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Franklin High School Marching Panther Regiment has been rehearsing first in small groups around campus then all together for six or seven hours a day until school starts. Director Buddy Huckabee said he has implemented procedures above and beyond what is required by the CDC and the National Music Educators Association. Competitions have been cancelled for September but a few are still on the schedule. As the Sugar Bowl National Champion Marching Band, the group will continue to practice to maintain its excellence and perhaps perform for parents, family living homes or the community even if they are unable to perform half-time shows or competitions. Contact Huckabee if anyone is interested in a "parking lot" marching band. Photo by Vickie Carpenter

School board finalizing plans for start of school

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

The Macon County Board of Education met on Tuesday night to update school opening events.

Based on the compilation of an additional 504 surveys received, it was noted that several staff and families had changed their minds regarding which plan to go with on Aug. 17. For instance, the Virtual Academy (VA) which previously counted 850 students enrolled, was reduced to 799 students currently enrolled. Staffing issues for the Virtual Academy were not lining up. The board had to table VA stand alone and are now requiring teachers to teach both VA and live instruction. Right now it appears that teachers will be creating videos via live stream or recorded. They are trying to incorporate work with concerns regarding the availability of internet access and bandwidth issues, so that students will not have to be live all day. Offline work will be included in all remote learning.

Families with multiple children in different grade levels will be viewing live work during staggered times. An elementary school student in grades one or two might have two hours of live stream from 9 to 11 a.m. while those in intermediate or middle school could have their live stream in the afternoon. This will help families accommodate the necessary bandwidth needed to live stream.

Based on the survey results it was revealed that close to 600 families do not have internet access. Hot spots will be made available for those families. Wi-Fi Jet Packs will also be available to any family that has two bars of cell service on their phone. Families can apply for one jet pack, which will be free to parents. Applications can be picked up at schools on Friday Aug. 14. Parents should list all their children on one application.

Macon School Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin acknowledged that it is a "huge challenge to stream lessons." Jennifer Love, STEM coordinator added, "We won't know how this will work until all the students are in the classroom."

Franklin High School (FHS) has been dealing with scheduling issues. In order to make scheduling manageable, the board has approved Franklin High School's request for in-person instruction to go from two days per week to one day per week. Freshmen students will attend on Mondays, Sophomore students on Tuesdays, Juniors on Wednesday and Seniors on Thursdays. Fridays will remain a remote learning day for all students, however, Fridays may also be utilized for individual or small group settings, by appointment with their specific teacher. All social distancing guidelines will remain in effect at all times.

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High speed chase results in arrest

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

A high speed chase in Macon County yesterday afternoon ended when the Macon County Sheriff's Office arrested Joshua Lee Faulk, 34.

Faulk was first spotted entering Macon County on Cowee Mountain while travelling over 80 miles per hour. The North Carolina Highway Patrol attempted to stop the vehicle, but the vehicle continued on.

The suspect drove into Franklin and fled on foot in the Baird Cove area. Residents reported seeing the individual in and around Baird Cove and Brookwood. During the search for the suspect, gunshots could be heard in the area, but were unrelated to the incident.

Reports from the community helped law enforcement track the suspect's general location, with several residents claiming someone matching the suspect's description was asking for a ride out of the area. The Macon County Sheriff's Department's free mobile app was utilized to provide the public with updates and descriptions of the suspect, which ultimately led to



Macon County Sheriff's officers take the suspect into custody.

his arrest.

"He was spotted by Warren Cabe from Emergency Man-

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Chief Sneed, Mayor Scott break ground for kiosk at Nikwasi Mound

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Chief Richard Sneed of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) was joined Monday, Aug. 10, by Franklin Mayor Bob Scott to dig the first shovelful of soil for an interpretive kiosk at the Nikwasi Mound. Held in drizzling rain on the Main Street side of the Mound, the ceremony was attended by more than 20 representatives from the town, Macon County, EBCI, Main-spring Conservation Trust, Nikwasi Initiative, and regional press.

The Nikwasi Mound is an ancient and sacred site, and the Nikwasi Initiative, a nonprofit organization that is charged with caring for the Mound, has been working with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and other partners to develop an interpretive center and educational gateway surrounding the Mound.

Juanita Wilson, manager of Training & Development, EBCI/Human Resource, and co-chair with Barbara McRae, Town of Franklin Vice Mayor, of Nikwasi Initiative, opened the 10 a.m. event with greetings and a prayer in both Cherokee and English.

“Lots of folks have helped get this started. And while it may have started as controversy, with no ill intent on anyone’s part, we decided that coming together as a community is the thing to do. We are neighbors and mountain people who have worked through struggles and come out of them stronger,” said Wilson.

According to oral and written history, residents of Nokwisiyi (now spelled Nikwasi) contributed earth from their own home sites to connect their families to the central mound, which held the council house as well as being the hub of public life in the town. Elaine Eisenbraun, executive director, Nikwasi Initiative, explained



Elaine Eisenbraun, executive director of the Nikwasi Initiative, called the mound a “cultural treasure.”

At right, an ECBI tribal dance group performed a bear dance in front of the Nikwasi Mound,

prior to the groundbreaking.

“The Mound has stood as a central beacon on the landscape for thousands of years and it remains prominent to this day, calling visitors to learn more about the original inhabitants of the region as well as the current community. The Mound was taken by settlers in the 1817 treaty and in 1946, residents and children of Franklin collected money to purchase the Mound in order to protect



EBCI Chief Richard Sneed and Franklin Mayor Bob Scott break ground for the interpretive kiosk at Nikwasi Mound. Photos by Deena C. Bouknight



it from destruction. Today, Nikwasi Initiative caretakes the Mound and is working closely with EBCI to create a place of honor for people who lived here yesterday and who remain connected to the Mound, today,” said Eisenbraun.

At the groundbreaking, she added, “What an honor it is to be entrusted with this cultural treasure ... this coming together. After centuries of issues, we are now building something beautiful, honorable, and long-lasting.”

Chief Sneed and Mayor Scott picked up shovels to ceremoniously dig dirt at the site of what will be the interpretive kiosk, much like the one that was installed last year at the Cowee Mound, along the banks of the Little Tennessee River in the Cowee community. Chief Sneed commented that “human beings have historically been cruel to one another. It’s a fact of humanity. No one is without sin. But what we can do is acknowledge the path and choose to work together.”

He pointed out that no longer will the Nikwasi Mound be “out of place” among an “awkward configuration of quasi-industrial and business,” but will be part of a “vision” so that the story of the Mound can be told.

Said Mayor Scott, before he picked up a shovel and stepped beside Chief Sneed, “This is a new era for Franklin ... a new beginning. The kiosk will be beautiful and what tourists will see when they come into Franklin.”

The mask-wearing crowd that came out to support the groundbreaking was entertained with Cherokee stories shared by Jarrett Wildcat, as well as singing and dancing. Some onlookers participated in a “bear dance” with members of ECBI.

Weather permitting, the installation of the Nikwasi Mound interpretive kiosk begins this week with completion in a few weeks.

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Union Academy's Rachel Alford named Teacher of the Year

Diane Pelz – Contributing Writer

The Macon County School Board has chosen Rachel Alford, a Union Academy (UA) math teacher, as the "Teacher of the Year."

Alford has been teaching for four years. Although she is certified in math, she also teaches character education along with facilitating drama and film clubs. Before teaching at UA, Alford taught grades 7-9 for a short time at Blue Ridge Early College, while another teacher was out on maternity leave. Following that time at Blue Ridge, she was an interim teacher at Franklin High School (FHS).

"Union Academy was not my initial decision regarding where to teach," said Alford. "I had a teaching job lined up in Orlando [Fla.], and interviewed for Union on a whim, with no intention of taking the job. Not even 30 minutes later, I took it. It was something I felt led to do, and I haven't regretted a single day since. I love a good challenge; if I could teach at Union, I could teach anywhere. Union is an unimaginably wonderful place to work. We have an incredible administration and staff, and the teamwork is unlike any place I've ever seen. I absolutely love my job."

As far as returning to the classroom this

August, Alford explained, "I prefer to look at everything as a new challenge and opportunity. It's definitely a new frontier, but that doesn't mean it isn't worthwhile. I've treated every day since March like a workday and have worked diligently on updating lessons, delivering meals, monitoring students, and refining my classroom. A teacher's work is never finished, and there are never enough hours in the day to get it done, so I prefer to look at this time as a blessing. However, I am beyond excited to get back in the classroom and see my students again. A teacher without students is like a set of lungs without air - without them, I have no purpose. Now, if only I could say they feel the same way about me!"

