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Otto Fire & Rescue and Clarks Chapel Fire & Rescue held a joint vehicle extrication exercise on Thursday, August 27. The purpose of the drill was to familiarize firefighters with new equipment and methods. Firefighters were presented with a mass casualty vehicle accident with victims of various levels of injury. The object was to stabilize the vehicles and extricate the victims according to severity of injuries. Both department worked together and learned the capabilities of the Paratech Stabilization Struts and the Genesis hydraulic rescue tools for removing patients quickly and safely. The departments thank James Paint & Body for the use of vehicles and Keith Watts for the challenging "accident" setup. For more photos, see page 12. Photo by Vickie Carpenter

Gov. Cooper eases shutdown restrictions with new 'Phase 2.5'

Some businesses that have been closed since March will have to wait a little bit longer to open at full capacity or open at all. Gov. Roy Cooper announced Tuesday that after a "summer of hard work" to slow the spread of COVID-19, North Carolina will take "a modest step forward" moving into Phase 2.5 starting this Friday, Sept. 4, at 5 p.m. Mask mandates and other prevention methods remain in effect and are even more important to contain the virus, Cooper said. Executive Order No. 163 remains in effect through 5 p.m. on Oct. 2.

"Safer at Home Phase 2.5 continues our state's dimmer switch approach to easing some restrictions," said Cooper. "We can do this safely only if we keep doing what we know works — wearing masks and social distancing. In fact, a new phase is exactly when we need to take this virus even more seriously."

Dr. Mandy Cohen, Secretary of the North Carolina De-



Gov. Roy Cooper maintains that keeping bars, theaters and entertainment centers closed will slow the spread of COVID-19. The current restrictions will be in place until Oct. 2.

partment of Health and Human Services shared an update on North Carolina's data trends. Dr. Cohen explained that North Carolina has seen stability in the state's key metrics.

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“As we take modest steps forward today, it’s important to remember that moving forward doesn’t mean letting up on slowing the spread of the virus. Our progress is fragile and we need to maintain focus on the 3Ws especially as we head into flu season,” said NCDHHS Secretary Mandy K. Cohen, MD.

Phase 2.5 means the following for North Carolina:

- Mass gathering limits will increase to 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors from the current limit of 10 indoors and 25 outdoors.
- Playgrounds may open.
- Museums and aquariums may open at 50% capacity.
- Gyms and indoor exercise facilities, such as yoga studios, martial arts, and rock climbing, as well as skating rinks, bowling alleys, indoor basketball, volleyball etc., may open at 30% capacity.
- Bars, nightclubs, movie theaters, indoor entertainment facilities, amusement parks, dance halls will remain closed.

Large venues remain subject to the mass gathering limits.

The governor said on Monday that his order requiring restaurants to stop serving alcohol at 11 p.m. has been extended until Oct. 2. That order has been in effect since July.

In addition, NCDHHS Secretary Mandy Cohen issued a Secretarial Order allowing for outdoor visitation at nursing homes or skilled nursing facilities. To participate, nursing homes must meet several requirements, including, but not limited to, not having a current outbreak, having a testing plan and updated written Infection Control or Preparedness plan for COVID-19, and having adequate personal protective equipment. The Secretarial Order is effective as of Sept. 4 at 5 p.m., and remains in effect through Sept. 22.

Dr. Cohen said the decision to ease restrictions at this time is based on scientific data and trends the Department of Health and Human Services have been closely monitoring.

Macon County Schools update

As of Friday, Aug. 28, Macon County Schools central office reported that the number of positive COVID-19 cases have stabilized throughout the school system. Therefore, Macon County Schools, in partnership with the Macon County Public Health Department, has made the decision to continue its current course of action in serving our students. Macon Early College, Highlands School, Nantahala School, and all K-4 schools in the Franklin area will continue with their current plan. Franklin High School, Mountain View Intermediate School, Macon Middle School and Union Academy will remain in remote learning as announced earlier this week. As planned, Sept. 7-11, will be a remote learning week for all schools (with the exception of Monday, Sept. 7th which is the Labor Day Holiday). Additional details and updates will be released moving forward. Officials ask that the community continue to adhere to the social distancing protocols as well as the 3 W’s- Wear, Wait & Wash- so that all students may return to school soon.

Macon County Public Health

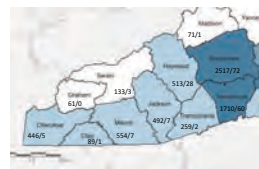
Daily COVID-19 Update

Today's Date and Time: September 2, 2020 at 4:00pm

Total COVID-19 Tests Reported to Macon County Public Health	6,932	Macon County COVID-19	
<small>This number reflects all the COVID-19 tests performed in Macon County that have been reported to Macon County Public Health by private physicians, hospitals, and other area health facilities performing COVID-19 testing.</small>		Total Cases	554
Number Tested at Macon County Public Health Department	5,080	Active Positive	18
Pending Results	66	Recovered	529
Reported Cases and Deaths		Deaths	7

	Cases	Deaths
United States (CDC)	6,047,692	184,083
North Carolina (NCDHHS)	170,553	2,779
Macon County (MCPH)	554	7

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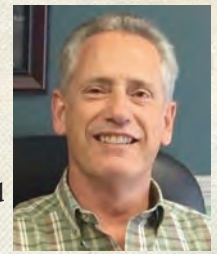
Macon County stats

Macon County Public Health has conducted more than 5,000 tests with 66 pending results.

As of Wednesday, Sept. 2, Macon County Public Health reported 554 total cases, 529 recovered, 18 active cases and seven deaths in Macon County. Three people over the age of 65 with underlying health conditions died over the weekend.

Symptoms for COVID-19 are fever, cough, other lower respiratory illness (shortness of breath). If you believe that you may have COVID-19, please call the Health Department at (828)349-2517. The call center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., closing daily for lunch from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

Thank You



The family of Reggie Holland wishes to express our sincere appreciation to everyone who offered such kindness and support to us during this difficult time. The endless prayers, messages, cards, meals, flowers, plants and donations to Teen Challenge of the Smokies and countless other worthy organizations in honor of Reggie are very much appreciated. A special thank you to Larry Buchanan and the staff at Macon Funeral Home as well as Phil and Sharon Drake for making a visitation and funeral possible during these difficult times. The outpouring of love and prayers of the entire community and beyond have sustained us during this time. May God bless each of you.

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Communities mourn loss of public servants

Brittney Lofthouse
Contributing Writer

West Macon Fire and Rescue lost a dedicated, respected member of the department on Sunday, Aug. 30, when Robert Randall, a charter member of West Macon Fire and Rescue passed away.

Randall first served as chief of the department in 1989, a position he volunteered in for 21 years. After serving as Chief, Randall transitioned to the role of Safety Officer in 2010 and has served as president of the board for most of the past 10 years.

“Robert’s 38 years of service and selflessness will forever be instilled in our hearts and minds,” West Macon Fire and Rescue posted on Facebook. “He will be missed for his leadership, mentorship, and his always huge smile.”

In addition to his service to West Macon Fire and Rescue, Randall served the citizens of Macon County, spending most of his professional life as a paramedic.

A Celebration of Life was held on Sept. 3 at West Macon Fire and Rescue with Rev. Greg Rogers officiating.

Cowee Fire and Rescue also lost a member last week in the passing of Firefighter 1830 Charles Greenwood.

Greenwood served the last 21 years with Cowee Fire and Rescue, but his time as a volunteer firefighter spans over 66 years, dating back to his time in Jacksonville, Fla.

Greenwood was a firefighter, engineer, safety officer, chaplain, board member (past



Cowee Fire & Rescue flew an American flag over Highway 28 Sunday in honor of the late Charles Greenwood, a 21-year volunteer firefighter with the CFRD. Photo by Teresa S. Tabor

president), and was a founding member of Cowee Fire and Rescue’s Honor Guard. Greenwood was also a veteran of the United States Army.

Greenwood was instrumental in training and mentoring young firefighters, always making it a point to connect with them once they joined the department.

Greenwood was laid to rest on Sunday during a graveside ceremony at Cowee Baptist Church.

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Macon County Fair cancelled for the first time in its history

Deena C. Bouknight
Contributing Writer

This year was supposed to mark the 67th season of the Macon County Fair. Instead, a recent Macon County Fair Facebook post announced: “We are saddened to say we will not be hosting a true fair this year. The building and grounds will be closed to the public during fair week. We will be hosting the Macon County Livestock Shows for Exhibitors and Families - Only.”

