



One of Macon County's best kept secrets is the Nantahala Community just across Wayah Mountain which sees earlier peak fall color due to its higher elevation. This spectacular autumn display is near Appletree group campground in the Nantahala National Forest.
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School Board votes to make masks optional

Diane Peltz - Contributing Writer

On Monday, the Macon County Board of Education held its October Board Meeting. On a motion made by Tommy Cabe and seconded by Melissa Evans, the Board unanimously approved to allow students and staff to have the option of wearing a face covering. Since school began, a face covering rule has been in place due to the percentage of positive Covid cases in Macon County. This policy change began Tuesday morning, Oct. 26. The Board of Education will continue to revisit the face covering policy each month. The policy change does not apply to school buses. Face coverings while on all public transportation, including school buses, remain a federal mandate.

Macon County School Board Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin explained that due to masks being optional, an increase in the number of quarantines is possible. If a masked child comes into contact with an unmasked child who tests

positive for COVID, that masked child, if unvaccinated, would need to be quarantined. If that child is vaccinated they would simply need to get tested and then retested in 5 to 7 days, thus, avoiding quarantine if the tests are negative. Dr. Baldwin reiterated several times that neither the School Board nor the Health Department make these rules. They simply have to abide by them.

Health Department Director Kathy McGaha stated that Macon County is not in the yellow or blue yet. The positivity rate remains at 7.2%. She favored the continuation of the mask mandate.

The board did approve bringing back temperature sensor machines that would be placed at the entrance to each school, as they were last year. Schools will also offer free COVID testing on site, if a parent, child, or staff desires one. This service would be purely voluntary and will make use of the PCR test which is considered to be very accurate. Test

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results would be available within 24 - 48 hrs after testing.

MMS renovations ahead of schedule

Macon Schools Personnel Director Todd Gibbs, read a report on the Macon Middle School (MMS) renovation progress. He stated that the work was 60% complete and ahead of schedule. Thought to be fully completed by December 2022, the target completion date is now August 2022. He also spoke in regard to the MMS irrigation system. The system is old and in need of repair/upgrading. The well located on the property can pump 10,000 gallons of water per day. This water is used to maintain the entire campus. The well pump is in need of repair. The cost to replace the pump would be \$26,274. It would still pump 10,000 gallons per day, but would be more efficient. The other option would be to hook up MMS to the municipal city water, which would cost about \$11,935, initially. This would offer unlimited water supply but would cost the school money, per gallon of use. The board will review the propositions and make a decision as to which way to go.

Upcoming remote instruction days

MMS will also be having a remote instructional day on Nov. 1. The renovation company working on the MMS construction project will need to overhaul the HVAC system on that day. Due to the dangerous nature of having a large crane on the campus and for the safety of the students and staff,

Principal Dr. Kevin Bailey has requested that day to be virtual. The work is scheduled for that day as long as winds are below 35mph, but crews would still work in a rainy situation.

Franklin High School (FHS) Principal Mickey Noe, has also requested a virtual day for students on Nov. 5, due to having 230 -240 students taking the pre-ACT [American College Testing]. The ACT is a standardized test used for college admissions. In order to make room for those students, FHS would have to clear 14 -15 classrooms and they would also need to shut off the bell system. The principal said that lunch alone would create too much chaos and feels that it would benefit students and teachers by having the remainder of the students get their work done virtually that day. The board unanimously voted to allow students to work from home Nov. 5.

Child Nutrition Director David Lightner reported that his office was awarded \$31,000 through ESSER Funding, to be used as he deems fit. Lightner petitioned the board to ask if his cafeteria staff could receive a bonus from the money. During the 2020 school year his staff was challenged with many obstacles, due to the pandemic. They performed superbly, he said, making sure all students received a free breakfast and lunch. Busses were dispatched to deliver meals to students at bus stops, who would otherwise be unable to get a meal from school, because they were at home learning virtually. The board approved Lightner's request.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 15, at the Macon County Schools central office.

