Billion in federal taxes over the next 10 years. Sure it was just an overlook. With no tax money coming in except from the poor people trying just to make a living. Its no wonder if relected in Nov. He planes to cut our Soc. Sec. which was taken out of my paycheck all the years I worked. Also will make retirement to age 70. Also cut Medicare and Medicade. Millionaires are not paying their share in social security.

Now it seems with his warped an unstable mind, how could any Commader a Cheif act like he didn't know another country has a bounty on American troops. He is so full of lies. We used to have a Country of love, he has changed us to a Country of hate. How sad. Never seen Trump, when he didn't look like a mad Bull.

Kathy Whitley – Franklin, N.C.

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Franklin celebrates 4th of July



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The Escobar family



Addalyn Garster, Spencer Ferlita and Breanna Collins



Jerry Cook and daughter Amberly Downs



Kacie England and Karl Schenk



Bob and Cassie Pringle tubing at the Recreational Park river



Hitting the streets for 4th of July Sidewalk Sale

The Streets of Franklin Heritage Association sponsored a 4th of July Sidewalk Sale with music provided by a DJ, balloons, snow cones and plenty of bargains. The association had planned a downtown heritage festival for July 18, but with North Carolina still being held in Phase 2, vendors were unable to honor their commitment to the festival. The group is planning an expanded Hometown Market Day for Labor Day Weekend, Saturday, Sept. 5.

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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 June 22 - July 3. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

June 29

Thomas Andrew Green, was issued a true bill of indictment for probation violation, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer.

June 30

Trance Lewis Stoudemire, was charged with trafficking in heroin. James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

Matthew Devon Perkins, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Avery Allison Bates, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

July 1

Charles Adam Klatt, was charged with simple assault, assault and battery, or participates in simple affray, maintaining place for controlled substances, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, sell a schedule I controlled substance. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Valerie Sue Bierlein, was charged with selling a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture a schedule II controlled substance. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Todd Jay Parrish, was charged with maintaining place for a controlled substances. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Bryan Draven Burch, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Colton Ryan Burch, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Samantha Nichelle Ramsey, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia.

Keith Bilbrey, was charged with assault on a handicapped person, Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Mimi Raa Ciarrochi, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

July 2

Billie Jo Wagner, was charged with break or enter a motor vehicle, larceny of a firearm. Garrett D. Hovis made the arrest.

Chelsea Briana Heaton, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

July 3

Derald Frederick Queen, was charged with assault on a female, interfere with emergency communication. Joel Lynch made the arrest.

Caleb Scott, was charged with possession of fortified wine/liquor/mixed beverage under 21. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Robert E. Sadowski, was charged with communicating threats. Anthony Zari made the arrest.

Kevin Dwight Tallent, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of drug paraphernalia. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

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June 22

Trent Harrison Kaspro, 27, of Troy Allen Dr., Bryson City, was charged with possession of a schedule II controlled substance. An unsecured bond of \$1,000 was set.

June 24

Dewayne Edward Swaney, 50, of Wolfstown Rd., Cherokee, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Crystal Beth Arkansas, 38, of Ruth Sneed Lane, Cherokee, was charged with second degree trespassing. No bond was set.

June 25

Dee Dee Marie Carper, 35, of Amberwood Dr., Walhalla, S.C., was charged with failure to appear for possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

Brandi Marie Miles, 29, of Doberman Lane, Whittier, was charged with felony probation violation, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$4,500 was set.

June 26

Cindy Ann Calagan, 29, of Sunrise Park, was charged with possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Alisha Kaye Toineeta, 28, of Recreation Park Rd., Cherokee, was charged with felony probation violation, assault with a deadly weapon. A secured bond of \$30,000 was set.

June 27

Roman Zepeda Arellando, 43, of Windchime Lane, Cashiers, was charged with failure to appear for malicious conduct by prisoner, resisting a public officer, flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle, no operators license, driving while impaired, assault with a deadly weapon on a government official. A secured bond of \$30,000 was set.

June 28

Amy Christine Weaver, 47, of Touchstone Way, was charged with aggravated assault. No bond was set.

James Everette Dunn, 54, of Touchston Way, was charged with assault by strangulation, assault with a deadly weapon. No bond was set.

