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Macon County veterans presented Joe Alvarez, owner of Countryside Chevrolet, a plaque given in appreciation of Alvarez's sponsorship in hosting the annual Rev It Up For Vets Cruise-In for the past four years. The event is held in May each year. Rev It Up was started by Bob Crawford 25 years ago at the same location formerly known as Smoky Mountain Chevrolet. The proceeds from the event are divided between the Vietnam Veterans Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion. Pictured (L-R) are Rick Norton, VVA; Ava Alvarez, Countryside VP; Joe Alvarez; Robert Morrow, VFW; and Ron Norton, American Legion.

Photo by Vickie Carpenter

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Forum gives Town Council candidates a voice

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Candidates vying for the three open seats on the Franklin Town Council spoke to voters last Thursday during a candidate forum hosted by the Macon County News and the Smoky Mountain News. All five candidates were in attendance and shared their vision for public safety, economic growth, and how to fill the council seat that will be vacant after Jack Horton is elected mayor in November.

The November election is for Macon County municipalities only, meaning voters who live within the city limits of the Town of Franklin can vote in that election, and voters who live within the town of Highlands city limits can vote in that election.

In Franklin, the office of the mayor and three council members will appear on the ballot. In Highlands, the office of the mayor and two commissioners will be up for election.

In Franklin, the seats up for election include the mayor seat — currently held by Mayor Bob Scott; and town council seats held by David Culpepper, Dinah Mashburn, and the

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Candidates participating in the forum, from left, Frances Seay, David Culpepper, JimBo Ledford, Rita Salain. Not pictured, Stacy Guffey.

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seat left vacant after the death of Barbara McRae.

Neither Scott nor Mashburn are seeking re-election.

Incumbent David Culpepper filed for a second term and will face challengers JimBo Ledford, Rita Salain, Frances Seay, and Stacy Guffey. With three seats on the Franklin town council up for re-election, the top three vote-getters will claim a seat this November.

Current town council vice-mayor and former Macon County Manager Jack Horton filed for mayor and without any challengers, has all but secured his seat as the next mayor of Franklin. Because Horton will be leaving his town council seat prior to the end of his term to take over as mayor, it will be up to the Town Council to appoint someone to fill his seat.

Addressing how Horton's seat would be filled if elected, candidates varied on if the fourth top vote getter should be appointed or if the new board should fill the vacancy some other way.

Candidate Stacy Guffey said the while the town has not always just appointed the next top vote-getter to fill the vacancy, he believes that with the seat coming open so soon after the election, it should be filled by the fourth top vote getter, which allows the town of Franklin residents to decide on the new board

member.

Incumbent David Culpepper and candidate JimBo Ledford both said that they believe all candidates on the ballot are qualified to hold the seat and would be a good choice — however they didn't have an opinion as to who or how that seat should be filled.

Candidates Rita Salain and Frances Seay said that regardless of how the residents of Franklin vote in the election, consideration for who should fill the vacancy should be solely up to the new board. Salain and Seay noted that while the best choice may be the fourth top vote-getter, there may also be some other individual within the town of Franklin who may have not wanted to run a campaign, but would be a better fit with the personalities on the new board and may get along better, therefore they would like to see the option kept open to any resident in Franklin, not just those who are currently running for office.

Candidates discussed the need for expanded recreational opportunities within the town of Franklin, which has seen more attention since the development of the Whitmire Property. As it stands, the majority of recreation within the town of Franklin such as the Little Tennessee Greenway and the public parks are all county managed properties. The candidates all shared the vision for the town to take a more active role in opportunities specific for inside the city limits.

Early voting continues through Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. Election Day is Nov. 2.

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PumpkinFest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 and will feature vendors, crafters, and the world famous Pumpkin Roll. A special appearance from Batman and the Bat Mobile is planned for this year.

The Scottish Tartan Museum will host its annual haunted attraction walk-through Oct. 23, from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m.; and again from 6 to 9 p.m. Admission charged.

Fall Festival at Holly Springs Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 24, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch in the fellowship hall followed by family fun and fellowship out in the field.

Spooky Storytime in the Children's Department of the Macon County Public Library Tuesday, Oct. 26, at 10 a.m. Stories, songs, and crafts. The Halloween parade will start directly after Storytime, children and parents can parade throughout the library in their Halloween costume and collect candy, stickers, and other goodies.

Halloween in the Park will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Parker Meadows Recreation Complex. The main entrance to the park will be closed and vendors will be set up around the walking trail of Parker Meadows. Enter at the parking lot by the playground. Any business or organization interested in participating, contact Cody Brooks at (828)349-2090.

Streets of Franklin Heritage Association "Monster Mash on Main" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, Beginning at 3 p.m., Teal Pumpkin Trick or Treating is an opportunity for families with food allergies or other reasons to not have candy. Traditional trick or treating begins at 4 p.m. and will take place at participating merchants.

Trick or Treat on Bidwell Street in Franklin will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31. Bidwell Street will be closed to traffic for extra safety.

Candy donations can be made until Halloween to help homeowners provide treats to everyone who attends.

Halloween in Highlands is scheduled for Oct. 31, 6 to 8 p.m. along Main Street in Highlands. The event, sponsored by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, will feature trick or treating along Main Street and South 4th Street, music, and dancing.



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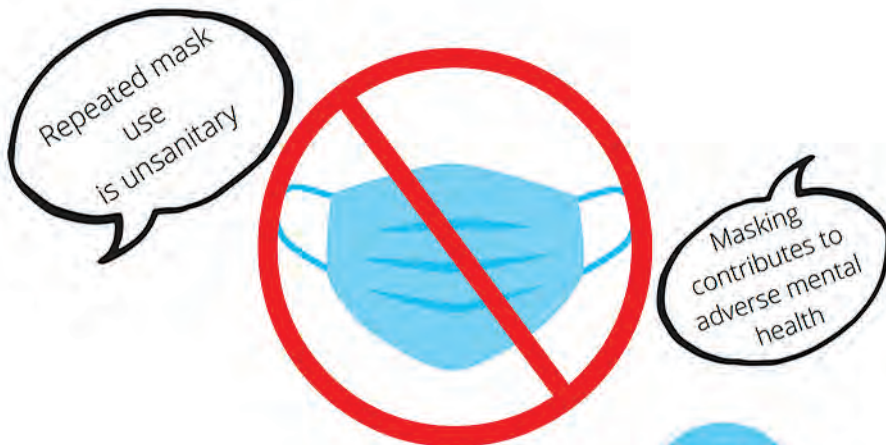
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Council candidates Salain, Guffey share their vision for Franklin

One-stop voting for both the Highlands and Franklin Municipal Elections began today, Thursday, Oct. 14, and will run until Friday, Oct. 30. Residents that live within the Franklin or Highlands city limits will be able to cast their votes during the early voting period or on Election Day scheduled for Nov. 2.

Four town council members seats are up for reelection — however only three will be decided by the election. The top three vote-getters in the Franklin election will secure the three seats on the ballot. The fourth seat will ultimately be filled by an appointee of the duly elected Franklin Town Council.

In last week's *Macon County News*, JimBo Ledford, David Culpepper and Frances Seay provided a bio and answered questions pertaining to the future of the town of Franklin. Following are the responses of the remaining candidates running for town council, Rita Salain, and Stacy Guffey.

Rita Salain

Salain is a Franklin native who grew up within the town limits. After graduating from Franklin High, Salain attended Appalachian State University and graduated from the University of South Carolina. She lived in both South Carolina and in Decatur, Ga. She retired in 2018 and moved home to Franklin in March 2020.

"My husband and I have owned property in Macon County for more than 20 years and a house here for the past 15," said Salain. "When we moved back home full time, we bought a house right in town and we love it."

Salain is a hobby potter and loves the Cowee Pottery School located at Cowee School. She is a reader and has belonged to a book club for the past 35 years and now belongs to two "excellent" book clubs in Franklin. She is a volunteer with Mainspring Conservation Trust and loves the work they



Rita Salain

do to help people conserve their land while still using it, and helping farmers keep their farm land as farm land.