Alford considers her highest accomplishments to be her children.

"As schmaltzy as it is ... When they succeed, I succeed; their accomplishments are my own. Those students who enter my class sullen and argumentative, determined to drop out and refusing to work, only to find themselves blossoming at Union Academy are an accomplishment. When they graduate two



Rachel Alford

years later, when their grades rise, when all the love and hard work we invest in them pays off, it's incredible."

She also pointed out that she is "overwhelmingly proud" that she obtained her school bus license. "I will tell everyone I know I'm a Class B driver any chance I get. And I'm a far better driver than anyone will ever give me credit."

Alford admitted that she still faces some challenges in her career, as do all teachers.

"When I first started teaching, my largest challenge was easily classroom management. It's an absolute beast. It's something you can't learn from a textbook or a class - only from raw experience. You have to commit to learning it, which is difficult because the skill runs primarily on intuition. Fortunately, every year I improve, and I've grown to enjoy the struggle. There are always challenges, with any career. My largest hurdle at the moment is time. I have grandiose ideas, but I'm a slow worker and a perfectionist. It's a gnarly combination."

Alford does have some advice for beginning teachers. Primarily, "to give a person knowledge is to give them power. Learning is the vehicle in which to improve one's life, and the job of the teacher shouldn't be taken lightly. We are facilitators of this knowledge. It takes a lot of hard work and determination - just as everything worthwhile in life - but the only way to fail is to give up. As I tell my students, if you want to change your life then the first step is to see education as a gift. Use it."

On a personal level, Alford has three cats and a dog, and she is involved in away-from-teaching pursuits. Her love for the theatre is top of her list. She performs with the Overlook Theatre Company and enjoys several facets of theatre, such as acting, dancing, singing, makeup, and costumes. She also enjoys reading and writing when there is time, which she says "is a rarity." Plus, Alford loves to travel and thrives on taking off on her own to explore foreign countries for a week during the summer.

She moved to Macon County from New Jersey when she was five years old after her father retired from the Air Force. She graduated from FHS in 2008 and received her bachelor of arts degree in theater from Western Carolina University in 2012; in 2015 she received her bachelor of science degree in math and BSEd in mathematics.

One of Alford's aspirations is to become a National Board Certified teacher. However, in the near future she sees herself becoming certified to teach theatre and French. This would give her students more electives to take as well as the opportunity to learn a foreign language, which improves their chances of getting into a four-year college. In the next 20 years however, she hopes to obtain her master's degree and Ph.D. in education. She also anticipates teaching abroad for a year and spending time observing different educational systems around the world.

"I'm ecstatic and humbled to be Macon County's Teacher of the Year, and I can't wait for what the future holds," Alford concluded.

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Town of Franklin denies permit for Oct. 17 'freedom rally' event

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

When news broke that the town of Franklin canceled plans for the 24th annual PumpkinFest, residents in Macon County sprang into action in an attempt to plan a privately hosted event. John Williams filed a permit with the town of Franklin to host a “PumpkinFest Freedom Rally/Event” the day after the announcement to cancel PumpkinFest was made with the town of Franklin.

The permit noted the event would be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Oct. 17, the original day scheduled for PumpkinFest. Williams’ permit was denied by the town and according to a letter sent to Williams from Franklin Town Attorney John Henning, the permit was denied because the space requested, the gazebo on Main Street, is already reserved by the town of Franklin, which plans to provide alternative options to PumpkinFest.

The permit also stated the denial was based on a lack of resources. Williams intended to host a pumpkin roll down Phillips Street, locally known as Frog-town, which Henning explained, “safely conducting the activities of Pumpkinfest requires substantial commitment of town resources, and that is the case whether the town is hosting it or private individuals are.

The town would therefore not permit the closing of Phillips St.”

PumpkinFest is a town-sponsored event which is funded, coordinated and organized by the town of Franklin, and attracts 8,000 people to Franklin each year. The town council canceled this year’s event due to safety precautions surrounding COVID19. Gov. Roy Cooper’s current executive order also prohibits outdoor mass gatherings of more than 25 – another factor taken into account by the town.

Williams, and other town residents, raised the question as to why PumpkinFest is prohibited when events such as Black Live Matter Protests, Back the Blue rallies, campaign events, or last weekend’s gem show are permitted.

“It’s hard to fathom why the festival was cancelled while simultaneously being replaced with another event,” Williams said of the town’s plan to provide alternative activities downtown to replace PumpkinFest. “No one is forced to go out to any events and all safety precautions of previous ‘rallies’ would be honored. It almost feels like an attack on the families of Franklin. People from out of town can march with flags for socialism but our children can’t roll a pumpkin down the hill?”

The gem show was permitted because it is considered a retail event, which is allowed under the governor’s executive order. It was also held on private property and did not require permission or permits from either the

town or county.

Parades, protests, marches, or rallies are permitted to be held by private groups because they are protected under the First Amendment of the Constitution. Although the First Amendment protects the exercise of free speech, expression, and the right to peacefully assemble – those activities are not blanketly approved. It is within the town’s legal guidance to restrict such activities to a specific location or a time to address safety concerns or other considerations.

In Henning’s response to Williams he recommended considering using the space located on the Courthouse Plaza for any free speech exercise Williams wanted to hold on that day – which would not require a permit from the town, but would need to be cleared by the county.

While Williams’ request to hold an event was denied, a private Facebook group, Soli-

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– John Williams, Franklin resident

arity of WNC, is promoting a “Black Lives Matter Candlelight Vigil” Friday night at the Gazebo in Franklin from 8 to 9:30. Solidarity of WNC has hosted two similar events in Franklin and several in Jackson County. Event details say the event will be hosted at the Gazebo and encourages participants to bring their own candles, offerings such as notes or small jujus for the memorial altar and signs to display. The event is promoted as a silent vigil and peaceful space “for folks to gather, while respecting the families of loved ones lost and individuals whose own traumas that will be present in the space.”

According to Franklin Mayor Bob Scott however, a permit has not been issued by the town for such as event.

“We are attempting to plan around the town’s fall celebration to plan a family event this year,” said Sarah Shiner who is helping Williams plan the PumpkinFest Freedom Rally event. “While other shops are doing their own celebrations and openings, I’m at a loss in thought of why we are being denied for our freedom rally. The funds are there even though they’re being used for the ‘hometown fall on main.’ This event stimulates our town’s economy each year. I’m disappointed in our leadership in this town, Covid or no Covid. No one is forced to come out to any events. Masks and social distancing will be required. I hope to see you on the square or wherever we decide to have pumpkin-fest this year.”



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Macon experiences mild tremors from earthquake

Brittney Lofthouse – Staff Writer

Macon County was rattled Sunday morning when a 5.1 magnitude earthquake in Alleghany County, North Carolina, hit just after 8 a.m. The United States Geological Survey (USGS) reported the 5.1 magnitude earthquake occurred near Sparta, N.C., around 8:07 a.m., but the one felt in Macon County wasn't the first of the morning. Sparta also experienced a 2.6 magnitude earthquake just before 2 a.m.

Sunday morning's earthquake was one for the history books, as the USGS reported that it was the strongest earthquake on record for North Carolina in 107 years with the last one occurring in 1916.

Residents from Macon County and all throughout North Carolina reported feeling tremors from the earthquake with dishes rattling in cupboards and objects falling. From the hundreds of reports being made to the USGS, the quake was also felt in much of South Carolina, Virginia, eastern Kentucky and Tennessee, southern West Virginia, and northern Georgia. People reported feeling a light shake even as far as Maryland and Washington D.C., mainly from the upper floors of tall buildings where the shaking motion is more apparent.

The quake being very shallow at 3.7 km depth, it was



Governor Cooper visited Sparta on Tuesday to survey the damage caused by Sunday's earthquake.
Photo provided

1,800 population town. Broken glass, cracks in walls and ceilings, objects falling from shelves, and collapsed chimneys were reported from the quake. The USGS also shared photos from roads in Sparta cracked to the foundation in several areas.

As expected, at least five smaller earthquakes, known as aftershocks, have been reported in the nearby area since Sunday's 5.1 magnitude earthquake near Sparta.