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Assistance available for completing 2020 Census

On Sunday, July 13, from 2-5 p.m., community volunteers will be available at the Holly Springs Community Building, 2720 Cat Creek Road, to help anyone needing assistance in completing their 2020 Census. It is estimated that for each uncounted person, North Carolina and Macon County could lose up to \$16,000 of government funding over the next 10 years. Free, disposable face masks will also be available. COVID-19 mandated restrictions will be observed. For questions, call (828)369-2254.

How the Census impacts North Carolina

The Census directly affects the allocation of \$23.8 billion annually in federal resources to North Carolina. Additionally, it provides key decision-makers with the information they need to ensure that government resources are directed strategically to the state's communities. Also, the Census ensures that communities are appropriately represented in the statehouse and in Congress. With an accurate 2020 Census count, North Carolina is projected to gain a seat in the House of Representatives, increasing its representation from 13 to 14 representatives.



The 2020 Census began in North Carolina on March 12, 2020, amid the COVID-19 pandemic. As of June 22, 2020, North Carolina has made slow steady gains in participating but still falls behind the national average.

- As of June 22, 2020, 57.9% of households had self-responded to the Census, below the national average of 61.6%

- North Carolina is ranked 34 out of 50 states and Washington DC – for Census self-response participation.

-The US Census Bureau has extended the deadline for participation to Oct. 31, 2020.

Summer & Bray of Mountain Faith to perform at drive-in concert this Friday

Summer and Bray McMahan, a brother-sister duo that elevated their talents as members of their Sylva-based family band Mountain Faith, will return to the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts for a special outdoor concert on Friday, July 10, at 7 p.m. This drive-in concert will accommodate a limited number of vehicles and will take place in the theater's parking lot. Tickets can be pre-purchased for \$10 per vehicle. Any tickets available the day of the show will be sold for \$15 each.

Both Summer and Bray are accomplished, award-winning musicians. Summer is a master fiddler while Bray shines on the banjo. Their performances not only showcase their talents with sounds of bluegrass but also their faith through lyrics of encouragement and hope. With just over a year apart in age, this sibling duo has a very special relationship which is evident when they step on stage. Their unique style speaks to music fans of all ages. Their genuine humility, kindness, and love shines through both on stage and in casual conversation.

Summer and Bray, along with their band, have shared their gifts across the world. Early this year, they performed at an event in Paris, France. They are also frequent guests on the Grand Ole Opry stage, at local events and festivals, and much more. They have performed with legends such as Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, and Loretta Lynn, and at sporting events for the Atlanta Falcons, Carolina Panthers, Atlanta Braves, and San Francisco 49ers. They were also semi-finalists on season 10 of "America's Got Talent." They



Summer & Bray with Mountain Faith will perform a drive-in concert in the parking lot of the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts this Friday, July 10, beginning at 7 p.m. For ticket information, visit greatmountainmusic.com or call (828)273-4615.

have celebrated multiple number one hits and always give thanks to God for providing a path for them to share their story and their talents.

To purchase tickets to see Summer and Bray in concert, visit GreatMountainMusic.com or call (828) 273-4615. Patrons will be asked to remain in their cars and tune into an FM frequency that will transmit the concert into individual vehicles for the full drive-in concert experience. Carhop refreshments will be available for cash purchases only. Restroom facilities will also be available. Any changes due to inclement weather will be posted on the theater's website



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Highlands Biological Station initiates summer bird banding project

In conjunction with an international effort, the Highlands Biological Station has initiated a bird banding project in the high-elevation mountain community.

At Western Carolina University's research and learning facility in Macon County, staff described how monitoring bird populations is important for several reasons, including educational opportunities for volunteers and visitors.

"Bird populations in North America have declined," said Jason Love, associate director of Highlands Biological Station. "The proliferation of development displacing habitat, predation by feral cats, and collisions with wind turbines, communication towers and buildings with glass windows, along with pesticides, have taken a toll on birds and other wildlife. Research is needed, not only to better understand the underlying causes of these declines, but to find ways these alarming trends can be reversed."

The banding is in partnership with Southern Appalachian Raptor Research, which operates several banding stations as part of the Monitoring Avian Productivity and Survivorship Program and will take place approximately every 10 days through early August. Nonharmful mist nets are used to momentarily capture birds and allow handling.