Salain's career was focused in public health, working for 10 years in both the State Health Department in Georgia and in South Carolina. For 20 years, she owned and managed her own consulting practice, working all over the United States, but primarily in the South's rural communities with a focus on rural health, primary care and maternal and child health; building, developing and evaluating systems of care and improving access to care. Clients included nonprofit organizations, hospitals, health associations, primary care practices, community groups and state public health offices.

"I am running because I love this place and its people," said Salain. "Franklin is rich with good people, natural beauty and hard workers. I would like to help Franklin capitalize on our many assets, including our cultural history. I think I can make positive contributions. I am not afraid of learning, researching and working hard. I do my homework. And, I know individuals and small groups of



Stacy Guffey

with others committed to seeing Franklin grow in positive, healthy ways, while protecting the beauty and the very special aspects of this place that make it home. I salute all those who have worked hard to keep this town unique and beautiful through the years. I want to help too."

What do you view as being the greatest issue facing the Town?

"There are many issues facing Franklin," said Salain. "I'm unsure of what the greatest issue is but I want to work on attracting more, good paying jobs and growing our businesses so they can hire more people; attracting (and keeping) young people living in town; working to increase the supply of affordable housing; keeping the town safe; helping the town welcome new residents and help them become part of the town; helping build or expand affordable, quality child care for young families."

What would be your top three priorities for the Town if elected?

"Working to increase assets that make Franklin, a great place to live, work and visit," said Salain. "Helping small businesses

people working together can make a big difference. As Margaret Mead, noted anthropologist, said, 'Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.' I want to work

grow and thrive throughout the town. Implementing approved priority plans that meet identified town needs, including cleaning up abandoned houses and vehicles, building more sidewalks and paths and making the town more beautiful and livable."

Stacy Guffey

Stacy Guffey is a Macon County native who's grown into leadership in business and public life in the region his family has called home for generations. A graduate of Franklin High and Western Carolina University, Guffey served as Macon County's planner from 2004 to 2009. He helped establish and run the Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center, where he serves as the part-time director, and founded a consultancy practice to help with economic development and planning projects throughout Western North Carolina. In 2018, to further his expertise in government policymaking, Guffey earned a Masters in Public Administration degree from the University of North Carolina while taking on a new role in downtown Franklin's preservation efforts with the purchase and rehabilitation of the 1897 building that contains the Scottish Tartans Museum, where he lives in an upstairs apartment.

"I believe, over two decades of education and work in my home region, I've prepared for the privilege to work with my neighbors, fellow business owners, and local and regional leaders to make sure we position ourselves to realize our best hopes for our town both now and in the generations to follow," said Guffey. "Town Council is the level of government closest to and most accessible to the voters and, because it's non partisan, it's somewhat immune to the divisiveness that grips most other levels of government these days. I'm looking forward to serving in a position where we can directly affect the

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What do you view as being the greatest issue facing the Town?

“Growth will be the biggest issue facing the town in the next few years,” said Guffey. “Our task is to deal with that growth in a way that benefits our local workers and business owners while at the same time protecting and enhancing the small town feel that makes Franklin unique.”

What would be your top three priorities for the Town if elected?

“We should help our local small businesses thrive and prosper,” said Guffey. “There are a lot of tools available to local governments to support small businesses from incentives, buy local programs, to inclusive zoning regulations

among others. We need to look for ways to alleviate the housing shortage, especially for our local workers. For example, we should make sure that our zoning code allows for a variety of housing types and encourages more housing density where infrastructure is already in place. We should continue to develop and grow our relationships with the county, the tribe, local nonprofits, and business and community groups to enhance the areas that make Franklin unique like our historic downtown, the Nikwasi area, the greenway, west Franklin and others. That will improve the quality of life and quality of life is what drives our local economy and it's what makes Franklin the best place to live.”



Isaac Jennings named Athlete of the Month

Two Franklin businesses are sponsoring a new award: The Franklin High School Athlete of the Month. For October, the award goes to a member of the men’s soccer team – Isaac Jennings. Isaac is a senior at FHS and is the team captain of the men’s soccer team. He was the Conference Goalkeeper of the Year for the 2020-2021 season. For the current season, Isaac has 81 saves during 13 games which is a 90 percent save percentage. He also has one penalty kick save and one assist as a goalkeeper. Isaac has 1.378 goals against average per game which is the lowest per minutes played in the conference. Pictured are (L-R) Meagan Cochran, Edith Jennings, Isaac Jennings, Josephine Jennings, Aaron Jennings, and Kellie Burns.

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Three decades of diligence lead to local genealogist's published book

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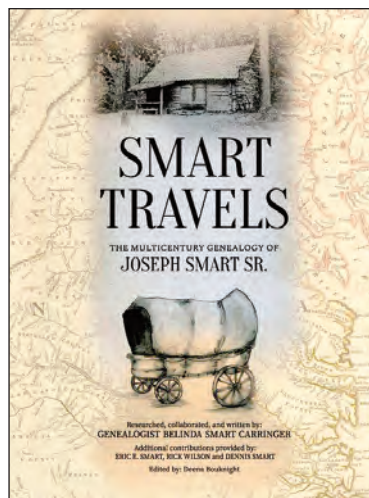
Belinda Smart Carringer's almost 700-page genealogy, "Smart Travels: The Multicentury Genealogy of Joseph Smart Sr.," is a more than 30-year project to preserve her extensive family history. The effort was kick started when, after her mother passed away in 1989, Carringer found some genealogy her mother had delved into. Carringer took up the mantle carrying the process through to fruition.

Carringer and her husband, Donnie, have for the last nine-plus years raised produce and honey on their eight acres in the Mountain Grove community of Macon County and selling it primarily to upscale restaurants or at farmers' markets and agriculture-related events. Through the years, Carringer has had to carve out time raising children, working, and farming to research "as far back as I could" on the paternal Smart side of her family. "I searched and searched for [Joseph Smart Sr.'s] parents, but could not find anything – nothing concrete," she said. "I didn't want to put anything in the genealogy that I couldn't back up. It needed to be as factual as possible."

Her 5th great-grandfather, Joseph Smart Sr., in the 1700s is the starting point for "Smart Travels," which includes not only census information, but oral history accounts, newspaper articles, maps, photographs, an annotated letter, and more. Like many people trying to make their way in the New World, Joseph Smart Sr. traversed down what was the Great Wagon Road from Pennsylvania to settle eventually



Donnie and Brenda Carringer raise produce and honey on an eight-acre farm in the Mountain Grove Community. Brenda carved out some time in her busy schedule to research her family genealogy.



in North Carolina.

After so many years compiling information, embarking on genealogical rabbit trails, and collecting photographs and information from family members, Carringer said she cannot believe the book is finally pub-

lished.

"I'm elated. I just keep looking at the book, feeling it ... it's real! Even though it became tedious or frustrating at times, I was just so fascinated by where I came from ... the lineage. I just loved discovering things about the people ... especially how they fought in the wars, the losses, the bravery. I guess that's why I have such a high regard for veterans."

Besides making the book available to family members and the public, Carringer said, "I want to donate to the libraries, genealogical societies, a few museums (like the Macon County Historical Museum)."

Coincidentally, Carringer will be speaking at the historical museum during PumpkinFest on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m., to share local stories from "Smart Travels" and to sign books.

At a time when so much history is discounted or lost, Carringer said "Smart Travels" preserves more than two centuries of occurrences in America, noting that even though it is her family's history, it is also relevant for all Americans. "It's a true history book," she said, "providing first-hand accounts from people who were there ... who fought in the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, the world wars ... who loved and lost and became successful in so many different areas. People, even ones not involved in my family, might be interested in reading it."

A favorite family member for Carringer is her great-grandfather, Whipple Carpenter Smart. Whipple resided for a time on the property that Mainspring Conservation Trust is protecting as Tessentee Bottomland Preserve. The farmhouse where he lived still stands, and the same photograph at the house that shows him and his family is also in Carringer's book. "I just really liked learning about him," she said. "Knowing about him and others, especially from this area, makes me feel so connected to past generations from Franklin and Macon County because I can see where they



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are buried or where they went to church.”