Three of these earthquakes were reported Monday morning. According to the USGS forecast, over the next week, there is a 1% chance of one or more aftershocks that are larger than magnitude 5.1. It is likely that there will be smaller earthquakes over the next week, with 0 to 4 magnitude, 3 or higher aftershocks. Magnitude 3 and above are large enough to be felt near the epicenter. The number of aftershocks will drop off over time, but a large aftershock can increase the numbers again, temporarily.

Earthquakes reported since Sunday include: 1.8 magnitude earthquake at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, five miles from Sparta.

1.7 magnitude earthquake at 11:58 a.m. Sunday, three miles from Sparta.

2.0 magnitude earthquake at 2:05 a.m. Monday, about three miles from Sparta.

2.2 magnitude earthquake at 4:43 a.m. Monday, about three miles from Sparta.

2.2 magnitude earthquake at 7:10 a.m. Monday, four miles from Sparta.



clearly and in parts strongly felt in an area of 15-20 miles around the epicenter but as light to moderate shaking in all of North Carolina as well as areas of the surrounding states.

Residents in Sparta got the brunt of the damage, with a power outage being reported that affected parts of the small

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The premise for this decision was based on the fact that accommodations for 30 students in a specific class, can now allow students to spill over to another class that would normally have been full if two grades were on campus together. This would allow more teachers to accommodate overflow groups and could allow the cafeteria to become operational to students.

Macon County School Board Chairman Jim Breedlove, made a motion to go with this plan for the first two weeks of school and then re-evaluate the decision during the Sept. 7 complete remote week for all students. The board feels that the three weeks will give FHS the ability to consider all factors in hopes to move to two days per week instruction.

On a positive note, Josh Lynch, Title 1 and K-12 Curriculum Director, stated that the Summer Jump Start Program was a success. Many of the students enrolled in the program made some learning gains. The social distancing on the busses worked as did the cleaning logistics, in order to make sure students were safe.

Another issue discussed by the board was that of child care on the days that students were not in school. Both parents and staff are in need of child care on those days. The board is working with churches and other community partners to try to offer some type of child care. Staff will be eligible for childcare if they work full time.

"We can't have a perfect plan at this time and we are doing the best we can do, we want folks to know that," said Breedlove. He also stated that the media will do a good job of explaining exactly what we're up against in this constantly evolving situation.

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Franklin roundabouts: Three down, one to go

Brittney Lofthouse
Contributing Writer

Drivers in Franklin Monday morning were met with a new traffic pattern as the roundabout at the intersection of US 441 and Maple Street was opened to motorists. The grading work was completed around the roundabout over the weekend, the last step in opening it for traffic.

The road is still congested, as construction of the roundabout at the intersection of US 441, Wayah Street, and Porter Street is in full swing. The road is reduced to one lane as the truck apron and a steel-enforced wall along the new alignment of Porter Street is being finished.

The Franklin Town Council voted to allocate Powell Bill funding to complete the sidewalk along the route once the roundabout is complete, which will connect the sidewalk up Porter Street to the end of the NCDOT project along the section going up towards Hillcrest Ave.

Council Member David Culpepper requested the town



The roundabout at the intersection of US 441 and Maple Street is now open for business.

continue to focus on the sidewalks in the area as the development of commercial space adjacent to the Maple Street roundabout will lend itself to an ideal sidewalk connector for pedestrians. Town Manager Summer Woodard said that portion of sidewalk is being planned once the area is further developed.

While contractors are finishing up the roundabouts in town, NCDOT is waiting for dry weather to evaluate a sinkhole in the middle of Highlands Road. Mark Hill with NCDOT said that the orange cones in the left lane are a safety measure due to the sinkhole forming near Bellview Road.

"There is a small sink hole located in the travel lane that is coned off," said Hill. "We are working with Roadside Environmental and the Town of Franklin to determine if the root cause of the issue is a leaking waterline or a natural spring that has developed due to the excessive rains that we have received."

According to Hill, in order to determine the cause, a chlorine test needs to be conducted but because of the rains, DOT does not want to test a diluted sample since it may provide false results.



The final roundabout is under construction and is located within sight of the Maple Street roundabout. The sidewalks are also being reconstructed. Photos by Vickie Carpenter

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had travelled down through the woods toward Old Murphy Road and Warren Cabe saw an individual matching the description of the suspect in a yard and called it in. We were right there in the area with a heavy law enforcement presence, so we were on top of him very quickly."

Initial reports stated that two individuals were involved in the chase, but according to Holland, it was determined that it was likely only one person was involved.

"When the vehicle was found after the chase, there were a lot of items in the passenger seat of the vehicle," said Holland. "That made us believe that in fact, there was only one person in the vehicle. We maintained officers both from the Sheriff's Office and the Franklin PD in that area throughout the night. We received no more complaints, no more information coming in of any sightings of any kind, so we tend

to believe that more than likely, he was the only individual."

A Franklin Police Department Officer also later confirmed that when he responded to assist the highway patrol on Cowee Mountain, he only observed one person in the stolen vehicle.

"While being transported to jail, Mr. Faulk told deputies that his friend had been hospitalized in Gatlinburg and his friend's car was out of gas," said Holland. "The suspect also said he found a van with the keys in it and needed a ride so he stole the van."

Faulk was arrested and booked into the Macon County Detention Center for speeding, reckless driving to endanger, no operator's license, fail to heed lights and sirens, possession of a stolen automobile, and flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle.

The Macon County Sheriff's Office, the Franklin Police Department, and the North Carolina Highway Patrol were all involved in the search and apprehension of the suspect.

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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor - Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

I've had a bird problem. It started last summer when I went to fire my large gas kiln. After loading the kiln, I turned to access a small shed where I keep some 75 firebrick that make up the door to the kiln. The bricks are stacked to enclose the kiln opening before firing.

As I began the stacking process, I realized I had failed to close the doors to the shed since the last firing. And there in the upper shelf where I store gloves, insulation and other materials, a Carolina Wren had built a nest and was staring me in the face as if to say, what are you doing here, can't you see I'm busy? We found an accommodation and the bird parents raised their baby birds as I would carefully retrieve my firebricks to fire my kiln several times in their process. After the birds flew the coop, I remembered to keep the shed doors closed.

It wasn't over. About a month ago I was working in my studio making coffee mugs. The front door was open and a Carolina Wren flew in, probably the same bird. I stopped my work and helped the bird find its way out. I did that a couple of times. Later in the afternoon I returned to the studio to find the bird had brought in twigs, leaves and even moss and placed them in plies on a shelf next to my electric kiln. The shelf is just inside the studio door.

I grabbed the mess they were making and threw it outside and shouted to the birds to go away. I thought that was the end of it. I didn't return to my studio for a couple of days, but when I did, I discovered a beautiful domed nest in a plastic box of supplies. I realized then that I was an unwilling participant of another Carolina Wren breeding and hatching season. Sure enough a couple of days later, the Wren was sitting on the nest looking at me as if to say, go about your business and I will do mine.

She sat there for days as I gingerly came and went from my studio. Then one evening I saw three fuzzy, yellow-beaked chicks staring at me as if I were a parent bringing them food.

For about a week, if I was working in my studio, the wrens would make a fussing noise outside my front door when they wanted to feed their babies. I would stop my work and go to the back room where she could not see me. It took a moment for her to feed her chicks, and then I could return to work.

One afternoon this past week I was working in the studio and heard a commotion and noticed the wren parents and fuzzy chicks hopping and chirping around the studio. I knew the drill, I had to leave while the parents coaxed their youngsters to fly away. I left the studio for a day. When I returned, the nest was empty and the chicks had flown the coop.

This experience reminds me that we live in a beautiful, yet shared environment. Let's not forget that our actions; building, cutting trees, moving about, etc. do impact other living creatures. This plateau is not just for us humans, it's for all the marvelous plants and animals. After all, that is what makes it so unique and special.

I will continue to keep my doors open.

Letters to the Editor

Extra-scientific factors over-riding clear-cut evidence

In our polarized political environment, many liberals simply will not listen to stories reported in Breitbart or on Fox News.

But will they sit still for a supremely important story reported in the July 23 issue of Newsweek? Harvey A. Risch, M.D. and Ph.D. at the Yale School of Public Health, was given the floor and boy did he have a message to deliver!

His title: "The Key to Defeating Covid-19 Already Exists. We Need to Start Using It." His "key," as most (frustrated) conservatives know by now: HCQ (hydroxychloroquine), zinc (dirt cheap over-the-counter), and either or both of the antibiotics azithromycin or doxycycline.

