

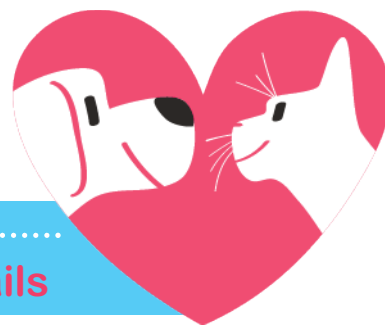
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Franklin High School Mr. and Ms. FHS Court was chosen recently. Teachers nominated students for the court ballot and the student body voted and chose the students to represent their grade level on the court. Mr. and Ms. FHS 2020 will be crowned on Saturday evening, Jan. 25, 8:30 in the FHS gym. Pictured are (front row, L-R) Abby Carpenter, Claire Holland, Tori Ensley, Chloe Lane, Taylor Ensley, Sydney Williams, Alison Knop, Dylan Garcia, Hannah Angel, Alex Torres; (middle row, L-R) Nicholas Sanders, Brayden Watts, Lindsey Davis, Naomi Astling, Amy Tippet, Corey Burrell, Nik Payne, Josh Moss, Jesus Torres; (back row, L-R) Chad Wilson, Israel Jackson, Peyton Wood, Seth Crupi, Miles McClure, Ryan Ammons, Gabe Pangle, Jeffrey Tallent, and Zach Jones.

Brrrr! Cold for a Cause lives on Jan. 9-12

Deena C. Bouknight
Contributing Writer

This time last year the headline read: "Cold for a Cause ends 10-year run of collecting for needy families." Yet, the effort was picked up again just in time for the new decade. It will take place Jan. 9-12 in a vacant field near Bojangles in Franklin.

For 10 years, Patrick Jenkins spent 48 hours braving cold weather and hunkering down in the bucket of a crane and parked in front of Macon County Farm Bureau. He and Joe Sanders, owner of J.R. Sanders Company who provided the crane, came up with the event idea as a way to start a new year off by giving back to the community. The goal was to encourage citizens during the 48-hour time period to drop off



For 10 years, Patrick Jenkins spent 48 hours in a bucket in January to raise money for CareNet. This year, the time will be shared by three volunteers and expanded to 72 hours.

donations of coats, blankets, canned foods, and personal hygiene items for Macon County CareNet to distribute to needy families.

Last January, Jenkins "retired" from bucket duty. But this year, two CareNet board members, Ben Windle of Discover Church and David Beam of First United Methodist Church, along with Tim Hogsed, CareNet's executive director, and youth pastor of Pine Grove Baptist Church, decided to each spend 24 hours in the 2-foot by 2-foot bucket suspended 40 feet in the air.

"That was Patrick Jenkins' ultimate goal, that others would step up and take it on," said Hogsed. "It's been such a big help annually to our clients in Macon County. It's not just a

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MPP students get unexpected Christmas surprise

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CareNet thing; it's an effort to help the people of Macon County. People just come to us for those needs and we distribute them efficiently. We are again partnering with Joe Sanders to allow us to continue for this year. We just decided to do a 72-hour event instead of a 48-hour event because so many donations came in during 48 hours."

In the past, supporters made sure Jenkins was fed, and the Franklin police checked on him. Windle said he hopes the same happens this year for him and the other two bucket volunteers. But mostly he believes the extra day added to Cold for a Cause, as well as the prominent location of the crane in sight of Hwy. 441 Bypass/Hwy. 23, will result in even more donations.

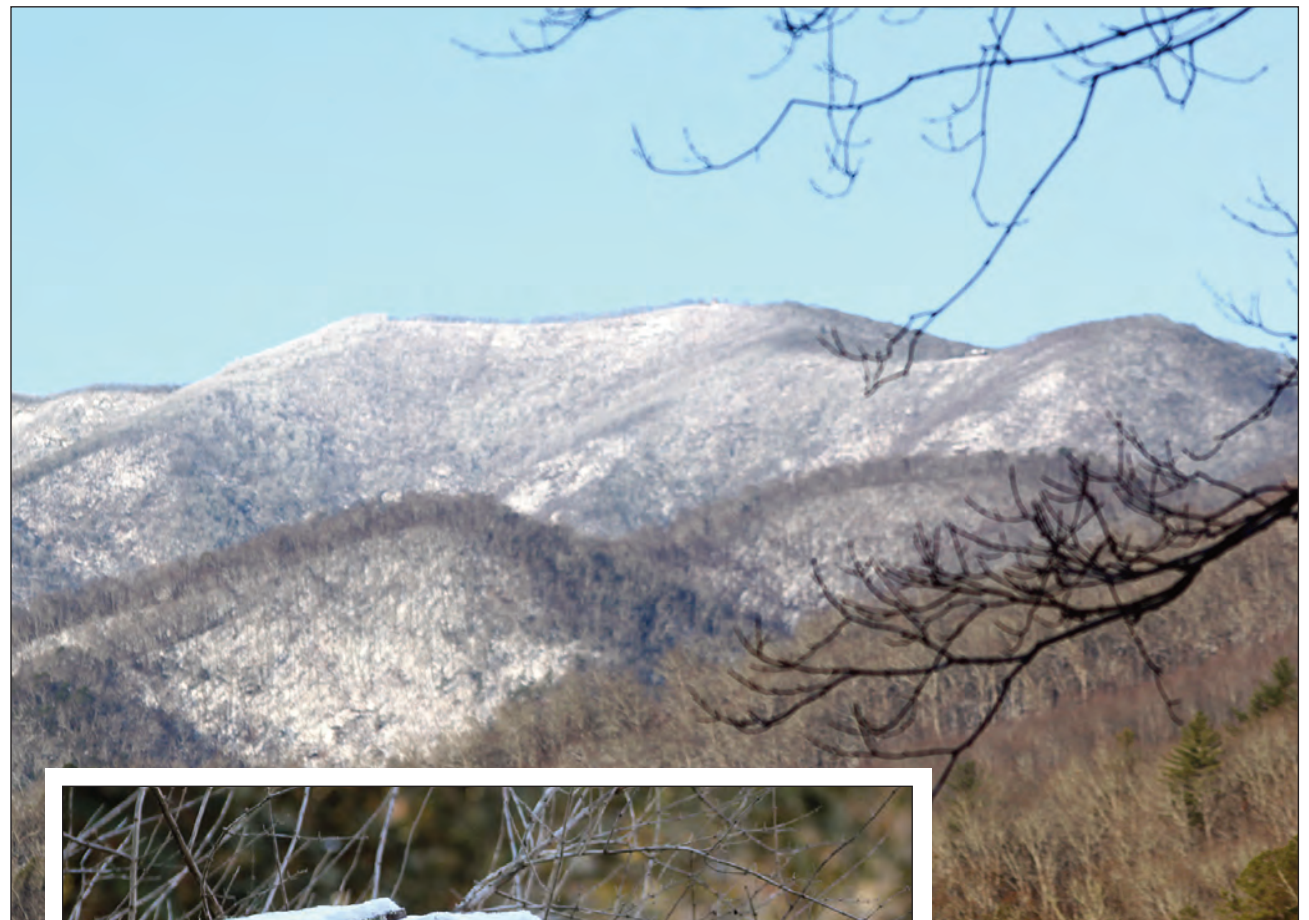
More than 6,000 pieces of clothing and blankets, and close to 10,000 pounds of food and personal care products were donated during last year's event. CareNet filled a 14-foot box truck three-quarters of the way with food and a 16-foot box truck two and a half times with clothing and blankets. In fact, last year's Cold for a Cause represented 20 to 25 percent of the charitable organization's annual intake.

Windle, entering his third year as a CareNet board member, said he supports the organization for a number of reasons. "As a father of children in public school, I realize many children are food insecure and I like knowing my children are in classrooms with other kids that are well fed and ready to learn because of CareNet. And as a citizen, I can go to bed at night knowing that CareNet is meeting needs. And as a pastor, I know that Jesus calls us to feed those who are hungry. So CareNet is an organization that allows us to help meet needs in Macon County."

According to CareNet, 65.2 percent of students in Macon County are enrolled in free and reduced lunch; one in three children live in food insecure households; and, more than 73,000 weekend meals have been provided to children through the organization's backpack program. The goal is to "turn those numbers back," according to Hogsed. "We are just really thankful to Patrick Jenkins and Joe Sanders for brainstorming this and doing it the past 10 years. And we are glad to be able to continue Cold for a Cause."

During the 72-hour-donation time for Cold for a Cause, a tent will be set up and volunteers will be available to help people with donations as they drive up.

In December, the CareNet thrift store, also a significant source of revenue for CareNet, relocated from Palmer Street in downtown Franklin to next door to Discover Church in the Macon Center. The store is expected to reopen soon.



A little Sunday morning snow

Parts of Macon County saw a dusting of snow last Sunday with the higher elevations seeing a bit more. Wayah Bald (above) may have been the place to be for snowman building.

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Candidates hit campaign trail on Saturday in WNC

A caravan of Republican candidates will be making their way through Western North Carolina on Saturday, with several opportunities to meet with candidates ahead of the March 3rd primary.

The day kicks off Saturday morning in Jackson County at 8 a.m. for a Prayer Breakfast fundraiser at the GOP Headquarters. Candidates for District Court Judge, North Carolina Senate, North Carolina Governor, Congressional District 11, and several other state and local officers will be in attendance.

Main Street Coffee and Yogurt is teaming up with the Macon County Republican Party to host a free "Coffee with the Candidates" event beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. After leaving the Jackson County breakfast, several candidates will be making a pit stop in Macon for an additional chance to meet with voters at the Macon County Republican Party Headquarters.