For example, learning about Carpenter led Carringer to realize that his wife, Mary Elizabeth Silver (Carringer’s great-grandmother) had a first cousin once removed by the name of Charlie Silver, who became legendary because his wife, Frankie Silver, murdered and dismembered Charlie and in 1833, became the first white woman to be hung in North Carolina. Books, including “A Life for Nancy - Daughter of Frankie Silver,” co-written by Franklin natives Danita Stoudemire and Riley Henry, have detailed the facts and conspiracies surrounding the grisly murder almost 200 years ago.

And, it was because of Carringer’s research that she discovered, ironically enough, that Nancy Silver is buried at Mountain Grove Baptist Church near the Carringer’s farm.

“It’s all just so fascinating,” said Carringer, “and I believe it is imperative that families record genealogies so that details, names, and lives are not lost.”

Although so much about the information Carringer uncovered is noteworthy, from wild west shootouts to extreme feats of bravery, one odd natural disaster stands out: lightning struck the belfry of a church during a Sunday service, knocked the top spire off, and electrocuted three people and injured four others.

She pointed out in the book’s Epilogue, “Reflecting back, I discovered that beginning with the first generation down through all the generations after, resilience was what got them from one day to the next and will get us today from one day to the next. And then to be right in the middle of an unprecedented global pandemic during the editing process made me realize that I am as much a part of history as former generations – that I am experiencing things that future generations will marvel at, just as I have marveled at all the significant events, achievements, characters, tragedies, and much more in the generations before me.”

For more information about “Smart Travels,” visit <https://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/smart-travels-belinda-carringer> or contact Carringer directly at carringerfarms@yahoo.com.

Prescription drug take back events set Oct. 23

Angel Medical Center is partnering with local law enforcement agencies to host Crush the Crisis opioid take back event Saturday, Oct. 23, 9 a.m. to noon, at 120 Riverview Street. The Crush the Crisis events align with National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, sponsored by The United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). The National Prescription Drug Take Back Day aims to provide a safe, convenient, and responsible means of disposing of prescription drugs, while also educating the general public about the potential for abuse of medications.

The focus of the event is to collect tablets, capsules and patches of Hydrocodone (Norco, Lortab, Vicodin), Oxycodone (Oxycontin, Percocet), Tramadol (Ultram), Codeine, Fentanyl (Duragesic), Morphine, Hydromorphone (Dilaudid) and Oxymorphone (Opana). However, any medications are accepted. Needles, syringes, lancets, inhalers or liquids will not be accepted.

The opioid epidemic is not only a National crisis but a North Carolina crisis as well. An average of four people a day are dying from overdose in N.C. with 79% of those deaths involving some type of opioid. Drugs not properly disposed of may end up getting into the wrong hands or end up in our water system.

Nationally, opioid misuse is a public health crisis in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the number of drug overdose deaths increased by nearly 5% from 2018 to 2019 and has quadrupled since 1999. More than 70% of the 70,630 deaths in 2019 involved an opioid.

The Jackson County Sheriff’s Office along with the Sylva Police Department are partnering with Ingles Market of Sylva to host a collection site on Saturday, Oct. 23, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Deputies and police officers will be at Ingles Supermarket to collect unwanted, expired over-the-counter and prescription medications.

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Macon County bank changes hands – again

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

What was once Macon County’s largest hometown bank — and one of the first of its kind — has gone through yet another acquisition.

First Bancorp announced on Monday the completion of its acquisition of Select Bancorp, Inc. the parent company of Select Bank & Trust Company.

The merger solidifies First Bank's position as the leading community bank headquartered in North Carolina, with total assets of more than \$10 billion and more than 120 branches.

Select Bank & Trust purchased three branches of Entegra Bank in April 2020 — Entegra Bank, which was the original Macon Bank — was sold to First Citizens Bank around the same time. Before First Citizens Bank could finalize the acquisition of Entegra, they were required to offload three branches located in Macon and Jackson counties located at 30 Hyatt Road, Franklin; 498 East Main Street, Sylva; and 473 Carolina Way, Highlands. The three branches have operated as Select Bank & Trust for the past year, but will now soon transition once again. First Bank is not associated with First Citizens Bank which purchased Entegra Bank in 2020.

William Hedgepeth, president and CEO of Select Bancorp, stated, "We are very pleased with this merger with First Bank. Both institutions share the same community banking philosophy that our customers value so much. Although we are closing one chapter in our company's history, we believe we are starting another one that will be even brighter. We have been warmly welcomed by the First Bank folks, and we expect a smooth integration for employees and customers alike. I would like also to thank Select Bancorp shareholders and customers

for the loyal support they have shown over the years and for what I expect will be many more years to come."

Although branches and signs won't change just yet, First Bank is working on integrating the two banks' systems. This is expected to be completed in mid-March 2022. Until this integration is completed, bank customers will continue to access, manage, and update any Select Bank & Trust accounts through the Select Bank & Trust website, mobile app, and at Select Bank & Trust branches only.

After the systems conversion in mid-March 2022, Select Bank & Trust branches become First Bank locations. Customers will continue to see friendly and familiar faces, and will have access to new digital banking offerings like a free budget management tool and person-to-person payment options, as well as robust financial education resources.

One immediate change customers will see begins December 3, when Select Bank & Trust locations will begin closing at 5 p.m. every Friday. According to the company the change is due to the safety of employees as the time changes and the days are shorter and darker.

Under the terms of the merger agreement, Select Bancorp shareholders will receive 0.408 shares of First Bancorp common stock for each share of Select Bancorp common stock. Any fractional shares resulting from the exchange will be paid cash at a rate of \$44.12 per share. Shareholders of Select Bancorp who own their shares of stock in book entry form or hold their shares with brokers will have their shares automatically converted to shares of First Bancorp, with no action required. Shareholders who hold stock certificates of Select Bancorp will be mailed instructions in the near future for converting their shares of Select Bancorp to First Bancorp stock.

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Monoclonal antibody COVID19 treatment available in Macon

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

While health experts remain adamant that receiving a COVID19 vaccine is the best way to fight the spread of COVID19, Macon County Health Department Director Kathy McGaha said that once someone tests positive, treatment options are available locally. Some early evidence suggests that mAb (Monoclonal Antibody) treatment can reduce the amount of the SARS-CoV-2 virus (the virus that causes COVID-19) in a person's system. This amount is known as viral load. Having a lower viral load means you may have milder symptoms thereby decreasing the likelihood of a stay in the hospital.

Last May, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration originally issued an emergency use authorization (EUA) for the monoclonal antibody therapy sotrovimab for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least about 88 pounds) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing and those who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death. Since then, the treatment has been utilized more frequently, especially as the cases of Delta Vari-

ant of COVID19 rapidly increased across the country. The FDA also has revised the original EUA to also allow the treatment to be used as post-exposure prophylaxis (prevention) for COVID-19 in adults and pediatric individuals.

While the treatment is not used for all patients who are hospitalized and already receiving oxygen, with monoclonal antibody therapy, physicians now have a way to help prevent severe symptoms from developing in those who are high risk.

The primary data supporting the EUA reissuance for post-exposure prophylaxis of COVID-19 are from a Phase 3 trial. The trial was a randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial studying a single dose of REGEN-COV for prevention of COVID-19 in household contacts of individuals infected with SARS-CoV-2. Cases were confirmed using real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), one of the most accurate laboratory methods for detecting, tracking, and studying COVID-19. An 81% reduction in confirmed symptomatic COVID-19 cases was observed with REGEN-COV compared to placebo at day 29 in cases who were RT-PCR negative and seronegative at baseline (the primary analysis population). In the

overall trial population, a 62% reduction in RT-PCR confirmed symptomatic COVID-19 cases in the REGEN-COV group compared to placebo at day 29.

REGEN-COV consists of the monoclonal antibodies casirivimab and imdevimab, administered together. Monoclonal antibodies are laboratory-made proteins that mimic the immune system's ability to fight off harmful pathogens, such as viruses like SARS-CoV-2.

The authorized dose for REGEN-COV for both treatment and as post-exposure prophylaxis is 600 mg of casirivimab and 600 mg of imdevimab administered together.

For treatment, intravenous infusion is strongly recommended; subcutaneous (under the skin) injection is authorized as an alternative route of administration when intravenous infusion is not feasible and would lead to delay in treatment.