Dr. Risch holds senior positions on the editorial boards of several of the world's leading medical journals. He has authored over 300 peer-reviewed studies. Way back on May 27, the *American Journal of Epidemiology* (AJE) came out with his blockbuster survey of evidence from around the world showing why HCQ must be made freely available in America without delay.

In the Brazilian state of Para, for example, Covid-19 deaths were going through the roof until mass distribution of HCQ began in April. By late May, the death rate was a small fraction of what it had been.

Since Dr. Risch's May survey article, new evidence has continued to pour in. In Switzerland, HCQ was banned on May 27 and by June 10 Covid-19 deaths had suddenly quadrupled. On June 11, the Swiss revoked their deadly ban and by June 23 the death rate had fallen back to its previous low level.

In AmericanThinker.com on July 21, Vijay Jayaraj reported even more astounding evidence from his native India. The super-slum called Dharavi, scene of the hit movie "Slumdog Millionaire," where people are packed like sardines – at nearly seven times the density of New York City, despite few skyscrapers – Covid-19 started to run wild in April. But by July it was nearly history. How? By the mass prophylactic (that is, preventive) use of HCQ for "anyone with the slightest chance of contracting Covid-19."

The ever-pragmatic Swiss took exactly 15 days to recognize their tragic blunder and reverse course. But in today's USA, things just don't work that way.

Why? Dr. Risch again: Trump's early and enthusiastic advocacy of this particular drug caused liberal state medical boards, in many cases, to actually forbid pharmacists from giving it to doctors requesting it for off-label use. (On-label use being only for rheumatoid arthritis, lupus, and travel to malaria-infested countries.) Revocation of medical licenses has been threatened.

Yet India has helpfully exported tons of HCQ to the US and Canada over recent months – now sitting mostly unused

in warehouses.

Dr. Risch soberly states, "In the future, I believe this misbegotten episode regarding hydroxychloroquine will be studied by sociologists of medicine as a classic example of how extra-scientific factors overrode clear-cut medical evidence... We must start treating immediately."

This, and more, may be read in *Newsweek*, not Breitbart, my liberal friends.

Patrick Wallace – Franklin, N.C.

Virtual party raises \$7,000 for Shriners hospital

This year's 80's Flashback Weekend: Always The First Weekend Of August was different. Thanks to 2020's most unwelcome guest (COVID19) we had to do a few changes to the fun. We debated about canceling, we debated about what we can do but in the end we knew we had to do it for the children. We agreed to host "Totally Awesome 80's Virtual Party" on Saturday Aug. 1, through Facebook. The virtual fundraiser raised over \$7,000 for the Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children.

We know it is not the greatest amount or our set goal for 2020 but the amount we raised will be enough to help a child or children become HANDICAPABLE.

2021 will be here soon and we will begin to look to the good times of celebrating the great things in our lives and we may not celebrate them like we once did but we will enjoy them again.

One of those good times will be the 80's Flashback Weekend Aug. 6 and 7 in the Franklin area or the first ever Miss 1980 Something 2021 Pageant (18+years old) on July 31.

We will make it through this challenging time and we will be doing all the fun things soon but for now we must pray, think positive, social distance ourselves, wear a mask, wash our hands (24/7), give lots of "air hugs and air fives," be a friend to your neighbors in need and most of all we gotta be America – the greatest nation that protects and helps no matter who you are.

Stay safe! We got this.

Dave Linn – Franklin, N.C.

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America needs a rectification of names

“The Constitution is not a suicide pact” is a quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln as he defended himself against charges of unconstitutionality when he suspended habeas corpus during the Civil War. Now, with protests gone bad throughout many cities in the country, there arose protests against the violence which got the mainstream press into action. Not to condemn the violence, mind you. It was to lecture us about how important it is to have first amendment freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, etc. for redress of grievances. I don’t see anyone trying to abridge these freedoms in this context. The Constitution is well able to ensure these freedoms without allowing matters to devolve into chaos. When Confucius was asked what he would do as governor, he said he would rectify the names, to make words correspond to reality. What we need in America today is a rectification of names.

Peaceful protests do not “intensify,” they become RIOTS. When riots have the avowed purpose of overthrowing the government, it is called an INSURRECTION. We must be able to make critical distinctions and to calibrate responses accordingly. It doesn’t help having to swim up the stream of lies and half-truths we are flooded with by our cultural word-smiths. The media doesn’t like the term Enemy of the People hung on them but they have worked hard to earn it by their journalistic malpractice of using words that mischaracterize, obscure the truth, or refuse to report the news at all.

Another big thing today is anti-racism, as if it has just been discovered. That’s another misnomer. Today’s anti-racism is just warmed over, repackaged, old-fashioned racism. It is lipstick on a pig. Non-white people can be as racist as any white and whites who try to divest themselves of racism by hating themselves and denigrating other whites based on their DNA are only demonstrating their racism. Why can’t we look at people as people, people? This was, after all, the hope and promise of the civil rights movement but it has since degenerated into stupidity. The only real civil rights leaders we have are those who are seldom recognized or maybe called Uncle Toms for their trouble when they try to point out some inconvenient truths.

A recent American Cancer Society update on guidelines for cancer screening said that people with a cervix should get screened for cervical cancer. Pardon me while I scream. What happened to WOMEN?? This is insane! This only scratches the surface of the bastardization of language that occurs all around us. Be aware, don’t get fooled. Rectify the names! Or just call a spade a spade.

David Parker – Franklin, N.C.

To defund and reallocate police budgets?

Wouldn’t it be nice if society was structured and individuals were sensible enough that the police were not needed to keep human behavior respectful of the common good; that the police didn’t need to use weapons; and society didn’t feel it needed so many police. These seem to be worthwhile goals. However, most of us feel there is a reasonable argument for giving police the right and power to enforce laws. Hopefully, these laws are created for the common good and ensure a fair opportunity at life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

The phrase “Defund the Police” does not, by itself, convey a reasonable approach to the joint problems of management of bad human behavior and governmental intrusion into the lives of the people. The issue of law enforcement can be viewed as a balance between apprehension and punishment of law breakers and/or decreasing the incidence of law breaking.

There is an argument for ways to align the rules so that more human behavior conforms with “the common good.”

The police should need to use less force and weapons if this were true. Also, there could be ways of restructuring law enforcement so that it is not necessary to put so many people in harm’s way. The belief is that decreasing law breaking activity, and de-escalating potentially dangerous situations, would be more useful at reaching these goals than adding to the numbers or authority of the police.

The practical consequences are that some funding directed for law enforcement be reallocated to social services, youth services, public transit, accessible housing, education, healthcare (including mental health and drug use intervention), domestic abuse intervention, and other community resources. The criminalization of behaviors in these categories put police in the position of having to intervene in situations for which they are not the best trained and results in increased danger to them and the participant. Having other resources available instead of, or in addition to, law enforcement, such as mental health professionals or social workers, could lead to de-escalation because the person responding is not there to put the disturbing or disturbed person in jail or handcuffs. Of course, if there is violence or property damage involved law enforcement may be needed.

How much to reallocate and where the funds could be best used are subjects for further discussion and continuing re-evaluation.

Clark Shope – Franklin, N.C.

The responsibility and choice is yours

I have a question for my fellow citizens: What if you were given the choice between living in a home run by a landlord you disliked or maybe even hated, or having your home taken away right from under you? I wonder how many of you would choose the latter. I ask this because when it comes down to the wire, this is the choice we will ultimately have to make on Nov. 3.

While some Americans and the dishonest mainstream media are arguing loudly about how awful our president is or how he will destroy our country, etc., the far left is in the very process of undermining our country altogether. Want proof? Let’s take a peek, for example, at what is happening in New York City as you are reading this: Per Bill O’Reilly and his excellent research team:

“New York City has had more shootings this year than all of last year and there are still five months to go.

“And real estate prices, rents and sales, are at their lowest level since 2011...

“Violent crime is exploding, the subways are dangerous and inhabited by aggressive homeless people, who often use the train stations as toilets. Grossed out? Nobody will stop it ...

“In addition, drug addicts sit in parks openly injecting narcotics and there is little authority on the streets ... as the 35,000-person police force has been demonized and demoralized by the mayor and city council.

