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Graduation ceremonies were held throughout the Macon County area this past week. Franklin High School held a by appointment drive thru graduation ceremony last Saturday. Every student was given a five minute slot. They walked up onto the decorated front steps of the high school. Principle Woody had each student move their tassel from right to left, then he handed them their diploma and gave families in attendance the chance to take pictures of the special day. Travis Carpenter a 2020 graduate of FHS poses as his family takes his picture. For more, see our Graduation Section beginning on page 12. Photo by Vickie Carpenter

School Board Adopts Plan "B" for Reopening

"B" days.

Diane Peltz, Contributing Writer

The Macon County School Board has decided to imple- in-person attendance four days per week due to smaller en-

ment plan "B" with alternate live days, when students return on August 17. This plan was chosen after evaluating over 3,000 survey responses received from the district's 4,500 students.

Franklin area schools will be divided into "A" and "B" groups with half the students attending in person on Mondays and Wednesdays and the other half on Tues-



days and Thursdays. Fridays will still be a remote day for all students in order to sanitize the schools and busses. Franklin High School will see freshman and juniors attending on "A" days, while seniors and sophomores attend on

Highlands School will follow suit after having two weeks of staggered attendance. Elementary students will attend in-person Monday through Thursday and high school students will be remote except for a Friday, when no other students are on campus during the first two weeks of school. Full remote learn-

ing/virtual academy (option "C") will be

available to the 860 students who requested it on the survey. Thirty teachers have signed up to teach the virtual academy.

Union Academy, along with Nantahala School, will allow



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Lula Kloss celebrates 101st Birthday

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The logistics for the virtual academy are still being fine-tuned at this time. As it stands, principals are trying to match the grade level of students to qualified teachers. Virtual school is also slated to start on August 17. Parents will be contacted by phone or email by their child's previousyear homeschool principal. Parents will be given instruction as to when to pick up their iPads. Calls are going out this week and next week as principals populate the class lists.

There may be instances where there are live sessions at school. very few students in the same grade who signed up for virtual academy; therefore, those students will be taught by a regular classroom teacher operating under plan "B" who will be responsible for in-person and virtual academy students alike.

integrated into the core curriculum based on parents in order to keep them informed.

grade level. Students enrolled in plan "B" could end up with a teacher who is not present in the classroom due to their concern for being high risk. In this situation, a substitute or paraprofessional educator will monitor the class while the teacher instructs through a video screen.

The survey also revealed that 36% of parents will be sending their child to school on the bus, which will allow one child per seat. High school students will not be permitted to ride the bus during the first week of school in order for districts to work out a feasible bus schedule that could accompany all students.

IPads will be handed out on the first day of school to all students choosing to attend

The board also made a motion, which was approved, to set the week of September 7th as a virtual week for all students in order to reevaluate how things stand at that point.

As more information becomes available, Electives such as art and music will be emails and phone calls will be sent out to



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Town Tables Discussion on Outdoor Seating for Root + Barrel

Brittany Lofthouse, Contributing Writer

After asking Root + Barrel owner Brett Murphy to present a specific plan to develop a piece of town-owned property along Main Street for outdoor seating at the restaurant last month, the Town of Franklin voted August 4 to table discussions.

Murphy said the restaurant would like to be able to add 40 more seats in the alley, which would mean an additional 20 seats during the 50% capacity COVID-19 orders. Normal full capacity inside is 150, Murphy said, and under the N.C. governor's orders, the restaurant is permitted to operate at 50% capacity. ABC (Alcoholic Beverage Commission) regulations would also require Root + Barrel to put up some sort of barrier around the outdoor seating to be able to serve alcohol.

Monday night, the board heard a proposal for Root + Barrel to purchase less than a half an acre of property owned by the town adjacent to the restaurant for the development into an outdoor seating patio. Council members were generally not in favor of allowing Root + Barrel to purchase the property, yet entertained the idea of leasing it for an extended period of time; however, council members Joe Collins, Jack Horton, and Dinah Mashburn voted against that measure as well.

Council member David Culpepper spoke

in support of the project, specifically siting the town's comprehensive plan, which encourages the town to look at ways to transform alley ways into outdoor dining for local businesses. "One element we talked about was converting alleyways into dining opportunities and this goes along with that perfectly," he said.

The town's comprehensive plan's top three improvement priorities include converted/improved ally connectors, 2nd floor business uses, and public art. The Root + Barrel proposed addressing the public art and converted alleyway as approved by the town in the comprehensive plan. However, Mayor Bob Scott said that he did not believe the space between the restaurant and the town hall building qualified as an alleyway. The only other alleyway located on Main Street before the red light is a connected walking path to access the back parking lot.

After council member Joe Collins made the motion, Mayor Scott called for a vote to table the discussion regarding moving forward with an agreement with the Root + Barrel. After Mashburn and Horton voted with Collins, Mayor Scott said he would be the tiebreaker vote and voted to table the discussion, without giving council members Culpepper, Mike Lewis, or Barbara McRae the opportunity to cast their vote and assuming them to be "no" votes.







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| 2019 | Ford | Escape | 35,189 |
| 2014 | Jeep | Patriot | 83,977 |
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| 2012 | Chevrolet Nissan | Sentra | 122,496 36,396 |
| 2019 | Dodge | Grand Caravan | 38,512 |
| 2019 | GMC | Yukon XL | 42,472 |
| 2019 | Dodge | Grand Caravan | 39,053 |
| 2014 2003 | Cadillac Chevrolet | ATS Corvette | 88,125 65,596 |
| 2019 | Jeep | Wrangler Unlimited | 28,971 |
| 2019 | Toyota | Corolla | 35,775 |
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Happy 101st Birthday to Lula Kloss!



Lula Alexander Kloss celebrated her 101 birthday as she watched her friends drive through at Macon Valley Nursing & Rehabilitation Center last Friday. Friends from her church, Hickory Knoll United Methodist presented her with cards, flowers and best wishes. Her family sat across from her in rocking chairs. They are pictured below from L to R: Jan Alexander, Frances Killian (daughter), Joyce Alexander (daughter-in-law), Robert Alexander (son), Bill Buchanan (brother), Richard Alexander (son) not pictured.



