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The Macon County Sheriff's Office visited Grandview Manor and Macon Valley Nursing Home on Saturday to pass out cards and carnations for Valentine's Day. Sheriff Robert Holland, with the help of children of the department's employees decorated Valentine's Cards for more than 150 residents to spread a little love. Above, Mason Holland visits with a nursing home resident.

## Franklin is gearing up for influx of AT hikers

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

For many years, Franklin has been an oasis for weary section- and through-hikers on the Appalachian Trail (A.T.). Most people start their journey in Springer Mountain, Ga., in early spring with their sights on Mount Katahdin, Maine, as the end of the 2,180-mile trail, or they target specific destinations and complete sections as time allows. And Franklin – the first town to become an Appalachian Trail Community 10 years ago – just happens to be one of the first main stops for hikers en route from Georgia to refresh, restock backpacks, and participate in Macon County activities and culture.

An Appalachian Trail Community meeting was held Feb. 11 at Altered Frequencies in Franklin. Attending were representatives from the Town of Franklin, Macon County, Macon County Library, U.S. Forest Service, Mainspring Conservation Trust, as well as local businesses, churches,



The Town of Franklin sign in front of town hall is a popular place for hikers to snap a selfie.

Photo by Vickie Carpenter

and organizations. The Council worked together to solidify plans for A.T. Mile 110 events and offerings, which will take

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## AT HIKERS

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place from the first day of spring, March 19, through Earth Day, April 22 (the 50th anniversary of Earth Day).

Included in the upcoming schedule are the following:

- Flix, Food & Brews at Outdoor 76, March 27, 5 p.m.
- Nantahala Hiking Club's Thru Hiker Chowdown at Lazy Hiker Brewing Company, March 28, 12 p.m.
- Gooder Grove Hostel's Hiker Hunger Games (register at Lazy Hiker), March 28, 2 p.m.
- Hiker Bash at Currahee Brewing Company, April 3, 5 p.m.
- Springtopia Music Festival at Altered Frequencies, April 3-5
- AT110 Fest at Rathskeller Coffee Haus & Pub, April 11, 7 p.m.
- Outdoor Music Jam & Gear Exchange at Lazy Hiker Brewing Company, April 18, 6 p.m.

The coinciding annual "Walking with Spring" at Macon County Public Library will include at least a half dozen free programs such as "The World Before Your Feet" documentary, April 2 at 2 p.m.; Yoga for Hikers (and for everyone else), April 8 at 6 p.m.; Are You BearWise? April 15 at 6 p.m.; and, "Cultivating the Wild: William Bartram's Travels" documentary, April 29 at 6 p.m. For a complete listing of "Walking with Spring" programs, contact or visit the Macon County Public Library.

Debi Gedling, secretary for the Nantahala Hiking Club, attended the Feb. 11 planning meeting.

"We want to encourage as many local businesses and individuals as possible to participate and reach out to hikers," said Gedling, "... whatever is possible to make Franklin a great place for hikers to be."

Anyone can attend meetings and become involved in the Council's planned agenda.

"It's publicity for businesses and organizations, and it's a way for individuals to volunteer," she said. "And the more that hikers talk up our town, the better it is for all."

The website [www.ATmile110.com](http://www.ATmile110.com) provides ongoing information. The Franklin A.T. Community Council meets the second Tuesday of each month at 10 a.m., with the exception of June and July, at various locations in Franklin that are announced at each meeting. The March 10 meeting is scheduled to take place at the Macon County Public Library. Anyone interested in becoming involved in the Council can contact Deborah Gedling, [debigedling1227@gmail.com](mailto:debigedling1227@gmail.com).

## Partnerships struggling under HCA merger

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

Angel hospital in Franklin has been a part of the community in some form since 1923. The history of the community hospital is a unique tale that is built on the dedication of volunteers and the determination of local residents to ensure adequate and sustainable healthcare for them and their neighbors. Since HCA Healthcare acquired all Mission Health facilities, which includes Angel Medical Center, that sense of community and local stake in Franklin's healthcare has virtually disappeared.

Without much of a platform or outlet to voice concerns, Franklin residents took the opportunity Jan. 30 to speak to Gibbins Advisors, an independent-monitor of HCA, and voiced a number of ongoing concerns — including the overwhelming feeling of losing their "community-centered" hospital and the community partnerships that have been forged since its inception.

Assistant Director of REACH of Macon County, Jennifer Turner-Lynn said prior to HCA taking over Angel Hospital, her organization had never had an issue getting care for their clients. REACH of Macon County provides services to victims of domestic violence in both Macon and Jackson counties. According to Turner-Lynn, prior to the merger, if a client came in and needed medical treatment such as a forensic exam, they would be taken to Angel Medical Center and services would be rendered. But now, the forensic nurse position is no longer staffed at Angel Medical Center, which means rape victims have to be transported to Asheville just to receive the necessary exam.

"If Angel does the transport, the amount of time the victim must wait for an ambulance is unconscionable," she said. "The last rape kit I did, I took them to Mission and we were there for 13 hours — this is just one of many examples."

Turner-Lynn said that in addition to not being able to get the services her clients need, something else that has occurred since the merger are rape victims being charged for

services.

Turner-Lynn said REACH had never had a problem with a rape victim being billed for the use of the emergency room at Angel Medical Center and now victims are being billed for that at Mission. She said a client received a \$1,000 bill from the ER and the only service she received was getting a rape kit performed.

"We have always had such a great relationship with Angel and the staff there, but since HCA has taken over, we have



Angel Medical Center

run into problem after problem," she said.

Another community partner experiencing a disconnect since the merger is the Macon County Public Health Department. Jennifer Garrett spoke to issues health department patients have experienced since HCA took over.

"We have always been able to call and get whatever services or support our clients needed taken care of at Angel Hospital," said Garrett. "We have always known who to call and where to turn, but since HCA took over, we don't know who those contacts are."

Garrett said that when patients of the health department need services that aren't offered by the health department, Angel Medical Center has historically filled the gap, and the health department had funds to help pay portions of those bills. However, under HCA, the health department hasn't been able to keep those lines of communication open and the partnership between the local hospital and health department is virtually non-existent.

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# N.C. ranks eighth in U.S. for reports of human trafficking cases

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

Human trafficking is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. The prevalence of human trafficking in North Carolina is due to many factors, including the major highways that run through the state (40, 85, and 95), a large, transient military population surrounded by sexually oriented businesses, numerous rural agricultural areas with a high demand for cheap labor, and an increasing number of gangs. According to the National Human Trafficking Hotline, in 2017, North Carolina had 221 reported human trafficking cases. This statistic puts North Carolina 8th among all 50 states, in terms of the number of reported human trafficking cases.

REACH of Macon County has stepped up to the plate locally to serve victims of human trafficking in the western region of the state.

REACH has been working with human trafficking survivors for many years but received a grant from the Governor's Crime Commission in 2017 to expand capacity and focus more specifically on human trafficking efforts. Since that time, the agency has increased outreach, education, training, and increased capacity to record and track human trafficking survivors.

In 2019, REACH of Macon County served 44 human trafficking victims.

"We usually track human trafficking survivors as labor or sex trafficking," explained Andrea Anderson, executive director of REACH. "As long as survivors meet the threshold for these definitions, they are recorded as human trafficking clients; however, it's important to note that trafficking survivors may also be survivors of domestic violence and/or other forms of sexual trauma or abuse. Survivors may also be primary or secondary victims. For example, a child who is living in a home where their primary care giver is being trafficked but they are not. REACH primarily serves survivors of sex trafficking, however, we have also provided services to survivors of labor trafficking who had also experienced domestic or sexual violence. There is often an overlap of persons who have been labor trafficked and also have experienced domestic/sexual violence."

According to Anderson, labor trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery in which individuals perform labor or services through the use of force, fraud, or coercion. Labor trafficking includes situations of debt bondage, forced labor, and involuntary child labor.

Sex trafficking is human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation including sexual slavery. A victim is forced, in a variety of ways, into a situation of dependency on their trafficker and then used by said trafficker to give sexual services to customers.

The 44 victims helped by REACH in 2019 includes both primary and secondary victims and ranges in age from children to a 59 year old adult.

"Sadly, currently we are on track to serve more human trafficking victims this year than last," said Anderson. "Primary victims have ranged from teenage to adult."

Because the types of victims vary, the services REACH provides also vary. According to Anderson, the organization works to provide whatever services and resources they have at their disposal.

"Victims seek help initially for a variety of reasons. Some come specifically for shelter - whether local or through outside referrals," said Anderson. "Some may reach out through our 24/7 crisis line to simply talk or seek support. Some may finally reach a point where it is possible for them to leave, so they seek support through the criminal justice system (i.e DVPO) or counseling and wrap around services. REACH works with partners throughout the region and state whose missions are also to work with survivors of trafficking. In

some cases survivors need to be quickly moved so there are many partnerships and networks to make that happen. Also many agencies providing services and support to survivors of trafficking do not have a shelter, with our program and training we are able to help provide shelter for these survivors."

With more human trafficking victims so far in 2020 compared to the same time last year, Anderson said unfortunately she sees the problem growing.

"There is certainly an intersectionality with trafficking that

**REACH primarily serves survivors of sex trafficking, however, we have also provided services to survivors of labor trafficking who had also experienced domestic or sexual violence.**

*– Andrea Anderson, executive director of REACH*

allows the problem to grow exponentially within local communities," said Anderson. "The rise of social media and the accessibility of technology also creates new avenues for traffickers to identify new victims. With community outreach and expansion of service providers for survivors, trafficking is becoming more recognizable and services are being utilized more often."

As much as REACH works to provide services to victims

of human trafficking, the agency also works to educate the community in attempt to combat it. North Carolina passed legislation, GS. 115C-81 that requires local Boards of Education to address sex trafficking awareness and prevention in schools, something REACH seeks to do during programs they implement in the school systems.

"REACH continues to provide outreach, education and training for community members, local school systems, and other professionals," said Anderson. "REACH implements trafficking into our prevention programming (as is age appropriate), and is constantly working to ensure that information is available to the community for victims and survivors. In fact, REACH anticipates rolling out a new text line which will offer an additional avenue for victims to seek help. It is often impossible to make a phone call, but sometimes you can more discreetly send a text. Our text line will help provide an initial resource to make a connection with an advocate to learn more about how to get help, victim's rights, what resources are available, and to have someone to reach out to for support."

Anderson said that awareness and education is a key component of addressing the issue.

"Trafficking can take on many different forms. It can be large, organized systems that cross state and international boundaries," she said. "However it can also be local - many times vulnerable youth or family members are exploited by being coerced into a dependency of a living situation where they are forced and used for labor or sexual activities."

**SATURDAY, FEB. 22**

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**11am-3pm Silent Auction – Main St. Gazebo**

**12:30-1:30pm Sign up to participate in the Mardi Gras Parade (located outside of Town Hall)**

**2pm Parade – Begins at Town Hall, Line up behind Outdoor 76, starting at 12:30pm.**

**2:45 Children's Costume Contest – Main St. Gazebo. All children and their parents are encouraged to march in the parade. Bring an instrument and join in the Pantomime Krewe.**

**3pm Pet Costume Contest – Main St. Gazebo**

**3:15pm Winner of the Main Street window display contest announced**



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# County assessing cost to repair, clean up Greenway

**Brittney Lofthouse - Contributing Writer**

Torrential rainfall throughout February has caused multiple landslides, dozens of road collapses, and has destroyed riverbanks across Western North Carolina. The Little Tennessee Greenway succumbed to damage that county officials are still working to assess.

Mike Cope, director of Macon County Maintenance Department, said his department is still working to review the damages.

“At this time we are still assessing the damage and requesting the proper permits to be able to repair what is needed,” said Cope. “Because we are still looking at it, I do not have a cost to repair damaged areas at this time.”

According to the Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory which keeps track of precipitation in the region, 20.57 inches of rainfall fell in Macon County. The average yearly rainfall is around 55 inches.

The Little Tennessee flooded over its banks in several areas around the county as the rains poured down. The river overflowed well beyond the banks, swallowing benches, signs, and trashcans placed along the greenway.