“Want more? Many crimes are ignored by DA Cy Vance, and in the unlikely case a criminal is apprehended, there is usually no bail ... The Sinatra song says, ‘start spreading the news, I’m leaving today.’ Yup, millions of New Yorkers are doing just that. This is a disaster that no one can deny.”

In other Democratic run cities such as Phoenix, Portland, and Seattle, we see the violent protests continuing on, now over 70 days, destroying property and lives, spewing hatred, setting fires and hurling rocks and bottles, with no end in sight, and no effort on the part of mayors or governors to stop it while preventing the police from controlling it. This isn’t peaceful and it isn’t about caring for black lives. The Black Lives Matters Global Foundation organization is run by three Marxists whose goal is the takeover of our country and the destruction of our way of life. They say it out loud. With the help of the Media and Twitter we

now have the “cancel culture.” If you don’t agree with them you are marked a “racist” and torn apart. Their fear tactics are working, just as they did in Nazi Germany decades ago.

Bottom Line: If Biden wins this election, he will be the Left’s puppet. He has embraced their agenda and has admitted to radical change in America under his watch. We will have absolute chaos as police protection is dismantled and socialism replaces democracy. Personal possessions will be at the mercy of the government who will control every aspect of our lives. The writing is on the wall, “by their fruits you will know them” and we are seeing those fruits in broad daylight.

On the other hand, we have a president who is tough, who loves this country no matter how distasteful he may come across to you. In his three years in office he has cut government over-regulation resulting in economic, employment and wage growth including record Black, Hispanic and women’s employment; businesses coming home from overseas; the terrorists dismantled; trade agreements improved. He rebuilt the military, reformed the Veterans Administration and we now are energy independent. You won’t hear him get a shred of credit from the media whose agenda is to defeat him at all costs, even to sacrifice our Democracy in the process. He is our only hope now to keep our Democracy intact.

Back to my original question: Will you vote to preserve our Democracy under a person you don’t like (but who has advanced many positive goals during his administration) OR will you allow the radical left, who has hijacked the Democratic party, to undermine our country and turn us into a socialist disaster? The responsibility and the choice is yours.

Loretta Hastings – Franklin, N.C.

Local law enforcement doing an incredible job

The public needs to know that our law enforcement are heroes everyday. They put their lives on the line for us without reservation. We will never forget all they have done for us and our neighbors.

We have had a problem “neighborhood nuisance” house up the hill from us for over a year, on and off, based on drug activity, increased traffic and the general appearance of multiple “sketchy” individuals coming and going at all hours of the day and night. We first contacted the inhabitant of the residence, and asked what was going on. We were told he just had a lot of friends visiting him. What was actually happening was that he was renting out his house to drug traffickers and using it as a safe house for users.

We contacted the Sheriff Department and expressed our concerns to Detective Josh Stewart and he and his officers proceeded to investigate our situation. They went above and beyond for us and our neighbors and have succeeded in multiple arrests and have stopped this activity at the house.

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Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School graduates 84

Graduates from the Class of 2020 walked across the stage Sunday, Aug. 9, in a socially distanced outdoor ceremony. Members of the Class of 2020 hail from across the nation and globe, representing 20 countries and eight U.S. states.



Members of the Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School Class of 2020 celebrate during graduation on Sunday, Aug. 9. Pictured from left are D'Amara Serjan of Franklin, Victoria Cochran of Clarkesville, Ga., and Simon Park of Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. David C. Brown gave the baccalaureate speech with a challenge for the graduates to use the perspective gained during the pandemic to see the world with "2020 vision" and make a difference.

Nathan Williams of Dominica was the student speaker and focused his remarks on inspiring students to be authentic and chart your own course to redefine what it means to be the best. Anna Catharine McMullen of Highlands, was named valedictorian with the highest GPA in the class. She will attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Addressing the graduates, Head of School Jeff Miles said, "Class of 2020, we are bound together in a way that I will always treasure and never forget. Your final year was my first,

and I will be forever grateful to you for your leadership, your talent, your humor, your humility, and most importantly your adaptability. I could not have asked for more. Your leadership as a class has been remarkable, and despite the interruption that hijacked the spring of your senior year, you set a bar against which all future senior classes will be measured."

Sarah Futral of Highlands, and John Bonney of Brooklyn, N.Y., received The Crystal Eagle Award, the highest award given to Rabun Gap seniors, honoring outstanding service in campus and community life.

Senior class president Matthew Campbell of Highlands,

delivered the Prayers of the Class of 2020 and was thanked for his leadership that kept the class together during the spring. Chaplain Mary Demmler gave the scripture reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.



Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School unveiled The Class of 2020 Plaza during graduation on Aug. 9 in honor of the Class of 2020's resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School seniors John Bonney of Brooklyn, N.Y., and Sarah Futral of Highlands received The Crystal Eagle Award during commencement on Aug. 9, from Head of School Jeff Miles.

Chaplain Mary Demmler gave the scripture reading from Ecclesiastes 3:1-8.

"It was gratifying to see the Class of 2020 return to campus for a safe in-person graduation," said Miles. "The joy and excitement of each graduate was overwhelming and so deserved. In addition to receiving their diplomas, we also honored them with the newest addition to our campus, the Class of 2020 Tribute Wall, which will honor the Class of 2020 for their resilience and remarkable leadership for years to come."

The Class of 2020 Tribute Wall includes bronze plaques listing every member of the graduating class and is located alongside the bronze statues of the school's founders, Andrew Jackson Ritchie and Addie Corn Ritchie.

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Cowee School seeks input for new Cherokee Exhibit

The Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center is creating an exhibit for the Cherokee Room, to tell the story of Cherokee people at Cowee and in the Little Tennessee River Valley. The school is seeking input from the public about the exhibit.

"This is a place for the Cherokees to tell their story," said Stacy Guffey, director of the Center. "And this story is part of who we are in Cowee, for the more than 100 enrolled members of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who live in Macon County as well as for the local families with Cherokee ancestry."

Cherokee people and their ancestors have lived in Macon County for more than 14,000 years, but were forced to give up their land here in the Treaty of 1819. The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians purchased Cowee Mound in 2007 and the Hall Mountain tract next to it in 2010. Their history and culture are an important part of the National Historic District at Cowee, along with African-American history at Snow Hill Church and Anglo-American settler history in the area.

"We get a lot of questions from visitors about daily life at Cowee before European contact," said Guffey. He notes that Cherokee and English language will be used in all materials, in order to help with revitalization efforts for Cherokee, which is an endangered language.

In addition to welcoming ideas and input for the exhibit, Cowee School invites community members to consider loaning artifacts in private collections from the Cowee area. There is no law against picking up artifacts on private, county, or state land, and any collections would remain the property of the owners.

Barbara R. Duncan, former Education Director at the Museum of the Cherokee Indian, is coordinating plans for the exhibit, which has been funded by the Cherokee Preservation Foundation.

The deadline to share input with the school is August 25. Send email to: maconheritagecenter@gmail.com. Send comments by regular mail to Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center, 51 Cowee School Drive, Franklin NC 28734. The Cowee Arts and Heritage Center is a non-profit organization supported by the North Carolina Arts Council, Macon County, the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, and donations from individuals. Find out more at www.coweeschool.org



Club honors Sen. Davis

Senator Jim Davis, of Franklin, was recently honored by the Gem Country Republican Women's Club. As the guest speaker at the club meeting, Davis briefly reviewed the highlights of his time in the legislature. On behalf of the club members, president Linda Herman presented Davis with a Certificate of Appreciation for his 10 years of service in the N.C. Senate. Davis said he is sad to be retiring in December, but is looking forward to more family time and dentistry time.

Duke halts aerial spraying

Due to concerns from residents across Western North Carolina, Duke Energy says they will temporarily suspend the use of helicopters to apply herbicide along power lines.

"We know how important communications are for customers and communities and recognize there are opportunities for improvement in sharing information," said Meghan Miles with Duke Energy's Communication team. "We're committed to improving our communications to property owners and have paused work as we adapt our communications with impacted property owners moving forward."

Helicopters had been spotted in the area recently and Duke confirmed its aerial herbicide program and anticipated the work to continue into September. However, property owners voiced concerns about the lack of notification and the potential impact on their property, which resulted in the operation being suspended while Duke works to better communicate their program.