"The welfare of individual birds is the first priority," Love said. "Extracting birds from the nets and handling and collecting biological data is done with great care by trained staff and volunteers."

A banding table is set up at the Highlands Biological Station, and in the future, once COVID-19 precautions are lifted,



Birds are being fitted with U.S. Geological Survey aluminum bands that have a unique number on each one, so individual birds can later be identified. Biological data collected from birds includes age, sex, signs of disease or injury and wing measurements.



avian educational programs will be held in conjunction with banding. Biological data collected from birds includes age, sex, signs of disease or injury and wing measurements.

Birds will be fitted with U.S. Geological Survey aluminum bands that have a unique number on each one, so individual birds can later be identified. According to the USGS, birds are good indicators of the health of the environment, with the status and trends of bird populations critical for identifying and understanding many ecological issues and for developing effective science, management and conservation practices.

Highlands Biological Station is a multi-campus center of WCU, made up of a field station complete with laboratories and classrooms, a nature center, and a botanical garden and pond. The 23 acres includes publicly accessible trails and boardwalks.

Funding for the bird banding project was made possible by the Highlands Biological Foundation.

For more information about the Highlands Biological Station, including its nature center and botanical garden programs, visit highlandsbiological.org.

Mission of Coweeta Laboratory continues

The Appalachian Mountains have been home to the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory since March 1934. The research, data and monitoring at the facility provide the building blocks of knowledge needed to address natural resource and environmental issues, and for decades Coweeta has provided that with excellence.

The mission at Coweeta could only have been accomplished with dedicated employees. There have been many over the years, like Buchanan, Crawford, Curtis, McCollum, Stewart and Wiggins just to name a few, who have made significant contributions to the hydrologic and ecological research at Coweeta. They along with scientists, like Douglass, Swank, or Swift have maintained the integrity of the Coweeta's long-term data and research, even during the tough times.

Lately, some confusion has surfaced around the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory, due to the closing announcement of the Coweeta LTER (Long-Term Ecological Research) program. The LTER program was a collaborative effort between the USDA Forest Service Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory and the University of Georgia that started in the 1980s with Dr. Wayne Swank (Forest Service, Project Leader & Research Ecologist). The LTER network was funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF) and administered by the University of Georgia (UGA). The UGA employees lived and worked beside the Coweeta Forest Service employees. The NSF will no longer be



Despite the current pandemic, Hydrologic Technician Patsy Clinton keeps watch over five climate stations, 16 weirs, and about a dozen rain gauges at the USDA Forest Service, Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory in Otto. USDA Forest Service Photo

funding the LTER program – and in September, the UGA employees will no longer be on site at the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory. Workers that remain Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory will continue to conduct research on water and air quality, watershed management, the effects of harmful disease and insects, and much more for years to come.

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Deaths & Funerals

Reggie Holland

Reggie Holland, 56, of Franklin, N.C., died Thursday, July 2, 2020.

Born in Pontiac, Mich., he was the son of Bruce and Dorothy "Peno" Holland. He attended Franklin High School, graduating in the top 10 of his class in 1982. He was an outstanding athlete, participating in basketball, football, and wrestling. He earned a bachelor's degree from Western Carolina University in 1988, graduating Summa Cum Laude.

He was the owner and operator of Holland Construction and Real Estate; a member of Franklin First Assembly of God; a Paul Harris Fellow at Rotary Club of Franklin; and a foundational board member of Adult and Teen Challenge of The Smokies. He was also a longtime member and past president of the Franklin Board of Realtors and president of the Macon County Home Builders Association for 20-plus years.

As a two-time Golden Gloves Boxing Champion, coached by Bob Cook, Ralph Schley, Jim McCray, and Walter Seeley, Reggie created the Macon County Boxing Club, coaching every Monday night for the past 35-plus years. He mentored hundreds of youth and upcoming fighters, such as Spencer Fisher - decorated UFC champion - later traveling the world and developing a brotherly relationship with him.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife of 38 years, Tammy Ballew Holland; son, Reggie Holland (Kristyn); daughter, Tiffany Garrett (Aaron); brothers, Donald Holland (Jamie), David Holland (Pam); sister, Barb Holland Williams (Chris); grandchildren, Tucker Garrett, Kendyl Holland and Dylan Holland; nieces and nephews, Haley Williams Bell, Cortney Holland Patrick, Matthew Holland, Ethan Holland, and Teighlor Holland.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 pm Tuesday, July 7, at the Smoky Mountain Center for Performing Arts. For the protection of all, masks and social distancing will be required. With these measures in place, everyone is welcome.