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Duke Delivering Aerial Herbicide Across WNC for The Next 4-6 Weeks

Brittany Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Helicopters have been spotted across Western North Carolina over the last two weeks. Duke Energy confirmed on Monday they were part of an aerial herbicide application process.

"We are conducting our aerial herbicide program across Swain, Macon, and Jackson counties around our transmission line rights-of-way that are difficult to access for ground crews over the next 4-6 weeks, weather permitting," said Meghan Miles with Duke Energy.

Duke Energy has included aerial herbicide applications in their vegetation management strategies since 2016, during which time some towns and counties have vocally opposed the method. Residents have taken to social media over the last week to voice their concern in the usage of chemicals, as well as potentially adverse impacts down the road.

According to Duke Energy, in order to provide uninterrupted electrical services, lines that transmit electricity must remain free from trees and other vegetation. While trees are part of the natural beauty of the region, they are also a leading cause of power outages and power quality issues. Vegetation near power lines can also present a potential safety threat for utility crews and the public. Managing vegetation along power lines and in rights of way is an effective way to improve reliability for our customers.

Aerial herbicide applications are one of many vegetation management methods that Duke Energy employs; others include tree cutting and removal, mowing, and manual backpack spraying.

With annual questions and concerns coming from the public when helicopters are deployed, Duke Energy is working to become more proactive, informing communities when the practice will be used and why. Aerial applications typically occur in areas of high brush density, where rough terrain makes the use of powered equipment or manual application by ground crews difficult or unsafe.

Aerial herbicide applications are conducted within strict regulatory guidelines and practices

designed to protect residential areas, farming activities, public waters, wetlands, endangered species habitats, and cultural resources. During the process, Duke Energy works to avoid neighborhoods, schools, and community gathering spaces, as well as field workers and domesticated animals.

"We review each site to evaluate potential obstacles and hazards before any herbicide applications are conducted," issued Duke Energy in a statement. "We adhere to all federal and state buffer regulations, and our goal is to stay 100 feet or more away from residences from the edge of our right of way."

"Applying herbicides from the air is a safer and more effective alternative to sending crews on foot to perform backpack herbicide spraying in rough and mountainous terrain or hard-to-access areas," said Miles. "Aerial maintenance applications can be completed much more quickly than manual spraying, reducing crew exposure to physical hazards in the right-of-way environment."

To ensure safe application, weather conditions are constantly monitored and the work does not occur if wind gusts exceed 10 mph. GIS data is also used to allow workers to more accurately place droplets of the product – not a mist – at each site to better target vegetation in our right-of-way that could create reliability issues. This targeted approach is also expected to reduce the frequency of herbicide applications in the future.

Product mixes are diluted at the point of application and are predominantly water, approximately 90 percent. Mixes are customized at each site based on the vegetation species at that location, making the application as effective as possible.

In most cases, aerial herbicide application is conducted in remote or difficult-to-access locations where interaction with the general public or property owners is minimal. Duke Energy's policy is that it does attempt to notify the property owner if the work plan identifies any potential property hazards or obstacles, or if work proximity or other factors make a notification necessary.

PumpkinFest Cancelled While Other Downtown Retail Promotions Planned

Brittany Lofthouse - Contributing Writer anything we can think of to get people in the

anything we can think of to get people in the doors." In July, downtown merchants decorated Main

The Streets of Franklin Heritage Association is working overtime to fill in gaps left by event and



festival cancellations as a result of COVID-19. Streets of Franklin is comprised of Main Street business owners who work together to organize sidewalk sales, downtown music, and the annual Main Street Heritage festival. With many businesses being forced to close during the shutdown as a result of COVID-19, the group is getting extra creative in planning safe, fun, and enjoyable events and shopping opportunities downtown.

Monday night, after the Town of Franklin announced they would be cancelling the 24th annual PumpkinFest event as a result of COVID-19, Streets of Franklin President Gwen Taylor, was in the crowd ready to announce alternative options to promote downtown businesses in lieu of the festival.

"We have been trying to plan monthly 'events,' or things to encourage shoppers to get downtown since we were allowed to open back up," said Taylor. "We have been hosting sidewalk sales, having live music on Main Street, doing more decorating, Street with black and blue balloons in support of the Back the Blue rally, which attracted hundreds to Main Street. Without PumpkinFest this year, which typically draws a crowd of 8,000 or more visitors and residents to Main Street in a single day, Taylor said they hope to start the fall celebration a little earlier.

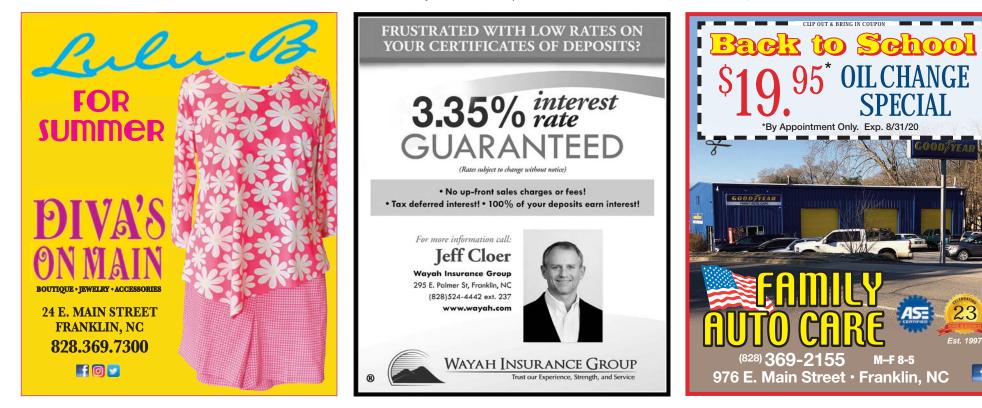
"We will now be able to start mid-September for 'Hometown Fall on Main' and go through the end of October with October 17th as a 'Main Day," Taylor announced on the Streets of Franklin

Facebook page Tuesday morning. "We are excited and will work with our town manager closely on this."