After wrapping up in Franklin, candidates will head to Cherokee County for a lunch and "Meet the Candidates" event from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. Candidates who have confirmed attendance are:

- 11th District Congressional candidates Vance Patterson, Wayne King and Jim Davis.
- Lt Governor candidate John Ritter.
- NC Secretary of State candidates Michael LaPaglia, Chad Brown & EC Sykes.
- NC Commissioner of Labor candidates Josh Dobson and Pearl Burris-Floyd.
- NC Auditor candidate Anthony Street.
- NC Commissioner of Insurance candidate Ronald Pierce.
- NC Senate candidates Kevin Corbin and Sarah Conway.
- NC House candidate Karl Gillespie.
- NC Supreme Court candidate Judge Jeff Carpenter.
- District judge candidates Mitch Brewer, Rich Casady, Kaleb Wingate and Jim Moore.
- Cherokee County commissioner candidates Steve Stephen Coleman, CB Mckinnon and Jan Griggs.

Law says residency is not required to represent a particular district in N.C.

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

If Republican candidate Albert Wiley is elected to the District 11 United States House of Representative Seat, Western North Carolina will be represented by someone living on the coast of North Carolina. Wiley, along with four of the other 19 candidates running to replace Congressman Mark Meadows live outside of District 11.

Wiley lives in Salter Path, N.C., which is an unincorporated community in Carteret County, an island off the coast of North Carolina and according to the North Carolina Constitution, it is acceptable for him to run for the District 11 seat to represent Western North Carolina in Congress. The state constitution states that representatives must reside within the state they are seeking to represent, and does not stipulate that they have to reside within the district.

Along with Wiley, one Democratic candidate, Gina Collias, and three Republican candidates, Dillon Gentry, Wayne King, and Joseph Osborne, all live outside of District 11 based on the address they filed with the state board of elections when checking against the House.gov representative search tool.

Prior to the new 2020 Congressional Maps, seven candidates would have lived outside of the district, however, with the redrawing of the maps and adding in Asheville, more candidates now live within District 11.

The 14 candidates who actually live within District 11 are primarily from the Asheville area, however, a handful of candidates represent the most western portion of the district. Steve Woodsmall, a Democrat, lists a Pisgah Forest address and Republicans Jim Davis and Lynda Bennett are from

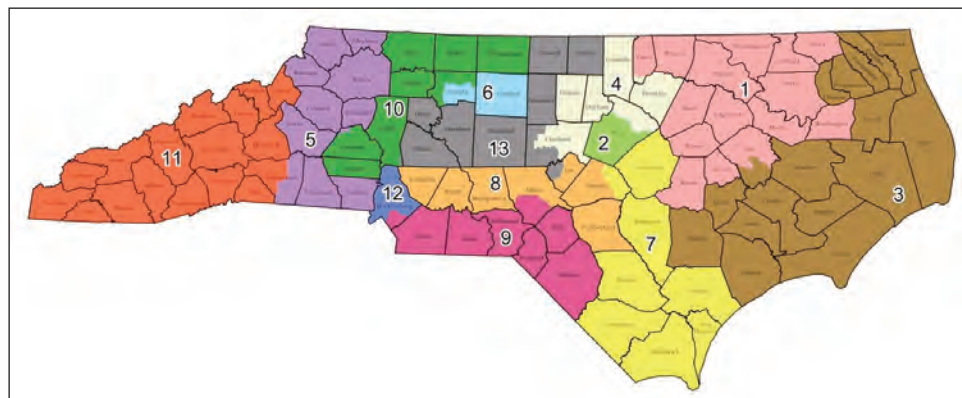
Macon and Haywood respectively. Green Party Candidate Tamara Zwinak is also from Macon County.

Representatives living outside of the district they represent isn't uncommon. Nearly two dozen members in the 435-member House live outside of their congressional districts, according to published reports. This sometimes happens because long-serving members see district lines redrawn and find themselves in a new district, The Washington Post noted.

One argument against a residency requirement centers from the fact that often times, members of Congress spend more time in Washington, DC than in their district, which results in them having a residence in the nation's capital.

The debate on Congressional residency requirements has been subject to federal court rulings as California and Colorado both attempted to require representatives to live in their District. The federal court struck down both state's requirement because the constitution prohibits states from superseding the Constitution.

Both the Democratic and Republican candidates for District 11 will head to the primary on March 3, with the winners from each party will be appearing on the November 2020 ballot.



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FPD goes the extra mile for Christmas

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Members of the Franklin Police Department wanted to do a little more this holiday season, and decided to reach out to a select group of members within the community.

“I think we tend to associate Christmas more with children, and often times forget about the older people who are alone for the holidays,” said Franklin Police Sergeant Devin Holland. “I wanted to return the support and appreciation back to the community by spreading a little holiday cheer, and to show we care.”

After coming up with the idea to reach out to the older members of the community, Sergeant Holland pitched the idea to Police Chief David Adams who instantly approved it.

“It wasn’t just about the gifting, but also visiting with them to show them they are not forgotten or alone.”

Sgt. Devin Holland

Retired veteran Larry Miller was one of the recipients. He said he and his grandson saw a police car pull up in the driveway with no idea what it was about. He said Officer Justin Riles got out of the car with a gift in his hand, giving it to Miller as a token of appreciation, thanking him for his service. Miller was so taken aback by the gesture, he penned a thank you letter to the department, Chief Adams said.

“It wasn’t just about the gifting, but also visiting with them to show them they are not forgotten or alone,” said Holland.

Holland said that the officers sat with the individuals selected and just spent time with them. Talked to them about their life, their homes, their concerns, and wanted to let them know that if

they need anything, even outside of the parameters of policing, those officers are there for them.

Chief Adams says this is just the beginning of the program. He wants to see the program grow and reach more shut-ins in the community. He also hopes that the community will help support the program in the coming years. Sgt. Holland has the same plans for the program.

“I hope in the future holiday seasons to come we can have more officers participate so that more senior citizens will be reached,” said Holland. “Realistically, we should do more throughout the year for Franklin’s older citizens. I think they will very much appreciate the attention, and feeling of security knowing we are there for them.”

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Neighbor's dog kills 15 chickens; owner seeks 'more than restitution'

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

One Macon family is mourning the loss of more than a dozen pets due to an ongoing issue with neighboring dogs.

Eric Haggart and his wife live in the Clark's Chapel community and have observed a neighbor's dog roaming the neighborhood in the last few months. Security camera footage has shown the dog in the Haggart's yard and around the property, which is where Haggart keeps his chickens, which are raised as pets.

"We contacted animal control immediately and an officer responded very quickly," said Haggart. "I gave him a description of the dog and general location of where we thought it lived. Later, the officer returned stating he found the owner and had spoken with them but the dog was not there. We're now awaiting an incident report to see where it will go from here."

While waiting on the process of animal control addressing the situation, the dog once again trespassed

onto Haggart's property, and this time claimed the life of 15 chickens.

Just before 1:30 p.m. on Monday, Haggart got a call from another neighbor who spotted the dog inside Haggart's chicken pen. The dog was seen attacking Haggart's chickens.

"I arrived home within 10 minutes to find dead chickens all over our backyard, side yard, and in the neighbor's yard who called to inform me about the attack," said Haggart. "After I arrived home, I had to unlock our gate on our eight-foot privacy fence, which required me to enter my house through the garage and back down the back deck into our backyard. I left the garage door open, thankfully our cameras were still rolling, because it captured more footage of the dog walking in and around the garage just a couple minutes after me."



Feathers litter the yard where Eric Haggart's chickens were kept after a neighbor's dog found its way inside the fence, killing or wounding 21 chickens. Sonya Haggart and friend Trish Cole survey the damage.

Coming home to complete destruction, Haggart started to evaluate the situation to see what the total damage was.

"I started to take a head count of how many were alive, injured, and dead," said Haggart. "Since the chickens were scattered

in and outside of our fence, it was a frenetic search. I continued to try and figure out how the dog got inside our yard, which is enclosed by the eight-foot fencing. When I opened the gate to go back into the other open part of our yard, the dog ran right in

front of me. That is when I fired at it with my .22 rifle and it took off out of our yard."

After collecting the dead chickens from the neighbor's yard Haggart determined that 15 chickens had been attacked and killed. Animal Control was called and responded

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quickly to the scene.

Haggart called veterinarian Dr. Jessica Scruggs in hopes of saving some of the injured chickens who managed to escape during the attack, but she ended up having to euthanize three more chickens.

“After doing another walk around our fence, we found that the dog had pulled off a section of lattice to gain access to the yard,” said Haggart. “After two hours of climbing through woods and rounding up the remaining chickens, we did a final tally: 18 dead, three with serious but recoverable injuries to their backs and sides, and 15 that seemed to be unharmed.”

Macon County has a “dangerous dog” ordinance, and pending an investigation, the owner of the dog could be charged with a Class 3 misdemeanor for violating the local ordinance. The county ordinance requires all animals be contained, and also clearly defines nuisance animals and the penalties associated with it. The dog owner is also subject to civil penalties.

According to Haggart, a resolution is not so cut and dried in this situation.

“What we would truly like to see happen as a result of this attack on our animals is two-fold,” he said. “We value all life and we value everyone’s right to own pets. People talk about financial restitution, but in reality, we want more. When I think about how that dog broke into our fenced-in yard and began to slaughter our pets, how scared they must

have been, the nature in which this dog chased and systematically went one after the other and then lingered around the house even after I had come home and was actively seeking it. We want the dog removed from the home and euthanized.”

Haggart would also like to see the ordinance strengthened to address issues like the one he is facing and prevent it from happening in the future.

“But in a perfect world, I would like the laws or an ordinance to be written that anyone who owns a pet that gets out of their control or property and attacks any other pet/person/etc should not be allowed to own any pets either for an extended period of time where they can demonstrate safety measures that will keep any further pets from doing the same thing, or they should not be allowed to own a pet ever again,” said Haggart. “Our animals, whether they are chickens, dogs, rabbits, or cats, are our family. They are not just chickens, they are each their own personality, just like any other living person or animal. We don’t raise chickens for meat, we do collect eggs to eat and sell, but at the end of the day, they are all our family.”