A private service will be held. Rev. Mike George, Rev. Tom Grubb, and Rev. Mike Barres will officiate. Burial will be in Longview Baptist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Gary Scott, Chris Norris, Spencer Fisher, Charles Freeman, Steven Tisho, Lyman Holland, and Jeff Cloer.

Honorary pallbearers will be Gabe Leatherman, Eric Ridenour, Chuck Mallonee, Jeff Epps, Dustin Chovanic, Chris Henry, Eddie Winchester, Gerald Parks, Jay Strum, Matt Holland, Ethan Holland, Bobby Southard, Mark Palmer, Walter West, Johnny Hall and Doug Welch.

Memorial donations can be made to the Adult and Teen Challenge of The Smokies, PO Box 2157, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Reggie Holland

Rev. Jimmy Strickland

Rev. Jimmy Strickland, 48, of Cashiers, N.C., passed away Tuesday, June 30, 2020. He was born Jan. 22, 1972, to James Oliver and Lois Cockrell Strickland in Cabarrus County, North Carolina. He loved Jesus and ministry was the biggest and most important part of his life. Preacher Jimmy, as he liked to be called would always end any conversation with "I Love You" and "Jesus Loves You." He never met a stranger and loved everyone he encountered. A big participant of his church, He was a youth pastor, deacon and music director. He was a talented musician, playing the guitar, six-string banjo, the keyboard and a writer of music and singing. One of his greatest accomplishment was making a professional recording of a CD at KHZ Audio Recording Studio in Clarksville, Ga., and also his own recordings in his home. In addition to his love of music, he loved his community and would volunteer at Blue Ridge School reading for the kindergartners and dressed up as Santa and the Easter Bunny for the children. Rev. Rick Platt and Jimmy taught guitar and keyboard lessons to students at Blue Ridge School. He would help the coach and say opening prayer for the Special Olympics and always would give people the Gideon Bible if they needed one. He was awarded the Good Neighbor Award from the Cashiers Crossroads Chronicle and was an Honorary Fireman. He was a much loved member of the Church of Sapphire. It has been said "you ain't been prayed for until Jimmy prays for you."



Rev. Jimmy Strickland

He is survived by his parents, James and Lois Strickland of the home; aunts and uncles, Carol and Stephen Foster of Cashiers, Earline Caldwell of Cashiers, Patricia Turner of Cleveland, N.C., Barbara Osborne of Landis, N.C., Dot Cockrell of Mooresville, N.C., and Mary Ruth Dixon of Salisbury, N.C.; many cousins, along with special cousins, Jerry and Sara Prewitt and Lisa Myers. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Raymond and Fay Brewer Cockrell and paternal grandparents, James Everett and Annie Pruitt Strickland.

A Celebration of Life service will be held Saturday, July 11, at 1 p.m., at the Church of Sapphire with the Rev. Rick Plot, Rev. Frank Jones, Rev. Gary McCall and Rev. Berlis Powell officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made to Pleasant Grove Church, 1858 Bull Pen Road, Cashiers, NC 28717 or The Church of Sapphire, NC-281, Sapphire, NC 28774

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

LeRoy 'Lee' Ralph Volpert Jr.

LeRoy "Lee" Ralph Volpert Jr., 70, of Franklin, N.C., passed away, Friday, July 3, 2020. He was a beloved husband, brother, uncle and friend. He is now in the presence of the Lord; kneeling, walking and dancing with a renewed mobility that he did not possess here on Earth.

Born in Riverside, N.J., June 22, 1950, he was the son of the late LeRoy Ralph Volpert Sr. and Theresa Olivio Volpert. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a precious niece, Donna Griffin. He was a member of Holly Springs Baptist Church. He loved animals and reading, he could often be found with a good sci-fi or fantasy book.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 37 years, Pamela Low Volpert; two sisters, Eileen Elliott (Sonny) and DeeDee Erlston, both of Riverside, N.J.; one niece, Tina Elliott; two nephews, Stephen Elliott and Buddy Kanecki as well as many precious friends who he considered family.