The merchants plan to promote "Hometown Fall on Main" beginning September 19 and going through Halloween. The main fall celebration will occur October 17, the day PumpkinFest was originally scheduled, and will be called "Celebrate Fall on Main."

Town Manager Summer Woodard said that funding, which would have otherwise been used for PumpkinFest, will now be made available to Streets of Franklin to help promote different events and special activities downtown. Woodard also said the town is looking into alternative ways to get shoppers downtown; one idea is a large pumpkin patch around the gazebo for shoppers to visit.

Woodard said that the decision to cancel PumpkinFest was a difficult one and that the additional time now available will be used to plan a bigger and better 25th PumpkinFest in 2021.



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"For the past two years, Stay Smart Care has developed the most comprehensive managed Remote Patient Monitoring solution for successful aging in place," said Mark Feinberg, Founder and CEO of Stay Smart Care. "As a TekTone subsidiary, we have the opportunity to leverage 45 years of knowledge and expertise in communication technology, product development and sales.

Together, we will offer the senior care market the most complete managed monitoring solution available."

"Stav Smart Care's solutions definitely create added value for the TekTone community of customers," said TekTone President John Mira-Knippel. "As an ISO-9001 registered company with almost five decades of success, TekTone presents a solid foundation upon which Stay Smart



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About Stay Smart Care

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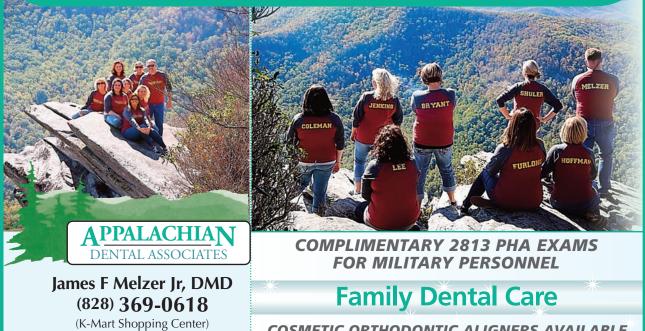
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Letters to the Editor

What legacy will we leave our children?

The new Democrats will seek to destroy America by: 1. Enact the Green New Deal and destroy America's econ-

omy - Loss of millions of jobs

2. Replace Medicare for seniors with Rationed Medicare for All - Less benefits for Americans already on Medicare

3. Impose job-killing taxes and regulations on businesses -Curtails the growth and development of jobs

4. Pass taxpayer-funded and unlimited abortions up to the moment of birth - Your taxes fund the killing of children

5. Ban and confiscate firearms from law-abiding citizens -Ends your Second Amendment rights to protect yourself

6. Criminalize free speech and Judeo-Christian religious beliefs - Free speech only for Democrats and an end to the Judeo-Christian churches

7. Abolish the Electoral College - Only cities will control elections

8. Allow voting rights for felons - Criminals who will then vote Democrat

9. Open our boarders, grant citizenship and voting rights to millions of illegal aliens - Illegal aliens lead by demand, will determine elections

10. Pack the Supreme Court with liberals - The liberal Supreme Court will then make new laws

11. Defund the military - Our military will not be able to defend America

Our veterans have died to keep American free.

If Democrats control the House and the presidency they will change America forever; America loses.

Ask yourself before you vote on Nov. 3: What legacy do I want to leave for my children and grandchildren?

The left-leaning Socialist funded by the Democrats are wreaking havoc and destruction in the cities run by the mob; law and order end.

Keep America free. Vote to re-elect President Trump on Nov. 3. Our nation needs the Prince of Peace and His name is Jesus. May God continue to bless America.

Robert Yates, USMC veteran - Franklin, N.C.

Things are getting nuttier and nuttier

It's impossible to make sense of what's going on in our nation right now. It just seems to get nuttier and nuttier as the days go by. It's like opening a new can of nuts and dropping the can.

Antifa, supposedly antifascist, is actually modeled after the fascism of the 1930's in Germany and Italy.

Rumor has it it's funded by China and through George Soros.

China has for some years literally raped our economy and is pouring billions into the effort to prevent President Trump from being reelected.

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China has college professors who are working for them and we now know they have many spies stealing our industrial, tech and military secrets. This is typical for a Communist country because a communist country is unable to create anything new under their forced labor system. Communism de-

stroys the human spirit to achieve. Although Communism and even Socialism is solidly racist and believe in forced labor, BLM is run by a Marxist Communist who somehow believes they are better off having their lives controlled rather than being free. Now go figure this one out if you can.

Funny the racists are calling President Trump a racist and perhaps this is why one Republican politician has called for Left leaning Democrats to be banned from Congress and the Senate. This comes because it was the Democrats who fought so hard to keep slavery in place, founded the KKK and refused to kill all the Jim Crow laws. It recognizes the Democrats are still racists. The Left is trying hard to trick black Americans into believing they can give them more goodies.

The Anarchists are another twisted story. In their minds, we can live comfortably without a government at all, no police to maintain order and no laws that we must obey. Yes, I'm not kidding, there really are people this stupid who believe that crap.

I'm old enough that I can honestly say racism was on the way out until President Obama brought the subject up during his term in office.

The only place black Americans are not doing as well as they could is those who live in Democrat run cities such as Chicago, LA and NYC. I have only to point to a well known fact as follows to prove my point: Catholic schools graduate 83% of their black students who go on to trade school or college.

Public schools graduate 23% of their students.

Obviously, public schools do a crappy job.

It's surprising how easy it is to stir up a pot of hatred such as we seem to be going through right now, all of it due to a variety of players such as Communists, Antifa, BLM, dyed in the wool racists and all sorts of weirdos. The social media plays on the dissension.

For the rest of the 95% of us we can only keep our cool and hope the nuts get swept away.

Bob Wilson – Franklin, N.C.