Haggart said that because the event is still new, he is still debating the next step to take, but said going before commissioners to discuss a change to the ordinance is something that is definitely on the table. The next scheduled meeting of the Macon Board of Commissioners is Tuesday, Jan. 14, at 6 p.m.

Dogwood Health Trust accepting applications for Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants

Dogwood Health Trust will accept applications for its Immediate Opportunities and Needs (ION) grants through Jan. 15, 2020. ION grants will support one-time, immediate needs or opportunities for 501(c)(3) organizations, tribal and government agencies. Examples of need might be replacing a piece of equipment, repairs to a building or vehicle, or purchasing much-needed new computers or software. Examples of an opportunity might be hiring consultants to support strategic planning, fundraising plans or a special IT project.

“The work of nonprofit organizations and government agencies is unpredictable – especially when dealing with factors that contribute to the overall health and wellness of people,” said Brian Myers, chief strategy officer for Dogwood Health Trust. “Sometimes, an unexpected challenge arises that an organization might need an extra investment to overcome. Similarly, unexpected opportunities present themselves and organizations may need a little help to take full advantage of them. This is what the Immediate Opportunities and Needs grants are for.”

Dogwood Health Trust will accept applications from any organization that is aligned with its work to improve health and wellness and address the social determinants of health in the region. They have identified a goal of making at least one grant in each of the 18 counties and tribal lands within their service area and they intend to allocate at least 30% of ION grants to proposals that advance equity or reduce disparities. Grants during the inaugural round of funding will range from \$500 to \$25,000.

ION grants are not designed to support ongoing programs or general operating expenses. ION grants will not be awarded for endowments, capital campaigns, political causes or candidates, advertising, debt retirement or activities or projects that have already been completed. By law, Dogwood Health Trust cannot make grants to individuals.

The ION grant application is short, simple, and available online at dht.org/ION-grants. Grant applications are due Jan. 15, 2020, and funds will be distributed in early March. Reporting requirements are minimal; Dogwood Health Trust requests that recipients share their success stories in the hopes of inspiring others. For more information or to determine if your organization qualifies, contact IONgrants@dht.org. If you encounter any technical difficulties while completing the online application, you are encouraged to call (828) 771-7983 for assistance.

Dogwood Health Trust is a private non-operating foundation with the sole purpose of dramatically improving the health and well-being of all people and communities of Western North Carolina. Dogwood Health Trust was established to receive the proceeds from the sale of the assets of the nonprofit Mission Health System to HCA Healthcare in January 2019. The Trust is not affiliated in any way with either Mission Health System or HCA. It is governed and operated as an independent entity under the charge of its CEO and Board of Directors. Dogwood is also separate and independent of the legacy foundations that formerly supported Mission Health hospitals. To learn more, visit dogwood-healthtrust.org.

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Much needed opioid treatment facility opens in Franklin

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

An opioid treatment clinic has recently opened its doors here in Franklin. Hazelwood Healthcare of Franklin, located at 3271 Georgia Road, offers methadone and buprenorphine treatment combined with education, individual and group counseling, delivered by a multidisciplinary team. The office-based opioid treatment (OBOT) is designed to enhance access and improve utilization of buprenorphine (suboxone) medication-assisted treatment (MAT) services for Medicaid beneficiaries by establishing additional supports and reducing administrative barriers for primary care providers (PCP) providing these addiction services. Suboxone and Subutex are two such treatments offered at the clinic through OBOT. Methadone for treatment of opioid use disorder can only be accessed in an Opioid Treatment Program. In the past folks had to travel an hour away, to Clyde, Asheville or Toccoa, Ga., to receive this treatment for opioid addiction. Dr. Holmes, MD., Program Sponsor and Medical Director, knew there was a need for a treatment facility further west of Asheville, so he began establishing the Hazelwood Healthcare Clinic several months ago.



Pictured is the current staff of Hazelwood Healthcare of Franklin (L-R) Jan Lambert, Program Director, LCSW, LCAS, CCS; Katherine Ramey, Executive Assistant; Kim Wilson, RN; Amy Wilson, LCSW, LCAS, CC; and Dr. Matt Holmes, MD.

"I am excited to be able to offer life saving treatment and a standard of care that is the most researched and an effective treatment

for opioid abuse," said Dr. Holmes.

Opioid overdoses have skyrocketed since the late 1990s and in 2017, more than 47,000 deaths in the United States were the result of opioid overdoses. Many of them were from heroin and black-market fentanyl.

In Macon County opioid poisoning deaths have risen drastically since 2012. The WNCAP (Western North Carolina Aids Project) Program is located in the same plaza as the new clinic and has been offering a needle exchange program as part of their harm reduction initiative. People with addictions who take part in the syringe exchange program are five times more likely to end up in a treatment program than those who don't.

Hepatitis "C" is also at epidemic proportions among people with addiction who use dirty needles. Full Circle Recovery, which offers substance abuse prevention and treatment, is also a neighbor to Hazelwood Healthcare. Those seeking help for their ad-

diction can now walk over to the Opioid Clinic from either of the two facilities, to receive substance use disorder treatment options.

Hazelwood Healthcare offers clinical evaluations at intake appointments and dosing for patients from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m. daily and from 8 to 10 a.m. on Saturday. Walk-ins can be taken from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m. daily. The clinic is staffed by Dr. Holmes, MD; two Registered Nurses, one who serves as Program Director; and an Administrative Assistant. The clinic is strictly for addiction treatment and is not licensed to treat for pain. The clinic also offers counseling for methamphetamine abuse and other addictions that often accompany opioid addiction. For more information, call the clinic at (828)595-9000.

Dr. Holmes feels that it is important to be connected to the medical community and has already reached out to Angel Hospital and local physicians as well.

Counseling is an important part of drug treatment and the clinic offers several options for patients. Groups are held weekly and revolve around addiction education. Women's groups are also offered, as is pregnant women's counseling. Individual counseling is offered to those in need and at times, emergency counseling can be arranged for clients in distress. The clinic offers a self pay program and also accepts Medicaid for patients 18 and older. Cost for self pay clients is \$12 per day and there is no waiting list. As of now the clinic is seeking accreditation by the Joint Commission. Medicare will be accepted after a full year of service in the community and full accreditation, which Dr. Holmes feels he will be able to offer to clients next year. Medicare is not just for seniors it is also an insurance for disabled adults, many of whom require drug treatment. Currently the clinic can accommodate 100 to 150 clients with a staff that includes two counselors. One counselor is required for every 50 clients enrolled in the program, with plans to add more staff as needed.

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MCCF awards more than \$18K in local grants

The board of advisors of the Macon County Community Foundation (MCCF) recently announced \$18,980 in local grant awards from its community grantmaking fund.

This year the board granted:

- \$2,500 to the Highlands Community Child Development Center for instructional supplies for teachers and students
- \$1,500 to the Highlands-Cashiers Land Trust for Kids in Nature 2020
- \$2,500 to the International Friendship Center for general operating support
- \$1,000 to the Macon County Humane Society/Appalachian Animal Rescue Center for spay/neuter for low income residents of Macon County
- \$1,500 to Macon TRACS for TROT: Therapeutic Riding Over Trails

- \$500 to the North Carolina Bartram Trail Society for maps and signage

- \$2,500 to Pisgah Legal Services for the Plateau Poverty Law Initiative

- \$1,000 to Prevent Blindness North Carolina for Star Pupils Macon County

- \$2,500 to REACH of Macon County for the Rural Victim Advocacy Crisis Textline Initiative

- \$980 to The Bascom for the Community Education and Outreach Initiative

- \$2,500 to the Vecinos, Inc. Farmworker Health Program for farmworker prescription glasses and medication support

For further information, contact NCCF Community Leadership Officer Colby Martin at (828) 358-0030 or cmartin@ncccommunityfoundation.org or visit the NCCF website at ncccommunityfoundation.org.

MPP students sent home with holiday surprise

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Macon Program For Progress students received a surprise just in time for the holiday when an anonymous donor provided shoes for every child — 285 pairs — at the center.

“One of the program’s regular 0-5 Head Start volunteers came in to play music for the children,” said Susie McCoy, 0-5 Head Start Director. “She expressed that she and her daughter would like to purchase a new pair of shoes for all of the children enrolled in the program. The donor asked the Family and Community Outreach Specialist, Felicia Roberts, to provide her with a list of the sizes and genders.”

The anonymous donor provided 285 pairs of shoes to the school, which was enough for every child who wears shoes — because the center does have two infant rooms who are too small to walk and need shoes, those children were not included.

McCoy noted that after the shoes were purchased by the donor and delivered, the staff joined forces to get the shoes separated by size, gender, and classroom. The shoes were presented to the children at the end of the school day in their classroom.

“It definitely had a huge impact on the children and families,” said McCoy. “Cold weather means needing warmer clothes, coats, gloves, as well as, a good pair of warm shoes. The families were very grateful for the help they receive from donors such as this and from the 0-5 Head Start Program. Felecia Roberts shared that she had run into one of the children as they were getting picked up from school. The child stopped her, tugged on her shirt, and said, ““Guess what? I just got a brand new

pair of sparkly shoes. You want to see?’ She was smiling from ear to ear and so excited.”

Julia Bates’ daughter Madison came home from school and couldn’t wait to show her mother her new shoes.

“My little girl absolutely adored her shoes,” said Bates. “My Little Pony is one of her favorite things and she was so excited to see them light up. She put them on immediately and wanted to show them to every person we passed in the store. Seeing how proud she was

and knowing that many other kids — especially the ones who may have never owned new shoes — were just as excited which was probably the best gift I received this year.”

Bates said that while she works hard to be able to provide for her children, the extra help is always appreciated, especially around the holidays.

“I had picked her up and she had a gift bag,” said Bates. “I thought at first it was from the teachers but once I saw the note it just touched my heart that someone would give to every child in the program. I am lucky enough to be able to provide shoes for



Madison shows off her brand new “My Little Pony” shoes. Madison is in Macon Program for Progress’ Head Start program. An anonymous donor purchased 285 pairs of shoes to present to the children before Christmas.

my girls, though not a l w a y s

new. But being a single mom with no support, every bit helps. Especially when they outgrow them so fast at this age. I know many families aren’t capable of buying shoes at all. So I’m sure it meant even more to them.”