His gentle spirit, kind heart and tremendous sense of humor will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. That special "twinkle in his eye" will always remain with us.

No services are planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donation may be made to Appalachian Animal Rescue, PO Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744

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William 'Bill' Maston Letson

William "Bill" Maston Letson, 76, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with the Lord on Sunday April 5, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his parents Henry and June Letson.

He was born in Daytona Beach and raised in West Palm Beach, Fla. He developed a love for Franklin after his father and mother brought him here on vacation. In 1964, he married Charlotte Jones and they spent their honeymoon in Franklin. Eventually, he and Charlotte made Franklin their home. It was here that he and Charlotte raised their four daughters, who he adored and spent his life caring and providing for them.

As a young man, he joined the U.S. Army where he became a member of 101st Airborne. He worked a number of jobs before becoming an estate manager for a property in Highlands, N.C., where he spent the last 38 years.

He was a dedicated member of Cartoogechaye Baptist Church where he took part in many of the church's special events. He often worked behind the scenes, building props and scenes. He had a love for the Lord and was unashamed to worship and praise him.

He was a caring, compassionate and loving man who easily made new friends. He passed away as a man who was deeply loved by his family and friends and will forever be missed.

He is survived by the love of his life and best friend, his wife of 55 years, Charlotte; his four daughters, "The Letson Sisters," Cindy Letson of Murfreesboro, Tenn., Debbi Waldroop (Brian), Josie Letson and Summer Southard (Brian), all of Franklin; eight grandchildren, Ethan Letson, Nicole Ledford (Jacob), Danielle Talley (Jordan), Taylor Wilson (Levi), Jordan Rogers, Dylan Southard, Parker Southard, and Judd Southard; five great grandchildren, Emmett Ledford, Rowan Ledford, Wilder Ledford and twins Brodee and Hadlee Wilson; two sisters, Sally Cain of West Palm Beach, Fla. and Sue Black of Orlando, Fla., and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, July 11, at 3 p.m., at Cartoogechaye Baptist Church. (Masks and gloves are encouraged and will be provided upon request) Rev. Brian Southard and Pastor Billy Rogers will officiate. Military rites will be conducted by the North Carolina Honor Guard.

The family will receive friends from 1-2:30 p.m. prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Appalachian Animal Rescue, PO Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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William Maston Letson

Madellon (Nana) Rogers

Madellon (Nana) Rogers, 97, passed away peacefully in her sleep on June 25, 2020. She was born in Salem, S.C., the second of five children to Thomas and Ella Mae Holcombe but lived most of her life in Cashiers, N.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, John Lee Rogers; her son, Robert A. (Tony) Rogers; daughters, Sandra Talley and Wanda Rogers; and two grandchildren, Kelly (Talley) Munger and Conda Lee Burrell. She is survived by her daughters, Betty Galloway (Ted), Mary James (Jeff), and Johnnie Sue Frady; 11 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren; and nine great-great grandchildren.

She loved flowers, birds, sewing, reading, and cleaning. But more than anything else she loved her family. She was a strong Christian and always kept her Bible close at hand.

She grew up during the Depression and could do more with less than anyone you would ever meet. A tireless worker, she earned her living cleaning summer homes until she was 85 when she fell and broke her pelvis. After her forced retirement she spoke often about how much she missed working.

She was a true southern lady and like most of the women of her generation, she was very conscious of appearances, always well-mannered, presenting a neat and tidy appearance in her clean and well pressed clothes. She was always stylish so even though she suffered from foot pain, she refused to wear what she deemed "ugly old people" shoes.

Up until a month or two before her death, she did her own laundry, cleaned her own home, took out her garbage and ironed every piece of clothing she wore. Remarkably, even though she never used hair dye, her hair never turned completely gray.

Her body may have been 97 but her heart was still the heart of a young woman. She never thought of herself as old. Instead of admitting she might be growing old, she would say she was "slowing down." (Although her version of slowing down made the rest of us appear to be standing still.)

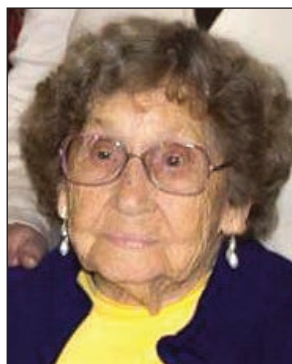
She told great stories about her youth that brought laughter and tears to the listeners. She knew joy and sorrow and lived a full and purpose driven life. She was well loved and well thought of by all who knew her.