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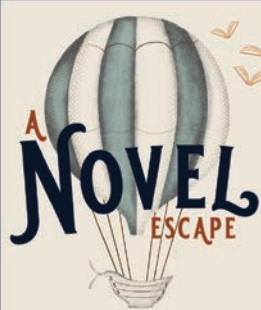
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Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests August 1 - 9. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

August 1

Keshia Bowling, was charged with larceny by an employee. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

August 3

Todd Jay Parrish, was charged with obtaining property by false pretenses, injury to real property, obtaining property, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a place for a controlled substance. William R. Younce made the arrest.

Weston Darwin Lawrence, was charged with possession with intent to sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William R. Younce made the arrest.

Valerie Sue Bierlein, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William R. Younce made the arrest.

George Lewis Bell, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. William R. Younce made the arrest.

Dustin Edward Harvey, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Marissa Shook, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon, communicating threats, assault on another person in the presence of a minor, larceny of a motor vehicle. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

August 4

Ian Sloan Nixon, was charged with failure to appear, probation violation, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer.

Sherllie Polo, was charged with obtaining property by false pretenses. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

August 5

Jesse Daniel Justus, was issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. Garrett D. Hovis made the arrest.

William Lee Swanson, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, injury to real property, first degree trespass enter/remain, break or enter a motor vehicle.

Christina Melissa Phillips, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver marijuana. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

August 6

John Allen Spitzer, was charged with failure to appear for reckless driving to endanger. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

August 7

Kirk Daniel McPhail, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Lindsey Erdman, was issued warrant service for offenses committed in jurisdiction.

August 8

John Cody Rosser Sanfilippo, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made

the arrest.

Axel Anguiano-Magarna, was charged with trafficking in methamphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Brendan Makenzie Williamson, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, maintaining a place for a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of a schedule I controlled substance. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

August 9

Danelle Kay Jimenez, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of a controlled substance prison/jail premises, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substance. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Efrain Gallardo Guzman, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, flee/elude arrest, maintaining a vehicle for a controlled substances. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Rebecca Jean Dills, was charged with felonious larceny. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Maigyn Matteson, was charged with failure to appear. Adrian L. Mace

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

August 3

Crystal Beth Arkansas, 38, of Ruth Sneed Lane, Cherokee, was charged with trespass of real property, resist/obstruct and delay, intoxicated and disruptive. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

August 4

Emily Nicole Johnson, 45, of Secret Meadow Lane, Whittier, was charged with simple assault. No bond was set.

William Leroy Wright, 40, of Blue Wing Rd., Cherokee, was charged with larceny after breaking and entering. An unsecured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Randy Dwayne Stacey, 57, of Whittier, was charged with breaking and entering non forcible. No bond was set.

August 5

Brittany Hope Woodring, 30, of Marion Forest Rd., was charged with simple assault. No bond was set.

Daniel Joseph Conner, 59, of Hayfield Dr., was charged with domestic violence protective order violation. No bond was set.

Ronnie Steven Swisher, 23, of Hilltop Lane, Tuckasegee, was charged with first degree trespass. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

August 6

Jonathan Michah Maney, 38, of Wolftown Rd., Cherokee, was charged with indecent liberties, statutory rape of a child by an adult. A secured bond of \$645,000 was set.

David Ray Sims, 45, of Grassy Creek Rd., Tuckasegee, was charged with possession of stolen goods. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

Amber Nicole Simon, 26, of Coppermine Court, Tuckasegee, was charged with resist/delay/obstruct, misdemeanor larceny, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Amanda Lee Mezyk, 31, of Glenville, was charged with second degree trespass. No bond was set.

August 8

David Joe Melton, 22, of Cullowhee, was charged with discharge firearm inside of city limits, resist/obstruct/delay. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

David Joe Melton, 22, of Cullowhee, was charged with second degree trespass. An unsecured bond of \$100 was set.

August 9

Carley Brianna Coutu, 19, of Barlow Court, Tuckasegee, was charged with simple assault. No bond was set.

Daniel Rodriguez Martinez, 33, of Barlow Court, Tuckasegee, was charged with simple assault. No bond was set.

Joshua Clifford Marks, 41, of Nutmeg Lane, was charged with assault on a female. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

Kevin Harvick sweeps Michigan and gets 55th career Cup win

Holly Cain – NASCAR Wire Service

Kevin Harvick's victory in Sunday's Consumers Energy 400 at Michigan International Speedway gave the No. 4 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford team a weekend race sweep and a whole lot of momentum as the NASCAR Cup Series closes out its regular season schedule at the end of this month.

Harvick's win is a series-best sixth of the season and 55th of his career – placing the 44-year old Californian 10th on the NASCAR Cup Series all-time wins list tied with NASCAR Hall of Famer Rusty Wallace. And Sunday marked the first time since 1971 (Richard Petty) a driver has won back-to-back NASCAR Cup Series races on back-to-back days.

It was the fourth win in the last five Michigan races for Harvick and his weekend double earned the prestigious Heritage Trophy for Ford Motor Company – honoring the weekend's top make in America's auto manufacturer's backyard.

Harvick was able to pull away from the field on a restart with 30 laps remaining but had to hold off a charging Denny Hamlin in a duel between the series two winningest drivers in the final handful of laps. Ultimately Harvick took a .093-second win over Hamlin.

"That was a big challenge," Harvick acknowledged of the final lap contest with Hamlin.

"When you look at my team, we've been together going on seven years now and you look at the confidence everyone has in each other, the details of the race cars, everything that goes into everything that we do, that's untouchable," Harvick said of his team. "That's what it takes, details to make these race cars go fast."

Hamlin's Joe Gibbs Racing teammates Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch finished third and fourth followed by Team Penske's Joey Logano. Harvick's teammate Aric Almirola was sixth. Matt DiBenedetto, Austin Dillon, Chase Elliott and Kurt Busch rounded out the top 10.

Hamlin, a five-race winner in 2020, climbed out of his No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota disappointed in the outcome, but well aware that the head-to-head battle between his team and Harvick's was foreshadowing an exciting season championship contest.

"Once we finally got to second, I knew we had something for them," Hamlin said. "I just got stalled there ... but he just had the

track position and could control the lanes there."

Of the tight championship race, Hamlin said, "Proud of this FedEx team, just hate giving up wins to the No. 4.

Not only did Harvick become the first driver in series history win back-to-back races in consecutive days at the same track but he did it by leading the most laps each day as well. He paced the field for 90 of the 156 laps Sunday. And his Stage 2 win was his third stage victory of the weekend after he swept both stages on Saturday. Harvick's Stewart-Haas Racing teammate Clint Bowyer won the opening Stage on Sunday.

The start to the race was, however, just past the second stage, on Lap 96 Team Penske teammates Ryan Blaney and Brad Keselowski collided while contesting the lead.



Kevin Harvick celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series FireKeepers Casino 400 at Michigan International Speedway on Aug. 8. Harvick also won the Consumers Energy 400 on Aug. 9 in Michigan.



Austin Cindric celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Henry 180 at Road America on Aug. 8, in Elkhart Lake, Wisc.

he was there and I wiped him out and myself," a dejected Keselowski said after being checked out in the Infield Care Center. "I feel terrible for everyone at Team Penske and especially for Ryan Blaney. Gosh, he didn't deserve that."

NASCAR makes its Daytona International Speedway Road Course debut Sunday with the Go Bowling 235 at 3 p.m.

Austin Cindric gets sixth career Xfinity win at Road America

Austin Cindric really earned the victory in Saturday's Henry 180 NASCAR Xfinity Series race on the historic 4-mile Road America road course in Elkhart Lake, Wisc. – managing to hold off traffic on numerous restarts both early and late in an elongated afternoon of competition that included wet and dry conditions and 13 dramatic lead changes.

Cindric, 21, took his No. 22 Team Penske Ford to the lead for good on a restart with three laps remaining having to hold off hard-charging veteran road course ace A.J. Allmendinger; ultimately taking a 1.318-seconds victory – Cindric's fourth win in the last five races. He is the 11th different Road America winner in the last 11 races on the track.

"I had a lot of fun," Cindric acknowledged, of racing head-to-head with so many of his championship challengers on the day.

Chase Briscoe, a five-time winner in 2020 who is second to Cindric by 11 points in the driver standings, finished third on Saturday followed by Kaz Grala and IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Series star Andy Lally.

Noah Gragson, Ross Chastain, Preston Pardus, Ryan Sieg and Michael Annett rounded out the top 10. It was a career-best finish for the 23-year old Floridian Pardus, who also had a top-10 finish at Indianapolis last month.