Cope, with the help of the Friends of the Greenway



Recent heavy rains flooded into the area around the shelter at the Riverwalk portion of the Greenway. The county is still trying to assess the damage and the cost of repair and cleanup. Photos by Vickie Carpenter



(FROGs) have been working to clean up debris and remove mud and branches from the popular recreational path.

“Other than normal debris and sand in the greenway paths, the major damage was because of erosion to the river banks and

we are waiting on the proper paperwork and approval from the army corps of engineers,” said Cope.

The impact of the erosion along the banks is a cause for significant concern; more so than just mud left behind on the greenway. The infrastructure of the riverbank has been compromised and sediment has poured into the river, which could impact wildlife.

With additional rains forecasted in the coming days, Cope said without stabilizing the already damaged riverbanks, the next round of rains could be detrimental.

“Our biggest concern at the moment would be more flooding with the river banks weakened by previous weather,” said Cope.

Rita St. Clair with FROGs, said they have volunteers waiting for a final assessment to begin a complete cleanup and restoration.

“We will be on stand-by to assist where we can and will call for volunteer assistance when we can identify need beyond what the county will be doing,” said St. Clair. “Our immediate concern is the Butterfly Garden, but it’s also too soon to take a good look at it.”



According to Mike Cope with the county maintenance department, the major damage caused by flooding along the Greenway is to the eroding river banks.

# Five arrested for heroin trafficking, other charges

The Macon County Sheriff’s Office teamed up with members of the North Carolina Department of Corrections Probation and Parole Officers last week to arrest five individuals suspected of trafficking heroin.

While conducting a probation search of a residence on Rough Hill Road., officers seized approximately eight grams of heroin within the residence.

The investigation is ongoing and additional arrests are possible. The following suspects were arrested and booked into the Macon County Detention Center.

Trance Stoudemire – Trafficking heroin, maintaining a dwelling/place for controlled substances, carrying a concealed weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia and child abuse. \$200,000 secured bond.

Deja McGilvery – Trafficking heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and child abuse. \$150,000 secured bond.

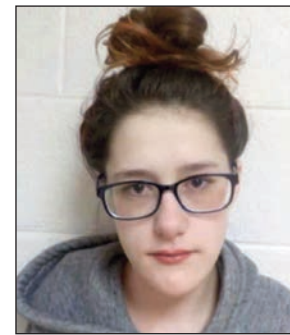
Bryan Burch – Trafficking heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and child abuse. \$150,000 secured bond.

James Ramsey – Trafficking heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia, and child abuse. \$150,000 secured bond.

Doralyn Massung – Trafficking heroin, possession of drug paraphernalia and child abuse. \$150,000 secured bond.



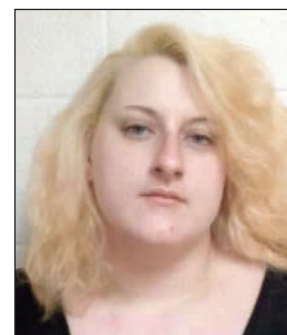
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## New flag installed at East Franklin

On Jan. 27, a new American Flag, donated by Mike Coats on behalf of American Legion Post 108, Franklin, was installed at East Franklin Elementary School to replace an old and weather-torn flag. Officer Tom Pruett, Macon County Deputy Sheriff School Resource Officer was the primary contact and assisted Coats in the replacement of the flag. Also assisting was a group of fourth grade Student Ambassadors who were knowledgeable and respectful of the flag. The old flag was properly folded for inclusion in a Flag Retirement Ceremony to be performed at American Legion Post 108 at a later date. The new flag was raised and then lowered to half-mast under the instruction of Officer Pruett in honor of a fallen U.S. Marine.



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# FHS Band student fulfills dream to perform at Carnegie Hall

Diane Peltz – Contributing Writer

Carnegie Hall is known as the most prestigious concert stage in the U.S. and recently one of Franklin High School Band students was privileged enough to perform there. Maylee Anderson, a freshman at FHS, was nominated by her eighth grade Band Teacher, to audition for the venue and was accepted to perform at Carnegie as a member of the Honors Performance Series High School Honors Band.

Tom Graham, band teacher at Macon Middle School (MMS) felt that Maylee met the criteria for nomination. Graham explains, "a student nominated for the Honor Series has to excel in their abilities and demonstrate phenomenal work ethic and discipline. Maylee was an exemplary student, always prepared for class and a great attitude allowing her to learn new things very quickly. Maylee was awarded the Director's Award at last year's MMS band spring concert - this is the highest award given to any student.

"I am fortunate to have many fantastic students at MMS, but Maylee was one that would prepare assignments to a higher than expected level. She was one of the few 7th grade students to audition for every honors group available. Maylee was a member of the MMS Jazz Band, Tri-M Music Honor Society, a soloist with the MMS Honors Band, All-District Band, and All-State Band. She is a born leader and has the self-motivation to achieve whatever she chooses to pursue in her life."

The process does not end with a teacher's submission of a student's name. A panel of judges listened to Maylee's recorded audition and along with written recommendations, made a decision on her inclusion in the program.

Maylee says she first realized she liked playing an instrument when she was in 5th



Franklin High School band student Maylee Anderson was chosen to perform with the Honors Performance Series High School Honors Band at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Not only was she sitting in first chair of her section, she was also featured in three solos during the concert.



grade. She plays the euphonium, a low brass instrument. Many members of her family are musically inclined but mostly with string and percussion instruments like the guitar, banjo, and drum set. Maylee explains, "I sent in an audio recording of an etude they gave me, along with a solo of my choice, and waited a few months for my results." After her acceptance and as the event drew near, she was given her music ahead of time to practice on her own and then she and the other participants all met in New York City for a few days to practice them all together. They played the pieces "Exultation," "Dulcinea," "Reflections," "Magnolia Star," and "On The Mall." Maylee performed with a group of high school students, but she had a few of her own solos in some of the pieces they played.

"I had an amazing time playing in Carnegie Hall," declares Maylee. "It has

been my dream to perform there since I started band in 6th grade. I couldn't help but cry when we started performing, because my dream had finally come true. The hall was very beautiful and had amazing acoustics. The people and the music and the sights were all great. This was an amazing experience that I will never forget."

Maylee is planning to make a career in music. She would like to major in Music Ed and become a school band director, like her three band directors, Jenny Huckabee, Tom Graham, and Buddy Huckabee. She states, "they have all inspired me and helped me so much to become who I am."

Maylee's father, Justin Anderson, accompanied her to New York City, along with her grandmother, Jane Ellenburg, her sister, Mallory and her brother, River.

"Maylee first started to show an interest in music around the age of 10, when in the

fifth grade under band director Jenny Huckabee," said Anderson.

"She performed with the Honors Performance Series High School Honors Band [at Carnegie Hall]. This was an international event represented by 42 states and seven foreign countries. Their performance lasted about an hour, playing five pieces of music. Maylee was awarded first chair Euphonium as a ninth grader and was given three solos."

Not only is Maylee an exceptional musician, she is also an A/B honors student at Franklin High School.

While attending the three day event in NYC, Maylee got to take in the Broadway Show, "Phantom of the Opera," visit the observatory atop the Rockefeller Building, and take a cruise seeing the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge and the NYC lights, to celebrate her success.

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# Democratic candidates for Congress highlight platforms, issues

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

*Editor’s note: Due to the number of candidates and the length of the questions and their answers, the following interviews with the Democratic candidates for Congress have been edited for space. For the full interviews, see themaconcountynews.com.*

When United States House of Representative Mark Meadows announced he would not be seeking re-election, the candidate pool for District 11 quickly filled up — with five Democrats and 10 Republicans (originally there were 11 but Dillon Gentry has since bowed

She received her undergraduate degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her law degree from Mercer University. According to Collias, she is the only Democratic District 11 candidate who has consistently been involved in her community as a volunteer and community leader. From leading an effort to build a playground where 2000 people volunteered— to spearheading economic development and serving on many community boards for the Chamber of Commerce and YMCA - Collias has always served her community.

“I am running because there needs to be

fordable healthcare, so we don’t have to choose between seeing a doctor or paying the rent. These are some of the issues I will work for and fight for.”

*Any other issues or information you would like your voters to know?*

“While I respect the other candidates, I bring unique skills, experience and values that will enable us to bring NC-11 back to Blue,” said Collias. “I have experience as an attorney and worked to expose Electoral College abuses. Additionally, while progressive on social issues, I am fiscally responsible and - as a more moderate candidate - can appeal to our many

North Carolina. His hometown is Shelby and his family had a farm in Rutherford County between Newhouse and Hollis where his dad was born and raised. He is a graduate of Appalachian State and the North Carolina Central University School of Law. He spent the first 25 years of his life in North Carolina before joining the Air Force. While in the Air Force, he earned two Masters of Laws, one from the Army JAG School in Charlottesville, Va., and another from the National Law Center at George Washington University in DC. He and his wife bought property in Asheville two years ago and started construction on a house a year



Gina Collias



Moe Davis



Michael O’Shea



Phillip Price



Steve Woodsmall

out) the March 3 primary has no shortage of congressional candidates from which to choose.

While District 11 has historically been a heavily Republican district, according to new district maps approved by state judges in December, NC-11 now contains the entirety of Buncombe County’s large Democratic voter base, giving the five Democratic hopefuls a better shot than they have had in previous elections to reclaim the House seat.

Retired U.S. Air Force Major Steve Woodsmall is once again running for the Democratic nomination after coming in second to Phillip Price in the 2018 primary. Price, who only filed to run after Meadows announced his retirement, is also running for the seat. Gina Collias, an attorney and real estate professional who has previously run for the District 10 Republican nomination against Patrick McHenry, will now be running as a Democrat for District 11. Moe Davis, a former chief prosecutor at Guantanamo Bay and Michael O’Shea, a political newcomer are also running for the open seat.

**Gina Collias**

Collias has been married for 29 years to her high school sweetheart. They are the proud parents of three children, twins – one who attends the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and one who is a UNC-CH graduate, as well as a son, who attends high school in Asheville near their family home in Fairview in Buncombe County. Collias is a pro-choice, pro-civil rights, pro-education, and pro-environment advocate. She has spoken at the Women’s March, appeared at union conferences and believes all Americans should have decent health care.

Collias is an attorney and businesswoman.

change and it has to start with regular people like you and me,” said Collias. “I have been inspired to run by many people and by some very significant events - such as my involvement in 2016 Electoral College investigations – but what it really comes down to is trying to right a ship I believe is heading in the wrong direction. I will be a fighter for WNC, but I also believe in treating all people with respect and engaging in civil discourse. I believe we must try and find common ground. Working on infrastructure – repairing our roads, bridges and rural internet is a good place to start. It’s also a good way to bring jobs to WNC. I’m running because I believe government can improve people’s lives. I want to represent you and your values in Congress.”

*What do you see as being the biggest issue facing District 11 and how would you address it if elected?*

“We face so many challenges in WNC. The climate crisis threatens our economic future, the beauty of our mountains and our very existence. It is not fake news and must be addressed. We must also make WNC more affordable, by addressing wages/jobs and making healthcare affordable. Congress must show its support for the working man and woman. We must raise the minimum wage from an unconscionable \$7.25 per hour to a living wage. We need to increase the funding for education, so that our children have better schools and have a better chance to succeed. We should be funding, promoting, and encouraging job training, community colleges and the trades. I also think we need to create a WPA-type program that would rebuild our infrastructure (including broadband internet) and bring teachers and healthcare workers to underserved areas. Lastly, we need Medicaid expansion and af-

unaffiliated voters. I believe in building bridges, bridging differences and finding common ground with those I may not agree with on policy issues. I also believe in listening, treating all people with respect and having civil discourse. There is no candidate that has traveled more, listened more and campaigned harder for your vote and your trust. I want to represent you and your values and become the first Congresswoman in WNC.”