We, her family and friends, will miss her patience, her kindness, her humor, her devotion to her family and her quiet but steadfast presence in our lives. We are proud to have known her and blessed to have loved and been loved by her. She leaves behind an enduring legacy that we will treasure always.

Her family would like to thank the Eckerd Living Center in Highlands for the wonderful care our mother received in the last months of her life. Knowing she was well cared for helped to ease some of the pain of losing her.

Funeral services are being handled by Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be sent to the Albert Carlton Library in Cashiers.

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



Madellon (Nana) Rogers

Betty Jane Schall

Betty Jane Schall, 69, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2020.

Born in St. Petersburg, Fla., she was the daughter of the late Robert Wakefield and Dorothy Williamson Wakefield. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robbie Wakefield. When she wasn't working outside the home as a manager in retail sales, she could be found in the kitchen cooking and also enjoyed decorating.

She is survived by her husband of 40 years, Larry Schall; two stepdaughters, Lynne Ferrusi of Arizona, and Nicole Todaro of Ohio; her sister, Patricia Melton of Florida; and four grandchildren, Rachel, Robby, Hayley and Mitchell.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society at www.americancancersociety.org/donate.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.



Betty Jane Schall

Rosemary Elise Finnegan

Rosemary Elise Finnegan, 83, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, June 30, 2020.

Born in Great Works, Me., she was the daughter of the late Vaughn Wickett and Eleanor Paul Wickett. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Duke Finnegan, who died in 2003; her daughter, Bridget Finnegan and four brothers and sisters. She enjoyed crafting, creating floral arrangements, and going to the beach.

She is survived by two sons, Hank Finnegan (Jean) of Tennessee and Gabriel Finnegan (Tracy) of Franklin; six grandchildren; six great grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

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Kevin Harvick takes Indy 500 in overtime; 4th win of season

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In an action-filled afternoon of NASCAR Cup Series racing in Sunday's Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400 Powered by Big Machine Records, Kevin Harvick held off the field in a overtime sprint to the finish line to earn his fourth victory of the season, and his second consecutive and third overall win at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

To celebrate the big victory, Harvick and his No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford team climbed the front grandstand fence – reminiscent of the fence celebration his team owner, Indiana native and NASCAR Hall of Famer Tony Stewart did during his wins in the race in 2005 and 2007.

Although Harvick led a race best 68 of the 161 laps, he and Denny Hamlin put on a legitimate high-speed duel to decide this victory. While leading Hamlin's No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota suffered a blown tire sending the car hard into the Turn 1 wall with only seven laps remaining – ending Hamlin's impressive run.

"We knew he [Hamlin] was going to be really close on tires and [crew chief] Rodney [Childers] told me on the radio, he said 'just make sure you keep the pressure on him,'" Harvick said. "That was all the pressure I could give."

With Hamlin out, Harvick assumed the lead for the fourth time on the day and was next tasked with holding off 48-year old former series champion, Chip Ganassi Racing driver Matt Kenseth on a restart with two laps remaining. A great jump on the ensuing start put Harvick back out front and ultimately to a 0.743-second victory.

Harvick's Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Aric Almirola finished third followed by Brad Keselowski and Sunoco rookie Cole Custer.

Two-time Indianapolis winner and reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch finished sixth followed by Michael McDowell, rookie Tyler Reddick, Bubba Wallace and Joey Logano. It was an especially impressive outing by the series rookies – with four of the six finishing among the top 15. Christopher Bell and John Hunter Nemechek were 12th and 15th, respectively.

Hamlin, who took the lead on the race's final round of pit stops, ultimately finished 28th following his incident.

"It's tough, I hate it for the FedEx team [No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing team]," Hamlin said post-race. "We did what we needed to do and it just didn't work out for us today. Had a fast car obviously. Proud of the whole FedEx Toyota team. We've been so good lately. Feel like I'm doing all I can, in these big races. A lot things like this don't go my way all the time, but we're still going to go next week and try to win the next one. Do all we can."

And, he acknowledged of the competition with Harvick,



Kevin Harvick, driver of the #4 Busch Light Patriotic Ford, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Big Machine Hand Sanitizer 400 Powered by Big Machine Records at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 05, 2020 in Indianapolis, Ind.