Because the donor wanted to remain anonymous, Bates took to Facebook to show her appreciation in hopes it would reach the donor. “It was just really good to see that generosity and compassion, especially during the holiday,” said Bates. “I wasn’t sure the donor would actually see my post but, I felt I needed to thank them in

some way.”

Holly Ruke also posted a photo of the shoes her son received and to thank the donor. “Thank you to the generous donor who blessed each child in the center my son goes to, with a new pair of tennis shoes,” said Ruke. “Thank you and God bless.”

McCoy noted that the holiday shoe donation is just one of many examples about the type of community Macon County is.

“Macon County is a very loving, caring community and this is just one way that demonstrates what our youth means to the community,” she said. “The smiles and the happiness that resulted from this random act of kindness will have lasting memories.”

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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

Last week I began sharing a list of budget priorities that I see for the coming year. The town board members will also have their priorities. In the next five months we will go through a process of coming to agreement on a new budget for FYI 2020/21.

I believe there will be a consensus among board members that we need to continue the momentum of paving town streets in 2020. The town spent over a half million dollars in paving roads this past year. There are still many roads that need to be paved. I hope this road paving initiative will continue, and I doubt taxpayers will take us to task for spending money on good roads.

Over the last five years needed improvements have been made to what was then our aging recreation facilities. Improvements were made by raising property taxes by 1.5 cents per \$100 of property valuation. The county also made a substantial contribution to these upgrades, and continues to support recreation here on the plateau. The tax has a sunset provision for this coming year. I will propose that we continue the sunset tax, but redirect it toward road improvements. That redirection would mean that for a period of years, the town would always have about \$275,000 earmarked annually for road paving. That base sum could be increased annually to address specific road paving needs. While \$275,000 may sound like a lot, to really make progress more funds would be needed. For example, the upcoming paving of the remainder of Cullasaja Drive could easily approach that figure.

Another item on my list is to complete the sidewalk on US 64 across from the ball field and to address the water drainage problem near the proposed sidewalk. There is a natural spring that causes water to run onto and down US 64 at the curve just before Foreman Road. It forms dangerous black ice in the winter. It will take time, funds and engineering to develop a plan that diverts the water into our stormwater system, but it is much needed.

Another project I would like to see completed is to improve the intersection on NC 28 at South and Satulah Streets. The intersection is a confusing conglomeration of yield and stop signs. Lamar Nix, our town engineer, believes there is a design that can simplify and thereby improve the intersection. DOT has already said they would be willing to work with the town in improving the intersection. Almost all of the work would involve the improvements of the two town streets, South and Satulah. Again, this project will require time, planning and town funding.

Finally, working with the Highlands Chamber, downtown merchants and local residents, I believe it is time to review the status of the downtown business area and how improvements can be made. A lesson learned from last year's tree issue is that any changes and plans will have to come from a broad range of stakeholders.

Happy New Year to all.

Letters to the Editor

Letter writers exercise right to freedom of speech

I am writing in response to Terry Swift's letter in the Dec. 19, 2019 issue of MCN. Yes, I am David Snell's wife, and no, I am not writing in his defense. He's quite capable of that on his own. I do however, take issue with several seriously erroneous statements made by this writer.

By your words, Terry, it appears you expect to be considered as a reasonable, knowledgeable and experienced individual. However, making wild assumptions and unfounded accusations against those with different opinions tends to negate that image.

I'm sure you understand that freedom of speech is one of the most important rights we have in this country. As a fellow letter writer you exercised that right, as do the men you criticize in your letter. I believe it's safe to say that neither you, or they, are paid by any newspaper to write these personal opinion letters. If anyone was paid, their right to free speech could be jeopardized and newspapers doing this would be compromising their avowed standards.

Your assumption that David Snell is a Democrat is dead wrong. He's actually been a lifelong Republican until recent years when the GOP began increasingly forsaking the values they once stood for. Like you, he is now registered Independent. We find we would rather evaluate individuals on their performance and appropriateness than on party affiliation.

Like you, David is also a "20-year military retiree," and during that time he suffered neither "shell shock" or "traumatic brain injury," and he was also not drafted. He was a Naval Cryptologist who volunteered and served under six presidents from Eisenhower through Carter.

In your letter's last paragraph you asserted, "Everyone knows Trump will not be impeached." Obviously you wrote that before Dec. 18, 2019, because on that day Trump did indeed become the third U.S. President to be impeached. Granted, he will likely be acquitted by the U.S. Senate and not removed from office at this time. It will then fall to the voters in November 2020, to determine if he remains in office. But impeachment will remain a significant stain on his presidency.

Your reference to Matthew 7:3-5 is a good admonition for all of us, including yourself. Check the mirror, Terry. There may be a speck of sawdust in your eye also.

Lenore Snell - Franklin, N.C.

Should/could Suleimani have been spared?

Yesterday I re-read the powerful story of David sparing Saul's life as told in 1 Samuel, KJV. I urge you to read it for yourself whether you profess to being a Christian or not. But, I will offer up my rendition of the story: Saul, David's

father, was tracking him down with intent to kill him. Saul went into a cave to relieve himself, not knowing that David and his protectors were actually hiding in the cave. David used great stealth to cut off a piece of Saul's robe. Shortly thereafter David left the cave and showed the piece of cloth to Saul, explaining that he could have killed him (Saul) but had instead spared his life.

I have read stories of Native Americans practicing this act of sparing life. It is a show of reverence for life as well as a means to limit bloodshed. We should recall that the Fifth Commandment is "Thou shalt not kill."

Can Donald Trump truly justify killing Qasem Suleimani? Can America as a unified whole justify the deed? Was any consideration given to protecting human life rather than taking it? Was Suleimani a threat to Donald Trump? Was there no other choice available to slow down the bloodshed that is predicted to follow? Was the killing a Christian deed? Was it political? Was it economic?

Time will tell. If we pay attention. If we ask hard questions.

Should/could Suleimani have been spared? Why? Why not? Should we have cut off a piece of his uniform?

The popular Capital One commercial asks, "What's in your wallet?"

Maybe we should we should ask, "What's in your heart?"

Dave Waldrop - Webster, N.C.

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Applications for the 2019-2020 award period are being accepted through March 16, 2020. Information on how to apply can be found at <https://www.ncbroadband.gov/great-grant/>.

"Broadband is integral to so many aspects of society – from education to healthcare to public safety to economic development – but too many areas across the state, particularly rural, still lack internet access," said Eric Boyette, NCDIT secretary and state chief information officer. "The GREAT Grant program is one way to tackle this digital divide. I'm looking forward to seeing what providers come up with to ensure every North Carolinian has the broadband access necessary for the 21st century."

In May 2019, the GREAT Grant Program awarded providers in 19 counties nearly \$10 million to bring high-speed internet to more than 10,000 households, businesses, agricultural operations and community institutions, such as libraries, schools and hospitals.

Areas eligible for GREAT Grant funding are census blocks or portions of census blocks in Tier 1 counties – as designated by the N.C. Department of Commerce – that lack access to an internet service providing a minimum download speed of 10 megabits per second and a minimum upload speed of 1 megabit per second.

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SBC offers 'How to Make Money on the Farm' seminar Feb. 1

The Small Business Center (SBC) at Southwestern Community College and the Center for Environmental Farming Systems are offering a free seminar, "How to Make Money on the Farm," from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 1, at the Whittier Fire Station.

This workshop focuses on increasing farm income by developing better business skills and using resources offered by EmPOWERing Mountain Food Systems (EMFS) and the SBC.

Featured topics include:

- Intro to EMFS and the SBC
- Small Business Loan Application 101
- Social Media Marketing
- Sales Outlets and Channels
- Resources and Opportunities

Featured speakers include Craig Mauney (NC Cooperative Extension) and William Hamilton (NC Farmlink), along with Lisa Gonzalez, Laura Lauffer, Christina Newhouse and Tonya Snider of EMFS, respectively.

Lunch will be provided. Pre-registration is required: <http://bit.ly/makemoneyonfarm>. Prospective attendees are encouraged to register a week in advance.

For more information about any of the services and seminars offered by SCC's Small Business Center, contact Henry at t_henry@southwesterncc.edu or (828)339-4426.

NCDOT disburses millions in Powell Bill funds

The N.C. Department of Transportation has begun distributing more than \$147.5 million in State Street-Aid to Municipalities, also known as the Powell Bill fund, to 508 cities and towns across the state. The initial allocation, almost \$73.8 million, was sent out Sept. 27. The next allocation in the same amount was paid by Dec. 31.

Macon County's share of the Powell Bill fund totals \$123,261.09. Jackson County will receive \$70,198.85 and Swain County will receive \$44,305.66

Powell Bill funds are to be used primarily for the resurfacing of streets within the corporate limits of the municipality but can also help pay for construction, improvements, repairs and maintenance of any street or public thoroughfare, including bridges, drainage systems, and curb and gutter, as well as the planning, construction and maintenance of bike-ways, greenways or sidewalks.

"Funding provided through the Powell Bill helps cities and towns pay for needed repairs, maintenance and construction of their transportation network" said Transportation Secretary Jim Trogdon.

The number of municipalities, who have to apply to be considered for funds, receiving payments is the same as last year. The amount each municipality receives is based on a formula set by the N.C. General Assembly, with 75 percent of it based on population, and 25 percent based on the number of locally maintained street miles. This year that breaks down to \$110.7 million for population and \$36.8 million based on street miles. Based on those categories, that is \$19.35 per person and \$1,590.84 per mile.

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Municipal officials are legally responsible for the proper management of these funds and can be held personally liable for any unauthorized expenditures.