**Moe Davis**

Moe Davis was born, raised and educated in

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## CONGRESS

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Davis is a retired Air Force Colonel with 25 years of service. He is best known for serving as the Chief Prosecutor for the terrorism trials at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba, from September 2005 to October 2007. He resigned his post when he was ordered to use evidence that was obtained by torture. He spent his last year on active duty as the Director of the Air Force Judiciary where he supervised 265 people around the world and was responsible for oversight of the Air Force criminal justice system. Davis was a Senior Specialist in National Security for the 111th Congress and head of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division at the Congressional Research Service, a branch of the Library of Congress. He worked there from December 2008 to January 2010. Davis was Executive Director of the Crimes of War Education Project from 2010 to 2011 and then was a full-time faculty member at the Howard University School of Law from 2011 to 2015. During that time, he was a regular contributor on MSNBC, CNN and other news outlets on military and national security matters. Davis' last job was as a judge for the U.S. Department of Labor from 2015 until September 2019 when he retired. Davis spent the last four months of his tenure at the Department of Labor teleworking from Asheville.

"Since I live in what was the gerrymandered part of Asheville, I thought that when I retired in September I was really retired," said Davis. "When the court intervened in November and told the legislature to redraw the congressional map or they'd do it for them, it became apparent that Asheville and Buncombe County would be reunited and I would be living in the 11th Congressional District. I looked at the Democrats that were running and I just didn't see anyone that I thought had the ability to generate the attention and the resources required to defeat Mark Meadows. I have a large national following, particularly on Twitter where I have about

158,000 followers, and I have high-level connections because of my military and federal government service. It's likely to take \$2 million or more to win this race, and I'm the only one running on the Democrat side that has the potential to raise that kind of money. The bottom line for me was that I have spent more than 30 years of my life in uniform, in a suit on the Hill, or in a robe, because I believe in America and in democracy. I've invested too much of my life to watch our democracy go down the drain."

*What do you see as being the biggest issue facing District 11 and how would you address it if elected?*

"The biggest issue the District faces is the same issue the entire nation faces: The current administration is the most immoral, incompetent and corrupt in America's 243-year history," said Davis. "I want to bring ethics, integrity and a commitment to public service back to Capitol Hill. There are a lot of important policy issues like climate change, healthcare, jobs and education that need to be addressed, but repairing the cracks in the foundation of our democracy has to be Job One. It is unacceptable for the president or any member of Congress to behave in a way that you would put your child in timeout for the same behavior. The public has the right to expect its elected officials to act honorably and with integrity and to take responsibility for their actions."

*Any other issues or information you would like your voters to know?*

"When I grew up in North Carolina, we were a proud progressive state. We had good roads, good schools and we had Research Triangle Park before anyone ever heard of Silicon Valley," said Davis. "That's not the case anymore. Poverty in 15 of the 17 counties in the District is higher than the national average and the percentage of people without healthcare coverage is above the national average in all 17 counties. Our children rank in the bottom third of the nation in reading and math skills. Broadband access in every

county is below the national average. Mark Meadows is entering his eighth year in office and when I ask people what he has done that has made life better for them and their families, people struggle to try and name something. Meadows decided at the last minute that he wasn't going to run again, but every one of the Republicans running for the nomination is cut from the same cloth and will be another Mark Meadows. We can do so much better if we all tried rowing in the same direction rather than against each other. I'm asking voters to give me a chance. If I don't keep my promises and if they don't see results, then 22 months after I take office they can vote me out."

### Michael O'Shea

Michael O'Shea was born at Mission Hospital in Asheville and grew up in Mills River, N.C., where he and his wife, Jennifer, now live. O'Shea went to West Henderson High School in Henderson County and Jennifer went to AC Reynolds in Buncombe County and grew up in East Asheville.

O'Shea's family history in southern Appalachia goes back before the Revolutionary War and the mountains of Western North Carolina have always been home to him. His parents were the minister and music director at the Unity of the Blue Ridge Church in Mills River for more than 30 years until his father Rev. Chad Greer O'Shea passed away in 2014. Growing up in a church has given O'Shea a strong sense of moral responsibility that lends itself to a life dedicated to public service.

O'Shea graduated from The Honors College at Western Carolina University with a BA in Philosophy and an English minor. He served as the editor-in-chief of both the newspaper and philosophy journal, was a member of the Honors College Board of Directors, had several papers accepted to national conferences, and wrote his thesis on post-structuralist linguistics. O'Shea spent a semester studying abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland, and he did summer programs studying literature in France and Spain and business and marketing in China.

"We need leadership that's not afraid to pursue bold, progressive action to make the government work for the people instead of corporate special interests and billionaires," said O'Shea. "The working class in this country has been ignored for too long and we must elect leaders who will fight economic inequality instead of pandering to their donors. Additionally, the next 10 years is the only window of time we have to address the issue of climate change and avoid hitting critical warming thresholds. My generation will personally live through the ramifications of not addressing climate change now, yet we hardly have a seat at the table while our futures are being decided. Millennials (age 24-39) became the largest voting age block in the country this year, yet we account for just 6% of Congress and have less representation than the Silent Generation who make up 8.6% of Congress and are over age 75. I'm proud to be the first Millennial on the ballot for a Democratic Primary in NC-11 and hope to be the first Millennial representative from this district."

*What do you see as being the biggest issue facing District 11 and how would you address it if elected?*

"Economic Inequality," said O'Shea. "First we need to pass Medicare for All to ensure everyone has access to high-quality, affordable healthcare so we don't see people going bankrupt because they got sick or foregoing treatment because they can't afford it. My platform calls for a \$15 living wage tied to inflation, a Universal Basic Income of \$1,000 month for every adult citizen, student loan debt forgiveness, and free public colleges and trade schools to give low-income people a clear path to advance their economic prospects. I'm also calling for a federal "minimum professional wage" for educators to ensure our teachers are paid like the professionals they are and I want to use federal funds to pay for teacher pay increases so that the wealth of your zip code doesn't determine your child's quality of education. We must also immediately tackle climate change



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and the Green New Deal also addresses economic inequality in ways that would greatly benefit rural districts like NC-11.”

*Any other issues or information you would like your voters to know?*

“I was the second person to file FEC paperwork and officially jump into the race, and I did that back in October four days before the first remapping court decision, so I thought I would be running against just Steve Woodsmall in the old gerrymandered district,” said O’Shea. “I was willing to run in an extremely gerrymandered district against Mark Meadows and I will bring that same sense of dedication to representing the people of NC-11 in Congress. I have endorsed Bernie Sanders for president and have been endorsed by Our Revolution WNC (the local chapter of the progressive political organization that grew from Sanders’s 2016 campaign) and progressive leaders Cecil Bothwell (former Asheville City Council member who ran for NC-11 in 2012) and Brian Haynes (current Asheville City Council member).”

**Phillip Price**

Phillip Price is a small business owner, woodworker, musician and hunter. He and his wife Michelle have raised three children with the help of the North Carolina Public School System and the Episcopal Church. He has lived in Western North Carolina for more than 36 years, through good times and bad, and long enough to have “had my fill of politicians who get our votes and then cater to billionaires instead of us.

“I want Western North Carolina to have a voice in Congress instead of a rubber stamp for the agenda of the rich and powerful as our current representative has become. I believe healthcare is a right, not a privilege only for the rich. I support expanding access to everyone, not taking it away. Meadows has continuously voted to repeal coverage for preexisting conditions. He’s taking our district and our country in the wrong direction. My vision for the people of North Carolina’s 11th Congressional District and for all Americans includes better healthcare, a robust economy, a clean environment, public education, a secure Social Security, strong civil rights pro-

tections, support for women’s issues, humane immigration policies, promotion of arts and culture, criminal justice reform, trade policies that respect all workers and campaign finance reform.

“I am running for Congress because the working class has been denied a seat at the table of government for far too long,” said Price. “While life gets easier and easier for a smaller group of people, it gets harder everyday for folks who live paycheck to paycheck. I have been making my living with my hands for my whole life and I have a real understanding of how policies affect the lives of the working class and families in Western North Carolina. I believe that people are our greatest resource and we must invest in people so that they may improve their lives.”

*What do you see as being the biggest issue facing District 11 and how would you address it if elected?*

“I believe that a lack of access to affordable healthcare is the biggest problem in our District. Rural hospitals in the far western counties are closing doors because the state legislature has not expanded Medicaid. Since the Affordable Care Act was passed North Carolinians have been paying federal taxes that should be funding the expansion of Medicaid, but instead our tax dollars are going to neighboring states that have chosen to expand Medicaid. On the federal level I support passing a Medicare For All bill similar to H.R. 1384. This will replace the need for Medicaid and will solve most of our healthcare problems in Western North Carolina and across the nation while creating millions of jobs nationwide. The biggest barrier to passing Medicare For All is the massive flow of dark money into our political system that allows the health insurance industry to purchase candidates that will continue to vote against M4A.”

*Any other issues or information you would like your voters to know?*

“My platform is about bringing better jobs with higher wages to Western North Carolina by investing our federal tax dollars into four areas that will actually benefit the middle class and reduce poverty: universal healthcare; public education from pre-K through career-ready training;

protecting our clean water, air, and forests and promoting the hemp industry for manufacturing plastics and textiles; rebuilding our public facilities, including our National Park infrastructures, and providing affordable access to high-speed broadband internet to every household and business in Western North Carolina. These are investments that will have a high rate of return to the tax base by creating tens of thousands good paying jobs right here in WNC, and will improve the lives of everyone.”

**Steve Woodsmall**

Steve Woodsmall enlisted in the US Air Force in 1975 and retired at the rank of Major (0-4). He held command positions in five separate assignments. Woodsmall was recognized during his service as Company Grade Officer of the Year, Center for Professional Development, Maxwell Air Force Base, and Outstanding Airman of the Year, Scott Air Force Base. He was selected as Jaycees “Outstanding Young Man of America” in 1983 and again in 1988. He holds a Master’s degree in Business Administration and a PhD in Organization and Management. He has also published academic papers and authored a book, “It Beats Eatin’ Lizards—Lessons in Life and Leadership.” Following retirement from the Air Force, Woodsmall held positions at the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, Federal Aviation Administration, several corporate leadership positions, a community action agency, and has taught at several colleges and universities including graduate courses for the Forbes School of Business. He has been active in the Transylvania community, previously serving as the executive director for the VISION Transylvania leadership program, a member of the Transylvania County Planning Board, and board of directors for Brevard Little Theatre, where he has performed in numerous productions. He has also conducted seminars for the Transylvania County Chamber of Commerce, is a member of the Transylvania County NAACP, and has volunteered at Schenk Job Corps. He is also active in local Moms Demand Action and Be SMART groups. Woodsmall is also a former NCAA women’s college basketball official, AAU na-

tional official, and is currently a North Carolina high school basketball official. He and his wife BJ have six children and eight grandchildren and reside in Pisgah Forest, where their property is a certified wildlife habitat.


“I learned in the U.S. Air Force that if you’re not part of the solution, you’re part of the problem,” said Dr. Woodsmall. “We need people in Congress with the experience and education to solve problems, not create them. I am the only candidate that has no baggage in my background that the other party can use against me. I strongly encourage voters to do their research on all candidates and vote for the one who can turn NC-11 blue in 2020. We have a great opportunity to reclaim our democracy, and we must take advantage of it.”

*What do you see as being the biggest issue facing District 11 and how would you address it if elected?*

“What I hear in talking with voters is concern about healthcare and the attempts to cut Social Security and Medicare,” said Dr. Woodsmall. “I support single-payer universal healthcare—the so-called ‘public option’ would still allow for the profit motive in healthcare, and simply would not solve the problem. Quality healthcare and affordable prescription drugs are a basic human right for everyone. I pledge to protect our social safety net programs like Social Security, Medicare, and unemployment, which we can do by eliminating the corporate welfare programs and leveling the tax system.

*Any other issues or information you would like your voters to know?*

“I believe the most serious threat to democracy is the the idea that ‘corporations are people’ and that billionaires and special interests are legally allowed to spend unlimited, untraceable (dark) money in America’s elections,” said Dr. Woodsmall. “As a PhD in management, I understand the importance of addressing the root cause of a problem, and big money is the reason there’s no progress in any major issue facing the country. We must overturn the Citizens United ruling to fix our rigged political system and pass stringent campaign finance reforms, and I will fight to make this happen.”



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## What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor  
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

The February Highlands Town Board meeting is tonight [Thursday] 7 p.m. at the Highlands Community Center. The center is next to the ball field. Let me review some of the agenda items.