"It's been a great battle, and those guys are great competitors. Last few weeks have been kind of a head-to-head with me and him. Probably not another guy I'd rather battle with each and every week. Congrats to them and that team. We had two very close and equal cars but they got it today."

One of the weekend's biggest stories involved seven-time NASCAR Cup Series champion Jimmie Johnson, a four-time Brickyard 400 winner, who was diagnosed with COVID-19 virus on Friday and had to sit the race out.

NASCAR Xfinity Series perennial championship con-

tender Justin Allgaier was tabbed to drive Johnson's No. 48 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet – the first time in Johnson's legendary career that someone else drove his car in a NASCAR Cup Series race.

Allgaier had to start from the rear of the Indianapolis grid and was steadily making his way forward when he was collected in the pit road melee on Lap 15 – a chain-reaction accident involving several cars. The No. 48 Chevrolet suffered too much damage to continue and Allgaier was officially scored 37th in the 40-car field.

"Once the wreck started happening in front of us and we all got bottled up there, one car after another was getting run into," Allgaier said. "Just a shame. I hate it for these guys on this Ally 48. They've done such a good job, they prepared so well for the circumstances. Obviously our hearts and our thoughts are with Jimmie right now and his family. That's the most important piece of all this, getting him back to the race track soon. I wanted to do well for them today and it's just disappointing to be standing here talking to you [reporters] unfortunately. But we'll go on."

"I don't know what next week looks like yet. But we'll run



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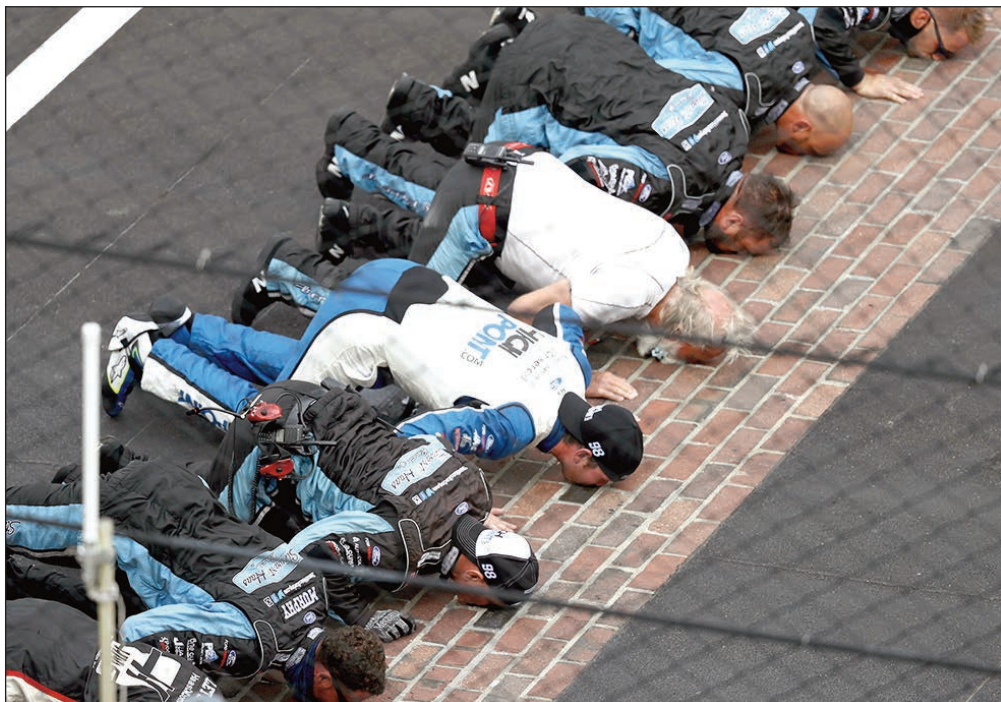
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Chase Briscoe, driver of the #98 Highpoint.com Ford, and crew celebrate by kissing the bricks after winning the the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 4, 2020 in Indianapolis, Ind.

the Xfinity Series race and have a good shot at it. Disappointing way to end the Brickyard 400."