Twenty-three cities received at least \$1 million, led by Charlotte at \$20.5 million, based on its population of 852,992 and 2,523 miles of maintained roads. Raleigh will receive \$10.7 million, followed by Greensboro (\$7.3 million), Winston-Salem (\$6.3 million), Durham (\$6.3 million) and Fayetteville (\$5.2 million).

The fund is named for Junius K. Powell, a former state senator and mayor of Whiteville, who was a primary sponsor of the 1951 bill to help the state's cities with urban road problems. The first allocation of Powell Bill funds was for \$4.5 million and was distributed to 386 cities and towns.

A complete list of cities and towns receiving Powell Bill funds and the amounts, as well as additional information about the Powell Bill Program is on the NCDOT website.

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Stickball is age-old Native tradition still played in WNC

Deena C. Bouknight
Contributing Writer

In “Last of the Mohicans,” a 1992-released movie filmed partly in Western North Carolina, “Hawkeye,” played by Daniel Day-Lewis, jumps in on a game of stickball. In the best-selling book, “Cold Mountain,” written by Charles Frazier – who for a while was a resident of Franklin – there is reference to the main character, “Inman,” playing stickball with his Cherokee friends.

And, on Sept. 28, stickball was played to a crowd of onlookers at Western Carolina University’s annual Mountain Heritage Day event. Stickball, or Indian Ball, as it is also referred, has ancient roots, but is still alive and well in this area – especially in Cherokee during festivals and at various activities throughout the year.

According to Jessica Siegele, Ph.D., and Natalie Welch, Ph.D., who recently presented “Making Her Story: Cherokee Women’s Stickball,” the game holds historic and traditional significance and, contrary to misconceptions, is also played by females.

“I was encouraged to focus on stickball by my (and Jessica’s) advisor,” said Dr. Welch, explaining the reason for the presentation. “I am an enrolled tribal member [with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians] and grew up on the Qualla Boundary [in Cherokee]. I remember stickball being a big part of our culture – especially at the annual Indian Fair.



Each player in stickball carries one or two sticks, which are often made of hickory, with one end featuring a scoop that is made of leather or some sort of sinew webbing.

The women played when I was in middle school and it was very intimidating. I think it’s important to do research with (not on) the native community and tell modern stories of our athletes and sports.”

Stickball is referred to in the Cherokee language as anesto. While it developed originally as ceremonial competitiveness among natives, it has survived modernity for three main reasons:

- Cultural preservation
- Sense of community
- Ethnic identity affirmation

According to Dr. Siegele and Dr. Welch, both college professors, stickball is a forerunner of lacrosse. Besides fun and play, stickball was sometimes used as a way to settle tribal disputes.

The basics of the game, according to visitcherokeenc.com are: “... played on a field with two goal posts set on either end. Two opposing teams line up against each other in a game. Whichever team scores 12 points first wins. No timeouts are allowed. The ‘drivers’ are the referees of the game, and each team brings their own drivers. Drivers work together to determine and set the rules of play before the first ball is tossed up. They watch closely to make sure that the game is being played according to the rules they agreed upon.”

Some Cherokee stickball rules include: no padding or protective gear, no shirts (when men play), tackling can occur at any time, and, most importantly, it is illegal to catch a

tossed ball or to pick it up off the ground with hands. After a player has used the stick to lift the ball above their knees, then he or she can transfer the ball to their hands.

A video snippet that conveys the intensity of the game is available on the visitcherokeenc.com site, which points out that rules for stickball are often somewhat different depending on the tribe. Even local rules may vary.

“It is always a different game when you play it,” said Patrick Hill, a player for the Big Cove team. “It is never the same. I’m always going to be able to keep learning something new out there.”

“Young children are allowed to play at their parents’ discretion,” said Dr. Welch. “Many of the parents I talked to said they instinctually know when it’s ‘their time’ for

them to play. One mother had a son still in diapers get out on the field. There’s a very tight community feeling to the teams and they look after their youngest players.”

She added, “Most communities in Cherokee have their own team (Wolfstown, Birdtown, Big Cove, etc.) and they have their own formal practices, meetings, and other gatherings. There are usually a couple of veteran players that are the closest things to coaches. And I think a lot of them use Facebook groups now. But I would say it’s still not as formal as football/baseball or other colonial sports.”

While men are known for playing the game, the first recorded instance of women playing occurred in 1762. Dr. Siegele and Dr. Welch’s lecture on the subject included this account by a Lt. Henry Timberlake: “I was not a little pleased likewise with their ball-plays (in which they show great dexterity) especially when the women played, who played one another about, to the no small amusement of a European spectator.”

Because one historic account mentions a woman almost being killed while playing stickball, and another becoming so injured she could no longer bear children, women were discouraged and/or forbidden to play after 1870. However, in the fall of 2000, women began playing again, though not as consistently. The decision was not without controversy, however, because many deem stickball a man’s sport.

Currently, Dr. Welch is working on a documentary that includes “the voices of” women who played stickball together in the early 2000s, as well as footage of the game played by children, men, and women. A “teaser” is included at <https://vimeo.com/264535901> “We’re hoping to release the full doc (about 20 minutes long) in early 2020,” she said.



In stickball, players can and do tackle at any time as shown here during September’s Mountain Heritage Day game at Western Carolina University.



Teams in stickball include anywhere from nine to 22 players on each side, and parents decide how old their children need to be to learn and play the game. Photography by visitcherokeenc.com

Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests Dec. 31 - January 3. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

December 31

Brock Eugene McGilvery, 23, of Franklin, was charged with failure to pay child support. A \$511 bond was set. Mike Langley Sr. made the arrest.

Luther Victory Stinnett IV, 26, of Franklin, was charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury. An unsecured bond of \$3,000 was set. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Shinon Eugene Callenback, 36, of Franklin, was charged with simple assault, assault on a female. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set. Joel Lynch made the arrest.

January 2

Nathan James Smith, 30, of Ray Cove Rd., was charged with domestic violence protective order violation. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set. Jonathan Phillips made the arrest.

Matthew Dakota Shuler, 26, of Franklin, was charged with possession of a concealed firearm, driving while license revoked, operate a motor vehicle with no headlights, failure to appear for hit and run, driving while license revoked unsafe movement. A secured bond of \$4,000 was set. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

January 3

Carl Kenneth Floyd, 30, of Franklin, was charged with child support enforcement for contempt. No bond was set. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Jennifer Lynn Maddix, 30, of Franklin, was charged with failure to appear for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$350 was set. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

December 30

Travis Aron Zepeda, 23, of Lyle Knob Rd., was charged with driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set. Officer Riles made the arrest

December 31

Tan Minh Tran, 39, of Mall of Georgia Rd., Buford, Ga., was charged with speeding 73 MPH in 55 MPH zone, carrying concealed weapon, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, maintain vehicle for sale/keeping/use of controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver marijuana, possession with intent to sell/deliver a schedule I controlled substance, possession with intent to sell/deliver cocaine, trafficking heroin by transportation, trafficking heroin by possession, trafficking methamphetamine by possession. A secured bond of \$600,000 was set. Officer Dula made the arrest.

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Sara Elizabeth Simons, 48, of Matlock Creek, was charged with driving under the influence. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set. Officer Riles made the arrest.

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December 11

Adam Michael Diaz, 30, of River Bend Rd., was issued child support purge. A \$3,307 bond was set.

Adam Warren-David Evitt, 31, of Windy Gap Rd., Cullowhee was charged with civil contempt for child support purge. A \$15,801 bond was set.

Garrett Kelly Nations, 23, of Nations Creek Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$250 was set.

David Anthony Fabian, 36, of Rathbone Dr., Bryson City, was charged with failure to appear for resisting a public officer. A secured bond of \$7,500 bond was set.

William Coleman Jenkins, 22, of Tripp Jack Rd., Bryson City, was charged with injury to real property. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Isaac Owen Bostic, 23, of Acrewood Rd., Tuckasegee, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$100 was set.

Zachary James Warman, 28, of Collie Court, Glenville, was charged with possession of stolen goods, obtaining property by false pretenses. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Taylor Faciane Morris, 24, of Hwy 441 North, Whittier, was charged with simple possession of schedule II controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, possession of heroin. No bond was set.

December 12

David Cuevas, 39, of Anvil Rd., was issued a child support purge. A \$800 bond was set.

Ut Van Huynh, 76, was charged with trespassing. No bond was set.

Anthony Clifton McCall, 42, of Bee Tree Rd., Glenville, was charged with failure to appear for communicating threats, domestic violence protective order violation. A secured bond of \$6,000 was set.

Credence Isaiah Aust, 18, of Wike Cemetery Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with failure to appear for larceny by an employee. A secured bond of \$4,000 was set.

December 13

Damarcus Jeremale Wiggins, 40, of Redland Place, was issued a true bill of indictment for conspire to traffic opium/heroin, trafficking opium/opiate by selling. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Ariel Marie Fisher, 28, of Molasses Dr., was charged with larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering forcible, conspire to break/enter a building. No bond was set.

Krystal Marie Downing, 20, of Hatfield Rd., was charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle. No bond was set.

December 14

John Banton Legere, 43, of Brown Ridge Rd., was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$250 was set.

December 16

Woody Kenneth Valentine, 58, of Valor Mountain, Glenville, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Albert Joseph Dillard, 29, of Brush Arbor Lane, Cashiers, was charged with communicating threats, assault on a female. No bond was set.

Donna Gail Jones, 61, of Allman Rd., was charged with animal ordinance violation. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Beth Ann Kimsey, 27, of Rass Justis Rd., Franklin, was issued a true bill of indictment for felony aid and abet, con-

spire to traffic opium/heroin. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

Nicole Jeanette Gibson, 29, of Long Cove Rd., Tuckasegee, was charged with resisting a public officer, flee to elude arrest with a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Cassandra Chey Fox, 23, of Luker Branch, Tuckasegee, was charged with larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering, conspiracy to commit breaking and entering, possession of a stolen goods/property, possession of burglary tools. An unsecured bond of \$10,000 was set.