For post-exposure prevention, either intravenous infusion or subcutaneous injection is appropriate. For individuals who remain at high risk of exposure to another individual with SARS-CoV-2 for longer than four weeks, and who are not expected to mount an adequate immune response to full SARS-CoV-2 vaccination, following an initial dose of 600 mg of casirivimab and 600 mg of

imdevimab, repeat doses of 300 mg of casirivimab and 300 mg of imdevimab once every four weeks are appropriate for the duration of ongoing exposure.

At the beginning of September, Clay County Leadership announced that a Regeneron COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibody Treatment facility was scheduled to open and that county staff had been working for several weeks to make the facility a reality, utilizing existing space and resources, while partnering with state officials and departments to ensure adequate supplies and materials. The site opening was delayed but later opened at the end of September and is serving as a pilot program for the state.

While the antibody treatment is intended to reduce the severity of COVID19 once positive, hospitals working to treat hospitalized patients remain the priority thus hindering efforts to provide additional staffing for new operations.

McGaha said that the antibody treatment is a welcome option to treat patients after they become positive, however vaccines remain the best option at not only preventing exposure, but with controlling the spread of COVID19 to begin with, especially since the antibody treatment is limited as to whom it is available.



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From the office of
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Karl Gillespie

The House held no-vote sessions Oct. 4-6, 2021. Various committees met during that time period, including House Redistricting and House Election Law and Campaign Finance Reform.

On Wednesday, I joined my colleagues for a caucus meeting to discuss the upcoming legislative schedule and review HB951, Modernize Energy Generation.

On Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021, the House of Representatives convened for a voting session. We voted on numerous bills, including:

– HB951, Energy Solutions for North Carolina, which would do the following:

- Require the Utilities Commission to take all reasonable steps to achieve a 70% reduction in emissions of carbon dioxide from electric public utilities from 2005 levels by the year 2030, and carbon neutrality by the year 2050;

- Authorize the Commission to use "performance-based regulation" for the electric public utilities operating in the state, meaning an alternative ratemaking approach that includes decoupling revenue from electricity consumption, one or more performance incentive mechanisms, and a multi-year rate plan, including an earnings sharing mechanism, or such other alternative regulatory mechanisms as may be proposed by an electric public utility.

- Require the Commission to adopt rules on various matters, including to require an electric public utility to use bond financing (securitization) of costs associated with early retirement of subcritical coal fired electric generating facilities, with such costs to be securitized at 50% of the remaining net book value of all subcritical coal-fired electric generating facilities to be retired to achieve the authorized carbon reduction goals set forth in the bill.

- Authorize the Commission to allow potential modification of certain existing power purchase agreements with eligible small power producers.

I voted in favor and the bill passed, 90-20. Gov. Cooper signed the bill into law on Oct. 13, 2021.

HB761, Police Vehicle and Equipment Protection Act, would do the following:

- Increase the penalty for breaking or entering into a vehicle owned by a law enforcement agency.
- Create two new felony offenses for theft of equipment owned by a law enforcement agency.
- Make technical changes to two Session Laws.

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Letters to the Editor

Information gleaned from media often suspect

One of your correspondents of Oct. 7 decries the contrast between the passionate opposition directed at abortion and the lack of attention or concern that is given to life after birth. But do we know that such a contrast exists? After all, we get our information from media personalities who are taught in their schools of journalism to report or manufacture what is sensational, and to ignore what is not. Also, those same media personalities are often (usually:) taught in their schools of journalism, to promote certain agendas and to ignore facts that contradict those agendas.

George Crockett – Franklin, N.C.

A question of certainty beyond what we live

Our America and the world in general seems uncertain in just about everything. The uneasiness and direction of our current government seems confused without any clear direction of what to do or how to do it. It's a voice which speaks from both sides of its mouth. Vaccines for one group yet ignores another, statements against drugs and human trafficking while its policies encourage just the opposite.

The media once trusted is viewed with skepticism. Polls indicate a devastating 38% approval, while in my thinking, 38% is too high, but there again, this is my perspective.

It's so easy to get distracted in modern living, politics and technology has grabbed us by the throat and has stolen the hearts and minds of many. It seems we can not think or do anything without its involvement within the very fabric of who we are; or have become? I have felt its addiction and seen its effect to the point I personally have a dislike toward much of this. The disappointments and confusion in life can be overwhelming and there seems no escape. Is there any relief that can be found or any reality towards life that can be given to our children? The world I view has nothing but temporary fixes which we've become addicted to and a never-ending dead end chase for more. Youth may not see this, for their life and world is new and adventurous, but soon realized, "there's nothing new under the sun."

I believe with certainty there's something beyond what we live, the world makes sense and can be followed by its foretold history within creation, nature and lives lived that show the struggles of mankind from the early beginnings of existence to the present, and into the future. Where, how and why we seek truth, justice, and more so of how we find and seek love which all are in need of.

This "something more," became more evident listening to an interview of "Scientific evidence for life after death" with John Ankerberg and Dr. Gary Habermas. Documenting individuals who have had life-changing experiences which are outside the realities of everyday living. Seeing family

and telling exactly where and what they are doing, all the while being in the operating room while doctors try to revive them. Finding new life that's so out of reality of this life that they would rather be there than here, leaving children and loved ones behind, because this new life is of such magnificence it's mind boggling. Colors more vivid and unexplainable that they themselves seem part of it. If heaven or the reality of something beyond life is real, it almost seems it would be incomplete without us being there. This certainty, I seek and desire which can not be found elsewhere, even as we try hard to find it. There were also those who experienced the opposite in eternity's dark emptiness in fear. I choose seeking the Divine God, who is the very reason why we seek out truth, justice, but all the more; a love so rich and us needing to be part of it.

Re-thinking life,

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I voted in favor and HB761 passed by a vote of 97-14. The bill heads to the governor's desk for consideration.

Following session, I attend the Wildlife Resources Committee and we considered two bills:

- SB66, Regulate Use of Deer Secretions for Hunting, would disapprove an amendment to a rule prohibiting the use of deer secretions for the purposes of hunting, adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC), and direct WRC to readopt the amendment consistent with certain guidelines for harvesting, collecting, and disease testing. I voted in favor and the bill passed committee. The bill's next stop is the Rules Committee.

- SB233, Modify Fox/Coyote Taking for Certain Counties, would modify a list of counties that, during the trapping seasons annually set by the Wildlife Resources Commission, have an open season for taking foxes with weapons and trapping foxes and coyotes with no tagging requirements or bag limits. I voted in favor and the bill passed. The bill has been referred to the Committee on Local Government.

The Redistricting Committee will meet over the next several weeks to draw new legislative maps. The entire process will be livestreamed for the general public. Direct feeds to the computers are also available for the public to view the map drawing process as it happens in real time. Members can work on maps from 9 a.m. to as late as 5 p.m. each weekday until the process is complete.

The North Carolina House held no-vote sessions for the week beginning Oct. 11, 2021. Budget negotiations with the governor are ongoing.



U.S. Navy Seabee veteran Wayne Arnold was presented a Quilt of Valor at a recent meeting of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-3.

Navy vet from Franklin receives Quilt of Valor

The Misty Mountain Quilts of Valor Outreach members Linda Gorman and Jeannine McNeill presented a Quilt of Valor to U.S. Navy Seabee veteran Wayne Arnold, of Franklin Oct. 8. Arnold was nominated for the Quilt of Valor by Ed Crenshaw. Arnold was presented his Quilt of Valor at the Leon Davenport Veterans Center during the monthly meeting of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-3 meeting.

Arnold joined the U.S. Navy Seabees in 1976 and was honorably discharged in 1982 as a Second Class Petty Officer. Arnold served during the Cold War era and saw duty at Port Huenme, Calif., Guantanamo Bay, Cuba as a Seabee Medic, NAS Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico as a cargo handler, Mediene Columbia in support of the U.S. Marines, the Jonestown, Guyana suicide recovery, NMCB unit 62 Rota Spain and Andros Island.

His medals and awards include: the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and the Navy Sea Service Medal.

Arnold is a Life member of the Navy Seabee Veterans of America Island X-3.