No doubt Trump will remain president

Its very distrubing to watch a person who claims to be the leader of our Country, take no responsibility. He counts money, not all the people filling the hospitals an dying every day, with this virus. There won't be any one left to vote. He will have to go to the cemetery an get names off the graves to put on his ballot. Sending there little kids back to school, is the worst yet. He should send his son to a public school. They can wash hands, wear a mask. What happens during play period, they going to keep distance. They going to scrubb and wash their back packs and all their books and supplies. They carry germs to. Come Xmas time parents will be takeing them to the cemetery instead of going to see Santa Claus. We have more than any country in the world. There's no doubt in my mind he will remain president, as Putin and China will be in there helping him. Putin has got hisself a puppet. He knows he can manipulate him. He is after all the power he can get. Putin just secured a life long lock on his power as the country voted on Constitutional amendment that will allow him to remain in power until 2036. The result copies of the new Conslitution were on sale at bookstores before voteing was wrapped up that wk. as voteing last a wk. Is that the kind of government we want. China also wants Trump elected, as they know Trump can be persuaded if the price is right. What has happen to that American Pride.

Kathy Whitley – Franklin, N.C.

Some common sense observations

I would like to share some common sense observations for our schools during this pandemic issue. The argument that children don't get as sick as old people so we should open the schools is dangerous. First off, students can be carriers and spreaders so would you want your child to bring home the virus to your household, parents, grandparents, relatives, church members, community? Second, aren't our buses drivers, teachers and staff in the older more vulnerable age group? Third, wearing a mask is great but does our school system have enough masks to replace each day? This could be approximately 5,000 per day times four days or 20,000 masks for all students and employees of the school system each week. Fourth, does sanitizing the schools on Friday, (one day a week make sense while our hospital sanitizes every day? Should we consider using the senior center and Carpenter buildings and county fair buildings as over flow sites for those students who do not have online learning access? These sites have access and room for social distancing. Proctors could be used to assist students. We, as a country, now have 4 million cases, the virus does not really care who you are, you either become a carrier or a victim. The cost to our society, our civil discord, our employment, health care costs, stability requires that we use common sense in dealing with this threat or we can just pay the price and let it run amok. Who wants to be the first to deal with the cost of hospital care, funeral expenses? Let's come together, this is a challenge that should unite all of us as Americans. It's a global event and we seem to be coming in last.

Larry Stenger – Franklin, N.C.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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

Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile hike on Friday, Aug. 7, with an elevation change 300 ft., to Straight Fork in Big Cove outside of Cherokee. Walk along a lovely creek to the horse camp. Meet at Bi-Lo parking lot in Franklin at 8:30 a.m. The hike is limited to no more than ten people. For more information and reservations, call leader Katharine Brown, (828)421-4178.

Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 6-mile hike on Saturday, Aug. 8, with an elevation change 520 ft., to Martin's Creek Falls on the Georgia Bartram Trail, beginning at Warwoman Dell, crossing the highway to Becky Branch Falls, continuing along the creek, passing interesting rock formations, to have lunch at Martin Creek Falls and return. Meet at the Smoky Mtn. Visitor Center at 8:30 a.m. or at 9:00 a.m. at Warwoman Dell. The hike is limited to no more than ten people. For more information and reservations, call leader Robin Lurie, (954)632-7270.

Nantahala Hiking Club will take a moderate 3-mile hike on Sunday, Aut. 9, with an elevation change 500 ft., on the Wayah Loop, starting at Wayah Bald tower, hiking north on the Appalachian Trail to the Bartram Trail, and coming back through the "bald" for a spectacular view. Meet at Westgate Plaza in Franklin at 10 a.m. The hike is limited to no more than ten people. For more information and reservations, call leader Gail Lehman, (828)524-5298.

Death Cafe will meet on Sunday, Aug. 9, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Wayfarers Unity Chapel, 182 Wayfarer Lane, Dillard, GA. We will meet on the back deck following CDC COVID guidelines which include use of face masks, six-foot distancing, hand sanitizer and cleaning protocols. Rain cancels. This is a group-directed discussion with one agenda: Be an open, respectful and confidential forum to talk about death. The objective, is "to increase awareness of death with a view to helping people make the most out of their finite lives." The facilitator will be Jan Brewer, M.A., CMT. For more information, call Jan at (510)684-5555 or vivsit www.deathcafe.com

Highlands Biological Foundation's Virtual Zahner Lectures will be held on Thursday, Aug. 13: "I Have Been Assigned the Single Bird: A Daughter's Memoir" with naturalist, activist, and Florida writer Susan Cerulean. Registration is required. For more information or to register for one of our Zahner webinars, visit the website at www.highlandsbiological.org or call us at (828)526-2623.

Senior Center Zoom Classes will begin in August, at the Crawford Senior Center will be hosting 14 Zoom classes. Zoom classes will include exercise, tai chi, and others. For more information or to register, call the Senior Center at (828)349-2058.

Macon County Schools is offering meal pickup from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the following locations: Mountain View Intermediate School, South Macon Elementary School, Iotla Valley Elementary School, Franklin High School and Nantahala School. If you have questions regarding the meal pickup service, contact School Nutrition Director David Lightner at david.lightner@macon.k12.nc.us or by calling (828)524-3314 ext. 1010.

Macon Chips, the Franklin Wood Carving Club will meet on Thursday, 6:30 p.m. in Franklin High School Wood Shop. They will continue to meet on Thursdays. Participants are asked to comply with social distancing and other endemic protocols. All members and prospective members are cordially invited to attend. For more information, call Contact D Lansont (828)369-2144.

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

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

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

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

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

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

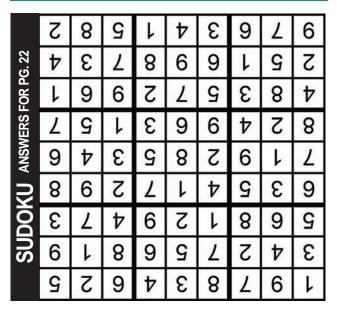
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CareNet on Bidwell St. is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. where folks can drive up and get a box of food. No paperwork; no questions asked. Backpacks are delivered to the schools on Fridays and the bus drivers take the regular lunch and also the backpacks to the families on their Friday deliveries.