December 17

Buford William Smith, 47, of Beck Branch, Whittier, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Eva Marie Messer, 23, of Allen St., was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, resisting a public officer, possession of a firearm by a felon, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling place for a controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$10,000 bond was set.

Bobby Allen Gibson, 35, of Long Cove Rd., Tuckasegee, was charged with white light rear-drive forward, driving while license revoked not impaired revocation, possession of a firearm by felon. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Anthony Travis Arrwood, 33, of Saint James Place, Cullowhee, was charged with break/enter trailer/aircraft, injury to personal property, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering, possession/receive stolen property construction site, larceny from construction site, misdemeanor larceny, obtaining property by false pretenses, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering forcible, conspire break/enter building commit felony larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, simple possession schedule III controlled substance, possession of burglary tools. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Pascual Cuatylayol Tochiuttl, 45, of Glenville School Rd., Cashiers, was issued a true bill of indictment for possession of methamphetamine, possession of fentanyl. A secured bond of \$7,500 was set.

December 18

Eric Lee Vaughan, 29, of Sylva, was charged with domestic criminal trespass. No bond was set.

December 19

Dustin Shane Gilman, 39, of Audubon Trail, Cashiers, was issued warrant service for other jurisdiction. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Jaqueline Beatrice Moore, 31, of River Rd., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, failure to appear on possession of methamphetamine and possession of paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Albert Joseph Dillard, 29, of Brush Arbor Lane, Cashiers, was charged with obtaining property by false pretense, possession of stolen property from construction site. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Thomas Logan Shuler, 22, of Airdale Rd., was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, felony larceny, second degree trespass. An unsecured bond of \$1,000 was set.

December 20

Michael Edward Marlow, 38, of Borders Rd., Shelby, was charged with failure to appear/shoplifting concealment of goods, reckless driving with wanton disregard, driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$500 was set.



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Burns Night set for Jan. 25 in Franklin

Scots all over the world celebrate the birth of Robert Burns, national poet of Scotland on or near his birthday on Jan. 25. Macon County has a rich Scottish heritage and the Taste of Scotland Society hosts Burns Night this year on Saturday, Jan. 25. Visitors and townspeople will come together to celebrate the life, poetry, and songs of the Ploughman Poet at Tartan Hall at Franklin Presbyterian Church.

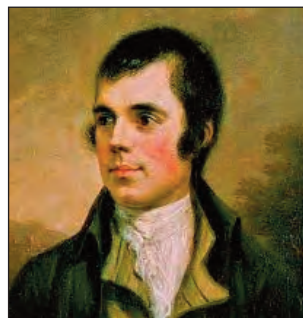
Burns was largely noted for saving the old melodies by adding new words to well known tunes. Burns was beloved by many common folk for writing his poetry in Old Scots language that everyday people used.

Robert Burns, also known as Rabbie Burns, was born in Alloway, Ayrshire on Jan 25, 1759, and died in Dumfries on July 21, 1798. He grew up in a tenant farms,

which was a hard life. Tutors enabled Robert to receive a good education and some subjects were French, Latin, and math. He could speak Scots and English. He was touched by everyday events and wrote his poems mostly in Scots, although some of his poems were written in English. He had a deep love for his homeland and was creative in using ways to keep the Scots language important to the people. He would take traditional lyrics, the tunes well known to all, and use his own poems to the familiar tunes.

In 1786, he published his first volume of poetry, "Poems, Chiefly in the Scottish Dialect." His poetry proved to be an immediate success, and he became very popular. Some of his famous poems included, "Auld Lang Syne," "To A Mouse," "A Man's A Man for That," "Tam o' Shanter," and "Ode to a Haggis."

The Taste of Scotland Society in Franklin will host Burns Night at Tartan Hall, First Presbyterian Church, on Jan. 25. Tickets are \$35 for adults, and \$15 for children. Tickets may be purchased at The Scottish Tartan Museum and Heritage Center, Inc., First Presbyterian Church, and Franklin Chamber of Commerce.



Robert Burns

Series features look at local mountain English

On Monday, Jan. 20, the lecture series Where We Live: History, Nature, and Culture will present a program by Stacy Guffey, "Mountain Talk, A Serious Look at Our Local English."

The presentation takes a serious look at why Mountain Talk or Southern Appalachian is a real accent, variant, or even dialect with its own grammar and rich history that should be respected and preserved. Also featured is a look at some of the words, patterns, and sayings that make it so much fun to hear and speak.

Macon County native Stacy Guffey works on projects to promote and preserve mountain culture and studies languages as a hobby. He is the director of the Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center.

The program will begin at 6:30 p.m. at Cowee School, 51 Cowee School Drive, off NC 28 N in Franklin.

The Where We Live series programs are held the third Monday of each month. On Feb. 17, Dr. Anne Rogers will speak on "The Lasting Impact of Cherokee Culture"



Stacy Guffey

Western Carolina Community Chorus begins rehearsals this Sunday for spring concert

The Western Carolina Community Chorus will resume rehearsals on Sunday, Jan. 12, at 3 p.m., in Room 357 of the Coulter Building on the campus of Western Carolina University. The ensemble will be preparing for a concert to be performed on April 5, 2020.

The chorus is under the direction of Robert Holquist, retired WCU Director of Choral Activities. Accompanists are Barbara Dooley, piano, and Lorie Meservey, organ. In addition to other selections, the concert will feature "Requiem" by French composer, Gabriel Faure.

Support for the ensemble is provided by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, The Jackson County arts Council Grassroots Arts Program, and Western Carolina University.

Experienced singers, high-school aged and older, are invited to join by attending the first rehearsal. For further information, call holquist at (828)506-5951, or email <holquistbstn@aol.com

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Special Olympics Gold Medalist looks forward to competing in 2020

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

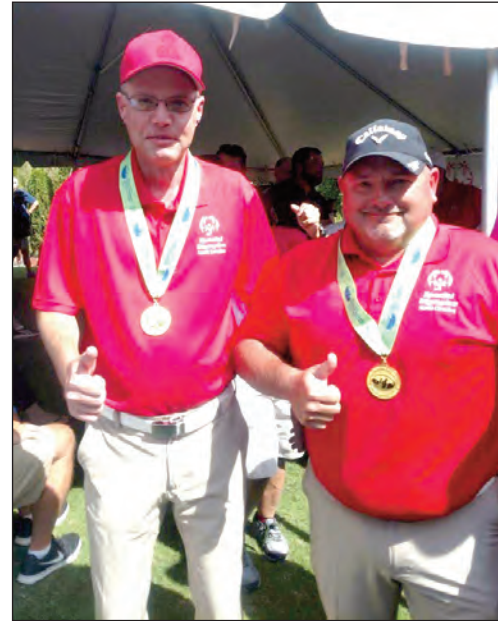
Jason Hedrick had quite a year in 2019. He won a gold medal at the North Carolina state competition for Special Olympics and he achieved gold at the National Invitational Games in Nashville, Tenn., in September. He plans to up his game for 2020.

Hedrick is a golfer and has competed with his coach/friend, Eric Hall, in what is deemed the 9-holes alternate shot competition, meaning they have played as partners with only one golf ball, taking turns playing the strokes. Hall said Hedrick, 44, who has been intellectually challenged since birth, has proven himself a viable competitor on the golf course.

“The last two years we’ve been alternate shot partners,” he said, “but for 2020, Jason will be competing in individual matches and I’ll be caddying for him. Training is similar, but instead of him hitting a shot and me hitting a shot, he will hit all the shots and I’ll just be there to guide him through it. When you conquer what you set out to do, you try to do something different. Now he has a chance to compete individually in the 9-holes stroke play. He will have to compete individually this year at the state level, and if he gets a gold medal there, he should qualify again for nationals.”

Hedrick has been playing golf and competing for at least 20 years, explained Pat Hedrick, Jason’s mother. She purchased a home in Franklin’s Mill Creek Country Club community a few years ago so that Jason could both play and work on the golf course there.

“Tony and Brenda Munger, who manage The Golf Club at Mill Creek, have done so much for Jason,” she said. “He has come out of his shell and working and competing have helped him mature. He’s developed his own world of support that doesn’t include me having to be with him. Had he not been playing golf, that wouldn’t have happened. This has given him wings. He laughs, talks ...”



Jason Hedrick, a Special Olympics' gold medalist golfer, has a goal for 2020 of winning another gold medal competing individually in the 9-holes stroke play. At right, Hedrick and his coach/friend Eric Hall.

Weather permitting, a group of about 10 play regularly with Jason at Mill Creek. Plus, they have supported him during past Special Olympics' competitions, and his mother expects that will continue. “Quite a few people from Mill Creek went to state with us for three days this past year. He has a gallery of people supporting him at this event – and who play with him every Tuesday, from the spring until the weather turns cold. Several of those guys took their wives and family and went to Charlotte for the state competition ... at least 15 people.”

About a half dozen people also accompanied Jason to Nationals in Nashville, Tenn., to watch him receive a gold medal. “For people to do that,” said Pat, “that just shows such love

and support for Jason and Eric. And more wanted to go, but couldn't because of work and stuff. During these winter months, if it's a pretty day, the guys come over and get Jason to play with them. Or sometime they take him to TopGolf down in Atlanta, Ga. It's amazing. When you think the world is bad, trust me there are wonderful people out there.”

Pat Hedrick said Jason has such a large support and fan base that she cannot name them all. Eric's brother, Wes Hall, and Luke Bateman, are a few of Jason's regular supporters. “People follow Jason's competitions on Facebook because Luke puts them on there live. And Luke and his wife, Rhonda, have also gone with us to state. Jason thinks Luke hung the moon because he puts him on 'live TV.'”

Hall said Jason has handled well the pressure of competing in 9-holes alternate shot, and he expects him to do well playing as an individual. “For him, it's like it's just us out there playing. He doesn't get too distracted.”

Hall added that he will continue to be there for Jason as a coach and a friend. “He and I have formed a very special bond that goes beyond a coach and an athlete. I consider him family. He goes out to eat with my family and we do other things as buddies.”