Allmendinger, who earned the Stage 2 win – along with his Kaulig Racing teammates Ross Chastain and Justin Haley had to overcome a strategy setback needing an additional pit stop to complete their fuel and tire needs. That left Grala and veteran Justin Allgaier out front to start the final stage.

The race affected the championship standings with six races remaining to set the 12-driver Playoff field. Brandon Brown holds the 12th position with Jeremy Clements 53 points behind and Myatt Snider 73 points behind.



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Deaths & Funerals

Eloise Buchanan Crane

Eloise Buchanan Crane, 86, went home to be with the Lord Saturday, Aug. 1, 2020. She was born March 20, 1934, in Jackson County, North Carolina, to the late Dan Buchanan and the late Minnie Gregory Buchanan. She was married to the late Carlton Crane who preceded her in 2002. She worked and retired from Burlington Industries and she was a member of Buck Creek Baptist Church. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved to cook for family and friends.

Survivors include her three children, Joan Hicks, Rev. Baker Crane (Susan), and Danny Crane (Maiza) all of Highlands, N.C.; two brothers, Nick Buchanan and Smokey Buchanan; four grandchildren, Henry Crane, Hannah Crane Sykes, Adam Hicks, and April Hicks Newland; one great-grandchild, Hayes Sykes; numerous nieces and nephews; and her bird, "Buddy."

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Charlie Hicks; three sisters, Lola Buchanan, Rose Buchanan Jamison, Hilda Buchanan Jamison; and two brothers, James Earl Buchanan and Claude Buchanan.

A funeral service was held at Highlands Assembly of God with the Rev. Baker Crane officiating. Burial followed in the Highlands Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn, 38105 or the National Kidney Foundation 270 Peachtree St. #1040, Atlanta, Ga. 30303.

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

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory served the Crane family.

Jason Adam Morgan

Jason Adam Morgan, 41, of Franklin, N.C., passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday, Aug. 2, 2020. He was a reverend and was always ready and willing to help others, including officiating at services not expecting anything in return. He was also a chef, he loved art, music, playing the guitar, family gatherings and spending time with his children and his pets.

He is survived by his wife, Tracy Lea Breeden Morgan; parents, Jack Dennis Morgan and Patricia Welch Morgan; children, Jordan Adam Morgan, Clara Eileen Morgan, Katarina Eve Breeden and Maigyn Rosaria Matteson, all of Franklin; sister, Katie Denise Morgan Martin and husband Josh; aunts and uncles, Bruce Morgan and wife Diane, Linda Straufe and husband Randy and Arbutus McCoy; two grandchildren, Tripp Delanaux Adam Breeden and Baby Rogue; and niece, Ava Jade Martin

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

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Neurofibromatosis Foundation at www.nfnetwork.org or the Appalachian Animal Rescue, PO Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Eloise Buchanan Crane



Jason Adam Morgan

Mary Madeline 'Pat' Carroll Bryson

Mary Madeline "Pat" Carroll Bryson passed from life to life everlasting on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020, her 94th birthday, following a period of declining health.

A lifelong resident of Jackson County, she was born Aug. 5, 1926, to the late Emery and Mae Carroll. She was married to Bascom Bryson until his death in 1993. In her early married life, she farmed and cared for her family. Later, she worked for Sangamo (Itron) in West Union, S.C., where she retired 1988. In her retirement, she worked at cleaning homes and spending time with her family and friends. She was a member of Living Redeemer Assembly of God and enjoyed trips to the Cashiers Senior Center.

She was a compassionate animal lover, having raised many pets over her life. She was a prolific gardener and canner. Her dinner table was always filled to capacity with fresh vegetables and fruits from her own picking and cellar. No one ever left her house hungry. Each year, after harvest season, she shared her abundance of canned and frozen goods with family and neighbors. She was always willing to lend a hand to anyone who needed it.

She is survived by sons, Jim (Sandy) Bryson of Highlands, and Sammy (Arlene) Bryson of Whitesburg, Ga.; a daughter, Nettie (Tom) Nash of Cullowhee, and step-daughter Carolyn Cochran; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings, Clyde Carroll, Paul Carroll, Conrad Carroll, Frances Coggins, Vernon Carroll, and Zenia Setzer and a great-grandson, Hunter Porter.

Graveside services were held Saturday, Aug. 8, in the Pine Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with Rev. Scott Holland officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Cashiers Highlands Humane Society, PO Box 638, Cashiers, NC 28717 - chhumansociety.org.



Mary Bryson

Mildred Louise Dills

Mildred Louise Dills, 90, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020.

Born and raised in Lenoir City, Tenn., she was the daughter of the late Roy and Laura Belle Stalcup Spoon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her sisters, Barbara Ann Gardner and Kathleen B. Hartline and a brother, Glenn "Sonny" Spoon.

She spent her career as a secretary for Oakridge National Laboratory. She was a member of Higdonville Baptist Church where she played the piano. Prior to her attending Higdonville, she was a very active member at Sugarfok Baptist Church. She enjoyed visiting local nursing homes where she sang and played the piano. Her most enjoyable times were those spent with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

She is survived by her children, Sherry Dills Sanders and husband James Michael and Michael Ray Dills and wife Eva Jane, all of Franklin; three grandsons, David Ray McCoy, Justin Michael Dills and Cody Landon Dills, and 10 great grandchildren, McKenzie Brooke Heath, Ryder McCoy, Isaiah Grasty, Riley Love, Charlie Dills, Canaan Drake, Cal Drake, Hudson Dills, Landon Dills and Maddox Dills.

A private graveside service was held Saturday, Aug. 8, at Higdonville Baptist Church with Rev. Jason Smith and Rev. Carson Gibson officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were David McCoy, Isaiah Grasty, Justin Dills and Cody Dills.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Higdonville Baptist Church, C/O Harold Rayborn, 1459 Cat Creek Rd, Franklin, NC 28734

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Mildred Louise Dills

Katherine 'Kate' R. Reeves

Katherine "Kate" R. Reeves, 79, of Otto, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

Born in Kalamazoo, Mich., she was the daughter of the late Kenneth L. Reister and Hazel Jensen Reister. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a stepdaughter, Laurie Lonergan and her infant sister, Gretchen Reister.

She graduated from William Wood College in Fulton, Missouri where she received an Associates of Art degree. She lived in the suburbs of Chicago until 1976, when she moved to Waynesville, N.C. In 1992, she moved to Otto, and worked at Lowe's for 20 years in customer service. She made many friends that she loved to go to lunch with and go out for drinks at Fatz Café. She was an avid collector of hippos and she loved receiving unique and special hippos from her friends. She attended Morrison Presbyterian Church in Franklin.

Her life was enhanced by her two daughters, Torrey Clement (James) of Canton, N.C., and Kearney Murphy (Mike) of Charlotte, N.C.; six step-children, Tam (Cindy) Lonergan of Missouri, Kevin (Maren) Lonergan of Missouri, Mike (Linda) Lonergan of Texas, Kim James (Kenny), Karlene Cabe (Marty) and Kevin Reeves, all of Franklin; four grandchildren, Ethan Clement, Rachael Clement Armes, Rebecca Clement Williams and Joshua Clement; three great grandchildren, Zephania, Evelyn and Hailey and several step grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 22, at 2 p.m., at Morrison Presbyterian Church. The family requests that all attendees wear purple to the service to celebrate Kate's life.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to one's favorite charity or Appalachian Animal Rescue, PO Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744.

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Katherine R. Reeves

Francis 'Pip' Effort Williams Jr.

Francis "Pip" Effort Williams Jr., 67, of Otto, N.C., passed away Friday, Aug. 7, 2020, at his home surrounded by his loving family.

He was born Feb. 25, 1953, to the late Francis E. Williams Sr. and Evetta Louise Bailey Williams. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by a baby brother, Teddy Williams and his sister-in-law, Debbie Williams.

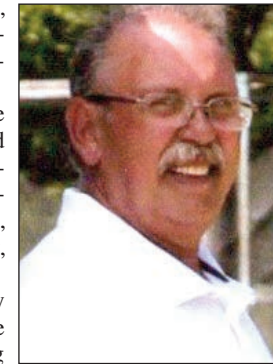
He was affectionately known by those who knew him as "Pip." He was a Navy veteran proudly serving our great country from 1973 until 1977. He was of the Methodist faith. He was a real people person and never met a stranger, usually engaging in conversation just about anywhere he went. He loved his family and the grandchildren were the apple of his eye. He enjoyed yardwork and landscaping, helping others and was like a father to his children's friends when they needed someone to talk to. He loved his dog "Lucy" and his bird "Dolly Feathers Williams." He was a life member of the VFW, Post 7339.