Five Fire Departments in Macon County – Nantahala, Cullasaja, Sky Valley, Clarks Chapel, and Burningtown – are open Monday thru Fridays for drive up deliveries from 1 to 4 p.m. for anyone who needs food. The fire departments and CareNet have plenty of food and MANNA is making deliveries from Asheville twice a month. No one should be going hungry; the food is plentiful.

Appalachian Animal Rescue Center is looking for volunteers to help at the thrift store. Call for information about the store (828)369-3046 or the shelter (828)524-4588 if you are interested in volunteering

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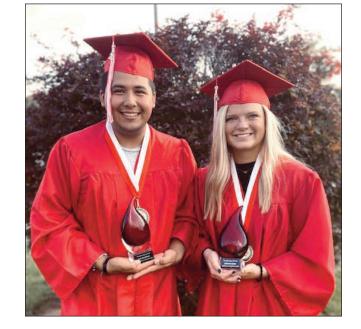
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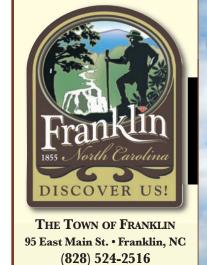
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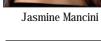


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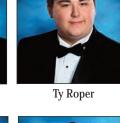
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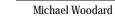
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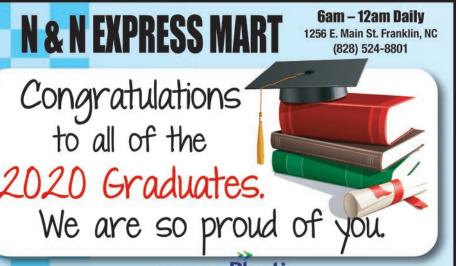








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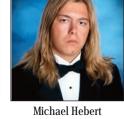


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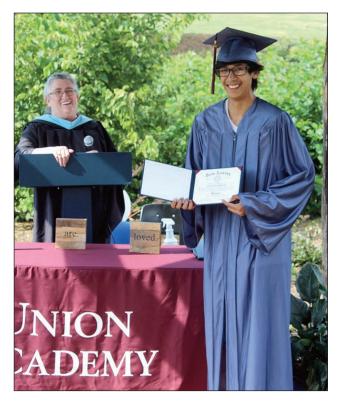
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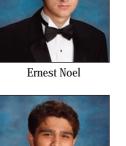
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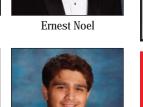
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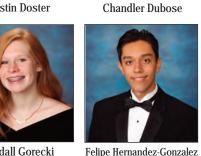
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New immunization rule to protect students from Meningitis takes effect for 2020-21 school year

meningococcal conjugant vaccine (Men-ACWY) is required for students entering the 12th grade in public, private or religious schools in North Carolina. Students who do not meet this requirement may not be allowed to attend school until they receive the booster dose.

The MenACWY vaccine helps protect against four common strains of meningococcal bacteria (A, C, W and Y) that cause diseases including infections of the lining of the brain and spinal cord (meningitis) and bloodstream infections (bacteremia or septicemia).

"The MenACWY vaccine is the best protection against meningococcal disease, which most often affects young people," said Kelly Kimple, M.D., M.P.H., Chief of the Women's and Children's Health Section of the Division of Public Health. "It is vital that children and adolescents continue to receive all their immunizations on schedule to ensure they are fully protected against all vaccine-preventable diseases, including some of the major causes of meningitis."

All 11- through 12-year-old adolescents should receive one dose of meningococcal conjugate vaccine. A booster dose of Men-ACWY should be given at age 16 for adolescents entering the 12th grade or by 17 years of age, whichever comes first. Adolescents who receive their first dose of MenACWY on or after their 16th birthday do not need a booster dose.

There are two age-appropriate vaccines that meet this requirement and provide the necessary protection, Menactra® and Menveo®. If unsure, parents are urged to ask their child's

Effective Aug. 1, 2020, a booster dose of immunizing provider if they are properly protected, or if an additional vaccine is needed.

> Teens and young adults are at increased risk for infection with meningococcal disease. Infection has two common outcomes: meningitis (infection of the lining of the brain and spinal cord) and sepsis (bloodstream infections). Symptoms include sudden onset of fever, headache and stiff neck. With bloodstream infection, symptoms also include a dark purple rash. About 1 of every 10 people who gets the disease dies from it.

Even with treatment, an infection with meningococcal disease can lead to death within a few hours. In non-fatal cases, permanent disabilities can include loss of limbs, hearing loss and brain damage. The bacteria that cause this infection can spread when people have close contact with someone's saliva, such as through kissing, coughing or sharing eating utensils and cups.

Recognizing the importance of immunization, Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed July as Adolescent Immunization Awareness Month in North Carolina. Now, more than ever, public health reminds us of the importance of continued routine vaccination to keep children healthy and avoid the risk of vaccinepreventable disease.

For additional information on meningococcal disease and the updated meningococcal immunization (MenACWY) booster requirement, see the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) and our new fact sheet in English or en Español.

For more information on all vaccine requirements for 12th graders in North Carolina, go to www.immunize.nc.gov/schools.



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Application process open for grants to support the work of N.C. artists

Artists in all disciplines are eligible to apply for grants to support their professional and artistic development through a program of the North Carolina Arts Council.

North Carolina's statewide network of local arts councils is accepting applications for the new Artist Support Grants program.

"The Artist Support Grants program responds to the impact



of the pandemic by ensuring that artists and the state's arts infrastructure have the resources needed to help our state make a strong social and economic recovery," said Wayne Martin, executive director of the Arts Council.

Emerging or established artists will be able to apply for grants supporting a range of professional and artistic development including the creation of work, improvement of business operations, or expanding capacity to bring work to new audiences. Artist fees are also allowable expenses under the new program.

Artists in all disciplines are eligible to apply, although deadlines vary by county. To learn more about the Artist Support Grants and where to apply in your region, click here.