And Pat said she will support her son as a competitive golfer for as long as he is able. “I'll be right here at Mill Creek for Jason to play and work. I'm very thankful for all of Jason's opportunities.”



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Every garden needs some funky plants

Dr. Bob Gilbert – Columnist

About 30 years ago, just 20 hosta varieties were in the market. Then experts were telling us that hostas were perfect for the shade. Today, there are now over 6000 and about 300 are in the market. This amazing explosion in the number of new plants has happened mainly because contemporary plant explorers have combed the orient looking for and finding new species. The pure species count is now about 45 with a few in dispute. In addition, hostas are easy to hand pollenate even by amateurs and their seeds are fairly easy to germinate. So, this interjection of new genes into the hosta gene pool has added great and exciting variations. It is also curious that professionals' breeders have learned to misuse pre-emergence herbicides to induce hosta mutations. This subject would require additional research.

Let's cover a few basic known hosta facts:

- Hostas will not grow successfully in full shade. They like dappled shade. Dappled means small patches of direct sunlight mixed with shade. Allan Armitage commented in his fabulous book "Herbaceous Perennials," "Daylilies may be the king of the sun but unquestionably hostas are the emperors of the shade." His statement published in 2008 is no longer completely accurate. Hostas require some morning sun and afternoon dappled shade.

- Hosta will not tolerate drought. After a year in full shade and/or drought the plant will all but disappear.

- Hosta plantaginea, native to China, is the only pure hosta species that will grow in full sun. Hostas are sometimes called Plantain Lilies because a few resemble one of the Plantain weeds. They belong in the asparagus family. Plantaginea is the only species whose flowers have a scent. It also has very large leaves. It has been difficult for hosta breeders to use Plantaginea for cross pollinate because its blooms open from 4 to 5 p.m. All other hostas blooms open between 7 to 8 a.m. Any hosta with a scent and that might stand little more sun has some plantaginea genes.

- It is not true that blue hostas like more shade and yellow hostas like more sun.

- All blue hostas originated from one species, *Hosta sieboldiana*. It grows at high elevations in Japan. Crosses have been made between it and heat tolerance hostas to achieve a blue hosta hat that will grow in warmer climates. *Sieboldiana* has large puckered leaves that are often described as sear suckering. All leaf puckering is the result of *Sieboldiana* genes. Some have a waxy silvery or glaucous coating on the leaf surface.

- Variegations or patterns in hosta leaves are the result of a mutation within the leaf. All hosta leaves have three layers. Mutations occur in layer #2. Variations-mutations may occur in the center of the leaf or on the edge or both. Leaf colors of blue, green, yellow and white can occur in a multitude of patterns. Also, there may be color streaks. Streaked varieties are unstable meaning the pattern will likely disappear as the plant matures. Some varieties that have bright yellow leaves and will lose the yellow as the plant gets older.

- When hosta are propagated from seed most will emerge with pointed leaves and are called juveniles. They may change as they mature. When you buy a very young hosta in a pot it likely will not look the same after it matures.

- Hosta clumps can be dug and separated to increase numbers any time of the year. The more leaves left on a division the faster



Dr. Bob Gilbert

it will recover. Every leaf stem has a dormant bud at its base just above the roots. With a knife a single stem can be separated from its neighbors leaving a stem, a single leaf, a dormant bud and some roots. Using this technique, you could create dozens and dozens of new plants. However, it would take 2-3 years for these plants to mature.

- Red stem hostas are called Rock Hostas. They grow on cliffs on an island off the coast of Japan. They are quite attractive and often have white on the under-side of the leaf. They all have pointed leaves.

- Dwarf hostas all come from an island off the coast of Korea. These small hostas are called Mouse Ears. They typically have very thick leaves.

- Hosta are described and lumped together by size, dwarf-less than 10", small-10-15", medium-15-22" and large-over 22".

Probably the most refined plant society journal is published by the American Hosta Society. Its journal has amazing photographs as well as great articles. For example, the current issue as 70 full color photos of varieties well identified. With it you can keep updated on the new varieties. The society has a huge membership. They conduct a membership hosta popularity survey every year. For many years Hosta "June" has been voted most popular followed closely by Hosta "Sagae."

Hostas were first named Funkia in honor of a German botanist Henrick Funk. The current common name Hosta is in honor of an Austrian botanist Nicholas Host. This means that we mispronounce hosta? My young nephews and nieces thought it hilarious that I grew funky plants.

Hostas have a vast audience that includes slugs, snails, voles, rabbits, deer and humans. Deer are the worst. My expert gardener and late friend Sam Blasingame grew large numbers of hostas successfully. He applied Deer Away monthly and he never had a problem until one month they forgot to use it.



More than 300 varieties of Hostas are on the market.

All of his hostas were nibbled down to the ground after years of survival. They will grow back because the roots were left intact and with the reuse of Deer Away.

Voles are interesting. They look very similar to mice. They use mole tunnels and only feed on plant roots especially hostas. Moles only feed on worms and grubs. There is product called Rozol Vole Bait. If used regularly following the manufactures directions it will eliminate voles. I have heard a very serious hosta nurseryman Tony Avent say that Rozol Vole Bait is 100% effective if used according to directions. It is pet friendly but best to read the fine print.

Slugs and snails are attracted to beer. If you can share a pie pan of beer it will fill up with drunken dead slugs. This is a safer method than using slug pellets that are not pet friendly.

Hostas are relatively free of diseases. There are several hosta viruses. When these are found the affected plant(s) should be destroyed not put in the compost bin.

With a little thought you can have a garden full of amazing hostas. They are easy to grow. The main thing you need to remember is most hostas will not grow in full sun and will not survive in very wet or very dry soil. At division time they make great pass along plants. Every garden with a little shade should have a little funk.

Dr. Bob Gilbert now living in Franklin is co-founder of Smith Gilbert Gardens in Kennesaw, Ga.



Deaths & Funerals

Carolyn Ann Cabe Dalrymple

Carolyn Ann Cabe Dalrymple, 75, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020.

Born in Jackson County, North Carolina, she was the daughter of the late Robert and Delsie Cochran Cabe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Boyd Dalrymple; a brother, Bobby Cabe and daughter-in-law, Karen Dalrymple. She was a member of Franklin Covenant Church. She loved to read, walk, listen to music and play tricks on people.

She is survived by three children, Tammy Frady (Tim) of Sylva, Russell Dalrymple and Doyle Dalrymple (Marla) both of Franklin; one sister, Peggy Fouts of Sylva; seven grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. John Makinson and Rev. Charles Martin will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Macon TRACS, PO Box 101, Otto, NC 28763.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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

Hubert Oscar Hendrie Jr.

Hubert Oscar Hendrie Jr. 89, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Thursday, Dec. 26, 2019, at his home.

He was born Nov. 3, 1930, in Walden, N.Y., to the late Hubert Hendrie Sr. and Dorothy Biece. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and worked in the Real Estate business. He loved nature, fly fishing and was an avid hunter. He was very proud of his Scottish heritage. His hobbies included woodworking and making furniture.

He is survived by his daughter, Dorothy "Beth" Arrowood Lanson (Richard) of Franklin; four grandchildren, Kaylan Moore, Tyler Neth, Derek Neth, and Dallas Arrowood; four great grandchildren, Finley Stager, Fox Moore, Aurora Neth and Camden Neth. He is preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Debra Lee Neth.

A private service will be held at a later date.

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Deaths & Funerals

David Bruce

David Bruce, 71, passed away Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020, at his home with his family by his side. He was born Feb. 15, 1948, in Cherokee County, North Carolina, to the late Amos Bruce and Bertha Carroll Bruce. He was a carpenter in the construction business for many years. He loved hunting and collecting knives. He loved his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and his wife of 52 years.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley H. Bruce; three children, Tammy Vinson and husband Jeff,



David Bruce

David Bruce and wife Debbie, and Cynthia Cribb; nine grandchildren, Nikkie Bruce, Misty Woodward, Christina Vinson, Josy Vinson, Casey Moss, Steven Dean, Alan Cribb, Daryl McClure, and Randy McClure; 12 great grandchildren, Uriah Rodriguez, Kameron Woodward, Lily Vinson, Gavin Vinson, Eli Prevet, Tanner Moss, Keiley Moss, Allison Moss, Jake McClure, Makayla McClure, Brylon McClure and Emma McClure; two sisters, Joyce Sue Brooks of Concord, N.C., and Linda Huffstler of Lincolnton, N.C.

He was preceded in death by five brothers; two sisters; one grandson, Phillip; and a great grandson, Gage Woodward; He was also preceded in death by his beloved dog, Jack.

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

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

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

Junior McArthur Hurst

Junior McArthur Hurst, 74, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Saturday, Jan. 4, 2020.

Born in Macon County, he was the son of the late James McArthur Hurst and Eliza Elliott Hurst. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by brothers, Bruce and Leon Hurst and grandson, Brandon Hurst. He enjoyed gardening and spending time with his grandkids.

He is survived by six children, Bennie Hurst of Hurdle Mills, N.C., Susan Diane Dryman of Canton, N.C., Christopher Wayne McCall of Franklin, John McCall of Franklin, Julie Ann Roberts (James) of Franklin and James McArthur Hurst of Franklin; six brothers and sisters, Richard Hurst of Thomasville, N.C., Judy Lawing of Westminster, S.C., Patricia Hurst of Franklin, Ruby Collins of Franklin, Evelyn Swafford of Candler, N.C. and Myrtle Jones of Hiwassee, Ga.; 20 grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held Thursday, Jan. 9, at 6 p.m., in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Don Moffitt will officiate.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m., prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Prentiss Church of God to help needy families.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

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



Junior McArthur Hurst

David Allen Mehaffey Sr.