First on the agenda will be a presentation by Sam Lupas on the status of the Dogwood Health Trust. Sam is a member of the Dogwood Board for this area. Dogwood is in its initial stages of operation, and I look forward to Sam's update about this important Western Carolina foundation. Dogwood was formed as a part of the HCA/Mission sale transaction. Its goal is to support and fund throughout the 18-county region health and wellness programs operated by community nonprofit organizations and government service departments.

The board will also hear requests from the Highlands Motoring Festival and the Coalition for Non-Native Invasive Plants (CNNIP). The Motoring Festival will be taking place in June, and there are several routine items to approve. CNNIP will be making a request for continued support from the town. I just read a Carolina Press article concerning the growing spread of non-native invasive plant species throughout the forest of Western Carolina. If left unchecked, invasive species could change the entire ecology of the region.

The board will also review a draft of an RFP [Request for Proposal] for hiring a consulting firm to guide the Highlands Planning Board through the development of a new comprehensive plan. The selection of a firm needs to be done asap in order to get the process under way by the start of the new fiscal year.

On the agenda is a presentation by the Greenway Trail Committee concerning a new trail entrance on Oak Street across from the Baptist Church. The trail has been under construction for several months.

There are several amendments to the UDO [Unified Development Ordinance] that our assistant planner, Michael Mathis, will present. These amendments will require a public hearing which will take place at the March meeting.

I had planned to resume the Community Coffee with the Mayor at the end of March, but the plan has changed. The first coffee will be on Friday, Feb. 28, at 11 a.m. These community coffees are always held at the conference room at the Hudson Library. I appreciate the support the library board and staff provide in organizing these events.

I decided to have a coffee in February before the Town Retreat which is scheduled for March 5. The town retreat focuses on budget priorities and recommendations for the coming year. I will share my budget priorities and solicit citizen feedback at the coffee. I hope folks will come and share any budget priorities that they may have, whether they are a small or big ticket item. Some of the smaller items may be funded as we end this fiscal year when unspent funds become available.

As always I can be contacted at (828) 506-3138. Also, I welcome feedback and suggestions by email. My email address is: mayor@highlandsc.org.

## Letters to the Editor

### Senators chose to disregard the Constitution

The president of the United States (no longer to be confused, or considered synonymous with, "Leader of the Free World") confessed on an almost daily basis to having used foreign aid as a lure to coerce the head of a foreign government (an ally under attack by a common foe) to make a public announcement that it's investigating his political opponent in the upcoming election. He's even bragged about being untouchable because he's sitting on the evidence while refusing to cooperate or allow certain officials to testify.

Trump was successfully impeached because Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives did their job. But his trial in the Senate stalled when the Majority Leader - who had already demonstrated his contempt for procedure by arbitrarily strong-arming the previous president out of a Supreme Court nomination - took a similarly bold approach to trivial details, such as hearing testimony from witnesses.

That Senate Republicans would buy into Alan Dershowitz' cockamamie, inane rhetorical hogwash was extreme even for them. Dershowitz, in defending the president, asserted that since "every public official... believes that his election is in the public interest," therefore, "if a president does something that he believes will help him get elected is in the public interest, that cannot be the kind of quid promo that results in impeachment." And to think, Harvard University actually pays this looney-toon to teach law.

So what are we left with? We seem to be cursed with an assemblage of elected officials to whom the Constitution of the United States means nothing, to whom taking an oath (in God's name) means nothing, to whom representative government, checks and balances, democracy, and the rule of law, mean nothing. The United States Senate, by acquitting Donald Trump, has chosen to reject evidence of wrongdoing on the part of the president whose abuse of power the Founders specifically created the Senate to counteract.

Americans have no choice but to conclude that self-centered fear of intervention by Trump into their reelection campaigns has made Republican senators not just supporters of this incorrigible, unmanageable and unchangeable president, but eager accomplices in his aggressive and egregious misuse of executive privilege and (perhaps unwittingly) decisively weakening their own power.

It's almost as if these senators thought themselves unworthy (with the exception of Mitt Romney (R-UT) of removing this unfit president from office despite their constitutional and moral responsibility to do so if the evidence warranted it and (despite new evidence having been barred from the trial by Mitch McConnell and Republican senators) from what we knew already, this president clearly met the criteria justifying impeachment and removal from office.

No one described the Senate trial better than Ross K. Baker, distinguished professor of political science at Rutgers University, when he said: "What we are witnessing is a Senate in the act of institutional suicide."

It has been stated and written in one way or another by so many writers... the Founders tried to lay what they perceived would be a permanent foundation for a new nation striving toward its ideals and future greatness. They clearly anticipated and feared someone like Donald Trump, and tried their level best to give us the remedies and protections we'd need to shield and preserve our people and our nation. Unfortunately, because senators chose to violate their oaths and to disregard the Constitution, the safeguards were unable to protect us from the president's wrongful acts. Let us hope the Republic the Framers envisioned doesn't fail as well.

David Snell - Franklin, N.C.

### Trump's going all in no matter the cost

The GOP protects and gives cover to a president who rejects moral and ethical principles. They stand with a president who's explicit self-interest blocks his ability to comprehend right versus wrong. And now that he knows Republicans have his back, Donald Trump is becoming more brazen - more determined than ever to take revenge against those who are good and decent while rewarding his reprehensible "friends." This president truly believes he has the right to do whatever he wants and he certainly has many by his side who are willing to assist. Trump is purging career civil servants, diplomats, military personnel and anyone else who threatens to stand in his way. This wannabe king demands steadfast loyalty or punishment will ensue by way of intimidation, humiliation and abuse.

This is how authoritarianism begins and tyranny takes root. If we let Trump be Trump, he gets closer to his most ardent desires - supreme wealth and abundant power. This is his last shot. He's going all in no matter the cost - even if it means throwing America, our Constitution, the rule of law and decency under the bus.

We're still a democracy - government for the people and by the people. Right now, we hold the power. We can do it directly with our votes, or through our elected officials. Because the GOP failed to hold Trump accountable, it looks like we're going to have to take the direct approach. We can do this. Please vote!

Annette Bell - Otto, N.C.

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### Healthcare situation is only going to get worse

After the politicians of North Carolina were sold a bill of goods by the morally bankrupt corporation called HCA (formerly Columbia Healthcare which was fined in excess of \$1 billion for bilking the United States and its CEO Rick Scott invoked his Fifth Amendment rights more than 50 times during hearings), it's probably a good time to remind everyone that HCA's responsibility as a for-profit entity is to its shareholders and delivery of quality healthcare is secondary. It's going to get worse for Western North Carolina.

Brian Cantamessa – Franklin, N.C.

### Face it, Trump's a dictator

I know the Republicans are tired of hearing bad things about what Donald Trump does. Face it, he's a dictator. A dictator is one who exercises absolute power, assumes absolute control in government without consent of the people, a domineering overbearing person. Sounds familiar, doesn't it. If Trump has nothing to hide, why were they all told and warned they were not to allow any witnesses. The Lt. Col. Vindman used his own mind and it cost him his job. No questions ask. In the history of this country, it has been a special freedom and privilege to have our free elections. Now we have a president who lets dictators from other countries interfere to help keep him elected. Vladimir Putin is just loving this. He wants in this country, and he knows he's found the right man.

No. 2. A foundation is a charity which help people in need. People donate to the Trump Foundation thinking it will go to people in need, not for Trump to take out of it and spend \$20,000 for a six-foot portrait of himself and for big, big, fines he's had to pay to get his self out of trouble. It doesn't matter the yr. It just shows what kind of person he is, and he'll never change.

No. 3. As far as the economy goes, the ones who are getting wealthy are the oil companies and industries. There's a lot of people trying to get \$15 an hour. There's no money to give teachers a raise, there's a lot of people that can't afford to pay for health care insurance; a lot of kids get their only meal at school. I've heard talk of that may be taken away. Soc. Sec. got a 1.6% raise. The cost of living has gone up a lot more than 1.6%. There are many people who are home-

less, living in their car, under a bridge. A lot of people cannot buy their medicine, it has gotten so high. Trump has no health care plan at all. In the mean time the pharmaceutical company get richer and richer. Tell the farmer about the great economy. They are still suffering as the result of Trump's trade war with China. You hear only what Trump wants you to hear.

No. 4. How can a president or anyone, take blood money from the NRA, seeing how there is so much mass shooting. They can't kill without a gun. But he does nothing. It's gone beyond the second amendment of the Constitution.

Kathy Whitley – Franklin, N.C.

### We need and have laws for a reason

I attended a council meeting concerning gun sanctuary in this county. I can't understand anyone who wants to eliminate all laws concerning guns. We need and have laws for a reason. Who in the world would want to allow anybody to have a gun that will kill 25 children in a few seconds? People who want this sanctuary say if they allow one single gun take away law that means they will all lose all their guns. What? So using this excuse, does it mean that if we give them gun sanctuary WE will lose other laws? No more traffic laws? No more, who can put what is our food laws? Keep your handguns and hunting guns, but what civilian needs a military weapon that kills so many people so fast? Those guns should be outlawed. A gun sanctuary county could not do that. I must therefore conclude you want to let anyone buy any gun, for any reason. Our councilors need to think very hard before they agree to such madness.

Lois Perry – Franklin, N.C.

### CORRECTION

In an article in last week's issue of The Macon County News "One woman/s quest to bring joy to teens," the address listed for Western North Carolina Aids Project (WNCAP) was incorrect. WNCAP is located at 3257 Georgia Road. The exchange is open daily Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Tuesday, the office is open till 7 p.m.

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### JESUS'S TEACHINGS ARE ROOTED IN THE WORD OF GOD

"He was teaching them as one having authority, & not as the scribes", Mark 1:22. Nine times in Matthew it says: "it is written" & four times - "have you not read". In contrast: The scribes taught quoting traditional experts with traditional opinions. JESUS'S TEACHINGS WERE FILLED WITH APPLICATION & HE LIVED THEM OUT WITH INTEGRITY: Meaning - His nature was "undivided": There was no division between what Jesus said & how he lived. In contrast note His scathing remarks about the Pharisees double standards - Matthew 23.

**THE BEATITUDES - MATTHEW : 5:1-12:** "Beatitude" means: "Happy are you". This is not momentary delight like eating ice cream, but it refers to changing your behavior by making these spiritual qualities your own. Personal application is not a quick fix, rather making your mind up to daily walk in them. The Beatitudes are paradoxical, they seem contradictory at first glance. Their aim is changing our inward spiritual nature.

**THE POOR IN SPIRIT:** The first characteristic of Kingdom citizens is a poverty of spirit, a contrite heart & realization of utter helplessness as far as our ability to save ourselves. A poor spirit humbles one to bow in subjection to the will of God, the opposite of arrogance.

**THOSE THAT MOURN:** One mourns because our own sins have caused separation from God. Such mourning is God-centered, not man-centered. "For godly sorrow produces repentance to salvation"... 2 Cor. 7:10. Since "all have sinned..." Rom. 3:23.

**THE MEEK:** This meekness is not timid, milk toast, Barney Fife type; The Greek word "praus" means "strength brought under control". Meekness equals "controlled strength".

**STARVING FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS:** A longing, a strong spiritual desire be righteous in God's sight. Since "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God", Rom. 3:23. Man can only stand righteous by means of God's grace through redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Rom. 3:24), (Acts 2:38). Redemption satisfies his hunger and thirst.

**THE MERCIFUL:** Just as God longs to forgive us, so should we be merciful to others. But we sometimes we find it difficult to be merciful. "for if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses, Matt. 6:15.

**PURITY OF HEART:** Refers to sincere & honest people with a single minded desire is to do only that which pleases God.

**THE PEACEMAKERS:** To aspire to be at peace with all men (Rom. 12:18). We bow before the "Prince of Peace", (Luke 19:10). Persecution is seldom seen as a blessing. When one manifests righteous behavior the result can be harsh antagonism. Here is the idea: Is obeying the Lord regardless of consequences. The world hated Jesus, & therefore can hate His disciples too, (John 15:17). 2 Timothy 3:12 - 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.