Since 1953, the Macon County Fair, located at the Wayne Proffitt Agricultural Center on Georgia Road, started out as and has remained one of North Carolina’s “agricultural only” fairs. The week-long fair has always offered various events, exhibits, entertainment, and food, but missing has been a midway with various rides. However, visitors have been able to look forward to arts and crafts, livestock and animal shows, competitions for every age, and much more

Yet, just like most festivals, activities, and events in 2020, COVID-19 has shuttered the Macon County Fair, which was supposed to



The Macon County Fair has been going on in Franklin for 67 years. Even though flooding due to a hurricane shortened the fair in 2004, this year marks the first time in its history that the fair has been cancelled.

take place Sept. 23-26.

According to Dennis Conley, chairman of the fair for more than five years, “It was a difficult decision to make, but based on North Carolina restrictions we didn’t see any other options because we can’t guarantee social distancing or mask wearing with the crowds that the fair draws.”

Conley said that other than the fair cut short a few days in September 2004 due to flooding and the catastrophic Peeks Creek mudslide in Macon County, “the fair has al-

ways gone on.”

He added, “I’ve been involved with the fair for about 20 years, and I hated we can’t have it but it’s what we had to do for this year.”

Because the Wayne Proffitt Agricultural Center obtains at least 70 percent of its annual operating revenue from the fair, Conley explained that a letter was sent out to the fair catalog mailing list as well as various vendors and buyers associated with the fair asking for a monetary gift in lieu of advertising or renting a booth.

“We want to be transparent about what is occurring,” said Conley. “We are the only free fair in the state and that’s why we’ve run a tight budget. We operate year to year and we generate about \$26,000 for our annual budget ... a good \$20,000 comes from the fair, so if we don’t get some money coming in, there is the potential for us to have to close down the center for regular meetings and use during the year. But so far, the letter we sent out has generated a tremendous response.”

Conley indicated the donations coming in indicate Macon County’s support of the fair.

“We appreciate all the donations so far and their kind generosity. We have appreciated their patronage and we look forward to the fair next year ... hoping this [COVID-19] has all gone away.”

The goat, lamb, hog, and steer shows, which take place each day from Sept. 23-26, are for participants and family members. An auction is scheduled for the evening of Sept. 26, and Conley said, “There will be limited capacity, and social distancing and masks will be required at all the shows and the auction.”

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Event raises awareness of child trafficking

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

In 2019, the FBI received more than 420,000 reports of missing children, according to data from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC), a national resource center for information on the issue.

While the majority of missing children return home safely, some never do. Of almost 26,300 run-aways reported to the NCMEC in 2019, one in six were likely victims of child sex trafficking, according to the center’s website.

In 2019, the United States Marshal Services (USMS) helped recover 295 missing children based on requests for assistance from law enforcement and has contributed to the recovery of a missing child in 75 percent of cases received. Additionally, of the missing children recovered, 66 percent were recovered within seven days of the USMS assisting with the case.

Since its partnership with National Center for Missing and Endangered Children began in 2005, the agency has recovered more than 1,800 missing children.

With stories about missing children becoming more and more common, a group of local residents joined the national initiative to bring awareness to the “Save Our Children” movement. The inaugural Save Our Children event in downtown Franklin on Sunday afternoon featured live music and offered resources and information for parents from groups dedicated at raising awareness and prevention of child trafficking.

Operation Wolf Eyes was one of the vendors at the event, providing information to families. Operation Wolf Eyes’ purpose is to help victims to get out of human trafficking. They work to share information to bring awareness and help con-



The Save Our Children event in downtown Franklin on Sunday focused on raising awareness and the prevention of child trafficking and to provide resources to equip parents with the tools needed to protect their children.

nect victims with organizations that provide aftercare. Blake Arnold, Youth Pastor for First Baptist Church was



one of the main organizers of the event and said that he wanted to help with the event to equip parents with the tools needed for prevention.

The pictures and names of missing children were on display at the event and a vigil was held to remember them and their families and the search and efforts to return them home continue.

If you or someone you know is a victim of human trafficking, you can call the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 (TTY: 711), text 233733 (Text "HELP" or "INFO")

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SHP launches ‘Booze It and Lose It’

As Labor Day fast approaches, increased congestion across the state is expected as motorists travel to their vacation destinations. With this in mind, the State Highway Patrol is stressing the importance of sober driving throughout the holiday weekend.

Combining forces with the Governor’s Highway Safety Program and more than 500 law enforcement organizations statewide, the SHP is participating in the GHSP’s Booze It & Lose It campaign. Troopers throughout the two-week initiative will focus on multiple motor vehicle violations such as: excessive speeding, aggressive driving and driving while distracted. A special emphasis will also be placed on removing

impaired motorists, attempting to prevent needless collisions from occurring.

“Removing impaired drivers before they harm themselves or someone else is among our highest priorities throughout the holiday weekend,” said Colonel Glenn McNeill, Jr., commander of the State Highway Patrol. “Ensuring safe travel is a shared responsibility among both law enforcement and those who travel across our great state.”

Last year, the SHP responded to more than 1,351 collisions throughout the Labor Day weekend. Among those collisions, 402 resulted in an injury and 12 resulted in one or more fatalities. 94 collisions within the same time frame occurred due to impairment of either alcohol or drugs.

Motorists can assist in reducing needless collisions by following these suggestions:

- Plan ahead by ensuring a designated driver has been selected.
- Use a ride sharing service if no designated driver is available.
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The Booze It & Lose It campaign began Monday, Aug. 31 and will conclude on Sunday, Sept. 13.



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Patrick Taylor - Highlands Mayor

Labor Day signals change in seasons, including the earnest kickoff of the political season. COVID-19 has the potential to impact these events.

It will be a special election in 2020, although I have come to believe all elections are special.

In messages to get out and vote, we will hear the refrain that our veterans fought so we may have the right to vote. While that is certainly true, others have also fought to affirm everyone's right to vote.

One hundred years ago many of our grandmothers and even great and great, great grandmothers fought for the right to vote. The women's suffrage movement began some seven decades before their 1920 victory. Year after year the men who were legislators and the only voters, denied women access to the ballot. In order to win, women had to fight for the vote.

Before, during and after World War 1, a group of dedicated women decided to take drastic actions to demand the right to vote. These women developed tactics that had never been done in America. First, they developed an organized and systematic lobbying plan directed toward senators and congressmen. They would go in small groups to congressional offices to make their case. They lobbied in public, in full view of the press, not in back rooms and saloons. These women were civil, yet determined. They would not go away, but returned over and over again demanding the right to vote.

The suffragettes also implemented another tactic that had never been done before. They picketed in front of the White House. At first President Wilson was amused, but the women didn't go away and continued to picket daily, in the rain, heat and snow.

The suffragettes also endured physical pain. Crowds shouted at them, threw things at them and physically assaulted them. They would not yield. Finally, many of the suffragists were arrested and jailed. In jail several women went on hunger strikes only to be tied to chairs and force fed by having tubes shoved down to their stomachs.

The public began to see the determination and endurance of the suffragettes. Finally, in 1920 women won the right to vote. I say won, not given, the right the vote. So, in this election season, I hope we will all be mindful of the past struggles of people to vote. It didn't stop in 1920, voting rights struggles in the South continued into the 1960's.

I want everyone, regardless of political affiliations, to cast a ballot on or before Nov. 3. With COVID-19 still with us, I will be early voting. Early voting will begin on the third Thursday before Election Day. If just 50 to 100 people voted on each day of early voting, coupled with folks doing mail-in ballots, there would be no large crowds of voters at our Highlands Civic Center precinct on November 3. The fear of COVID exposure could be minimized.

A final thought about the suffrage campaign. Some folks 100 years ago took the position that it was unseemly for women to be involved in politics and voting. Many congressmen said a woman's place was in the home. Those defensive arguments of that past time are now laughable and even bizarre 100 years later.



Patrick Taylor

Letters to the Editor

Macon needs 'after-hours' Covid-19 testing

As a concerned Franklin resident and a registered nurse (over 50 years), I contacted the [Macon County] Public Health department (two times) to express the need for drive-thru Covid-19 testing in our community. A spokesman for the MCPH explained saying they did not have the man power.

I contacted Dr. Mandy Cohen, DHHS of NC sharing my concern for any help possible.

Some days later when I received *The Franklin Press* (Aug. 12, 2020) and on the front page was "Free Covid Test on Aug. 13," conducted by Macon County Emergency Management and Macon County Public Health at Macon Middle School as a drive-thru on Thursday, Aug. 13, from 8-11 a.m. I was elated. Thank you MCPH and EMS.