About the North Carolina Arts Council

The North Carolina Arts Council builds on our state's longstanding love of the arts, leading the way to a more vibrant future. The Arts Council is an economic catalyst, fueling a thriving nonprofit creative sector that generates \$2.12 billion in annual direct economic activity. The Arts Council also sustains diverse arts expression and traditions while investing in innovative approaches to art-making. The North Carolina Arts Council has proven to be a champion for youth by cultivating through tomorrow's creative citizens arts education. NCArts.org.



Grains of Sand Band played an Outdoor Drive-In Concert last Saturday night at the Smoky Mountain Center For The Performing Arts. They had a great turnout as spectators enjoyed summer beach music. Photos by Betsey Gooder









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Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests July 22 - August 1. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Macon County Sheriff's Department

July 29

Marquel Dejuan Manning, was charged with felony possession of cocaine.

Marty William Rogers, was charged with possession of a weapon of mass destruction, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer, failure to register motor vehicle, driving while license revoked. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Brandon Lee Gibson, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Dustin Edward Harvey, was charged with felony larceny of a motor vehicle. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

July 31

Wesley Alan Hedden, was charged with assault on a female. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Alfred William Owle Jr., was charged with failure to appear for probation violation. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest. John Daryl Nichols, was charged with third degree sexual

exploitation of a minor. Jay Wright made the arrest. Camelita May Pike, was charged with protective order vio-

lation. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

Robert Andrew Helma, was charged with assault on a female, assault and battery. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

August 1

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

Franklin Police Department

July 25

Melissa Lynn Pruett, 35, of Murphy Rd., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Araceli Garcilita, 21, of Roller Mill Rd., was charged with possession of stolen goods, obtaining property by false pretense. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set. Officer Norman made the arrest.

July 27



Dustin Lyn Busby, 30, of Hickory Knoll Rd., was charged with possession of an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle, no insurance, failure to register a motor vehicle, display fictitious registration plate, rear lamps violation possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, maintaining a vehicle for use/sale/keeping of a controlled substance, possession with intent to sell/deliver methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$9,000 was set.

July 30

Justin Dakota Adams, 23, of Orchard Hill Rd., was charged with driving under the influence. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

July 22

Tommy Lee Henderson, 36, of Whittier, was issued an order for arrest for domestic violence protective order violation. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

William Garret Pannell, 20, of Cornflower Lane, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia not for marijuana, resist/delay/obstruct a public officer, contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, possession of heroin, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling place for a controlled substance. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Gregory Mark Thompson, 60, of Old Grasshopper Rd., was charged with false report to police station. An unsecured bond of \$100 was set.

MacKenzie Lee Mathis, 28, of Redwing Vista, Whittier, was charged with resisting a public officer. An unsecured bond of \$100 was set.

July 23

Carl Burris, 42, of Shelby, was charged with failure to appear for possession of burglary tools, possession/receive stolen property, larceny after breaking or entering, breaking or entering, resisting a public officer, driving while license revoked, reckless driving to endanger, flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of stolen goods/property, possession with intent to manufac-ture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of a stolen motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$70,000 was set.

Courtney Anne Sherrill, 24, of Gardenia Lane, was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, failure to heed lights and sirens, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods/property, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, conspire to break and enter a building, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Logan Quade Arch, 24, of Gardenia Lane, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, conspire to commit larceny, possession of stolen

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Barbara Ann Shepherd

Barbara Ann Shepherd, of the Cowee community, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on July 27, 2020. Before marrying and moving to Macon County, she was raised on Chestnut Cove in the Pumpkintown area of Jackson County. She was proud and thankful to be the granddaughter of the late Burt Webb and Mamie Trantham Webb. She was also preceded in death by her parents, Jack Henson and Cordelia "Judy" Webb Sizemore, and special aunts (who were more like sisters), Margaret Ashe, Mary Redoutey Ellis, and Betty Browning.



Barbara Ann Shepherd

She enjoyed sewing, reading, conversation, shopping for clothes, listening to preaching and gospel music, telling stories of her childhood, and caring for her little dogs - Buttons, Sophie, Buddy, and Mia. Although she faced persistent physical challenges throughout her life, she was never bitter or without hope. She was a meticulous homemaker, and even in her final years, could get more accomplished from a wheelchair than most others could do standing.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Lonnie Ray Shepherd, whom she met at the old Franklin skating rink; daughter, Tracie Shepherd (Deanna) of Franklin, N.C.; her only grandchild, Mady Shepherd-Lucky, who was the light of her life and her faithful baking and shopping buddy; very dear and close aunt, Ethel McMahan (Bobby) of Sylva, N.C.; half-sister, Donna Henson Okninski (Bob) of Berkley Springs, W.Va.; sisters-in-law, Jan Younce (David) of Murphy and Betty Tallent (Jerry) of Greenville, S.C.; brothers-in-law Roger Shepherd (Maxine) of Candler, Robert Shepherd (Judy), Ken Shepherd (Shirley), Raymond Shepherd (Laverne), and Steve Shepherd all of Franklin; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family.

A graveside service was hel Thursday, July 30, at Shepherd Memorial Cemetery in Cowee. Longtime friends Davis Hooper and Wayne Sheffield officiated.

Ethan Teague, John Walker, Ken (Dooley) Shepherd, Mike Shepherd, David Younce, and Fred (Buddy) Talley served as pallbearers.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Shepherd Cemetery, C/O Josephine Jennings, PO Box 781, Franklin, NC 28744 or Zion Hill Baptist Church, Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Wilson, 3110 Pumpkintown Rd, Sylva, NC 28779.Macon Funeral Home is serving the family.

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

Anner Merice Woodall

Anner Merice Woodall, 65, of Swain County, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2020.