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The Franklin High School Panthers suffered a tough loss at home in the Panther Pit against the Smoky Mountain Mustangs. The game remained tight with the score tied 14-14 going into the half, but by the fourth inning the Mustangs pulled away winning 44-27. The Panthers are now 2-3 in the M7 Conference. Franklin will play away at West Henderson this Friday. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. Photos by Vickie Carpenter

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Macon County Sheriff's Department

October 11

Kimberly Marie Cates, was charged with violation of court order, communicating threats and probation violation. Deputy Cody Tiger made the arrest.

October 13

Charles Samuel Carpenter, was charged with breaking and entering. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

Steven Gary Nicholson, was charged with possession of a weapon of mass destruction, trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of LSD, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon and possession of a schedule I controlled substance. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

Samantha Nichelle Ramsey, was charged with possession of a weapon of mass destruction, trafficking in methamphetamine, possession of LSD and possession of a schedule I controlled substance. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

Gary Bryon Nicholson, was charged with possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

October 14

Ricky Jordan McCall, was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Angela Watson Torres, was charged with failure to appear. Deputy Cody J. Howard made the arrest.

Matthew Thomas Lockwood, was charged with fugitive from out of state. Corporal Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Michael Adam Crisp, failure to appear for larceny, possession of stolen goods/property and obtaining property by false pretense.

Daniel Wright Whitman, was charged with assault on a female. Joel Lynch made the arrest.

Jose Manuel Castilo Jr., was charged with felonious restraint, contributing to the delinquency of juvenile and possession of marijuana paraphernalia. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

Christopher Adam Cantrell, was charged with evade arrest, reckless endangerment, aggravated assault, theft over \$2,500, flee/elude arrest, aggravated assault on an officer, reckless driving, criminal trespass, possession of methamphetamine, driving under the influence, possession of drug related objects and obstructing law enforcement officer. Troy L. Burt made the arrest.

October 16

Juanita Marie Cleveland, was charged with injury to real property, probation violation, assault on a government officer/employee and disorderly conduct. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

October 8

Jeffery David Giesick, 34, was charged with driving while impaired. A \$1,000 bond was set.

Jody Ray Allen, 49, was charged with failure to appear. No bond was set.

October 10

James Scott Henson, 31, was charged with driving under the influence

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Prentiss Church Food Pantry will be held on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2 to 5:30 p.m. The church is located at 59 Church Hill Lane. For more information, call (828)369-3885.

Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, from 4 to 6 p.m. The church is located at 86 E. Hickory Knoll Rd. For more information, call the church at (828)369-9300 or Jannie at (813)305-9433.

Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church Drive thru Food Pantry will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, 10 a.m. to noon. The church is located at 299 Maple St.

Yoga in the Yard will be held on Wednesday, Oct. 27, at 5:15 p.m., at the Macon County Public Library with Jennifer of Beyond Bending Yoga. If inclement weather occurs, the class will move inside. Register at Beyond Bending Yoga, <https://beyondbendingyoga.com/schedule/>. The library is located at 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin. For more information, call (828)524-3600.

Share the Journey Support Group for Caregivers whose loved ones are experiencing memory loss will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 28, 2 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St. Enter the church from the parking lot, come through the double red doors in the courtyard and follow the signs. For more information, call (828)524-3119.

PumpkinFest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 and will feature vendors, crafters, and the world famous Pumpkin Roll. A special appearance from Batman and the Bat Mobile is planned for this year.

Halloween in the Park will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Parker Meadows Recreation Complex. The main entrance to the park will be closed and vendors will be set up around the walking trail of Parker Meadows. Enter at the parking lot by the playground. Any business or organization interested in participating, contact Cody Brooks at (828)349-2090.

Streets of Franklin Heritage Association "Monster Mash on Main" will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, Beginning at 3 p.m., Teal Pumpkin Trick or Treating a special opportunity for families with food allergies or other reasons to not have candy. Traditional trick or treating begins at 4 p.m. and will take place at participating merchants.

Trick or Treet on Bidwell Street in Franklin will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31. Bidwell Street will be closed to traffic for extra safety. Candy donations can be made until Halloween to help homeowners provide treats to everyone who attends.

Halloween in Highlands is scheduled for Oct. 31, 6 til 8 p.m. along Main Street in Highlands. The event, sponsored by the Highlands Chamber of Commerce, will feature trick or treating along Main Street and South 4th Street, music, and dancing.

Tai Chi for Diabetes will be held on Wednesdays starting Nov. 3, 10 to 11 a.m. at the Holly Springs Community Center, 2720 Cat Creek Rd. Beginner friendly all abilities and non-diabetics welcome. For more information, call (321)759-3141.

Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of the Library the Macon County Public Library is displaying a pictorial and written history of the organization through the end of the year. The library is located at 148 Siler Farm Rd., in Franklin.

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AL-ANON Family Groups In-person meeting with Covid 19 preventive measures is held each Thursday, noon at First Presbyterian Church, 471 Main St., Highlands. An AL-ANON Zoom Meeting is held on Saturday, 10:15 a.m. ID:889-3772-7928 Password: EasyDoesit or call to speak with a member of AL-ANON at (828)342-6866.

Franklin Alcoholics Anonymous In-person meetings with Covid 19 preventive measures are held on Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. at No Wrong Door, 102 Thomas Heights Rd.; Sunday at 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 5:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church Outreach Center, 66 Harrison Ave.; Tuesday, 8 a.m., Thursday, noon at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on 66 Church St.; 7 p.m. at St. Cyprians Episcopal Church, 216 Roller Mill Rd. On-line meeting information is available by visiting www.aawnc80.org or to speak with a member of A.A., call (828)349-4357.

Macon Chips, Franklin's Wood Carving Club meets on Thursdays, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. inside the Franklin High School Wood Shop just off McCollum Drive. Anyone interested is encouraged to attend. Anyone under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (828)342-8126.

Slow Spokes Franklin, a bicycle riding group, meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m., at Tasse Shelter on Ulco Dr. Join them for a casual ride on the Greenway. For more information, call (828)371-4925.

Franklin Duplicate Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon games are held from 1 to 4 p.m. Arrive no later than 12:45 p.m., at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building on 441 S. While allowing play without masks, current regulations require all players to be fully vaccinated. For more information, call Larry Noyes at (828)200-9394 or email LarryRNoyes@gmail.com

Gem & Mineral Museum, located in the Old Jail on Phillips Street in downtown Franklin is now open Fridays and Saturdays from 12 to 4 p.m., featuring gems and artifacts from North Carolina as well as all over the world.

CHURCH EVENTS

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, Oct. 24, 11 a.m. Rev. Mariah Brooks will share on "I AM." The church is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant in Heritage Hollow.

First Alliance Church Sunday, Oct. 24, Service will be held at 10:30 am., Sunday School (for all ages) 9:30 a.m. Senior Pastor Scott Eichelberger will continue his message as part of his series on Genesis. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack, next door to Trimont Christian Academy). For more information, call the church office at (828)369-7977.

Holly Springs Baptist Church is hosting a Fall Festival Sunday, Oct. 24, from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Lunch in the fellowship hall followed by family fun and fellowship out in the field.

Memorial United Methodist Church has joyful worship services in person and on Facebook at 11 a.m. every Sunday. Masks are required for indoor services. We have communion the first Sunday of each month. The church is located at 4668 Old Murphy Rd. (across from Loafers Glory). The pastor is Evan W. Hill. For more information, call (828)369-5834.

Franklin First United Methodist Church Sunday In-person Worship is held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. or on Facebook at Franklin First United Methodist Church, either live or later on recorded video. They follow COVID-19 health protocols for in-person worship. Plan to arrive early for check in, masks are required. The church is located at 66 Harrison Avenue in downtown Franklin; senior pastor is Rev. David Beam. For more information, call (828)524-3010 or visit us at <http://www.firstumcfranklin.org>

Son Rise Ministries is a non-denominational, full-gospel, Christian fellowship that meets Friday evenings at 7 p.m., Intercessory Prayer is Monday night at 6:30 p.m., Ladies prayer and Bible study is Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. The church is located at 462 Depot St. For more information, call (828)369-2465 or (828)421-4153.

Grace Baptist Church services are held on Sunday, 11 a.m. Frank Rodriguez is the pastor. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 130 Setser Branch Rd.