Now we need to work on more drive-thru for Covid-19 testing in the late afternoon and weekends, Saturday or Sunday for the Hispanic, Asian, people of color, migrant workers and others who work early morning to dark. They deserve the free testing, and what about testing for children. As I remember in March/April Macon County received over \$500,000 for testing of Covid-19 and other related Covid-19 needs. NC government is still stating more testing be done so we can manage this virus. We have the funds. With the outbreaks in the schools, Franklin needs to be very vigilant.

There is another area that Macon residents in Franklin should be very vigilant about. The wearing of mask (covering nose). By not wearing the mask it can spread virus and possible harm your friend, mom, dad, brother, sister, grandparents and may cause death. It's not about your constitutional rights. It's about love and caring about your fellow man.

There are so many fine, caring people living here. Let's do what we can as following rules - mask worn properly, distancing and washing our hands. We can do it.

Sarah T. Wilks - Franklin, N.C.

Aerial spraying must permanently cease

Recent articles in regional newspapers have addressed complaints that have surfaced during Duke Energy's aerial spraying of herbicides over their transmission lines in Macon, Jackson and Swain counties. According to Duke, they have temporarily paused the program while they determine the best way to notify customers who could be affected by the chemicals descending from their contractor's helicopter.

Duke has said that since the chemical mix of the spray is 90% water, it is relatively safe. Not true. Trycera, Method, Escort & Imazapyr - chemicals used by Duke in the mix - can have devastating effects, even in low concentrations. A

neighbor on the Macon-Jackson line had the spray drift into a portion of her fruit orchard. The photos she sent showed trees completely dead and blackened the following day. This is not a mix that you want in the soil of your garden or in your drinking water. Warnings on the safety sheets for these chemicals say, "Do not allow to get into surface water, drains and ground water. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing."

Duke also maintains that the same chemicals have been rigorously tested and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. This is quite questionable, since according to the Natural Resources Defense Council, the EPA has essentially rubber-stamped more than 10,000 pesticides and herbicides for industrial use during the past three years, the majority being hazardous to public health.

Duke would have you believe that this method of spraying is applied with precision within their 100 foot right-of-way. It is far less accurate than they would have you believe when the helicopter is spraying from 400 feet altitude and winds up to 10 mph are allowed. Drift occurs under these conditions.

As an engineer familiar with wire and cable manufacture and installation, I appreciate the need for efficiency in the field. However, there comes a point when public safety becomes paramount. Duke states that the safety of their employees is their primary concern. Should not the safety of their customers be at least as important?

If you have been adversely affected by Duke's aerial herbicide program, or simply feel that it is a hazardous operation which should not continue, please get in touch with the agency which oversees Duke's program: Dwight Seal, Western District Manager, NC Dept of Agriculture & Consumer Services, (336) 401-7154 or email Dwight.Seal@ncagr.gov.

Doug Woodward - Franklin, N.C.

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- Betsey Gooder, Publisher

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Giants fall when the cause is just

Sometime around 1000 AD, the Philistines threatened the armies of Israel by sending out Goliath, a monster of a man standing 9 feet 9 inches tall. The man wore a coat of armor weighing 125 pounds. His spearhead weighed 15 pounds. Every day, morning and evening, he came out and defied the armies of Israel, and their God, saying, "Why have you come out to draw up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and are you not servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me. If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."

All of the men of Israel are cowering in fear of Goliath. Even Saul, who stood head and shoulders taller than the rest of the men, and who had his own suit of armor, apparently lacks the temerity to face this giant. He is dismayed and greatly afraid like the rest.

David, a young shepherd, probably about 17, comes to visit his older brothers. Three of them are a part of the army of Israel. They, like Goliath, show no respect for their youngest sibling. They scold him and accuse him of just wanting to see the battle, even though he has been bringing them food from home. While he is resupplying and talking with his brothers, Goliath comes out and gives his spiel. David hears him. And while the other men are fleeing for their lives, David listens while some of them tell him that the king has offered great riches and his own daughter's hand in marriage to the man who fights and kills him. David's response is quite different from the others. He says, "Who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

When David's oldest brother hears this, he is angry and once again chides him.

But Saul hears about it, and summons David. He tries to talk him out of it, warning him that he is not able to go up against this giant, who has been a man of war from his youth. David shares his experience with killing both lion and bear when they tried to steal his sheep, and then threatened him. He told Saul that this uncircumcised Philistine will be like one of them, because he is defying the armies of the living God. David said, "The Lord who delivered me from the paw of the lion and from the paw of the bear will deliver me from the hand of this Philistine." And Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with you!" When Saul realizes that David will not be dissuaded, he offers him his own armor. David tries it on, but finds it too cumbersome. Then David goes down to the brook and picks up five smooth stones. The giant scoffs at him, and says he will feed him to the birds and the beasts. But David says, "You come to me with a sword and with a spear and with a javelin, but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the Lord will deliver you into my hand, and I will strike you down and cut off your head. And I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day to the birds of the air and to the wild beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that the Lord saves not with sword and spear. For the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hand." Sling in hand, he runs toward Goliath, puts a stone in his sling, and flings it at the giant, striking him in the forehead. It sinks in and drops him. David runs up, grabs Goliath's sword and cuts off his head.

Another giant, the State of California and the County of Los Angeles have been threatening Grace Community Church and its pastor, Dr. John MacArthur with \$1000/day fines for meeting indoors in person, without masks or "social distancing" to worship God as they have done for 51 years, until forced to close due to the threat of Covid-19. They remained closed, until gradually the people began to realize that the threat was not nearly as great as it had been

portrayed. They started coming back, of their own free will, and in defiance of the governor's edicts, and the county's threats, until they were once again packed with worshipers, some 3,000 of them by the end of July. Interestingly, there has not been a single case of Covid reported among these people. The church is now suing the State and the County for attempting three times to violate their 1st Amendment rights. On Aug. 20, Judge Mitchell L. Beckloff correctly found that there is no court order prohibiting the church from meeting indoors. The county will try again, but the church is holding firmly, because church is essential.

Ed Hill – Franklin, N.C.

Science surrounding Covid-19 has evolved

In the August 20 Macon County News, Stephen Crosby of Franklin wrote a letter asking people to do their own research, which in a general sense I applaud. However he goes on to specifically discuss doing one's own research on the issue of wearing masks. He starts with a quote from an article by Klompas et al in the *New England Journal of Medicine* from May 21, 2020, which stated, "We know that wearing a mask outside of healthcare facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection ... The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal." He then goes on to make a variety of political statements, castigating bureaucrats, the national media, and criminal elites, among others. Perhaps this is his real agenda. Nevertheless it's important that people be clear about what the science says.

The quotes in his letter, while taken out of context (the article was about universal masking in hospitals, not in the public), are still correct but miss the point. Science evolves, and the science around Covid-19 has evolved rapidly. At one time (including when the Klompas article was published) we thought this virus was spread from person to person mainly by exhaled droplets. We have since learned that it can be airborne, and within enclosed public spaces, e.g., restaurants and bars, it can remain airborne and spread to people not in close contact with an infected person. In addition, the main purpose of wearing a mask is to prevent the mask wearer from infecting others, not to protect the mask wearer him or herself. So even though these quotes are true, they don't counter the overwhelming prevailing scientific evidence that wearing masks when in public (indoors always, and outdoors if you cannot remain 6 feet from others) offers substantial benefit to all of us, by limiting the amount of virus spread by infected people. Tens or hundreds of thousands of deaths could be prevented if 95+% of us wear masks in public. One of those deaths could be me or Mr. Crosby. Isn't that reason enough?

Richard Ellin MD – Highlands, N.C.

N.C. may become known as 'The Reparations State'

Tennessee is called the Volunteer State because of the prominent role played by its volunteer soldiers during the War of 1812.

North Carolina may one day be called the Reparations State the way things are headed. On July 14, Asheville became the first American municipality to back the idea of reparations for its black residents. Providence, R.I., followed on July 15, but Durham, Burlington and other N.C. cities soon jumped in line. Part of the reason for our state's activism in this area may be the powerful presence and in-

fluence of William A. Darrity Jr., an African-American economics professor at Duke University.

Sandy Darrity, as he is known, quickly expressed his skepticism for the "piecemeal actions" of various towns. To be effective, he wrote, reparations demands an expenditure by the federal government of between \$10 and \$12 trillion.