Surviving is his wife of 44 years, Sheila Jean Williams; son, Francis "Frank" E. Williams III and wife Danielle of Franklin; daughters, Katherine "Kathy" Green and husband Donnie Nix of Easley, S.C., Patricia "Patty" Williams of Goldsboro, N.C.; sister, Evetta Williams; brothers, Tim Williams and wife Susan, Toby Williams, Ramon Williams and wife Cathy, Robin Williams and wife Lee; grandchildren, Michelle Green, Cole Harling, Camden Williams and his Fiancé Lexi Godwin, Alexys "Lexy" Williams, and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday, Aug. 10, in the Macon Funeral Home chapel.

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Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Francis Williams Jr.



Deaths & Funerals

Steven A. Alter

Steven A. Alter, 81, of Franklin, N.C., formerly of New York and Miramar, Fla., passed away Aug. 1, 2020, at Mountain View Manor in Bryson City, N.C.

He was born May 4, 1939, in Brooklyn N.Y. to the late William and Ethel Alter.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Holt Alter of Franklin, N.C.; sons, Hugh Alter of Tampa, Fla., Gregg Alter of Orlando, Fla.; daughter, Caren Horgan of Davie, Fla.; stepsons, Christopher Holt of Dallas, Texas and Eric Holt of Canton, N.C.; grandchildren, Brook Horgan, Dylan Horgan and Matthew Alter; sisters, Myrna Klein of Central Islip, N.Y., and Iris Tiero of New Jersey.

He served as a detective in both New York Police Department New York City, N.Y. and the Miramar Police Department in Miramar, Fla. He retired from policing in 1985. In 1990, he moved from Miramar to Franklin, where he obtained his real estate license and sold log homes for 19 years. He enjoyed walking and traveling. He attended Iotla Baptist Church for several years and was a member of Christ Chapel Bible Church, Ft. Worth, Texas. He also proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy from 1957 to 1959 where he was assigned to the Helicopter Training Group and during his time in the Navy, he played baseball for the Navy baseball team.

A graveside memorial service will be held on Aug. 21, at 12 noon at Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain, N.C., Rev. Steve Reeves will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Memory Care of Asheville, 100 Far Horizons Ln, Asheville, NC 28803 or www.memorycare.org

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Joyce Elman Lanson

Joyce Elman Lanson, 85, of Leatherman Gap Road, passed away in Asheville on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Donald Lanson, USMC (Ret); son, Richard and his wife Beth, grandson, Skylar and three great grandchildren, Daylon, Payton and Myra; granddaughter, Shawna Ray and two great grandchildren, Brooklyn and Ethan; daughter, Donna Joyce and Miguel Torres of Tampa, Fla., and six grandchildren, Rene, Ramon, Michael, Kaelani, Jasmine and Viani.

She was a graduate of the Eastman School of Dentistry, associated with the University of Rochester, N.Y.

She was a devoted Marine wife for 25 years of her husband's 31-year career in the Marine Corps. She was a surrogate mom to scores of young Marines and their families who sought her counsel, sage advice and wisdom. She was a sympathetic ear to their problems. She was frequently admonished by her husband. "No, Joyce, we cannot adopt them all."

A graveside service was held Thursday, Aug. 6, at Liberty Baptist Church.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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Steven A. Alter



Joyce Elman Lanson

Ida Kenney Harden Morrison

Ida Kenney Harden Morrison, 93, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 5, 2020.

Born and raised in Miami Fla., she was the daughter of the late Harper Hamilton Harden and Dorothy Mae Flemming Harden. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert George Morrison; a son, Peter Morrison; and a brother, Hal Harden Jr. She was a member of First United Methodist Church, Franklin and the Franklin Women's Club. She was a retired Flight Attendant and enjoyed reading, cross stitching and travelling.

She was the beloved mother of Ann Dudley and husband, John of Alexandria, Va., and Barbara Squeri and husband John of Randolph, N.J., and a loving grandmother to eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 7, at Macon Funeral Home with Rev. David Beam officiating. The family requests that all attendees please wear a mask and comply with social distancing requirements.

The family would like to thank Care Partners as well as the staff at Angel Medical Center for their dedicated, compassionate care for our mom. We also very much appreciate the loving support of all her friends and church family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to The Rathbun House, Mission Healthcare Foundation, PO Box 5363, Asheville, NC 28813-5363 (mission-health.org); or Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744

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Ida Morrison

Agnes Echols Cabe

Agnes Echols Cabe, 86, of Otto, N.C., loving wife, mother, and grandmother passed away on Monday, Aug. 3, 2020, surrounded by family at her home.

Born in Elbert County, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Edward Echols and Harriett Whitener Echols. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Cayton Cabe.

She loved quilting, gardening, cooking, reading and spending time with family and friends. She was a cafeteria supervisor with Macon County Schools where she touched many lives of students and faculty. She spent many years working as a CNA where she flourished taking care of those in need. She was an active member of Mulberry United Methodist Church.

She will be remembered by her family and friends as a loving, caring, gentle, compassionate soul who always put others before herself. She touched more lives than she could imagine and brought much joy and love into this world. Through good times and bad, her faith in God never wavered and this led to a life well lived. She will be missed by everyone who knew her.

She is survived by her beloved children, David Cabe and wife Suki of Otto, Danny Cabe and wife Lori of Otto and Kathy Swint and husband Roger of Jonesboro, Ga.; six grandchildren, Michael and wife Lena, Brandon and wife Samantha, Kyle, Olivia, Adam and Eric and wife Lauren; seven great grandchildren, Hunter, Jacob, Julia, Angel, Memphis, Trystan, Rachel and Kaytyn; and one great grandchild, Elena.

A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Mulberry United Methodist Church, 155 Mulberry Rd., Otto, NC 28763.

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Agnes Echols Cabe

Clydie Elizabeth Jones

In the last few weeks, family and friends have been saying their goodbyes to the matriarch of our family, Clydie Elizabeth Jones Danson, who joined the "great cloud of witnesses" as she went to her heavenly home Aug. 3, 2020. She was 103 years old, born March 7, 1917, in Jacksonville, Fla., to Elizabeth Ida Ponce Jones and Fred P. Jones. A resident of Franklin, N.C., for the past 16 years, she grew up in Jacksonville and was married to the late John William "Jake" Danson for 54 years.



Clydie Elizabeth Jones

In addition to her parents and her husband, she was predeceased by her four siblings, Genevieve Louise Braddock (Ray), Fred P. Jones, Jr. (Mildred), Edward Drew Jones (Louise/Ruby), Jeanette Bertha Farrow (Jack).

She is survived by her two daughters, Juanita Elizabeth Wiggins (Max) and Beverly Lee Burt (Daniel), both of Franklin, N.C.; four grandchildren, Ronda Elizabeth Thomas (James) of Vero Beach, Fla., Robin Amanda Wieckhorst (Douglas) of Winter Springs, Fla., Teresa Lee Burt of Sorrento, Fla., and Tonia Lee Anderson (Jacob) of Cleveland, Tenn.; six great grandchildren, Andria Elizabeth Thomas, Justin and Jenna Wieckhorst, Benjamin and Bethany Anderson and Deborah Burt.

She was a member of Franklin Church of God. Even though mobility has been difficult for her for several years, it was important to her that she was able to attend most church services.

She was an avid gardener and always had beautiful flowers growing around her home wherever she lived. She was also known for her love of crocheting and making ceramics. She made and gave to family and friends hundreds of afghans, lap quilts, doilies, angels, birds and Christmas nativity sets and villages.

A graveside service was held at Woodlawn Cemetery Friday, Aug. 7, with Rev. Mike Stephens and Rev. Phillip Cochran officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Franklin Church of God Building Fund, C/O Jean Poindexter, PO Box 717, Franklin, NC 28734 or Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

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 - Gallows' rope
 - Comparative form of "true"
 - Muddy or sandy
 - *2020 classroom venue?
 - NCIS network
 - *GPA, technically
 - Ingratiating behavior
 - George Orwell's Napoleon
 - On pins and needles
 - Grapevine news
 - Part of Old Testament
 - *Olden day notebook
 - Imprison
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