Prentiss Church of God is holding Sunday worship service in its sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m. Social distancing is observed and safety measures are in place. Services are also streamed online on the Prentiss Church of God Facebook page. The church is located at 59 Church Hill Lane, off Addington Bridge Road. Phone: (828)369-3885.

Seventh Day Adventist Church meets on Saturday, with Sabbath School at 9:30 a.m., Worship Service at 11 a.m. Masks are optional. The church is located at 71 Brendle Rd.

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25th Annual PumpkinFest set to roll Saturday in downtown Franklin

The Town of Franklin's 25th Annual PumpkinFest, is a go for Saturday, Oct. 23, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the center of downtown Franklin. Town officials and staff will welcome the public back for one of the most popular events in Western North Carolina.

"Festival goers will see a few changes this year to the event as we have implemented some safety precautions due to the continued of the threat of Covid," said Town Manager Amie Owens. "The Town of Franklin is al-

lowing for more social distancing room between the nearly 60 vendors that are scheduled show their wares," said Owens. "All changes were made in consideration of everyone having a safe and great time at the event."

One of the highlights of PumpkinFest, is the "World Famous Pumpkin Roll," a contest to see who can roll a pumpkin the greatest distance to claim bragging rights, and win \$100 for the longest roll. The 2019 Pumpkinfest saw more than 700 pumpkins rolled down the hill locally known as "Frog Town." With the 2020 event being called off due to COVID-19 restrictions, the hope for the 2021 festival is that the number will be even larger.

Sign up for the Pumpkin Roll is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. with the actual "roll" from 10:30 a.m.

to 2:30 p.m. Bring your own or purchase a pumpkin at the registration area. A limited quantity of pumpkins will be available for sale.

Other highlights of the day include a costume parade and contest at 1 p.m.

Participating downtown merchants will have treats for children, from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"PumpkinFest is all about children and families," said Franklin Mayor, Bob Scott. "This year will be no different. This year marks the 25th anniversary of the festival, which has drawn national attention."

Main Street will be closed to vehicle traffic as PumpkinFest covers downtown Franklin. Main Street will be closed at the bottom of Town Hill. Signage will be posted, and traffic will be detoured behind Angel Medical Center, back to Church Street and the downtown area.

"It is delightful to be able to hold PumpkinFest this year. The Town of Franklin staff has worked to make the festival safe and enjoyable. After a tough year, it will not be disappointing," Scott said.

"The town values our local business community in stepping forward to assist in cosponsoring PumpkinFest. The Factory,



Vendors, street performers, balloon artists and Batman are all featured at this year's PumpkinFest.

Angel Medical Center and Beasley Flooring Products are corporate sponsors this year," Scott said.

PumpkinFest goes on rain or shine. For

more information on the festivities visit TownofFranklinNC.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/FranklinNCEvents or call Franklin Town Hall at (828) 524-2516.

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This October will find the mountains alive with color in more ways than one as the 29th Annual Leaf Lookers Gemboree opens at the Macon County Community Building just south of Franklin, NC off U.S. Highway 441. Gem and mineral dealers from across the Southeast will be on hand displaying and selling their products against the backdrop of spectacular fall color Oct. 22-24, 2021.

The Leaf Lookers Gemboree will feature a wide variety of items including fine finished jewelry, rough and cut gems, lapidary equipment, minerals, fossils and collectibles. Dealers will also be available to custom make that special piece of jewelry you've always dreamed of.

"We have a lot of new dealers setting up at our show this year because the Franklin shows are among the best in the country," said Linda Harbuck. "A variety of dealers and a special demonstration booth set up by the Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin add



great value to this show in contrast to similar shows in the southeast," concluded Harbuck.

Admission price is only \$2 and those under 12 will be admitted free. The Gemboree will be open from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. on Sunday. For more information, contact the Franklin Chamber of Commerce at 828.524-3161 or toll free at 800-336-7829.



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Deaths & Funerals

Sue Ann Bryson Willis

Sue Ann Bryson Willis, 85, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021. She was born Aug. 15, 1936, to the late Carr and Frances Rickman Bryson. She had worked as school secretary at Cowee Elementary School for many years and was a member of Cowee Baptist Church. She loved arts and crafts and reading. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Garland Willis.

She is survived by her son, Mike Willis and his wife Lee of Franklin; three grandchildren, Miranda Willis, Lynee Willis and Christopher Willis; step-grandchildren, David Ray Zehntner and Erin Zehntner; six great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held Sunday, Oct. 17, at Cowee Baptist Church, with Rev. Ronnie Branson, Rev. Charles Stevens and Rev. Jason Smith officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home is serving the Willis family.

Online condolences may be made at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Mark Brown

Gregory Mark Brown, 68, of Franklin, N.C., died on Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021.

Born in Washington, DC, he was the son of the late Elijah and Ruth Mae Slaughter Brown. He was a computer scientist, and a pilot. He enjoyed spending time at the Macon County Airport.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Wanda Robinson Brown; nephew, Chris Minor; and two nieces, Ashley and Chriselle Minor. In honoring his wishes, no services are planned at this time.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Dale Cameron Striewski

Dale Cameron Striewski, 56, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021.

He was born in Clearwater, Fla., to the late Earl Striewski Sr. and Mary Keenan Tull. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Charles Striewski.

He was of the Baptist faith, a Cowboys fan, and enjoyed playing video games, hunting, and fishing.

He is survived by his wife, Freda Striewski; children, Dale Striewski Jr., Mary Striewski, and Heather Striewski, all of the home; siblings, Gary Striewski of Colorado, Earl Striewski Jr. of Franklin, Sheryl Neagle of Florida and Linda McDonough of Massachusetts; six grandchildren, Kenneth Bohanon, Taylor Bohanon, Jason Striewski, Lily Striewski, Cole Willard, and Hunter Willard.

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

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

Macon Funeral home will be handling the arrangements.



Sue Ann Bryson Willis



Dale Cameron Striewski

Roger William 'Bill' Hicks Sr.

Roger William "Bill" Hicks Sr. passed away peacefully at his home on Oct. 17, 2021. He was born in Macon County to the late John Raymond and Olive "Ollie" Calloway Hicks.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Geraldine, son, Roger William Hicks Jr., and infant sisters, Mary and Bennie Hicks.

He was a master trim carpenter who loved fishing, working in his garden and cutting wood. He was a Mason with the Blue Ridge Lodge #435 for more than 50 years. He also loved mission work and was a member of Windy Gap Baptist Church.

Surviving are his wife of 17 years Joan Keener Hicks of Franklin; daughter Beverly Kemnitzer (Uve) of Williamston, S.C.; brother, Thomas Hicks (Irene) of Crystal River, Fla.; stepchildren, Marlan Keener of Franklin, and Cheryl Anne Keener (Jason Santangelo) of Otto; four grandsons: Tyler Hicks, Till Kemnitzer, Jackson Caldwell, and Riley Caldwell.

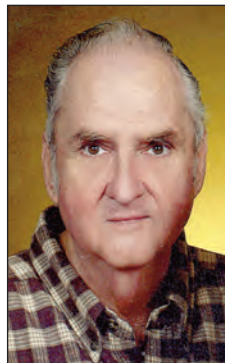
The family will receive friends Thursday, Oct. 21, from 1 to 2 p.m., with funeral services to be held at 2 p.m. at Windy Gap Baptist Church. Rev. Mark Bishop, Rev. Brian Browning and Rev. Carson Gibson will officiate. Burial will follow at Buck Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Highlands, N.C.

Pallbearers will be Charles Tritt, Gary Holland, Mark Holland, Jimmy Hall, Devin Hicks, and Ben West. Honorary pallbearers will be Terry Tritt, Algie Bolick, Tommy Hicks Jr. and Bobby Watts. Masonic Rites will be given by Blue Ridge Lodge #435.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Buck Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund in care of Algie Bolick, 3659 Buck Creek Rd. Highlands, NC 28741

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Roger Hicks Sr.

Edward William Kochersberger Jr.

Edward William Kochersberger Jr., 90, passed away Oct. 11, 2021.

No public services are planned.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

Online condolences may be made at www.moffittfamilyfuneralcare.com.