Born in Glynn County, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Lewis and Mandy Faircloth Lynn. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by four brothers. She was a member of the Abundant Life Apostolic Church of Bryson City. She loved camping, fishing, taking long rides and visiting with family and friends.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Lecester; four children, Charis' Allen of Hortuse, Ga., Lecester Woodall, Jr. of Helena, Ga., David Lee Woodall of Hattisburg, Miss. and Matthew Woodall of Hortuse, Ga; three brothers, Charles Lynn, Pete Lynn and Buddy Ray Lynn; 11 grandchildren and several nieces and Nephews.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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

Benny Wayne Ramsey

Benny Wayne Ramsey was born to Roy Wayne and Irene Lowe Ramsey on October 2, 1946. He passed from this life to spend eternity with his Savior on July 31, 2020. after he fought a courageous 8 year battle with cancer.

He had a huge heart. He was known as a gentle and loving man who was willing to give someone in need whatever he could. A member of Cowee Baptist Church, Benny lived his life praising his Lord, claiming Psalm 103 with its wellknown verse, "Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name" as his chapter.

He had an infectious laugh, especially when referring to his wife as "oh baby," and folks often told him that his laugh was the one thing about him that was just like his daddy. He was not a fan of the telephone and spent as little time on it as possible unless he was talking to his daddy about politics, and those conversations could go on and on.

He was an avid reader and an accomplished musician who loved country music. He entertained family and friends by making music on his 1966 Gibson Hummingbird guitar. He could be relied on to not only identify a country song, but the singer and the story behind the song. However, Marty Robbins was his favorite of all of them.

His reputation as a expert trim carpenter enabled him to have a successful career in the building industry. At home, however, he was known as the main man to his Shih Tzus: Fonzy, Tismo, and most recently his buddy, Toby.

Family members left to remember Benny are his wife, Cheryl Duvall Ramsey; his daughter, Lisa Ann Borsodi; his son, Kenneth Wavne Ramsey (Denise): his siblings, Brenda Ramsey-Moore and Michael Ramsey (Janice); his grandchildren, Melissa Paulin (Ernie), Leslie Walker(Lee), Michael Ramsey, and Justin Ramsey along with his four great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Tommy Ramsey. No services are planned.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the Ramsey's family.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Cowee Baptist Church 6301 Bryson City Rd. Franklin, N.C. 28734 or St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, Tenn. 38105

Online condolences may be made at www.moffittfamilyfuneralcare.com

Margaret Lucille Thomas Chancey

Margaret Lucille Thomas Chancey, 87, passed away Saturday, August 1, 2020. She was born May 30, 1933 to the late J.C. Thomas and Auther Barfield Thomas. She was married to the late Bennie Chancey who preceded her. She worked and retired from Honeywell in Tampa, Fla., making space parts for NASA Space program. She loved gardening, being outside looking at the beauty of nature, and spending time with her family.

Survivors include her granddaughter, Denise Fleming (Michael); a grandson, Derrick Bossick; two great-granddaughters, Kayla Wright and Kristen Wright; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two daughters, Beverly Chancey and Patricia C. Hunzeker

A private service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences may be left at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com

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





Benny Ramsey

Joyce Wilkie Henderson, 82 of Franklin passed away Friday, July 31, 2020. She was born January 24, 1938 in Macon County, NC to the late Henry Wilkie and Milan Bateman Wilkie. Joyce was a homemaker, enjoyed traveling, liked singing in the choir and taught children's Sunday School. She was a member of Union United Methodist Church.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 62 years, Vernon Henderson; two sons, Tom Henderson (Audrey) of Otto, NC and Jerry Henderson

grandchildren, April Innis, Kristin Henderson, Angela Henderson, Thomas Henderson, Rebecca Cope and Noah Henderson.

A graveside service will be held at 1:00 pm Sunday, August 2, 2020 at the Union United Methodist Church Cemetery with the Rev. Vic Green and Rev. Janet Green officiating. Visitation will be from 12:00 pm-1:00 pm at Union United Methodist Church.

In Lieu of flowers the family ask that donations be made to: Union United Methodist Church Cemetery Fund, 101 Morrison Church Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

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

Lewis Walter Ammons

Lewis Walter Ammons, 64, of Franklin, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2020.

Born in Macon Co, he was the son of the late Frank and Berdell McMahan Ammons. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ralph and Ellis Ammons. Lewis was of the Baptist Faith. He loved hunting for treasures and trading at Flea Markets.

He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Teresa Wright Ammons; three sons, Johnny Ammons and Lewis Walter Ammons wife Della, Greg Ammons and

wife Ava, and Cody Ammons, all of Franklin; step son, Trenton Byrum and wife Julia of Hartwell, GA; brother, Bruce Ammons and sister Frankie Lane, both of Franklin; eight grandchildren; 1 great grandchild and several nieces and nephews.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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





Joyce Wilkie Henderson

(Sherry) of Franklin, NC; and six



Joyce Wilkie Henderson



NASCAR News

_____ Brad Keselowski wins in dominating fashion at New Hampshire

Holly Cain - NASCAR Wire Service

With two wins in his pocket heading into Sunday's Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, Brad Keselowski was already in the NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs, but it was this third win of 2020 that came in the sort of dominating style the championship contender hoped would show his team's readiness to challenge for the season title.

Keselowski, 36, led a race best 184 of the 301 laps around the "Magic Mile" and held off runner-up Denny Hamlin by 1.647-seconds to hoist his 33rd career NASCAR Cup Series trophy and mark the fifth consecutive season he's had at least three wins.

"We've had a lot of great races this year with the 2-car, but we just hadn't really gone out and dominated a race, you know," Keselowski said. "I was talking with [crew chief] Je-

remy Bullins and we were like maybe that's what we need to get to the next level. We're right there. We need to just go and dominate a race and that's what today was for us.

"I'm really proud of my team and the effort they gave today and great race car. Thank you."

Although Keselowski's No. 2 Team Penske Ford certainly topped all the important statistics, Hamlin and his No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota kept him honest for most of the day. The two accounted for 18 of the race's 23 lead changes, with Keselowski ultimately passing Hamlin and holding the point for the race's final 81 caution-free laps.

"We just kind of were second there to the two (Keselowski)," the five-race winner Hamlin conceded. "We could really do well on restarts and we were going back-and-forth. Wow, that was some really, really good short track racing there. Hopefully the fans liked what they saw there with me and the two (Keselowski) for most of the day.