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### Turkey hunting seminars offered for free in March

The Wildlife Commission and the National Wild Turkey Federation are offering 11 free turkey hunting seminars across the state in March. The seminars, which will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., are open on a first-come, first-served basis and participants ages 16 and younger will need parental permission to register. Pre-registration is required; participants must register online. Although open to all skill levels, this "all in one" Turkey Hunting Seminar is specifically geared for those who are interested in turkey hunting but do not know how to get started and lack a hunting mentor. Topics will include biology, hunting methods, calls and decoys, firearms and ammo selection, camouflage clothing, and turkey processing and cooking techniques. Each seminar will conclude with a Q&A session and a brief overview of R3 (hunter recruitment, retention and re-activation) initiatives.

According to the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission wild turkey season runs April 13 through May 11 this year, preceded by a youth-only turkey season from April 6 through April 12. Tips and rules regarding turkey hunting are available on its [ncwildlife.org](http://ncwildlife.org) site.

# Workshop teaches no leaves necessary with winter tree ID knowledge

Deena C. Bouknight  
Contributing Writer

A handy tool, “Winter Tree Finder,” as well as other published field guides, enable Macon County residents to determine types of trees growing on their property – before they bud, bloom, and leaf out. Brent and Angela-Faye Martin taught the basics in their “Winter Tree Identification” workshop recently at Cowee School Heritage Center.

Around 10 attendees learned step-by-step keying of deciduous trees in winter by studying a vegetative structure diagram and by analyzing about a dozen branches.

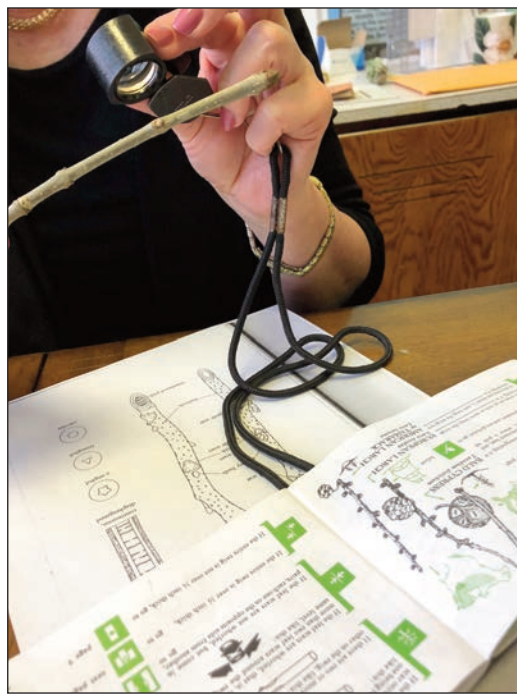
The Martins’ background in forest conservation provided them with knowledge to share.

“We’ve done a lot of field work identifying trees in winter because you don’t have to worry about snakes, ticks, etc.,” said Brent. “Using a dichotomous key and studying the dormant twigs’ leaf scars, terminal buds, axillary buds, lenticels, and more is a simple way for people to figure out the characteristics of their trees.”

Each of the various twigs offered included a leaf scar, where the leaf fell off in the fall, and a terminal bud, where the branch stopped growing when weather turns colder.



Twigs dormant in winter reveal much about the identity of a tree.



An attendee of “Winter Tree Identification” Feb. 4 determines tree species by using the Winter Tree Finder dichotomous key.



Angela-Faye Martin shares knowledge of tree identification at her home in Cowee in the field work portion of a workshop.

Plus, axillary buds indicate where the branch will grow a new twig, and distinct lenticel dots all over the twig are pores that serve as a pathway for the exchange of gases through the bark.

“All parts have an important function,” said Brent, “and all parts are different to indicate the specific type of tree.”

The Martins said that although there are more than 600 species of trees in Western North Carolina, at least a dozen are “fairly common.”

Some of the trees identified in the classroom at Cowee School included hardy catalpa, which is a native species prevalent on Franklin’s greenway; yellow buckeye; white ash; dogwood; paw paw, which bear a fruit once revered and traded by Cherokee; black locust, which is a preferred firewood and is used as fence posts and structural pilings; northern red oak; magnolia; and, mimosa, which is not native but has become an invasive species.

At the Martins’ home in Cowee, partici-

pants of the winter tree identification program learned about various native camellia and magnolia species, and more. Besides “Winter Tree Finder,” the Martins recommend various books for DIY tree identification, including “A Field Guide to the Trees and Shrubs of the Southern Appalachians” and “Trees of the Southeastern United States.” Nature books to peruse and borrow are available at Alarka Expeditions, located at Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center.



## UDC chapter gives to charity

The Macon County 2005 Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy presented a \$200 check to Debbie Bourke from Macon New Beginnings who was guest speaker at a recent meeting. Members also collected a large number of new and slightly used books for children for the Read2Me program. Pictured (L-R) are Elizabeth Cabe, UDC Social Committee member, Debbie Bourke and Jean Farmer, UDC First Vice President.



## Senior Services celebrate Wear Red Day

On Feb. 7, members and staff of The Crawford Senior Center participated in Wear Red Day to raise awareness about heart disease, especially among women. Cardiovascular disease is the number one cause of death in women, taking the lives of more women than all forms of cancer combined. For more information about health and wellness services at the Crawford Senior Services Center, call (828) 349-2058.

# Former FHS standout chosen to play in Futures Collegiate Baseball League

**Brittney Lofthouse**  
Contributing Writer

When Tye Chastain was seven years old, he stepped up to the plate and swung the bat hard enough to send the baseball soaring into the outfield. That is when his mother April knew he was going to be a baseball player.

“At that moment, we just knew baseball was going to be his sport,” said April.

Tye grew up in the dugout, playing little league, travel ball, summer leagues, and being part of lineups that won state championships and national titles. After graduating from Franklin High School, Tye enrolled in UNC Asheville to play collegiate baseball. Even after being a standout player from an early age, April said she was still overjoyed when Tye was named to the 2020 Futures Collegiate Baseball League roster for the North Shore Navigators.

“To be honest, I was kind of sad at first — it means he won’t be home for the summer,” joked April. “But it really is such an incredible honor. We are so proud of him and all of the hard work he has done to make it to this point.”

Each franchise in the Futures Collegiate Baseball League (FCBL) is made up of elite collegiate athletes competing in a minor league style format to gain experience and exposure to major league scouts.

Tye is excited to be playing for the Navigators this summer and is looking forward to the opportunity to further his career.

“When my coach texted me and told me that I would be playing for the North Shore Navigators, I was in shock to



Tye Chastain

realize I would be playing ball in Massachusetts. My reaction to being selected to the summer league was absolute excitement and I was really nervous. It’s about 15 hours from home. I’ve never been that far away from family and friends. A plus is that one of my teammates is on the same team.”

Tye will be joined by his UNC Asheville teammate, Drew Bristow.

The 6-foot-1, 208-pound Chastain joined the Asheville program from Franklin High School where he was a two-time Mountain Six Conference Player of the Year and earned three all-conference and two All-Western North Carolina honors. He finished his high school career with a .396 average, 112 hits and 91 RBIs. As a senior at FHS, he hit .413 with five homers and drove in 28. He was also a three-year letter-winner in basketball.

“Tye being selected for the Baseball League is a great honor. There are very few players that get this opportunity,” said Jay Brooks, who

served as the FHS Athletic Director while Tye played for the Panthers. “He has worked extremely hard on his skills to make this opportunity a reality. Franklin High School is very proud of him. He is going to do great.”

April said that her husband Tracy is already planning the couple’s summer in Massachusetts.

“Tracy is getting ready to retire from the Franklin Police Department, so he is excited to be planning how he is going to spend his free time this summer up North watching Tye play ball,” she said.

While April and Tracy plan to make the trip to Fraser Field to watch Tye take the field, Tye will be matched with a host family during the season, where he will be staying.

Tye’s love for the sport started early on, and despite being a multi-sport athlete, baseball has always been his first love.

“The thing I love most about baseball is that it was the first sport that I played when I was younger,” said Tye. “It felt natural to play. I played basketball and football as well but I was way better at baseball. It was so much more fun to play baseball than all the other sports.”

Tye is gearing up for his regular season with UNCA, where he will be traveling to places around the country he has never been. It isn’t all fun for Tye — he said that while he is grateful for the opportunity to play collegiate ball, he knows that baseball is giving him the opportunity to continue his education.

“I am focusing on my general education classes right now, so I can get them out of the way,” he said. “Then I am thinking about getting into either health and wellness or business management.”

The Navs are now preparing for the 13th season of collegiate ball at Fraser Field and their ninth in the Futures League. The 2020 opener is scheduled for Wednesday, May



Tye Chastain knew at a very early age that baseball was going to be his sport.

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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 February 4 - 16. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



## **Macon County Sheriff's Department**

### **February 10**

Heidi Johanna Dreml, 48, of Franklin, was charged with driving while license revoked. An unsecured bond of \$1,500 was set. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Kristin Amy James, 24, of Franklin, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$3,500 was set. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

Joshua Lawrence Burr, 38, of Franklin, was charged with destroying criminal evidence, possession of controlled substance on prison/jail premises, carrying a concealed weapon, resisting a public officer. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set. Parrish W. Young made the arrest.

### **February 13**

Michael Lee Stanfield, 48, of Franklin, was charged with violating domestic violence protective order, breaking and entering to terrorize and injure, assault on government officer/employee, domestic criminal trespass, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer, injury to real property, assault causing physical injury to law enforcement/probation/parole officer. No bond was set. Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

### **February 14**

James Robert Walsh, 22, of Franklin, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$750 was set. Kimberly Osborne made the arrest.

Robert Lee McCall, 20, of Franklin, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set. Jonathan Phillips made the arrest.

### **February 15**

Amanda Marie Jenkins, 30 of Franklin, was charged with misuse of 911 system, resist/obstruct and delay law enforcement officer/employee. A secured bond of \$500 was set. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

### **February 16**

Jacqueline Helena Kidd, 35, of Franklin, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set. Mike Langley Sr. made the arrest.

Zacharia Jacob Lee, 45, of Franklin, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

## **Franklin Police Department**

### **February 7**

Tony Lynn Worley, 56, of Middle Creek Rd., Otto, was charged with driving under the influence. No bond was set. Officer Bingham made the arrest.

Phillip Laurence Buchanan, 57, of Hillview Dr., was charged with larceny, public consumption, open container. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

### **February 9**

Antonino Pascual Reyes, 34, of First St., was charged with assault on another person in the presence of a minor. No bond was set. Officer Stahl made the arrest.

### **February 11**

Brandon Michael Hart, 33, of Bidwell St., was charged with leaving the scene of property damage, injury to real property, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set. Officer Riles made the arrest.

### **February 12**

Elijah Todd Lam, 21, of Austin Welch Rd., was charged with motor vehicle theft. No bond was set. Officer Evans made the arrest.

## **Jackson County Sheriff's Department**

### **February 4**

Tamatha Bradley Morris, 52, of Middlefork Rd., Brevard, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

### **February 5**

Eric Lee Vaughn, 29, of Pheasant Run, was charged with violation of court order, domestic criminal trespass. No bond was set.

Heather Nicole Moose, 30, of Unity Rd., was charged with failure to appear for school attendance law violation. A secured bond of \$250 was set.

Birda Francine Lambert, 33, of Washington's Creek, Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Michael Lee Kelley, 57, of Fulcher Rd., Franklin, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, simple possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver marijuana, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling place for a controlled substance, trafficking methamphetamine, simple possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, felony possession of a schedule I controlled substance. A secured bond of \$7,000 was set.

Frank Joseph McCoy, 26, of Charlie Johnson Rd., Cherokee, was charged with trafficking opium or heroin by possession, resisting a public officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, felony possession of a schedule I controlled substance, maintain a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance, trafficking opium or heroin by transportation. A secured bond of \$35,000 was set.

Adrian Ledezma Ontiveros, 26, of Dillsboro Rd., was issued a true bill of indictment of possession of methamphetamine, trafficking opium or heroin by possession, possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Tony Ray Johnson, 19, of Boo Holler Rd., Whittier, was charged with tattooing a person under 18, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, third degree sexual exploitation of a minor. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Heather Nicole Steele, 26, of Lands End Dr., was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana 1/2 oz. No bond was set.