Gerald 'Jerry' Allen Wiggs

Gerald "Jerry" Allen Wiggs, 72, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021.

He was born in Minneapolis to the late Joseph and Eunice Hoffmann Wiggs. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by siblings, Terry Wiggs, and Joey Wiggs.

He was a veteran and served three tours in Vietnam. He loved spending time with his family and friends and enjoyed antiquing and tinkering on cars.

He is survived by his children, Tracy Wiggs, Melissa Cannon, Audri Shaver, Jenette Scott, Jesse Demers, Brian Demers, and Sara Demers; siblings, Jan Warner, Judie Murray, Diane Dodge, Connie Rehana, Michael Wiggs, Ken Wiggs, and Debbi Simpson; 12 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to VVA Chapter 994, C/O Dick Sheenan, 249 Sloan Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

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

Macon Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.



Gerald Allen Wiggs

James L. Teem

James L. Teem, 90, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2021.

He was born in Macon County to the late James Ulrich and Roxie Ann Crisp Teem. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Horace Teem, Willa Mae Estes, Annie Mae Bailey, Pauline Thompson, Johnnie Bridgeman and John Teem.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Betty Duvall Teem; two sons, Jimmy Teem (Sandra) and Johnny Teem (Frieda); four grandchildren, Jeremy Teem (Stephanie), Nina Holland (Mark), Josh Teem (Crystal), Jade Mason (Zac); 12 great grandchildren, Lydia, Laura, Carrie, Sawyer, Eva Grace, Blair, Sammi, Coal, Hadlee, Cyler, Abel, Hayes.

He was a dedicated Christian and member of Windy Gap Baptist Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and digging ginseng. He loved Volkswagens and spent many hours working on them. He made a career at the local power company, working for Nantahala Power Company for 30 years, retiring as a foreman.

He was loved by all he met and seemed to never meet a stranger, always striking up a conversation and knowing everyone in a campground in a short amount of time. He was fun loving and a most beloved husband, father, and grandfather, adding so much joy to the lives of every family member and his many, many friends.

A funeral service was held at Windy Gap Baptist Church Sunday, Oct. 17, with burial following at Sugarfork Baptist Cemetery. Rev. Mark Bishop and Rev. Steve Reeves officiated.

Pallbearers were Lennie Cutshaw, Tommy Bridgeman, Josh Teem, Jeremy Teem, Zac Mason, and Mark Holland. Honorary pallbearers were Allen Berry, Jim Mathis, Jim Jim Teem, and Chris Estes.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sugarfork Baptist Church Cemetery Fund.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Sandra Ann Levernier Vos

Sandra Ann Levernier Vos, 64, left this world on Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021. She was born Jan. 5, 1957, and was a woman loved by many. She was very concerned and compassionate toward others and gave you the news or advise straight up. She died surrounded by her loving family while in her home. She had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer.

Throughout her life she had many skills and performed many assorted jobs, the last being with the Old Edwards Family helping run the warehouse. She loved spending time with her family, being at their home in the mountains and also their lake house.

She is survived by her husband of 39 years, Timothy Vos; three children and spouses, Kimberly, Timmy, and Kellye; Scotty and Ilona and three grandchildren; Timothy III, Mason and Milo; along with her three siblings.

The family requests that donations in her memory be made to Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

A memorial service was held Thursday, Oct. 14, at Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church, 8397 Wolfork Road, Rabun Gap, Georgia, 30568. The family requests that donations in her memory be made to Rabun Gap Presbyterian Church.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the Vos family.



James L. Teem



Sandra Ann Vos



Deaths & Funerals

Patricia 'Pat' Carter

Patricia "Pat" Carter, 87 of Otto, N.C., passed away on Saturday, Oct. 16, 2021.

She was born on Feb. 15, 1934, in West York Borough, Pa., to the late William Martin and Sadie Eppley Humer. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 63 years, Arthur Carter; sons, William Martin Carter, Arthur E. Carter III, and baby boy Carter; brother, Clyde Humer; and sister, Savilla Humer Smith.

She is survived by her daughter, Vickie Carter Tallent of Otto; sister, Helen Hibner of York, Pa.; two grandchildren, Donald Kostelec of Boise, Idaho, and B R Tallent and wife Michelle of Otto; seven great grandchildren, Addison Kostelec, and Jonathan, Chloe, Gregory, Hannah, Fiona and William Tallent; sisters-in-law, Lorraine Carter of Cross Keys and Marlene Eppley of Reisterstown, Md.; and several nieces and nephews.

No services are planned.

Online condolences at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral is handling the arrangements.



Patricia Carter

Nancy Jane Turpin

Nancy Jane Turpin, 89, of Sylva, N.C., went home to be with the Lord, Monday, Oct. 18, 2021.

A native and a lifelong resident of the Greens Creek Community in Jackson County, she was the daughter of the late Isaac David and Estella (Trantham) Buchanan. She was a member of Green's Creek Baptist Church which she loved attending with her church family. She worked 24 years at Skyland Textile and then was a homemaker for her remaining years. Gardening was a love of hers as well as sitting in the sun speaking to her neighbors as they passed by.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar Thomas Turpin and their son, James Turpin; five sisters and two brothers, Maggie Lee Buchanan, Essie Mae (Bill) Jones, Viola (Gudger) Buchanan, Mildred (Harley) Houston, Mary (Grover) Cowan, Robert Buchanan and Russell (Kathleen) Buchanan.

Surviving her are two daughters, Mildred Turpin and Janie (Ron) Medford of Sylva; a son, Daniel (Christy) Turpin of Sylva; and a daughter-in-law, Linda Turpin of Franklin; grandchildren, step grandchildren, great grandchildren, great stepgrandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. She dearly loved her family as they loved her and will be truly missed.

She was also survived by a dear good friend and sister-in-law, Christine Turpin. Over the years they walked to check mailboxes together and would talk to our Mom for hours about the olden days. Thank you Aunt Christine.

The family would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mountain View Manor Nursing Facility in Bryson City for the excellent care and patience with our mother.

A graveside service will be held Friday, Oct. 22, at 2:30 p.m., at Greens Creek Cemetery with Revs. Tom Lavin and Patrick Breedlove officiating. The family will receive friends 12:30 to 2 p.m., at Appalachian Funeral Services, Sylva, prior to the graveside service.



Nancy Jane Turpin

Melba Leola Watts

Melba Leola Watts, 91, of Crestview, Fla., passed away Monday, Oct. 11, 2021. She was born Sept. 6, 1930, in Franklin, N.C.

She and her husband, Riley, moved to Crestview in 1956. She was a homemaker and loved gardening. She was a member of Garden City Baptist Church of Crestview.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Riley Watts and her son, James Ernest Watts.

She is survived by her children, Priscilla Boan, Gilmer Watts, Clara Sue Garrett, Bobby Watts, and Lonnie Watts; a brother, Isaac Dills; and many grandchildren, great and great-great grandchildren.

A service was held Sunday, Oct. 17, in the chapel at Macon Funeral Home.



Melba Leola Watts

Germaine Perry Coates

Germaine Perry Coates, 92, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Friday, Oct. 8, 2021, surrounded by her four daughters and family.

She was born in Massachusetts, to the late Manuel and Belmedia Perry. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Coates Jr., and son Joseph Coates III.

She enjoyed sewing, baking as well as cake decorating.

She is survived by her son, John Coates of Rhode Island; daughters, Donna Scuncio (Jim) Corrine Eichner (Julie), Karen Charlsen (Daniel) all of Franklin, and Brenda Hetu (Normand) of Ocala, Fla.; one sister, Hilda Crispi, of Rhode Island; 16 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

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

Macon Funeral home will be handling the arrangements.

Gale Gladys Dendy Alford

Gale Gladys Dendy Alford, 69, of Highlands, N.C., passed away Tuesday, Oct. 12, 2021. She was born Sept. 12, 1952, in Macon County to the late Earl Dendy and Gladys McCall Dendy. She was a Dental Assistant for many years. She liked watching football and baseball, loved her animals and Olaf from Frozen. She was known for being a great alto singer and sang with the Dendy Family. She was a member of Goldmine Baptist Church where she served as church secretary. She was of the Christian faith and was a devoted servant for the Lord.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Alford; a daughter, Rachel Alford Cotton (Ben); two brothers, Jack Dendy (Carolyn) and Mack Dendy (Robbie) all of Hayesville; a sister, Carolyn Carpenter (Tommy) of Highlands; a twin sister, Dale Roper of Franklin; special nieces, Janet and Laura Dendy, Jacqueline Rhew and Abigail Crabtree.