David Allen Mehaffey Sr., 87, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday Jan. 2, 2020. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

He was born on Nov. 21, 1932, in Franklin, N.C., to the late Paul and Nellie Reid Mehaffey. He was a 22-year veteran of the United States Air Force. He served in both the Vietnam War and Okinawa. His second retirement was from Warner Robins Air Force Base after 15 years of loyal service.

He had an abiding love for his family and he enjoyed reading, discussing the Bible, politics and cars. His favorite pastime was flying his plane. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Charlene Campbell, and two brothers and one sister.

His memory will be cherished by his loving wife of 22 years, Sarah Elizabeth Mehaffey of Warner Robins; two daughters, Elizabeth Keen (Jimmy) of South Dakota; Barbara Higgins of Indiana; son, David Mehaffey Jr. of Indiana; five grandchildren, Jason Econnell, Ashley Flemming (Phillip), Susan Stevenson, Michael Higgins, Vince Higgins (Laura); eight great grandchildren, Jack, McKinsey, Ethan, Danny, Michael, Matthew, Elizabeth, and Theo; one brother, Zeb Mehaffey of Franklin, N.C.; and one sister, Florence Faulker of Swanee, Ga.

Heritage Memorial Funeral Home and Crematory has charge of arrangements.

Maymia Lucille Haggard

Maymia Lucille Haggard, 99, passed away quietly, with her daughter and son-in-law by her side, on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020, at Solace Hospice in Asheville, N.C. She was born in August 1920 in Cumberland County, Tennessee, the first of nine children born to Bert and Lottie Lewis. She lived in Tennessee for her first 36 years.

She attended Pleasant Hill Academy in Tennessee (where she later met her husband, Dale Haggard on the dance floor) and attended Berea College in Kentucky After the end of WWII, Dale returned from the Navy and they were married in Dayton, Ohio. After more than a decade, they moved with their three children to Vandalia, Ohio, where Maymia lived for 55 years. Later, she moved to Franklin, N.C., and lived there with her daughter and son-in-law.

She was an extraordinary woman and a loving wife and mother who loved her family, was kind, compassionate and generous to everyone. Her interests included music, folk dancing, gardening, cooking, sewing and needle work, and reading poetry.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dale of 59 years; her parents; four sisters and two brothers.

She is survived by her children, Bruce (Bobbie) of Hoschton, Ga., Regina (John) of Stockbridge, Ga. and Caroline (Stan) of Franklin; five grandchildren, Brett (Hal), Breane (Brian), Aaron (Joan), Andrew and Ian; five great grandchildren, Callie, Braydon, Ella Grace, Collin and Katherine; her sisters, Myrtle and Melva Sue both of Tennessee and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

Arrangements by Macon Funeral Home, Franklin, NC.

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Sun., Feb. 9	DAYTONA 500 Qualifying	FOX	12:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 9	Advance Auto Parts Clash	FS1	3:00 p.m.
Thurs., Feb. 13	Gander RV Duel at DAYTONA	FS1	7:00 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 16	DAYTONA 500	FOX	2:30 p.m.
Sun., Feb. 23	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	FOX	3:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 1	Auto Club Speedway	FOX	3:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 8	ISM Raceway	FOX	3:30 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 15	Atlanta Motor Speedway	FOX	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 22	Homestead-Miami Speedway	FOX	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Mar. 29	Texas Motor Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 5	Bristol Motor Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 19	Richmond Raceway	FOX	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Apr. 26	Talladega Superspeedway	FOX	2:00 p.m.
Sun., May 3	Dover International Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.
Sat., May 9	Martinsville Speedway	FS1	8:00 p.m.
Sat., May 16	All-Star Open	FS1	7:00 p.m.
Sat., May 16	All-Star Race	FS1	9:00 p.m.
Sun., May 24	Charlotte Motor Speedway	FOX	6:00 p.m.
Sun., May 31	Kansas Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Jun. 7	Michigan International Speedway	FS1	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Jun. 14	Sonoma Raceway	FS1	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Jun. 21	Chicagoland Speedway	NBCSN	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Jun. 27	Pocono Raceway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Jun. 28	Pocono Raceway	NBCSN	3:30 p.m.
Sun., Jul. 5	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	NBC	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Jul. 11	Kentucky Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Jul. 19	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 9	Michigan International Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 16	Watkins Glen International	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Aug. 23	Dover International Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 29	Daytona International Speedway	NBC	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 6	Darlington Raceway	NBCSN	6:00 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 12	Richmond Raceway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 19	Bristol Motor Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 27	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	NBCSN	7:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 4	Talladega Superspeedway	NBC	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 11	Charlotte Motor Speedway	NBC	2:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 18	Kansas Speedway	NBC	2:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 25	Texas Motor Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 1	Martinsville Speedway	NBC	2:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 8	ISM Raceway	NBC	3:00 p.m.

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Sat., Feb. 15	Daytona International Speedway	FS1	2:30 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 22	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	FS1	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Feb. 29	Auto Club Speedway	FS1	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 7	ISM Raceway	FS1	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 14	Atlanta Motor Speedway	FS1	4:00 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 21	Homestead-Miami Speedway	FS1	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 28	Texas Motor Speedway	FS1	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 4	Bristol Motor Speedway	FS1	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Apr. 25	Talladega Superspeedway	FS1	1:00 p.m.
Sat., May 2	Dover International Speedway	FS1	1:30 p.m.
Sat., May 23	Charlotte Motor Speedway	FS1	1:00 p.m.
Sat., May 30	Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course	FS1	1:00 p.m.
Sat., Jun. 6	Michigan International Speedway	FS1	1:30 p.m.
Sat., Jun. 13	Iowa Speedway	FS1	8:30 p.m.
Sat., Jun. 20	Chicagoland Speedway	NBCSN	4:00 p.m.
Sun., Jun. 28	Pocono Raceway	NBCSN	12:00 p.m.
Sat., Jul. 4	Indianapolis Motor Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Fri., Jul. 10	Kentucky Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Jul. 18	New Hampshire Motor Speedway	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 1	Iowa Speedway	CNBC	2:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 8	Road America	CNBC	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 15	Watkins Glen International	NBCSN	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Aug. 22	Dover International Speedway	NBCSN	4:00 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 28	Daytona International Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 5	Darlington Raceway	NBC	4:00 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 11	Richmond Raceway	NBCSN	8:00 p.m.
Fri., Sept. 18	Bristol Motor Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Sept. 26	Las Vegas Motor Speedway	NBCSN	7:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 10	Charlotte Motor Speedway	NBC	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 17	Kansas Speedway	NBC	3:00 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 24	Texas Motor Speedway	NBC	3:30 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 31	Martinsville Speedway	NBCSN	8:00 p.m.
Sat., Nov. 7	ISM Raceway	NBCSN	4:00 p.m.

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Thurs., Jul. 9	Kentucky Speedway	FS1	7:30 p.m.
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Sat., Aug. 8	Michigan International Speedway	FS1	1:00 p.m.
Fri., Aug. 21	World Wide Technology Raceway at Gateway	FS1	9:00 p.m.
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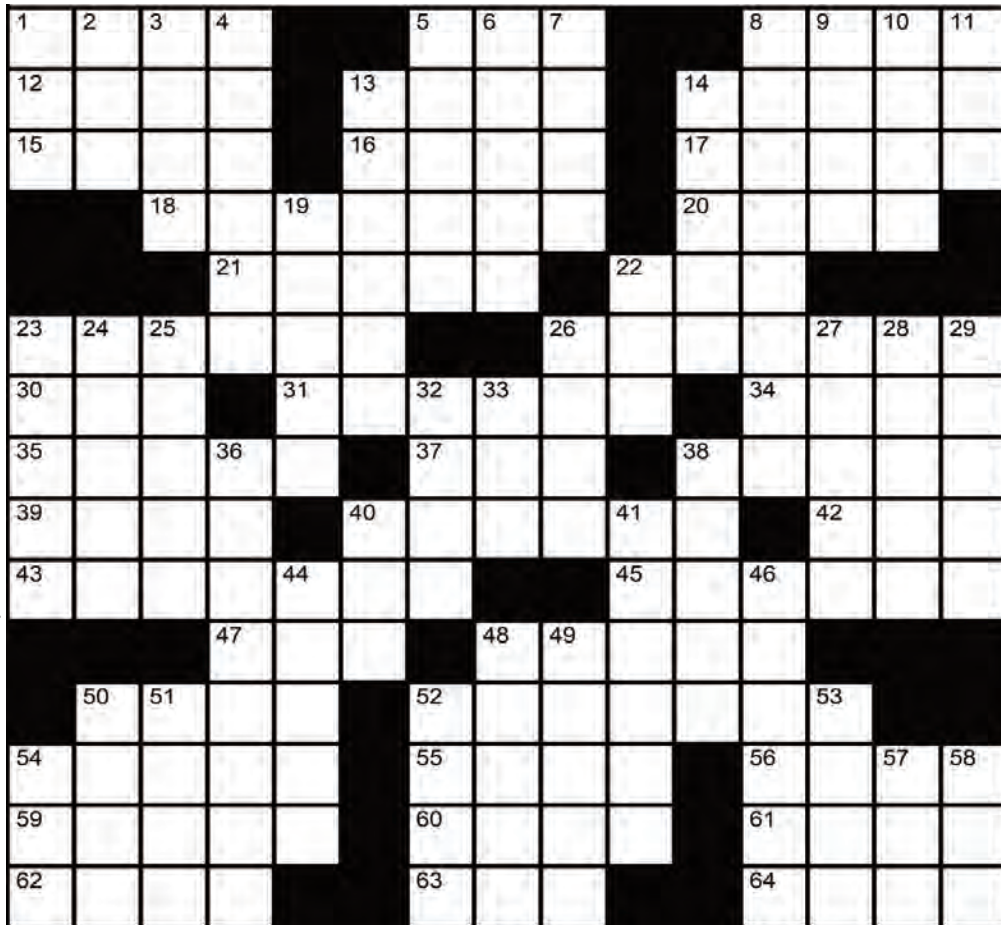
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- 25. Calendar unit of time
- 26. *William Shakespeare or Dr. Seuss
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