Dustin Scott Dillard, 39, of Skyland Dr., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine. No bond was set.

Billy Joe Riddle, 38, of Henry Dr., Clyde, was issued a true bill for communicating threats, assault on a female. No bond was set.

Justin Ryan Huskey, 32, of Williamson Rd., Whittier, was charged with rear lamp violation, driving while license revoked, possession of stolen goods. No bond was set.

### **February 7**

Ernestine Roberta Hornbuckle, 26, of Rosey Bigwitch Dr., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of heroin, possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver heroin. A secured bond of \$30,000 was set.

Jordan Rae Wolfe, 25, of Racheal Watty Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for probation violation. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

### **February 8**

Faith Haley Mull, 19, of Newport Dr., was charged with failure to appear for possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, larceny after break/enter, breaking and/or entering, possession of stolen motor vehicle, larceny of a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$14,000 was set.

### **February 9**

Natasha Megan Golden, 22, of Holiday Ridge, was charged with possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia. An unsecured bond was set.

### **February 9**

Rachel Annaleah Jones, 26, of Parker Farm Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with domestic violence hold. No bond was set.

### **February 10**

Robert Sylvester Brooks, 58, of Sutton Branch Rd., was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, simple possession of a schedule II controlled substance, felony possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$4,000 was set.

Richard Marcus Lamb, 23, of Fort Wilderness Apartments, Whittier, was charged with assault on a female. An unsecured bond of \$500 was set.

### **February 11**

Joshua Issac Robinson, 39, of Cornice Lane, was issued a child support purge. A \$3,634 bond was set.

Steven Cody Moore, 28, of Fisher Creek Rd., was charged with trespass, injury to personal property, larceny remove/destroy/deactivate component. No bond was set.

### **February 12**

Dustin Shane Gilman, 39, of Audobon, Cashiers, was charged with no operators license, resisting a public officer, flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Israel Morales Martinez, 48, of Cashiers, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked, no operators license. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

### **February 13**

Anthony Ray Tuggle, 43, of Redwing Vista Rd., Whittier, was charged with fictitious information to officer, resisting a public officer, flee to elude, extradition/fugitive from other state. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Christopher Todd Jones, 33, of Cloudy Valley Rd., was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

### **February 14**

Philip Tyler Lamanna, 29, of Misty Lane, Waynesville, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. An unsecured bond of \$1,000 was set.





Berea Bluegrass Ensemble

## Mountain Heritage Center hosts two music shows March 2 & 5

Western Carolina University's Mountain Heritage Center will host two free old-time and bluegrass performances the first week of March.

The Berea Bluegrass Ensemble will perform Monday, March 2, while fiddler Andrew Finn Magill takes the stage on Thursday, March 5. Both shows begin at 7 p.m. and will take place in the recital hall of the Coulter Building. WCU's School of Music is co-sponsoring the shows.

The Berea Bluegrass Ensemble is made up of students who, during their time at the liberal arts work college, show off their singing and picking skills in exchange for course credit and the opportunity to make lifelong friends and share their music with audiences around the world. Their concerts are a blend of traditional bluegrass and mountain music with contemporary influences.

Magill has six albums to his credit, and is known for playing fiddle tunes steeped in traditional Irish, Brazilian choro, jazz and old-time, bluegrass and swing fiddle music. Fascinated by the connections between the fiddling traditions of Ireland and Scotland and the "musical cousins" of old-time and bluegrass, Magill created a musical program that explores the connections between these styles through fiddle tunes.

For more information, call the Mountain Heritage Center at (828)227-7129 or visit [mhc.wcu.edu](http://mhc.wcu.edu).



Fiddler Andrew Finn McGill

## 'The Oracle' reading and book signing at City Lights

Candice Hardin Littlejohn will be coming to City Lights Bookstore on Saturday, Feb. 22, at 3 p.m. for a signing and discussion of her latest novel, "The Adventures of Dr. Dorothy Jarrod Volume 1: The Oracle." A recently divorced dead language specialist, Dr. Dorothy Jarrod, moves from her North Carolina hometown to teach at a far off community college and to escape her ex-husband when she receives an offer to partake in an expedition to Scotland, where adventure awaits.



Candice Littlejohn

Littlejohn is a Western North Carolina native, originating from the Haywood County area, and a lifelong writer, getting her start submitting to the *Rockmart Journal* at the age of 6. She is the editor and Publisher of the *Bohemian Renaissance Literary Magazine*, for up-and-coming writers and artists in the Southeastern United States. She also has a poetry collection titled "Bared Expectations," a collection of poems dealing with emotions, dreams, and expectations. To reserve a copy of Littlejohn's latest novel, call City Lights Bookstore in Sylva at (828)586-9499.

# Country music royalty coming to Franklin

Country music singer and songwriter Ashley Campbell will be in concert at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts on Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m. Her music combines the old-school country sound with contemporary Americana, rootsy folk, and country-pop. She is a multi-talented entertainer who attracts the spotlight with her style, talent, and unique sound. Campbell is authentic and has a deep appreciation for the history and traditions of country music. She has music in her blood and show business in her genes. Tickets to see Campbell in concert are on sale now and start at just \$15 each. This up-and-comer is one not to be missed.

Campbell graduated from Pepperdine University with a degree in theater in 2009. She aspired to be an actress and dreamed of appearing on "Saturday Night Live." When she was cast in a role that required her to learn how to play the banjo, that all changed. She fell in love with the instrument and decided to focus on music. She already knew how to sing and play piano and guitar, and even though she is a newcomer, she has years of heavy touring under her belt. Campbell played multiple instruments and sang backup during her father's farewell tour in 2011 and 2012.

Campbell chose to put a music career on hold so she could help care for her father, country music legend Glen Campbell, while he was ill. In 2015 she released the single, "Remembering," which is about her father's struggles with



Ashley Campbell, daughter of the late, great Glen Campbell, will be in concert in Franklin Friday, Feb. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. For ticket information, visit [greatmountainmusic.com](http://greatmountainmusic.com) or call (828)273-4615.

Alzheimer's disease. She released her debut album, "The Lonely One," in 2018. Some of her fan's favorite songs include, "A New Year," "Cry," and "A Better Boyfriend."

Ashley Campbell is not only armed with the ability to dream up a modern country song but to deliver it too. To purchase tickets to see Campbell in concert, or to find out more information about this or any other show at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, visit [GreatMountainMusic.com](http://GreatMountainMusic.com) or call (828)273-4615.



## Overlook Theatre sells out dinner show

The Overlook Theatre Company played to sold out crowds at the "Let the Good Times Roll" Dinner Theatre held last Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. The troupe performed music from the '50s and '60s such as "Lollipop," "Love Is Strange," "Purple People Eater," and "Burning Love." The complete cast list is as follows: Nikki Corbin, Scotty Corbin, Patrick Brannon, Elise Dailey, Taylor Foley, Kaley Davis, Sarah Overton, Timothy Crabtree, Abigail Crabtree, Charity Covher, Rachel Alford, Graceson Merritt, Rebekah Brown, TJ Hanson, Morgyn Brannon, Robert Jessup, Kathie Eldredge, Betsey Gooder, Lee Berger, Hope Morton, Evan Lampkin and Jasmine Robertson.

Photo by Betsey Gooder



# Newsboys present Greatness of God tour

Newsboys, a Christian rock band celebrating their Greatness of our God tour with special guests Mandisa and Adam Agee, will be in concert at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts on Saturday, Feb. 29, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for this night of inspirational music start at \$28 each with special VIP tickets also available.

Newsboys was formed in Queensland, Australia, in 1985 and was originally known as The News. The band came to the United States in 1987 and released their first album a year later. Over the years, Newsboys has released more than a dozen studio albums, six of which have been certified gold. With many music industry recognitions to their credit including four Dove Awards and four Grammy nominations, Newsboys has earned a top seat as Christian musicians.

Current band members include vocalist Michael Tait, drummer and percussionist Duncan Phillips, keyboardist and bassist Jeff Frankenstein, and guitarist Jody Davis. Their new album, "United," was released last year. Some of their hits include, "God's Not Dead (Like a Lion)," "We Believe," and "Jesus Paid it All." Their music has been featured in several Veggie Tale films, the "God Is Not Dead" trilogy, and many other movies and television shows.

Tickets to a meet and greet Newsboys prior to the concert are available for an additional \$25 each. Guests who purchase the Gold VIP add-on will be allowed early entry, access to a pre-show question and answer session, a souvenir tour laminate and tour poster, and a first look at the merchandise table. Showgoers who purchase a Platinum VIP ticket will receive all of this plus a special photo opportunity and concert seating in the first two rows of the orchestra area.



Newsboys will be joined by two special guests. A gospel and contemporary Christian recording artist, Mandisa began her career as a contestant in the fifth season of "American Idol." She won her first Grammy Award for her album "Overcomer." Some of her most popular hits include, "Stronger," "Only the World," "Unfinished," and "Overcomer."

Adam Agee was a founding member and former frontman of the Dove Award-winning pop punk band Stellar Kart. He joined the Grammy-winning Christian rock band Audio Adrenaline in 2015 as lead vocalist. Some of his solo projects include songs such as, "Going with You," "Paper Planes," and "Empire of Noise."

To purchase tickets, or to find out more information about this or any other show at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts, visit GreatMountainMusic.com or call (828) 273-4615.

# Civil War Memory topic of Roundtable March 9

The Western NC Civil War Roundtable will welcome Douglas Waller on March 9 for a free presentation at The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort and Spa. Waller will be speaking on Abraham Lincoln's Spies.

Waller will tell the story of the dangerous espionage and covert operations during the Civil War. He will feature four important Union agents and spy ring leaders: Allan Pinkerton, whose detective agency had already brought him fame nationwide; Lafayette Baker, who ran counter-espionage operations in Washington for the War Department; George Sharpe, a New York lawyer, who spied for generals Joseph Hooker, George Meade, and Ulysses S. Grant; and Elizabeth Van Lew, who ran a Union espionage ring in Richmond. Behind these secret agents was Abraham Lincoln, who became an avid consumer of intelligence and a ruthless aficionado of covert action. The phone tapping, human collection and aerial snooping seen today can be traced back to the Civil War.



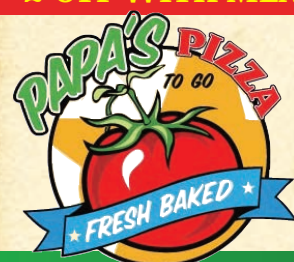
Douglas Waller

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The evening's agenda begins at 5 pm with a meet and greet dinner at the Tap Room within The Waynesville Inn Golf Resort and Spa. Dinner will be followed with a social at 6:30 p.m. The meeting and free presentation will commence at 7 p.m. in the Mountaineer room on the second floor of The Waynesville Inn. More information can be found at <http://wnccwrt.com>.

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*Deaths & Funerals*

**Lee Roy Stiwinter**

Lee Roy Stiwinter, 81, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2020.

Born in Macon County, he was the son of the late Lester Stiwinter and Mary Jenkins Stiwinter. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Crisp Stiwinter and sisters, Pearl Holt, Lettie Bell Cochran Houston and Eva Nell Stiwinter and a brother, Troy Stiwinter. He loved gardening, tending their dahlias and working in the yard. He enjoyed watching wrestling and was a member of First Pentecost Church.



**Lee Roy Stiwinter**

He is survived by his daughter, Crystal Stiwinter of Franklin; son, Steve Jones (Sherry) of Madisonville, Tenn.; sister, Ella Mae Armstrong of Franklin; two grandchildren, Stephen D. Jones, II and Michael D. Jones (Kaitlin); and one great grandson, Troy Douglas Jones.

Funeral service was held Monday, Feb. 17, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Phillip Cochran, Rev. Charles Reed and Rev. Davis Hooper officiated. Burial was in the Riverview United Methodist Church Cemetery, next to his beloved wife.

Pallbearers were Bob Collins, Tim Cochran, Johnny Armstrong, Michael Jones, Billy Collins and Andrew Armstrong. Honorary pallbearers were Robbie Younce and Joe Allan.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Macon County EMS Community Care Program, 104 East Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.maconfuneral-home.com](http://www.maconfuneral-home.com).