How did Darrity come up with this price tag? Even if you hate statistics, pay close attention. This is really important. Darrity explained it all for *inthesetimes.com* in June 2019: "Data from the 2016 Survey of Consumer Finances indicates that the mean black net worth per household was \$138,000, while mean white household net worth was \$934,000, a difference of close to \$800,000." The \$10 trillion-plus is needed for direct payments to "erase the \$800,000 wealth gap."

Wait a minute, you say, most of my friends are white and I don't know one with a household worth of \$934,000.

Well, friend, you don't know your statistics! Darrity wrote "mean net worth," which means that whites are being averaged in with Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos and most of the other 60-plus billionaires in the U.S.

The median net worth of American households – meaning half are higher and half are lower – is a different story: about \$170,000 for white families and about \$17,000 for black families. Note that the racial gap ratio actually just went up from less than 7-to-1 to 10-to-1, but here's the point: Darrity and his many powerful followers are not advocating any payout for poor whites, but \$800,000 per household for black Americans descended from one or more slaves.

Where will this leave the descendants of Mrs. Betsy Walker, one of the major slavers of early American history and a woman of unmixed African ancestry? A fascinating article by Amanda Lee Brooks in *National Review* (May 14, 1990, pp. 36-40) explored how a respectable chunk of the trans-Atlantic slave trade was "firmly in the hands of" – drum roll – black women.

Sandy Darrity has just produced a 424-page tome published by UNC Press which lays out the case for \$10 trillion-plus reparations and which is already being touted as a "landmark" by the establishment media.

Let us be crystal clear. Sandy Darrity explicitly rejects any universal programs such as "baby bonds" for all children of low-earning parents. Why? Because helping poor white children will not "erase the \$800,000 wealth gap," a statistical phantom which tyrannizes his mind. The gap which exists between Mr. Bill Black and Mr. Joe White plus Mr. Jeff Bezos.

It was Mark Twain who popularized the line about "liars, damned liars and statisticians."

A closing note. *Sports Illustrated* has estimated that 78% of NFL and 60% of NBA players are broke or close to it within a few years of leaving their sports. Average NFL salary: \$2.1 million. Average NBA salary: \$7.7 million. (Guess that's why fewer of the latter go broke.)

Median household annual incomes for 2018: Whites \$65,900. Blacks \$41,500. Asians \$87,200.

Patrick Wallace – Franklin, N.C.

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Otto, Clarks Chapel undergo training on new extraction equipment



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The new extrication equipment runs on a battery pack instead of needing a generator to operate.



WiFi hotspots offered for virtual learning

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

After three weeks of hybrid in-person instruction for Macon County Schools, all students will spend next week doing virtual learning. The week of virtual learning was scheduled to line up with the Labor Day holiday and give the school system time to assess the first three weeks of school and best determine what actions needed to be taken moving forward with the school year.

All elementary schools in Macon County have continued on Plan B since school opened on Aug. 17. Staffing shortages caused by positive COVID19 tests resulted in quarantine requirements at Franklin High School, Union Academy, Macon Middle School, and Mountain View Intermediate School having to transition to remote learning under Plan C last week.

School officials plan to continue with virtual classes through next week and expect students to be able to return to the Plan B model beginning Sept. 14.

WiFi access is available to students at all Macon County School locations. WiFi will extend to all front parking areas at each school and is available from 8 a.m. until 9 p.m.

To address the lack of broadband and connectivity in Macon County, the school system has partnered with various churches and community centers to serve as remote learning sites to provide internet access and space for students to utilize for their school work.

Partnering locations signed a Temporary Remote Learning agreement with Macon County Schools, which allows them to operate without needing a state license for a daycare or summer camp facility. Other partnering organizations have agreed to provide wifi to be utilized in their parking lots.

Franklin area

– Bob C. Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Road.

– Parker Meadows, 4306 Patton Road, Franklin.
 – Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center, 51 Cowee School Drive. The signal reaches both the upper and lower parking lots. The network is coweewifi. The password is coweewifi.

– Franklin Chamber of Commerce, 98 Hyatt Road. Wifi available in the parking area, password on the door. Indoor learning space also available.

– Biltmore Baptist Church, 691 Sloan Road, Franklin.

– Franklin Seventy-Day Adventist Church, 71 Brendle Road, Franklin.

Highlands area

– Clear Creek Baptist Church, 250 Blue Valley Road. Contact Emily Chastain for a time to use the internet in the fellowship hall, ccp4emily@gmail.com

– First Baptist Church, 220 Main Street. Free WiFi available, private office space available & PC availability.

– Highlands Rec Park Building, 52 Aunt Dora Dr. Building is still closed but free Wi-Fi access available in the parking area.

– Highlands School, 545 Person Dr., free WiFi access available in the parking area.

– Hudson Library, 554 Main Street, free WiFi access inside the library building/on the porch; parking area WiFi access will be available in the coming weeks.

– Kelsey Hutchinson Park, free WiFi access available.

– Old school house in Scaly, free WiFi access available in the parking area.

– The Mountain Retreat, 3872 Dillard Road, free WiFi access available. Call ahead or stop by the main office area (adult supervision required).

– First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main Street, free WiFi access available from the main street parking area. WiFi password: 5268280784

Cowee School and Macon County Public Library are providing wifi access to students, but are not part of the Temporary Remote Learning Agreement with Macon County Schools.

The week of Sept. 7-11 will be virtual learning for all Macon County students. Officials expect students to be able to return to classes under Plan B beginning Sept. 14.



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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 17 - 30. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

August 25

Wade Thomas Ennis, was issued a true bill of indictment for felony harboring an escapee. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Christian Durand Marshall, was charged with assault on a female. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

August 26

Michelle Diane Fountain, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant services for offense committed in jurisdiction. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Tommy Shane Fountain, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction.

August 27

Gray Lebreia Fisk, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Jake Scott Davies, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer, driving while license revoked. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Misty Bates, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. Michael R. Hollifield made the arrest.

Jason Boyd Parker, was charged with simple assault. Brent C. Ledford made the arrest.

August 28

Megan Elizabeth Thomas, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Wylene Elizabeth Wall, was charged with possession of heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, sell/deliver a schedule VI controlled substance. Parrish W. Young made the arrests.

Tiffany Dawn Cullins, was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Zacharia Jacob Barrier, was charged with first degree kidnapping, assault with a deadly weapon causing serious injury, assault on a female, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

August 29

Jodi Lee Fisher, was charged with domestic physical/simple assault. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

April Lee Ensley, was charged with simple assault, injury to personal property. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

August 30

Kevin Michael Barker, was charged with simple assault, injury to personal property. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

August 20

Dustin Carnell Sheppard, 38, of Elderberry Lane, Dingess, W. Va., was charged with carrying concealed weapons, carrying a weapon into an establishment selling alcohol, possession of a firearm by a felon A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Joseph Daniel Toneges, 41, of Airport Rd., was charged with domestic violence order violation. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

August 17

Gaulberto Cantu, 40, of Old Cullowhee Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with second degree trespass, failure to appear for larceny after breaking or entering, breaking or entering. A secured bond of \$7,500 was set.

Amber Nicole Simon, 26, of Coppermine Court, Tuckaseegee, was charged with conspire to break and enter a building felony larceny, breaking and entering, second degree arson. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Allan Joseph Felton, 49, of Cricket Lane, Cullowhee, was charged with a fugitive warrant from Texas for sexual assault of a child. A secured bond of \$200,000 was set.

Kala Marie Bueno, 28, of Walnut Cove Rd., Tuckaseegee, was charged with conspire to break and enter, breaking and entering forcible, second degree arson. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Charlie Joe Cable, 48, of Betts Branch Rd., Bryson City, was charged with conspire to break and enter a building, felony aid and abet. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Ethan Murray, 45, of Rose Hill Dr., Clyde, was charged with second degree trespass, assault and battery. No bond was set.

August 18

Joseph Diaz, 29, of Rockhill Church Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for larceny remove/destroy/deactivate component, possession of stolen goods/property, misdemeanor larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, aid and abet larceny. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

August 19

David Ray Sims, 45, of Grassy Creek Rd., Tuckaseegee, was charged with conspire to break and enter a building, breaking and entering forcible, second degree arson. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Brandi Nicole Moore, 26, of Slosch Dr., was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked, simple assault. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Anthony Lamar Rice, 34, of Forked Trail, Cullowhee, was charged with obtaining property by false pretense. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Anthony Lamar Rice, 34, of Forked Trail, Cullowhee, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

August 20

Amber Nicole Simon, 26, of Cullowhee, was charged with larceny. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Garrett Kelly Nations, 24, of Nations Creek Rd., Whittier, was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Bryan Dean Hartline, 40, of Windbrook Lane, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Jack Daniel Smith, 31, of Washington Creek Rd., Cherokee, was charged with common law robbery. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

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.