A funeral service was held Saturday, Oct. 16, at Goldmine Baptist Church with Rev. Gary McDaniel officiating. Burial followed at Mount Moriah Cemetery. Pallbearers were Timothy Crabtree, John McCall, Larry Dendy, Tommy Carpenter, Benjamin Cotton and Allen Rhew.

The family requests in lieu of flowers that memorial donation be made to the Mount Moriah Cemetery or Appalachian Animal Rescue Center of Franklin.

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



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Kyle Larson secures spot in Championship Four after dominant win in Texas

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The Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 at Texas Motor Speedway had dramatic ups-and-downs all Sunday afternoon with the victorious exception of Kyle Larson, who absolutely dominated the race – leading 256 of 334 laps and holding off the field on seven different re-starts in the final 125 laps alone.

Larson's win by .459-seconds over Hendrick Motorsports teammate William Byron was his series best – and career best – eighth of the season and 14th of his career. Most importantly, it punched his ticket into the Championship Four at Phoenix Raceway on Nov. 7 – the first time in the 29-year old Californian's career he will get to race for the NASCAR Cup Series championship trophy.

"This is unreal," a smiling Larson said. "I knew we had a good shot to win today. Our car was amazing, probably the best 550-package, intermediate car we've had all year.

"This is so cool. And we get to race for a championship in a couple weeks. This is crazy."

With a two-lap shootout to settle the checkered flag, the end of the race was dramatic up front. For much of the day, it was disastrous just behind. A 12-car incident on Lap 32 eliminated nine cars early on.

Playoff drivers Joey Logano, Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. all suffered late race problems that impacted the championship standings with only two races remaining now to decide which three drivers join Larson in that Championship race at Phoenix.

Logano's No. 22 Team Penske Ford was sidelined after suffering a rare engine problem and both Hamlin and Truex were involved in collisions. Logano finished 30th – worst among the eight Playoff drivers. Hamlin's No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota soldiered on despite the heavy damage in two incidents and he finished 11th. Truex's No. 19 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota was unable to finish the race after a hard hit in Turn 4 following a collision with Daniel Suarez. Truex finished 25th.

All these incidents were part of rapid-fire caution periods in the final third on the race; 11 on the day plus an 11-minute red flag. And on each ensuing re-start – no matter which driver was directly behind him – Larson was able to pull away and hold the lead.

"I just got good pushes from behind me, really," said Larson, who also added a series best 16th stage win. "I tried to stay patient on the throttle to keep them to my back bumper and thankfully, I was able to just barely clear them every time going into [Turn] 1 and not have to fight off [Turn] 2.

"So thanks to William [Byron], Tyler [Reddick] and [Brad] Keselowski, anybody who was behind me, especially Brad on



Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Autotrader EchoPark Automotive 500 at Texas Motor Speedway on Oct. 17, 2021, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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that last restart."

Ironically, the only member of the Joe Gibbs Racing team not still Playoff-eligible, Christopher Bell, finished best among his teammates Sunday, taking third place just ahead of Penske Racing's Keselowski and Stewart-Haas Racing's Kevin Harvick.

Penske driver Ryan Blaney, Hendrick Motorsports Chase Elliott, JGR's Kyle Busch, Richard Childress's Tyler Reddick and Trackhouse Racing's Suarez rounded out the Top-10.

Despite all the drama, the Playoff picture remains largely the same as when the drivers started the race. Larson's win locks him into the Championship Four. Blaney is second followed by Hamlin and Kyle Busch (who won Stage 1) among the top four positions.

Defending series champion Elliott is fifth, eight points behind Busch. Keselowski is sixth (-15) followed by Truex (-22) and Logano (-43).

"Just a bummer, what do you do, this is the first time we've blown a motor in a really long time," Logano said from the garage after retiring early. "We have to move on," the 2018 series champion added. "It is what it is now. We can't change it. Not many points today, so that is a bummer. We will be fighting from here."

The NASCAR Cup Series moves to Kansas Speedway for next Sunday's Hollywood Casino 400 (3 p.m. ET, NBCSN, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Logano won the Playoff race there last year. Kyle Busch won at the track in May. And Hamlin and Logano lead all active drivers with three wins each at Kansas.

John Hunter Nemechek overcomes penalty for second Xfinity Series victory

John Hunter Nemechek overcame a late race pit penalty to rally through the field and take his second career NASCAR Xfinity Series victory Saturday in the Andy's Frozen Custard 335 at Texas Motor Speedway – the first of three Playoff events that will set the Championship Four field for the season finale.

Nemechek, whose full-time job is contending for a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship, is the third different driver to win an Xfinity Series race in the No. 54 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota joining Kyle Busch and Ty Gibbs –



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the trio combining for nine wins in 2021 in assorted part-time starts.

Nemechek's victory by .956-seconds over Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Daniel Hemric marked the third win in four series Playoff races by a non-Playoff driver this season. It was the second Xfinity Series win in the 24-year old Nemechek's career – the other coming at Kansas Speedway in 2018.

A penalty during a pit stop – a crewman coming over the wall too soon – took Nemechek from the lead to 18th position for a restart with 51 laps remaining. Far from crushing his hopes, it motivated Nemechek and his team.

During a pit stop on the 10th and final caution period with 28 laps remaining, Nemechek's team called for a two-tire change while the rest of the contenders took four tires. The strategy put him on the front row for the re-start and he navigated his way forward and re-took the lead for good with 20 laps remaining.

"[Spotter] Stevie Reeves and [crew chief]

Chris Gayle kept me calm," said Nemechek, who led a race best 92 laps on the afternoon. "I've grown a lot as a driver and been put in positions like that in the truck series as well.

"Man, I can't say enough about this whole team. The 54 has been fast every single week. My goal coming in was to win. I had to win to prove to myself I can do this."

It marked the third runner-up finish for Hemric this season and the 10th of his Xfinity Series career as he races for his third career victory. He was the top Playoff driver on Saturday.

"They just made a really good call to take two [tires] there, obviously," an understandably subdued Hemric said of Nemechek, adding, "Congratulations to those guys. We just weren't quite good enough [to catch him]."

Those two Joe Gibbs Racing Toyotas were pretty much the

story of the day. NASCAR Xfinity Series championship leader A.J. Allmendinger led the opening 13 laps and then his chief challenger, defending series champion Austin Cindric, took the lead, earning his 10th stage victory.

The JGR Toyotas pushed forward and started racking up the laps led. Nemechek won Stage 2 and primarily exchanged the lead with Hemric for the remainder of the race. The exception was a bold pit move – defending Texas winner Harrison Burton (also a JGR driver) opted not to pit on the last caution and led six laps before Nemechek overtook him and held the lead until the checkered flag.

JR Motorsports driver Noah Gragson finished third rallying from damage early in the race, followed by his teammate Justin Allgaier and Cindric.

Allmendinger was sixth, followed by Justin Haley, Burton, Michael Annett and Brandon Jones. All eight of the Playoff drivers were among the top 10 with Nemechek and Annett the exceptions.

The sixth-place finish for Allmendinger was good enough to keep him atop the championship standings by four points over Cindric. Allgaier is third, 26 points back and Gragson is fourth.

Despite his runner-up effort, Hemric is fifth, two points behind Gragson. Hailey is sixth (-6), Burton (-21) and Jones (-32) round out the Playoff standings.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series moves to the 1.5-mile Kansas Speedway for the second race of this Playoff round next Saturday afternoon, the Kansas Lottery 300 (3 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio).

Current NASCAR Cup Series rookie Chase Briscoe is the defending race winner. However, Jones is a two-time Kansas winner, taking back-to-back wins in Fall, 2019, and Spring, 2020.



John H. Nemechek, driver of the #54 Romco Equipment Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Andy's Frozen Custard 335 at Texas Motor Speedway on Oct. 16, 2021, in Fort Worth, Texas.

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