**Willie Kay Seagle**

Willie Kay Seagle, 74, of Otto, N.C., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020, at her home. She was born Sept. 26, 1945, in Macon County, North Carolina, to the late Roy Wilkes and Ada Dale Bradshaw Wilkes. Before retiring she worked at Clayburn Manufacturing as a machine operator in the clothing industry. She loved all of her adopted grandchildren and shopping. She was a member of Newman's Chapel Baptist Church.



**Willie Kay Seagle**

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Larry Seagle of Otto; a daughter, Sabrina Cochran; two grandchildren, Presley Cochran and Morgan Cochran; two great-grandchildren, Casen Bringle and Kaius Frady; two sisters, Nancy Wilkes and Shirley Gragg of Otto. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by one sister, Frankie Ritchie and two brothers, Johnny Wilkes and Virgil Bud Wilkes.

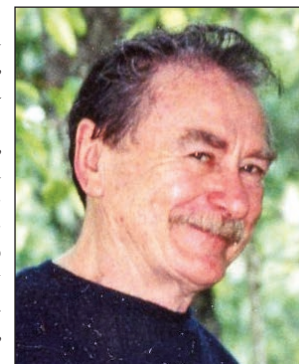
A graveside service was held Saturday, Feb. 15, at Newman's Chapel Cemetery with Minister Radford Penland officiating.

Pallbearers were Tim Burch, Byron Shields, Caleb Shields, Cecil Wilburn, Marty Cochran and Sammy Seagle.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Seagle family. Online condolences can be made at [www.bryant-grantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryant-grantfuneralhome.com).

**Leonard Joseph Flory**

Leonard Joseph Flory 81, formerly of Clayton, Ga., passed away at his residence in Franklin, N.C., on Feb. 11, 2020, after a brief illness.



**Leonard Joseph Flory**

He was born on Feb. 8, 1939, in South Mound, Kan., to Bill and Ann Flory. He spent his childhood years growing up in Independence, Mo. According to stories he was a spirited little boy who loved life and his BB gun. His family then moved to Miami, Fla., in his early teens. It was in Miami that he discovered a passion for stock car racing. Another pastime he enjoyed was hunting snakes to take and sell to the Miami Serpentarium. Miami is also where Leonard found and married the love of his life Martha, "Marti." Together they forged a bond that would sustain their marriage for 58 years. In the late 1970s, he and Marti pulled up their roots and moved their family to Rabun County to be near his parents. He then joined forces with his parents and Flory's Paint and Wallpaper came into being. Some 42 years later at the end of 2019, they officially hung their last roll of wallpaper and both retired. They were avid bowlers and he bowled up until the end of 2019. Both were very adamant about donating blood. Between the two of them they donated over seven gallons to the American Red Cross. He was a United States Army Reserve veteran where he was Honorably Discharged. Most of all he was a son, husband, father and gramps to what he loved the most, his family.

He was preceded in death by his parents Bill and Ann Flory and a sister, Wilburta "Billie" Jean.

He is survived by his wife, Marti; his two children, Dana Wood (Mike), and Danny Flory (Becky); two sisters, Betty Bradford and Judy Flory; five grandchildren, Taylor, Jordann, Kasi, Nate, and Kortney; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorial donations can be made to CareNet, 130 Bidwell Street, Franklin, NC 28734.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

**Rhonda Wooten Riddle**

Rhonda Wooten Riddle, 63, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Tuesday, February 11, 2020.



**Rhonda Wooten Riddle**

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of Shirley Shephard Tallent (James) and the late Neville Wooten. She retired from Macon County Schools after 30 years. She loved children and after retirement she volunteered in her daughter's classroom every Friday. She was a member of Cornerstone Presbyterian Church and enjoyed cross words, word searches, reading, watching TV and gardening.

In addition to her mother and step-father, she is survived by her husband of 46 years, Max Lee Riddle Jr.; two children, Brian Riddle of California and Amber Rowland (Ryan) of Franklin; one brother, Mike Wooten (Laura) of Franklin; five grandchildren, Nicole, Hailey, Gavin, Olivia and Asher; one great granddaughter, Allison Grace and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 15, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Dr. Tommy Jordan and Rev. Charles Stevens officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in memory of Rhonda Riddle to "Read2Me," a literacy program for Macon County preschoolers who also sponsor the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, PO Box 1362, Franklin, NC 28744.

The family would like to thank CarePartners Hospice for all of their excellent care.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.maconfuneral-home.com](http://www.maconfuneral-home.com).



# Deaths & Funerals

## Audrey Crum Williams

Audrey Crum Williams, 92, of Otto, N.C., went home to be with her Lord, Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2020.

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., she was the daughter of the late Charles and Anne Merritt Crum.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Robert Lee Williams; brother, Clyde Crum and a sister, Anne Louise Tracy. She was a member of Coweeta Baptist Church.

Her greatest love in life was her faith in God. Always practicing what she preached. She loved to sing in the choir and tried to never miss a church service.

She has two children, a daughter, Linda J. Williams of Otto; a son, Larry Lee Williams and wife Kathy of Clearwater, Fla.; two grandchildren, Tracie Spencer and Audrey Williams Dillard; four great grandchildren, Taryn Spencer, Christopher Williams, Teagan Spencer and Hailee Dillard.

Funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 15, at Coweeta Baptist Church. Rev. Keith Ashe officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Condolences may be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

## Mary Lou Huscusson

Mary Lou Huscusson, 75, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020.

Born in Canton, Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Richard and Dorothy Ott. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Quince Huscusson. She was a Christian by faith.

She is survived by her son, Donald Brewer of Canton, Ohio; three grandchildren, Robert Brewer of Canton, Destiny Brewer of Massillon, Ohio, and Nick Brewer of Canton; eight sisters and three brothers.

No services will be held at this time.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences may be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

## Max Austin Welch

Max Austin Welch, 65, died unexpectedly on Feb. 10, 2020, at his home in Mt. Pleasant, S.C.

He was born October 15, 1954 in Franklin, N.C. to Harold and Elsie Welch.

He was a home builder and land developer in Atlanta, Ga., and Charleston, S.C. He was a force to be reckoned with - truly one of a kind. He lived life to the fullest in his own unique style. He was charismatic, loving and giving. He cared deeply about his friends and had a passion for music that he loved to share. He loved being around water. He always said that is where he found peace. A perfect day for him would have entailed a boat, music, beer and like-minded friends. He had a big heart and a generous soul. His absence from our lives will be felt for a lifetime.

He is survived by sisters, Linda and Sandra; and brothers, Eddie and Duane.

Plans for a celebration of life are underway.



Audrey Crum Williams



Max Austin Welch

## Carl Rogers Shelton

Carl Rogers Shelton, 84, died peacefully at home on Feb. 11, 2020.

He was born Aug. 24, 1935, (or June 24th if it's military) and began his military career with the United States Marine Corp at the age of 17. He was a proud service man and a member of the VFW Tuckeseegee Post 9493.

His family knew him best as a stern, fierce, yet loving man. He loved to hunt and fish with his son, grandsons, and closest friends. He spent many weekends passing his knowledge and hobbies on to his adored grandchildren. If he wasn't hunting or fishing, you could most likely find him tinkering in his garage or catching up with old friends outside the Speedwell General Store. Most in the Speedwell community knew Carl well and often had a humorous tale to share. With thick skin, he was a true mountain man, but would give the shirt off his back to anyone in need.

In his younger days, he worked as a heavy equipment operator and mechanic. There wasn't much that Carl couldn't take apart and put right back together "perfectly," even with a piece or two left out. He understood the mechanics in a simple manner, much as he viewed life. He never needed or wanted much - just a hot meal, a truck to putt in, a dog by his side and a cold beverage in his hand.

He is survived by his wife, Annette Moore Shelton; twin daughters, Kara Shelton Jones and Gwen Shelton; grandsons, Mark Junaluska (Samantha) and Carlin Shelton (Kassie); granddaughters, Kayla Junaluska (Matt), Rachel Jones and Carly Mundy; great-grandchildren, Laylan, William, Charli, Aubree and Zayden; much loved sisters-in-law, Murriel Ashe Shelton and Martha Moore Hawkins; brother-in-law, Charles Moore (Mary); special family, Mark Junaluska and Jeff Jones, along with many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by parents, Frank and Willie Shelton; brother, John Shelton; sister, Frankie Jean Stewart (Cline); and his firstborn son, Robert Samuel Shelton.

An online registry is available at: [www.appalachianfuneralservices.com](http://www.appalachianfuneralservices.com)

Appalachian Funeral Services of Sylva, N.C., is serving the family.

## Kenneth Crawford

Kenneth Crawford, 87, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020.

Born in Macon County, he was the son of the late Cecil and Flora Robinson Crawford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Lowell Crawford. He was a member of Pine Grove Baptist Church and was a retired brick and block mason.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Emily Parker Crawford; four children, Nora Burroughs (Alan) of Stuart, Fla., Eddie Crawford (Ora Mae) of Hayesville, Bob Crawford (Delena) and Vaughn Crawford (Kim) both of Franklin; sisters, Ruth Slagle and Geneva Burnette, both of Franklin; brothers, George Crawford, Prelo Crawford, Bruce Crawford and Burt Crawford, all of Franklin; nine grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren and over 50 nieces and nephews.

Memorial service was held Sunday, Feb. 16, at Pine Grove Baptist Church. Rev. Greg Rogers, Rev. Roy Lowe and Rev. Gene Ridley officiated.

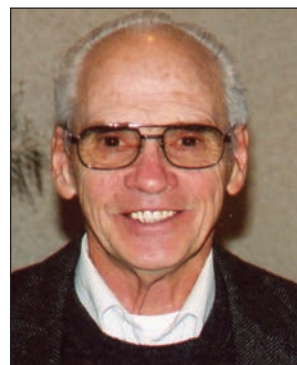
Memorial donations can be made to Pine Grove Baptist Church or the charity of one's choice.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).



Carl Rogers Shelton



Kenneth Crawford

## Norbert 'Nebbs' Anksorus

Norbert "Nebbs" Anksorus, 90, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Friday, Feb. 14, 2020.

Born in Chicago, Ill., he was the son of the late Anthony and Rosa Muller Anksorus. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and "Seabee." He retired as a General Contractor and enjoyed wood working and carving.

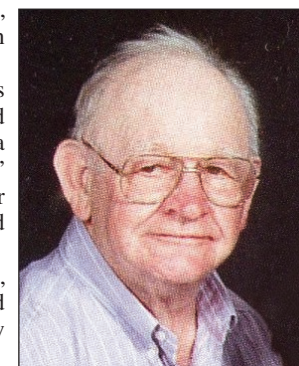
He is survived by his wife, Nora Anksorus of Franklin and son, Jeffrey Bern, N.C.

Funeral service will be held Saturday, Feb. 22, at 2 p.m., at Victory Baptist Church. Pastor Rusty Wolfrey will officiate. Burial will be in the church cemetery with full military rites conducted by VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108.

The family will receive friends from 1 to 2 p.m. prior to the service at Victory Baptist Church.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Condolences can be made to the family at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).



Norbert Anksorus



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# Denny Hamlin edges Ryan Blaney in Daytona 500

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – With the car of Ryan Newman sliding upside-down trailing sparks behind him, Denny Hamlin joined elite company on Monday night in the second-closest finish in Daytona 500 history.

Hamlin beat Ryan Blaney to the finish line at Daytona International Speedway by .014 seconds, and while the driver of the No. 11 celebrated with a burnout on the infield grass, the emergency crew worked to extricate Newman from his No. 6 Ford, which came to rest on its roof at the end of the tri-oval.

Hamlin—unaware of Newman's predicament when he started his burnout—went to a subsequent subdued Victory Lane celebration as the winner of two straight Daytona 500s and three of the last five, tying him for third with Bobby Allison, Dale Jarrett and Jeff Gordon in number of victories in the Great American Race.

Newman was helped from his car and taken by ambulance directly to nearby Halifax Medical Center. In a statement from Roush Fenway Racing read later by Steve O'Donnell, NASCAR executive vice president and chief racing development officer, Newman's condition was described as serious, but his injuries were not life-threatening.