First Alliance Church is partnering with Macon County Schools to help provide a safe place for children to go when they are not in school from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Most school children are being divided into "A" & "B" groups. Children can come three days per week, when not in school. The children will receive instruction from the school system, free breakfast, lunch and snack, and engage in various activities. Application forms to enroll your child/children are at the church office. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane, off of Womack St. Office hours are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The church building will also be open for worship service and form pick-up on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Forms can also be mailed, faxed or e-mailed to you. Space is limited, first come, first served. For more information call (828)369-7977 or email office@franklinma.com.

Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society that is normally held on the first Thursday of the month is once again being postponed. The society will continue to evaluate month to month and resume meetings when it is safe for all to be in such a gathering.

Nantahala Hiking Club will hike Yellow Patch to Betty Creek in Standing Indian recreational area, on Saturday, Sept. 5. Take a horse trail to FS Rd. 67 hop over on the AT and come back to Betty Creek. Good views from the AT. Hike limit 10 people. Total Hike Distance will be 6 miles, rating M, Elevation: 500'. Meet at Westgate Plaza at 9 a.m. For more information or reservations, call Gail Lehman at (828)524-5298.

The North Shore Cemetery Association will be hosting a down-scaled version of the Reunion on Sunday, Sept. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This will be a "drop-in event" to accommodate those who want to see some of the others they have been missing. There will be no organized services or agenda. Participants are asked to bring lawn chairs and other items necessary for an outdoor picnic while maintaining social distancing. Bring your own food and drinks as sharing food and/or utensils is prohibited. The reunion will be held at the Deep Creek Picnic Shelter north of Bryson City. Follow directional signs from US 19/74 to the Deep Creek Entrance. The shelter is ahead ¼-mile on the left.

Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Centers in Cullowhee and Franklin have an educational parenting program to earn "points" to use to obtain free items for your family. The centers carry formula, diapers, wipes, baby items and clothing up to size 6, as well as strollers, car seats, high chairs, pack n' plays, etc. Donations are always welcome. Services are free and confidential. For more information or an appointment, call (828)349-3200, (828)293-3600 or smccc.org

Crawford Senior Center is hosting 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.

Uptown Gallery on Main Street new hours are Monday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 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. No one should be going hungry; the food is plentiful.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

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

Victory Baptist Church Revival Meetings will beginning Sunday, Sept. 6 through Wednesday, Sept. 9. Evangelist Dr. Tom Farrell will speak at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., on Sunday. Monday through Wednesday night services will begin at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend. Victory is located midway between Sylva and Franklin on top of Cowee Mountain.

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

First Alliance Church Sunday services in person and on Facebook are held at 10:30 a.m. Senior Pastor Scott Eichelberger will deliver the message. The Strings Ensemble will provide special music. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack next door to Tri-mont Christian Academy). For more information, call the church office at (828)369-7977.

Franklin First United Methodist Church Sunday Online Worship is held at 9 a.m., on Facebook Live at Franklin First United Methodist Church while we are social distancing due to COVID19. The church is located at 66 Harrison Avenue in downtown Franklin; senior pastor is Rev. David Beam. For more information, call (828)524-3010 or www.firstumcfranklin.org

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

Tellico Baptist Church is now having in-person Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship service at 11 a.m. inside the church building with the Reverend L. E. Angel. Everyone is welcome.

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

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



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Lecture highlights bird population decline

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

On Friday, Aug. 28, Mark Hopey presented "Monitoring Bird Populations at Highlands Biological Station: A Long Term Survey." Hopey, a field biologist for 25 years and director of programming for the Blue Ridge Bird Observatory, conveyed the importance of education about birds in order to understand conservation efforts. Paige Engelbrektsen, nature center education specialist at the Highlands Biological Foundation, presented the last of this year's Virtual Zahner Lecture series, which began in the 1930s as a way to educate the public about natural history and conservation.

"Educating the public is a big part of our mission," said Hopey. "Birds are in decline. They have been slowly disappearing from view for many decades, which is nothing new. This has been forecasted and predicted for many years. Published in *Science* magazine last year was a report that populations have diminished 29-30 percent. That adds up to a whopping 2.9 million birds in North America alone. For various reasons, habitat loss or climate change ... there are less birds."

Much data about birds has been collected in and around the Highlands Biological Station, according to Hopey, "to try to understand trends in populations." Mist nets managed by "trained" individuals catch birds so that they can safely be evaluated, banded and studied before being released.

"We determine age and gender of the bird," said Hopey, explaining that the work is part of a MAPS program, a collaborative effort among public agencies, non-governmental groups, and individuals focused on the conservation of birds and their habitats. "We learn how the birds are reproducing around the station and how well they are surviving ... get a real feel for what's going on with the local populations. We need to understand the entire life cycle of birds."

Hopey said that this year's efforts resulted in specialists



A field biologist holds a yellow-billed cuckoo.

handling 149 birds, including 21 total species – eight of which are labeled "residents," while 13 were "neotropical migrants." Resident birds will typically inhabit an area year-round, Hopey noted, and people can observe backyard and hiking trail birds to determine if there are bands around the birds' feet.

Hopey explained that individuals do not need to have a biology degree to do their "bit" to protect and promote bird populations.

"Clean bird feeders and keep them filled, volunteer at the Highlands Biological Station, hang strings in front of windows to protect birds from flying into windows, and keep cats indoors during the day. Everybody can make a positive difference. During the fall migration, which is occurring now, young birds are moving through and will nest in native plants and trees. Avoid using yard pesticides if possible. And stay educated about the environment at places like the station."

Individuals interested in obtaining more information can visit bigbaldbanding.org or highlandsbiological.org.



Mark Hopey, who educates regarding bird populations, bands birds so their life cycle, breeding habits, and general health can be evaluated.

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WNC regional poetry competition underway

The Caldwell Arts Council in Lenoir, NC announces the inaugural Western NC Regional Online Poetry Competition. Sponsored by Blue Ridge Energy, the competition is open to writers 18 and up who live in 31 western North Carolina counties. Submissions of up to two original poems will be accepted for the low entry fee of \$10.

The competition will feature preliminary judge Dan Prather of Parkersburg, West Virginia and final judge Kari Gunter-Seymour, who is the Ohio Poet Laureate. A total of \$1200 in cash prizes will be awarded.

The deadline for submissions is midnight on Tuesday, Sept. 15, with winners being notified by Oct. 15. Winning poems will be posted on the Caldwell Arts Council website, and winning writers will have the opportunity to join the judges in an online poetry reading via Zoom on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 22.

For complete competition information including counties of residence, electronic submission guidelines and payment details, visit www.caldwellarts.com.

Clapsaddle to read from new novel in outdoor event

City Lights Bookstore is planning an outdoor event on the evening of Thursday, Sept. 10, to celebrate the publication of Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle's new novel, *Even as We Breathe*. Starting at 6 p.m., she will address passersby with selections from her book. After the reading, an alfresco autographing will be held on the patio at City Lights Cafe. Following the signing, those of us who are of age will progress next door to the lawn in front of The Paper Mill Lounge to hoist a glass in honor of Saunooke.



Anna Saunooke Clapsaddle

Annette Saunooke Clapsaddle, an enrolled member of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) resides in Qualla, N.C. She holds degrees from Yale University and the College of William and Mary. Her debut novel, *Even As We Breathe* (The University Press of Kentucky) was just released. Her first novel manuscript, *Going to Water* is the winner of The Morning Star Award for Creative Writing from the Native American Literature Symposium (2012), a finalist for the PEN/Bellwether Prize for Socially Engaged Fiction (2014). After serving as executive director of the Cherokee Preservation Foundation, Clapsaddle (National Board Certified since 2012) returned to teaching English and Cherokee Studies at Swain County High School. She is the former co-editor of the *Journal of Cherokee Studies* and serves on the Board of Trustees for the North Carolina Writers Network.

Input needed on statewide trail network plan

As people across North Carolina are using greenways and trails in record numbers, their input is needed to develop the Great Trails State Plan.

The Great Trails State Plan is a state Department of Transportation-led effort to identify existing trails and define what actions need to take place to connect those trails statewide. The plan builds upon local and regional trails to identify one overall trail network that is focused on connections to state parks and populated areas.

The public can provide feedback by taking an interactive map survey and a 10-question survey. Participants are encouraged to take both surveys, which close on Sept. 30.