Zach Price, a rear tire changer for Ryan Blaney, was hit by a car on pit road while servicing Blaney's No. 12 Ford during the multi-car incident. The race was red-flagged for an ambulance to respond on pit road and Price - who smiled and waved to team members as he was loaded into the ambulance - was transported to Indy's Indiana University Methodist Hospital.

Chase Briscoe get fifth Xfinity win of 2020 at Indianapolis

In the days and months leading up to Saturday's inaugural Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard NASCAR Xfinity Series race on Indianapolis Motor Speedway's road course, Indiana's own, Chase Briscoe left no doubt how important a victory would be to him.

He sure had to earn this one.

After holding off an aggressive late race charge from the field, the 25-year old Hoosier took the checkered flag, maneuvered out of his No. 98 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford and joined team members to climb the frontstretch fencing just as his team owner, fellow Indiana native Tony Stewart had famously done after earning Indianapolis victories in the NASCAR Cup Series.

It is Briscoe's third win in the last four NASCAR Xfinity Series races and fifth of the season - a personal best and current series best mark - and certainly a sentimental accomplishment as well.

"Everybody knows growing up my hero in racing was Tony Stewart and getting to drive for him and watch him win the Brickyard and that was always his signature thing

and I just wanted to do it," a smiling Briscoe told NBC Sports after climbing back down the fence. "Honestly, it's not the same prestige as winning on the oval but you still won at Indianapolis Motor Speedway and it doesn't matter if your racing on the oval, the road course, the dirt track or even the parking lot, it's special winning here.

"Growing up and coming here all the time it's unbelievable to think I just won here. So happy."

"I'm wore out, that fence climb will take a lot out of you," he added. "I've dreamed of coming to this race track and just getting to race here so to win here is unbelievable. I can't put it into words."

Briscoe to beat a pair of road racing's best in A.J.

Allmendinger and Austin Cindric to earn the hometown win. An exciting, action-packed final 10 laps - featuring four lead changes - forced Briscoe to use every trick he had. Ultimately, he held off Justin Haley by 1.717-seconds for the victory as the lead pack cars aggressively traded positions in the last lap.

Noah Gragson finished third, followed by Allmendinger and Cindric, who put up the day's best challenges for Briscoe. Ross Chastain, Justin Allgaier, Alex Labbe, Michael Annett and Preston Pardus completed the top 10. It was the Floridian Pardus' first ever top-10 finish.

Early in the event road racing ace Austin Cindric posed a valiant case for this first trophy of the season. After starting 10th he took the lead five laps into the race and held a commanding six-second lead before a caution that closed out the opening stage of racing. It was Cindric's fourth stage win of the season and certainly confirmed the pre-race favorite was

ready to win.

Cindric's No. 22 Team Penske Ford came out of the pits second to Chase Briscoe's SHR Ford, but Cindric was called for jumping the ensuing restart. Cindric told his team on the radio that he was hit from behind at the start and did not take off early. But NASCAR officials reviewed the footage and ruled that Cindric would have to serve the penalty. The green flag stop dropped him back to 31st running position but he worked his way back to seventh by the start of the final stage.

That position was right behind another of the sport's strongest road course drivers, A.J. Allmendinger - who also had a mid-race NASCAR penalty after pitting too early during the race's first caution.

Their race back through the field to challenge for the win was predictably compelling with Allmendinger coming up through the field and taking the lead for two laps - laps 59-60. Briscoe took the lead going into Turn 1 with two laps remaining and contact among the next group of cars allowed Briscoe to drive off in the final two laps.

"The restarts, I was starting on the outside which I didn't think was the best scenario," Briscoe said. "It seemed like holes were opening up. I wasn't very good when guys were right behind me because I needed the back of my corner to be really good. You can't do that when they are right behind you, especially Allmendinger. He is so good in the braking zones.

"I did give it away in a sense over there. Cindric and him (Allmendinger) started racing pretty hard and that gave me a chance to get back in there and I threw a slide job into [turns] one and two and I think that was by far the hardest I have run in my life to get a win."



Chase Briscoe, driver of the #98 Highpoint.com Ford, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 4, 2020 in Indianapolis, Ind.

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| 2019 | Nissan | Rogue | 36,401 |
| 2019 | Nissan | Sentra | 36,396 |
| 2019 | Nissan | Versa | 36,812 |
| 2018 | RAM | 3500 | 19,819 |
| 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 | Tacoma | 12,056 |