"Some great side-by-side racing. We treated each other fair and it's good that we got one-two out of it."

Hamlin's Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Martin Truex Jr. finished third, followed by Keselowski's teammate Joey Logano and the season's championship leader Kevin Harvick. Matt DiBenedetto, Aric Almirola, rookie Cole Custer, Chase Elliott and rookie Tyler Reddick rounded out the top 10.

It marked Almirola's series-best ninth consecutive top-10 finish. And was the second time in the last four races that at least two rookies finished inside the top-10.

Harvick's fifth-place finish was good enough to hold onto an 81-point advantage over second place Keselowski in the series driver standings.





Jimmie Johnson finished 12th to keep his Playoff hopes alive in the seven-time champion's final fulltime season in the series. The result represented a huge rally on the day for Johnson, who was involved in an incident with Clint Bowyer early in the race. In earning his seventh top 10, he crept closer to the all-important top 16 in the standings that will represent the Playoff field.

He trails 16th place William Byron - his Hendrick Motorsports teammate, by 25 points. Reddick is 15 points behind Byron with only six races remaining to decide the

Brad Keselowski, driver of the #2 Western Star/Alliance Parts Ford, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Foxwoods Resort Casino 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway on August 02, 2020 in Loudon, New Hampshire.

Playoff challengers.

Reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion Kyle Busch suffered more bad luck in what's been a frustrating season for his No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing team. Busch's car had a tire go down only 15 laps into the race – while he was running among the top five - and it put his car hard into the wall.

Busch has three runner-up finishes (at California, Atlanta and Darlington, S.C.) this season but hasn't won a race since his championship-clinching victory in the 2019

season finale at Homestead. He arrived in New Hampshire ranked ninth, but his last-place finish (one of four finishes of 30th or worse) leaves him ranked 10th in the standings.

'Way too early in the going for anything to be wrong or even to build enough brake temp or brake heat," a clearly disappointed Busch said. "I don't know. Just hate it for our Pedigree team and the fight that we've been having this year seems to be continuing."

The series moves to the two-mile Michigan Speedway for a Saturday-Sunday double-header next weekend.



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ARREST

property, possession of a stolen motor vehicle, larcenv after breaking and entering, breaking and entering. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Sandra Ledford Evans, 45, of Corn Flower Lane, Dillsboro, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of heroin, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Brandon Allen Hanson, 27, of Barlow Court, was charged with resisting a public officer. An unsecured bond of \$100 was set

Darren Ray Carter, 30, of Molasses Mountain Rd., was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Stacey Camero Hoyle Lowe, 28, of Leatherwood Rd., was charged with contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile, possession of drug paraphernalia. An unsecured bond of \$1,000 was set

July 24

Crystal Beth Arkansas, 38, of, Ruth Sneed Lane Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Casey Wayne McKeehan, 38, of Franklin, was charged with trespass, injury to real property, breaking or entering. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

July 25

Jacob Jackson Ivey, 38, of Ollie Jumper Rd., Whitter, was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. An unsecured bond of \$250 was set.

John Kelly Crisco, 23, of Grove Rd., was issued a warrant for arrest for first degree trespass. A \$500 bond was set.

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Carolina Juares Sebastian, 33, of Monopoly Dr., Cullowhee, was charged with second degree arson, simple assault. No bond was set.

July 27

Christian Ryan Sammons, 26, of Toby Bryson Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with no liability insurance, display fictitious registration plate, driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$250 was set.

Pedro Junior Ramirez, 35, of Fred Smith Rd., Tuckasegee, was charged with possession of stolen goods/property, possession stolen motor vehicle, possession of stolen goods/property, possession of stolen motor vehicle. No bond was set.

July 28

Horace Leon Jones, 64, of Morning Glory Rd., Whittier, was charged with second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Mallory Gayosso Littlejohn, 33, of Comfort Rd., was charged with second degree trespass. No bond was set.

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Bryn Chicoah Hoyle, 21, of Pincushion Lane, was charged with forgery of instrument, possession of stolen goods/prop-

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erty, attempted uttering, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Adam Michael Parzych, 41, of Country Loop, was charged with misdemeanor larceny. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

July 30

Robert Kent Kindsvatter, 45, of Fishermans Creek, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Travis Levi Mathis, 27, of Posey Blanton Rd., was charged with failure to appear for felony probation violation. No bond was set.

Baron Houston Sutton, 34, of Levi Mathis Rd., Whittier, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of heroin. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Edge Dakoda Fortner, 30, of Birchfield Rd., Bryson City, was charged with possession of stolen motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle.

Rashonda Lashea Bradley, 32, of Cherokee, was charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle. No bond was set.

July 31

Jamison Lawrence Lassiter, 37, of Sylva, was charged with failure to appear for possession of heroin. A secured bond of \$100,000 was set.

Dennis Chuck Camp, 54, of Mutts Place, was charged with violation of court order. A secured bond of \$200 was set.

Christopher Robert Ballentine, 52, of Mill Creek, Cullowhee, was charged with failure to report new address as a sex offender. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Justin Reeves Lambert, 38, of Sunset Farms Rd., Whittier, was charged with possession of stolen property. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

August 1

Dakota Gregory Perkins, 24, of Iceburg Lane, was charged with second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$200 was set.

Jessica Ashley York, 24, of Sylva, was charged with breaking or entering, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Pascual Cuatlayol Tochihuttl, 46, of Glenville School Rd., Glenville, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of a schedule II controlled substance, simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of a firearm by felony. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Kala Bueno, 28, of Barlow Court, Tuckasegee, was charged with probation violation, resisting a public officer. A secured bond was set.

Gaulberto Cantu, 40, of Old Cullowhee Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of less than 1/2 oz of marijuana, Possession of stolen property, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Brandi Nicole Moore, 26, of Fisher Creek Rd., was charged with simple assault, resist/delay/obstruct, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of heroin. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

August 2

Martin Gary Noone, 56, of Mollybe Lane, Whittier, was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A secured bond of \$500 was set.





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