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UWE Edward Haarhoff

UWE Edward Haarhoff, 83, of Scaly Mountain, N.C., passed away Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020. He was born July 19, 1937 in Hamburg, Germany to the late Clements and Regina Haarhoff.

He went into business at the age of 19 as a hairdresser in Braunschweig, Germany. He served the German Royal families, and many royalty in Europe. In 1961, he immigrated to the USA, landing in New York. He owned and operated Edwards Salon in Buckhead, Ga., serving many people who he considered his friends and family.

He was of the Episcopalian faith, then joined McClure Memorial Chapel in Sky Valley, where he was very active and served as a cross bearer at church.

Survivors include his lifelong partner, J.P. Belmont of the home; sister, Barbel Kimpel of Dortmund, Germany; a nephew, Sven Haarhoff of Hawaii; and his special dog, "Keats."

A private family service will be held at a later date in Sky Valley, Ga.

Online condolences at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

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

Dana Wayne Frank

Dana Wayne Frank, 67, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Thursday, Aug. 6, 2020, after a short battle with cancer.

He was born April 18, 1953, to Gerald and Joyce D. Walters Frank in Minneapolis, Minn. He was a member of Mount Hope Baptist Church. He dedicated his life to various volunteer roles; The Courage Center Camp, The Lion's Club, and helping people, even strangers, any way he could. He shared his strong faith in God with everyone. He was a talented Real Estate agent and entrepreneur. He

loved the Minnesota Twins and could talk for hours about his favorite team. He also loved listening to music. He enjoyed spending time with his family, he was a proud dad of his two daughters and his grandchildren.

He married the love of his life, Wendy, in 2014 and they moved to Franklin for retirement in 2018. His life changed in the blink of an eye, he lost the love of his life, Wendy, in May 2020 and a short time later received the news of his cancer. He fought so hard, but the cancer took over, and God brought him home to spend eternal life in Heaven, pain free.

He is survived by his father, Gerald Frank and friend, Gina Nelson; brother, John Frank and wife Gail; sister, Nancy Hines and husband, Ron; daughters, Shari Elmquist and husband, Marty and Lauri Ellison and husband, Marv, all of Minnesota; step-children, Jenna Ferreira and husband Danillo, Jake Lucht, and Jesse Lucht; five grandchildren and one on the way; and his loving dogs.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his mother, Joyce Walters Frank.

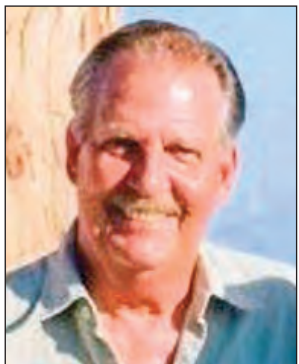
A celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.



UWE Edward Haarhoff



Dana Wayne Frank

Frank Lawson Showalter

Frank Lawson Showalter, 75, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Friday, Aug. 28, 2020.

Born in Garden City, Mich., he was the son of the late Carl Leo Showalter and Thelma Robinson Showalter. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Air Force during Vietnam and worked most of his life as a flight engineer. He enjoyed collecting aviation memorabilia, studying genealogy and model railroading. He was Mormon by faith.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy Showalter; four children, Donald Showalter of Lakeland, Ohio, Ronald Showalter of Greenville, S.C., Angie Showalter and Sonya Showalter of Spokane, Wash.; sister, Darlene Law of Phoenix, Ariz.; half-sister, Betty Wright of Merced, Calif.; three grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Jake Adam Thomas

Jake Adam Thomas, 37, son of Willie Ray Thomas and Tammy Taylor Ledford, was born on March 9, 1983, and passed from this life on Aug. 26, 2020.

He was very smart and gifted with many talents. He was a great athlete and used his abilities to become an outstanding baseball pitcher. During his time in the U.S. Army, he excelled in marksmanship, receiving several medals, and recognition as the number one sharp shooter in his unit. He enjoyed woodcarving and was exceptionally talented with a hand knife.

He took his role as protector of his family seriously, never backing down from any issue, but he also had a playful side and was known as a great joke teller. His ability to tell a good joke was probably genetic since he was the grandson of one of Macon County's favorite jokesters, Guy Taylor, and his wife, Jean.

He loved his German Shepherd, Kovu, and his cat, Moe. Most of all, however, he adored his children.

Along with his parents, left to remember him are his precious children, Makenzie Thomas and Taylor Thomas; his siblings, Christie Slagle and Brandon Ledford; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandparents and by his brother, Jeffery Ray Thomas.

A private family memorial service was held Sunday, Aug. 30. Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve Jake's family. Online condolences may be made at www.moffittfamilyfuneralcare.com.

Tony Keven Holland

Tony Keven Holland, 59, of Franklin, N.C. died unexpectedly on Aug. 28, 2020. He was preceded in death by his father, William Perry Holland, mother, Susie Deitz Holland and nephew, Bill Holland.

He loved ginseng digging, fishing and deer hunting. He was of the Baptist faith and in later years, attended Riverside Community Church.

He is survived by his brothers, Gary Holland (Brenda) and Terry Holland; three nieces, Breanna, Kylah and Laney Holland; one nephew, Cameron Henry (Carley); great niece, Blakely Henry; special friends, Paul and Nadine Thomas, John Holland and Bill Bryson.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Sept. 3, at 6 p.m., in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Rev Bobby Cloer officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Patton United Methodist Missions, 65 Scroggs Rd., Franklin, NC 28734. Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Jake Adam Thomas

Gene Thomas Price

Gene Thomas Price, 80, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020.

Born in Washington, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Frank W. and Gene Barksdale Thomas. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Frank W. Thomas Jr. She was an elementary education graduate of the University of Georgia, received her Master of Divinity degree from SMU Perkins School of Theology in Dallas and was an ordained Presbyterian pastor. She served as associate pastor of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church in The Woodlands, Texas for 11 years before retirement. Upon moving to Franklin, she was a member of Morrison Presbyterian Church and served as a chaplain for Angel Medical Center. She was a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority, PEO, and Carenet. She enjoyed hiking, traveling, gardening, and reading.

While raising her children she served in leadership positions in her church and community and civic organizations. When her "nest" emptied, she undertook the challenge of further educating herself for pastoral ministry. The Presbyterian Church requires rigorous training for its pastors. It is not easy to learn Hebrew and Greek in your 50s, yet she went on to receive ordination and serve as pastor for a relatively large church where she was much loved.

She devoted her life to the service of others. She had a genuine love for people, with an uncommon ability to quickly form warm personal relationships with practically everyone she met.

She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Robert Price Sr.; children, Robert Price Jr. and wife Susan of Spring, Texas, Jackson Price and wife Lisa of Ames, Iowa, Brian Price and wife Rhonda of Lewisville Texas, Alan Price and wife Ellen of Reston, Va.; sister, Barksdale Boyd and husband Tom, of Tiger, Ga.; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren and 14 nieces and nephews.

An outdoor Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Sept. 5, at 11 a.m., at Morrison Presbyterian Church with Rev. Noah McIntee officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Morrison Presbyterian Church, C/O Bob Price, 16 Serenity Ridge Drive, Franklin, NC 28734

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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Edgar Jayco Owens

Edgar Jayco Owens, 82, of Highlands, N.C., passed away Aug. 29, 2020.

He was the son of the late Hayman Luther Owens, and Mary Ethel Miller Owens. He was also preceded in death by his wife Martha Carolyn Munger Owens; son, Bennie Owens; grandson, Noah Owens; six brothers, Harry Owens, Bud Owens, Buck Owens, Waco Owens, Ronnanie Owens, and Charels Owens; four sisters, Euwilda Pickelsimer, Madge Munger, Irene Owens, Christine Owens.

He is survived by four sons, James Luther Owens of Highlands, Edgar Eugene (Stacy) Owens of Satolah Ga., Dennis SR. (Sandra) Owens of Greenville, S.C., Johnny (Mary) Stephens of Satolah, Ga.; three daughters, Mary Owens Ridgeway of Anderson, S.C., Sherry Lynn Owens Highlands, Melissa Euwilda (Brian) Grace of Satolah, Ga.; two brothers, Cleavelan Owens of Satolah, Ga., and Clinton (Connie) of Kentucky; one sister, Dorothy Keener of Social Circle, Ga.; 16 grandchildren; and 25-plus great grand children.