In the rain-delayed event that proved to be the longest Daytona 500 in history (209 laps, 522.5 miles), Newman held the lead off Turn 4 at the end of the second and final overtime. Newman blocked the charging Team Penske Ford of Blaney, and contact between their two cars launched Newman's car over the hood of Corey LaJoie's Ford.

The No. 6 Ford landed on its roof and slid across the finish line toward Turn 1, after Hamlin—in the only Toyota still on the lead lap—edged Blaney by inches.

"Yeah, I think we take for granted sometimes how safe the cars are," was Hamlin's first thought after climbing from his car. "But number one, we're praying for Ryan. Worked really well with Ryan through this whole race, and obviously he got turned right there."

"Proud of our whole FedEx team. I don't even know what to say. It's so unexpected. I mean, I knew they (Blaney and Newman) were going to come with a big run there. My job was to just make sure I didn't put a block that was going to wreck me, live to race another corner."

Hamlin is the fourth driver to win back-to-back Daytona 500s, joining Richard Petty (1973-74), Cale Yarborough (1983-84) and Sterling Marlin (1994-95).

Behind Hamlin and Blaney at the finish were Chris Buescher, Newman's teammate at Roush Fenway Racing; David Ragan, fourth in a one-off after retiring from full-time racing; and Kevin Harvick. Newman was credited with a ninth-place result behind Bowyer (6th), Brendan Gaughan (7th) and LaJoie.

Blaney was more concerned with the well-being of his fellow competitor than his razor-thin runner-up finish to Hamlin, who also recorded the closest Daytona 500 finish when he beat Martin Truex Jr. by .010 seconds in 2016.

"We pushed Newman there to the lead, and then we got a



Denny Hamlin, driver of the #11 FedEx Express Toyota, celebrates in Victory Lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series 62nd Annual Daytona 500 at Daytona International Speedway on Feb. 17, 2020 in Daytona Beach, Fla.

push from the 11, and I made a move off 4 on Newman and he blocked it, and I kind of went low and he blocked that, so then I was committed to just pushing him to the win and trying to have a Ford win it.

"And I don't know, we just got bumpers hooked up wrong and turned him. I hope he's all right. Definitely was trying to push him to a win. I feel really bad about it. Man, but close one. But I hope Ryan is all right."

The race resumed on Lap 21 after rain delayed the proceedings for a day. Chase Elliott won Stage 1, and Hamlin triumphed in Stage 2, before, in typical fashion, the intensity ramped up in the closing laps.

A chain-reaction crash that started when Joey Logano bumped Aric Almirola into Brad Keselowski on Lap 184 involved 19 of the 37 cars still in the race and eliminated Keselowski, seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson (likely making his last Daytona 500 start).

A nine-car wreck in Turn 1 on Lap 199 KO'd Logano and Almirola and forced overtime. The first set of extra laps had scarcely begun when a three-car incident in the tri-oval saw Michael McDowell and Clint Bowyer spinning through the infield. That wreck set up the second overtime and the drama at the finish line.

Noah Gragson gets first Xfinity win in Daytona shootout  
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – It was a first for Noah Gragson. It was more of the same for Dale Earnhardt Jr.

When a wreck on the backstretch at Daytona International

Speedway ended Saturday's NASCAR Racing Experience 300, Gragson was in the lead, and when the driver of the No. 9 JR Motorsports Chevrolet crossed the finish line under caution, he claimed his long-awaited first victory in the NASCAR Xfinity Series.

What was a novel experience for Gragson was old hat to Earnhardt, who won at the 2.5-mile track for the seventh time as a car owner—with his seventh different driver. Five of Earnhardt's victories have come in the season opener at the Birthplace of Speed, including the last three in a row.

Gragson recovered from an early pit road speeding penalty to take control of the race. His crew chief, Dave Elenz, won for the fourth time at Daytona with his fourth different driver.

A strong push in the top lane from runner-up Harrison Burton propelled Gragson into the lead after the final restart on Lap 198 of 200. On the final lap, Gragson had pulled away from his pursuers by roughly two car lengths before Brandon Brown knocked Michael Annett's Chevrolet sideways and started the wreck that ended the race under yellow.

The caution froze the finishing order, with Timmy Hill, Brandon Jones and Chase Briscoe running third, fourth and fifth, respectively. A 12-car wreck on Lap 114 that eliminated the contending cars of Jeb Burton and Austin Cindric set up the three-lap dash to the finish.

Previous multicar crashes had KO'd Justin Allgaier and first-time pole winner Myatt Snider. Jeb Burton (26 laps), Allgaier (23) and Snider (22) combined to lead 71 circuits, but none of the three was running at the finish of the race.



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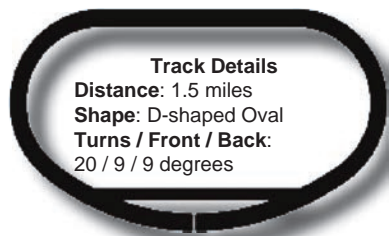
Racing News, Stats & Trivia

## This Week's Cup Series Race: Pennzoil 400

### Race Details

**Location:** Las Vegas, Nevada  
**Date:** Sun, Feb. 23, 3:30 p.m.  
**Last Year's Pole:** Kevin Harvick - 180.517 mph  
**Last Year's Winner:** Joey Logano

### Las Vegas Motor Speedway



**Track Details**  
**Distance:** 1.5 miles  
**Shape:** D-shaped Oval  
**Turns / Front / Back:** 20 / 9 / 9 degrees

### Race Preview

With 1,600 acres in the northeast portion of the Las Vegas Valley, the "Diamond in the Desert" has been deemed the most remarkable race complex in the world. Sports Illustrated called it the Racing Capital of the West. With more than a dozen different venues at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, ranging from go-karts to the NASCAR Cup Series at the 1.5-mile superspeedway, there's something for everyone at the complex. Last season's Cup Series Champion, Kyle Busch, finished third in last year's race. The Pennzoil 400 will be aired live on FOX on Sunday, Feb. 23rd at 3:30 p.m.

## Top News Stories



### Kevin Harvick signs contract extension with Stewart-Haas Racing

Kevin Harvick confirmed to media members at Daytona International Speedway he has signed a two-year contract extension with Stewart-Haas Racing. Harvick, the 2014 NASCAR Cup Series champion, said his new deal with SHR lasts through the 2023 season. It was initially slated to end after 2021, but now the 44-year-old has a deal to race in NASCAR's top series for four more years. The veteran's future was subject of much speculation, given his contract status, age and the manner in which he capably joined the FOX broadcast booth for select events as an analyst. Harvick said that he was dialing back his TV and radio commitments this year, in part to spend more time with his family, but that making a transition to media after 2023 would coincide with the expected arrival of a new TV broadcast contract. "I'm intrigued by that and for me, that'll keep me in the car a few more years as we go through 2023 and see where we're at," Harvick said. "For me, going through a few more years in the car just made sense." With 49 career Cup Series wins, Harvick is set to join just 13 other drivers in NASCAR history with 50 career victories at the sport's highest level. He ranks second among active drivers in all-time wins, behind only Kyle Busch.

### Racing Trivia

How many wins did Kevin Harvick have in 2019?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

**Answer:** (d) Kevin Harvick won 4 times in 2019 and finished 3rd in the Cup standings.

## Last Weekend's Race: Daytona 500 Postponed

As of presstime, NASCAR officials had postponed the Daytona 500 to Monday afternoon, following a series of rain delays shortly after President Trump appeared at the race, told drivers to start their engines and rode a ceremonial parade lap in his presidential limousine, "The Beast," on Sunday. The race will resume Monday at 4 p.m. ET, officials said. The postponement came after two lengthy delays totaling over three hours. The first delay came moments after Trump's motorcade completed a ceremonial parade lap around the 2 1/2-mile track. "The Beast" exited the Daytona International Speedway, and the sky opened for a brief shower that forced drivers back to pit road. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. eventually led the field to the green flag and was out front for the first 20 laps before heavier rain soaked a racing surface that could take hours to dry. NASCAR called drivers back to their cars around 6:40 p.m. ET, apparently hoping to get more laps in, but the heaviest rain of the day forced a postponement. The delay undoubtedly dampened the excitement prompted by Trump's dramatic entrance on Air Force One, which performed a flyover and landed just a few hundred yards behind the track. The president's motorcade arrived minutes later to loud cheers.



Both entrances were broadcast on giant video boards around the superspeedway. Trump, serving as the grand marshal for the Daytona 500, became the second-ever president to deliver the Great American Race's iconic command, "Gentlemen, start your engines!" With first lady Melania Trump by his side, Trump addressed the crowd, calling the opener "a legendary display of roaring engines, soaring spirits, and American skills, speed and power that we've been hearing about for so many years." Trump and the first lady then got in the limousine and turned a lap. They avoided high-banked turns at Daytona and stayed on the apron through the corners.

Harrison Burton thought he had an excellent at the victory before the wreck and caution on the final lap.

"Noah got out front about a car-and-a-half, and I thought 'He might be in trouble here,' but then the caution came out," Burton said. "Just really proud of our guys. We had a tough day. I think that there were a couple times in the race that we were down and out, and our guys clawed it out. I was proud of that effort."

Briscoe had grabbed the lead from Gragson before the wreck on Lap 114 but couldn't hold it after the final restart.

"That one is going to sting for a while for sure," Briscoe said. "I feel like we were making more moves than anybody and I thought I was going to have a really good shot there at the end. I don't know what was up with the 19, he couldn't give me any help on the bottom."

"It was just one of those where you wish you would have picked the top. We went on the bottom because at the time it felt like the right decision."

Justin Haley, Brandon Brown, Ray Black Jr., Ryan Sieg and Alex Labbe completed the top 10.

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6. Crime scene evidence
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14. Poetic over
15. Chocolate cake ingredient
16. Like Solitaire player
17. Go a-courting
18. Packing
19. "Go Tell It on the Mountain" author
21. \*South Africa's first black president
23. Bag, † Paris
24. Schooner pole
25. #1 on Billboards Chart, e.g.
28. One way to memorize
30. \*Civil rights activist and Ferguson opponent
35. Single pip cards
37. Give a shot of novocaine
39. Call forth
40. Long John Silver's walk
41. Sauna product
43. Dashing style
44. Pariah, for medical reasons
46. Back arrow key
47. As opposed to gross
48. Kane and Goldberg, TV characters
50. Georgia \_\_\_\_ university
52. Poseidon's domain
53. MXN, as in currency
55. Snowman Olaf's favorite thing
57. \*2019 eponymous movie character
61. Errand runner, at court
65. Matter of debate
66. Harry Potter's Hedwig
68. Ineffectual vomiting
69. GIBLETS part
70. \*Famous movie director, Spike
71. Ruhr's industrial center
72. Played at military funerals
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74. Nostradamus and such

DOWN

1. Hunk of something
2. Flavored with kola nuts

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7. \_\_\_\_colonial or \_\_\_\_classical  
8. Oven emanation?  
9. Lady's man  
10. Ne plus ultra  
11. Famous Coward  
12. Man Ray's genre  
15. Back of a saddle  
20. Popular Byzantine artwork  
22. Nile viper  
24. Reminder of times past  
25. \*First African American to win Best Actress Oscar  
26. More slippery  
27. Allegro and lento, in music  
29. \*Nobel Peace Prize laureate, 1984

31. Like fair share  
32. Arch and ball location, pl.  
33. \*On Debi Thomas' foot when she won Olympic medal  
34. Busybody, in Yiddish  
36. Work detail  
38. Bid, past tense  
42. Coffee shop order  
45. D'Artagnan's weapon of choice  
49. Get the picture  
51. \*Harlem Renaissance poet  
54. Fur shawl  
56. Canada flyers  
57. Handle of #45 Down  
58. Most populous continent  
59. Invitation request  
60. Regrets  
61. Commoner  
62. Diamond's corner

63. Walkie-talkie word  
64. Japanese money, pl.  
67. \*Du Bois

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2013	Chevrolet	Impala	118,535	LOCAL TRADE! \$6,360
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2017	Chevrolet	Malibu	19,222	LOCAL TRADE!
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