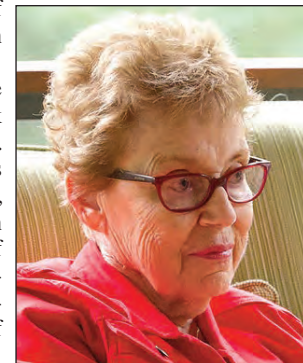
He was superman to his children and grandchildren. He was a father to many that wasn't his own. He was loved by many and respected by all. He was an avid outdoors man and enjoyed coon hunting, fishing, and working in his garden.

A private family service will be held.

The family asks in lieu of flowers donations may be to Beck Funeral Home, 898 Hwy 441 South Clayton, Ga., to help with funeral expenses.

Beck Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

An online Memorial Register Book is available at www.beckfuneralhome.com.



Gene Thomas Price



Deaths & Funerals

Mary Frances Stump Harrell

Mary Frances Stump Harrell, 82, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020.

Born in Clarksburg, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late John S. Stump and Helen Mannex Stump. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her two brothers. She was a high school teacher at Bishop Moore High School in Orlando, Fla., where she worked until retirement. She was a graduate of Mary Washington College. She was a member of the St Francis Catholic Church, Women's Guild and former reader at Mass, active in the Faith Sharing Group, as well as many areas of the Church.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Ray Harrell; children, Frances Anne Harrell of Salem, N.H., and Steven Anthony Harrell of Orlando, Fla.; and three grandchildren.

Funeral mass was held Saturday, Aug. 29, at St. Francis Catholic Church. Father Tien Duong officiated.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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

Robert William Randall

Robert William Randall, 72, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020.

Born and raised in Macon County, he was the son of the late Jack William Randall and Mary B. McLean Randall. He worked most of his life as a paramedic in Macon County. He was former fire chief at West Macon Fire and Rescue where he also served as president of the board. He was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church and enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandson, Jack.

He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Velma Randall; daughter, Robin Sumner (Todd) of Franklin; sister, Ellen Randall of Franklin; brother, Butch Randall of Franklin; and his beloved grandson, Jack.; and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life was held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at West Macon Fire and Rescue, 564 Charles Nolen Rd, Franklin. Rev. Greg Rogers officiated with funeral honors conducted by the Cowee Fire and Rescue Honor Guard. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to West Macon Fire and Rescue, 564 Charles Nolen Rd, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.



Robert William Randall

Charles Edward Greenwood

Charles Edward Greenwood, 80, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with his Lord on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020.

He was born in Sullivan County, Indiana, to the late Ralph and Mildred Bottorff Greenwood. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Charles Alan Greenwood.

He retired from Bellsouth and was a veteran of the U.S. Army. He spent the last 21 years with the Cowee Volunteer Fire/Rescue as firefighter 1830. His time as a volunteer firefighter spans over 66 years. He was a firefighter, engineer, safety officer, Chaplain, board member (past president), and was a founding member of the Honor Guard. He was also a member of Cowee Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Sandy; daughter, Amanda Crews (John) of Jacksonville, Fla.; son, Lauren Edward Greenwood of Franklin; sister, Helen Meserve of Ocala, Fla.; 10 grandchildren, Ashley Born (Jordan), Ashley Crews, Jennifer Crews, Joshua Crews, Johnny Crews, Slade Crews, Jacob Crews, Sawyer Crews, Savannah Crews, and Cooper Greenwood.; a niece, Debbie Ferris and her children, Tommy and Kristen; and a nephew, Tim Flynn (Janna) and their daughters, Tiffany, Bethany, and Courtney; and numerous special friends also survive.

A graveside service was held Sunday, Aug. 30, at Cowee Baptist Church. Rev. Jason Smith and Rev. Ronnie Branson officiated. Special honors were provided by the Cowee Volunteer Fire/Rescue Honor Guard.

Online condolences can be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Charles Greenwood

Bertha Eloisa Sanchez Manzano

Bertha Eloisa Sanchez Manzano, 93, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Saturday, Aug. 31, 2020.

Born in Ecuador, she was the daughter of the late Humberto Sanchez and Carmelina Manzano. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carlos Carrillo and daughter, Fanny Carrillo. She was a member of the St Francis Catholic Church and enjoyed spending time with her family.

She is survived by her seven children, Mario Carrillo of Denver, Pa., Hernan Carrillo of Ecuador, Carlos Carrillo of Denver, Pa., Luis Carrillo of Long Island, N.Y., Raul Carrillo of Long Island, N.Y., Absalon Zuniga of Queens, N.Y., and Orlando Zuniga of Franklin.

A funeral mass was held Wednesday, Sept. 2, at St. Francis Catholic Church.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Bertha Manzano

Richard 'Dick' Adlam Dando

Richard "Dick" Adlam Dando, 96, of Franklin, N.C., passed away at home on Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2020.

He was raised on a farm in Skaneateles, N.Y. He was the son of the late Raymond Shettleworth Dando and Alice Churchill Adlam Dando. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Helen Wilmot (David) and Kathryn Murphy (William); and a son-in-law, Kenneth M. Funchess Jr.

He had a long career as a chemical engineer with St. Regis Paper Company in several locations, primarily in Jacksonville, Fla. While in Jacksonville, he worked as a "troubleshooter" in water treatment at company plants in the U.S. and Canada.

His outside interests were trout fishing in northern New York streams and bass fishing on the St. Johns River in Florida. He also enjoyed trips across the United States with friends and family.

He interrupted his college education to enlist in the U.S. Army. After basic training, he attended advanced engineering school at Auburn University in Alabama. He served in the U.S. Army as a Staff Sergeant in the 14th infantry regiment, stationed in Europe during WWII. After his discharge from the service, he obtained his Bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at Clarkson College of Technology in Potsdam, N.Y.

He was a member of the congregation of All Saints Episcopal Church, St. Agnes Chapel in Franklin.

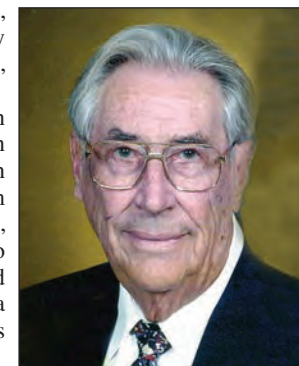
He is survived by his wife of 71 years, Joan Nuffer Dando; two children, Mark Alan Dando (Kathryn) and Sue Dando Funchess of Shiloh, Ga.; one sister, Muriel Dando of Binghamton, N.Y.; and several nieces and nephews.

No services have been planned at this time.

In lieu of flowers, a donation in his honor can be made to Care Partners Hospice, 170 Church Street, Franklin NC 28734, or to a charity of your choice.

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Richard Dando

Joe Campbell

Joe Campbell, 74, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2020.

Born and raised in Macon County, he was the son of the late Fredrick "Ted" Campbell and Edna Caroline Angel Campbell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Judy Campbell and a sister, Clyda Smith. He served in the U.S. Army and was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 994. He enjoyed spending time with his family and going to the deer camp.

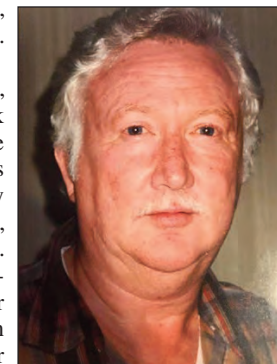
He is survived by two sons, Randy Campbell (Anna) of Franklin and Daniel Campbell (Kim) of Athens, Tenn.; brother, Fred Campbell of Franklin; two sisters, Shirley Shepherd (Ken) of Franklin and Jean Thong (Ty) of Columbia, S.C.; six grandchildren, Kristen, Korey, Kari, Danielle, Alisa and Cody; six great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 29, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Randy Campbell and Daniel Campbell officiated. Burial was in the Iotla Methodist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Cody Campbell, Ken Shepherd, Mike Shepherd, Tanner Shepherd, Tyler Shepherd and Rick Norton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the VVA Chapter 994 for local scholarships, C/O Dick Sheenan, 249 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

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Byron wins his way into Playoffs; DiBenedetto earns final spot on points

Holly Cain – NASCAR Wire Service

With his NASCAR Cup Series Playoff hopes on the line, Hendrick Motorsports' driver William Byron earned his first career victory Saturday night at Daytona International Speedway in the Coke Zero Sugar 400 regular season finale.

The victory was an automatic berth into the Playoffs for the 22-year-old Byron – a hard-fought trophy in a typically full-contact, high-emotion contest on NASCAR's famed Daytona high-banks to settle the Playoff field.

The only two Playoff positions still up for grabs on the night were filled by Byron and Matt DiBenedetto, who earned the 16th and final Playoff position with a 12th place effort – a mere six points better than seven-time series champion Jimmie Johnson who nursed a badly-damaged car home to a 17th-place finish.

"We made it," DiBenedetto said. "I don't care how we did it. All my goal was, was to come in here and make it. I wanted it so bad for this team," he continued, with a nod to the longtime Wood Brothers Racing operation.

Johnson – who is retiring from fulltime competition at the end of the season – was obviously disappointed in the outcome, but emboldened by the effort of his team. The 83-race NASCAR Cup Series winner had a tough path to earn a Playoff berth. He missed a race due to a COVID-19 diagnosis and had points taken away from a runner-up effort earlier in the season due to a disqualification. He was in contention to move into his final Playoffs opportunity until being caught up in an 11-car accident with only four laps left in regulation.

"First and foremost, congratulations to my teammate for getting his first Cup win like that," Johnson said. "This setting and the drama that goes into it, that's a big win for [crew chief] Chad Knaus and William Byron, really happy for those guys.

"We had a really good car and last couple months we've been really getting our act together and running well. Really disappointed to not be in the Playoffs. That was the number one goal to start the year."

Byron took the lead from this year's Daytona 500 winner Denny Hamlin on an overtime restart with two laps to go and with cars spinning out behind him, ultimately was able to hold off his Hendrick Motorsports teammate Chase Elliott by a blink-of-the-eye .119-second.

Hamlin finished third, followed by his Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Martin Truex Jr. Richard Petty Motorsports' driver Bubba Wallace turned in a season-best fifth-place finish. Ryan Blaney, Alex Bowman, Brendan Gaughan, Chris Buescher and Brad Keselowski rounded out the top-10.

Kyle Busch led a race best 31 laps – the only driver to better Byron's 24-laps out front. But with only eight laps remaining in what had been a largely incident-free race, Busch, the reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion, was collected in the first of two mega-accidents. Nine cars running up front suffered damage in the incident and a red flag flew for more than 10 minutes.

The race restarted with five laps remaining but another incident at the front of the field involved 11 cars – including Johnson's No. 48 Chevrolet and Joey Logano's No. 22 Team Penske Ford which had won the race's first two stages.

Byron was part of that close-quarter contact racing and the race leader when the caution came out. During the ensuing short red flag period, Byron's team worried if his car had suffered damage in the



William Byron, driver of the #24 Liberty University Chevrolet, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway on Aug. 29, 2020 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

melee – if Byron should stay out for the restart instead of pitting. He stayed out and the gamble paid off with Byron's first NASCAR Cup Series win and a berth in the Playoffs.

"I'm just extremely blessed and this is incredible," said Byron, who drives the No. 24 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. "It's been a hard couple of years in the Cup Series and trying to get my first win and gel with this team. These guys did an awesome job today and got us in the Playoffs and it's amazing."

The 10-race NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs begin next Sunday with the Cook Out Southern 500 at Darlington, S.C. Raceway at 6 p.m. Seven-race winner Kevin Harvick, the regular season champion, is the top seed and takes a 10-point advantage into the Playoffs over six-race winner Denny Hamlin. With his win, Byron moved up to a ninth-place seeding. DiBenedetto starts his first ever Playoff quest seeded 16th.

Justin Haley gets second Xfinity win in wild Daytona finish

Teamwork was the buzz word of the night for the Wawa 250 Powered by Coca-Cola NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Daytona International Speedway, but ultimately it came down to team members aggressively deciding the win amongst themselves instead of a team versus team surge for the checkered flag.

Ross Chastain tagged the left rear of his Kaulig Racing teammate – and the race leader – A.J. Allmendinger's Chevrolet on the final lap in the final turns sending both cars into the wall while their other teammate Justin Haley surged through the field to the checkered flag. It was the 21-year-old Indiana-native's second career Xfinity Series win matching his work at the sport's other big track, Talladega Superspeedway earlier this season.

Haley, the driver of the No. 11 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet edged Gray Gaulding – who was making his second start of the season – by a mere .253-seconds for the victory. Chase Briscoe, Riley Herbst and Harrison Burton rounded out the top five. Chastain recovered to finish sixth, fol-



Kevin Harvick, driver of the #4 Mobil 1 Ford, was awarded the 2020 NASCAR Cup Series regular season championship prior during the NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway on Aug. 29, 2020 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

lowed by Michael Annett, Austin Cindric, Josh Williams and Jesse Little.

"Obviously, just a little delayed reaction, obviously not intentional," Haley said watching the replay of his teammates' tussle.

"Just a little lucky there, I got shucked out and I was a little frustrated but that's why you never give up," he added. "These things are so unpredictable."

Before the contact with Allmendinger and Chastain, it looked like the race was ultimately going to come down to a good ol' Chevrolet versus Ford duel. The Kaulig Chevrolet threesome led 68 of the race's 100 laps with Allmendinger's 58 laps out front the most on the evening. Ford drivers Cindric and Briscoe were positioned in the lead pack ready to make a final push forward, but Cindric was caught up in the Allmendinger/Chastain incident on the final lap.

After the race, Chastain – who along with Haley are Kaulig Racing's two fulltime drivers – offered his thoughts on the contact with his teammate but he was resolute in his decision to go for the win.

"It doesn't matter how many races each of us run," Chastain said referring to Allmendinger's part-time schedule. "We're supposed to go for the win. Team rules are the last 10 laps and we all stay committed. I hate that Justin got shucked out there with five to go. But coming to the checkered [flag], what am I supposed to do? Finish second? Not this guy."

Allmendinger ended up 15th and the veteran was obviously disappointed in the outcome and the manner of the outcome.

"It's racing. And congratulations to Justin Haley for getting a Kaulig Racing Chevrolet into Victory Lane. That's the most important thing."

Kaulig Racing swept the night with Haley winning Stage 1 and Allmendinger leading the three-car Kaulig Racing train in Stage 2.

Two drivers still closely battling for the 12th and final Playoff position – Brandon Brown and Jeremy Clements turned in a dramatic evening. Brown scored stage points by finishing fourth in Stage 1 and that ultimately proved to be vital for his championship chances considering both cars suffered some damage in a multi-car accident midway through the race.

Clements finished 20th and Brown was 26th. The stage points were enough to keep Brown in that 12th place transfer position, with a 32-point advantage over Clements as the series moves to historic and historically tough Darlington (S.C.) Raceway next week.

Cindric's eighth-place finish was good enough to keep him atop the championship standings by 58 points over Chase Briscoe.



Jimmie Johnson, driver of the #48 Ally Chevrolet, was presented with a painting of his car prior to Sunday's race. Jimmie Johnson has said he is retiring from full-time NASCAR racing after 2020.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PG. 15

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THEME: 1980s LYRICS

ACROSS

1. Lascaux and Mammoth, e.g.
6. At the stem
9. Eyeball rudely
13. Inuit boat
14. And not
15. Sing like Sinatra
16. Manicurist's file
17. Old-fashioned "before"
18. "If you _____, I won't cry. I won't waste one single day"
19. "Steve walks warily down the street with the brim pulled way _____"
21. "She's just a girl who claims I am _____"
23. "Play it, _____," from "Casablanca"
24. Boris Godunov, e.g.
25. "All right stop collaborate and listen, _____ is back..."
28. Between Phi and Kappa
30. Restriction limiting use of lights during air raid
35. J.D. Power awards competitors
37. "Oh, back on the chain _____"

39. Ann Patchett's novel "Bel _____"
40. Slightly
41. Algorithmic language
43. French "place"
44. Kind of potato masher
46. Brickowski's brick
47. Cleopatra's necklace
48. Canine's coat
50. Sol or fa
52. National Institutes of Health
53. "_____ Christmas, I gave you my heart"
55. Trinitrotoluene
57. "You were working as a waitress in a cocktail bar when I _____"
60. "I wanna dance with somebody, with somebody who _____"
64. Lithograph, for short
65. Holstein sound
67. Radio sign
68. Killed, like dragon
69. Commotion
70. Yiddish shrew
71. Sleep in rough accommodations
72. Gourmet mushroom
73. Cancel an edit, pl.

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5. First U.S. space station
6. Again
7. "Hello, is it me you're looking _____?"
8. Weight of refuse and chaff, pl.
9. Black and white cookie
10. One from Goa
11. "And I'm never gonna make it like you do, making _____ out of nothing at all"
12. Compass reading
15. One of religious orders
20. Last letter of Greek alphabet
22. Experienced
24. Sine over cosine
25. "I long to see the sunlight in your hair and tell you time and time again how much _____"
26. Northwoods dwelling?
27. The Goldbergs sibling
29. "Cause I'm your _____ cool

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