Tips to stay safe this Halloween

The N.C. Department of Transportation, through its Watch for Me NC pedestrian and bicycle safety program, is encouraging parents, motorists and trick-or-treaters to be safe this Halloween.

More than 2,100 pedestrians are injured or killed in collisions with motor vehicles in North Carolina each year, and over half of those collisions occur in the evening or at night.

Thousands of children are expected to be walking outside on Oct. 31.

To ensure Halloween is safe and fun, parents should:

- Plan and discuss a safe route trick-or-treaters intend to follow and establish a return time. Instruct your children to travel only in familiar areas and along the established route.
 - Make sure that an adult or an older responsible youth will be supervising the outing for children under 12.
 - Make sure your child carries a flashlight, glow stick or reflective tape on their costume to make them more visible to motorists.
 - Let children know to stay together as a group if trick-or-treating without an adult.
 - Review all appropriate safety precautions, including pedestrian and traffic safety rules.
- Children trick-or-treating should:
- Stay in familiar neighborhoods along an established route and stop only at familiar houses unless accompanied by an adult.

• Walk on sidewalks, not in the street. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic and off the road as far from traffic as possible.

• Cross streets at crosswalks when available. Look both ways before crossing streets and cross when the lights tell you to cross, after you check for cars in all directions.

• Carry a flashlight, wear clothing with reflective markings or tape, and stay in well-lit areas. Wear a watch you can read in the dark.

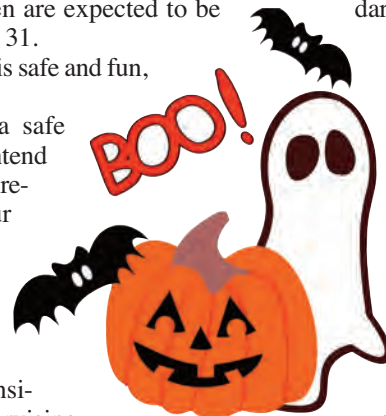
• Don't cut across yards or driveways.

- Motorists should:
- Drive slowly through residential streets and areas where people could be walking.
 - Watch for children darting out from between parked cars.
 - Watch for children walking on roadways, medians and curbs.

• Enter and exit driveways and alleys carefully.

• At dusk and in the evening, watch for children in dark clothing.

The Watch for Me NC program, started in 2012, is a collaborative effort to reduce pedestrian and bicycle-related crashes through enhanced education and enforcement of safety laws. It consists of pedestrian, bicycle and driver-focused safety messages as well as concerted efforts by law enforcement. To learn more, visit watchformenc.org.



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100 volunteers needed for Fontana Lake Cleanup, November 5-7

North Carolina conservation organizations need 100 volunteers from Nov. 5-7 to remove litter from Fontana Lake, the country's largest trash cleanup effort in a national park.

The event will be held over three days at the Fontana Resort and Marina. Volunteers can sign up for shifts anytime between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. The 4th Annual Fontana Lake Shore Cleanup will involve at least 10 pontoon boats and six large dumpsters to transport and remove the trash. This year's goal is to remove 50,000 pounds of litter with support from at least 100 volunteers who can commit 12 hours over three days.

Spanning 10,230 acres and reaching depths of 400 feet, the artificial finger lake is home to one of the most diverse fisheries in the country. Fontana Lake's 238 miles of shoreline provide a natural landscape and unique habitats for wildlife such as black bears, bobcats, foxes, bald and golden eagles, ospreys, otters, turkeys and deer.

Visitors enjoy experiencing Fontana Lake's natural beauty, rich cultural heritage and abundant outdoor opportunities. Boaters and anglers come for the spectacular fishing while campers and hikers explore the wilderness or Appalachian Trail footpath that crosses the lake's dam.

"Unfortunately, Fontana Lake is also a gathering place for garbage that's dumped -



Volunteers are needed for the 4th annual Fontana Lake Shore Cleanup event held in Western North Carolina, Nov. 5-7.

both accidentally and knowingly - or collected from other water networks that carry the trash downstream," said Tara Moore, North Carolina Wildlife Federation's director of conservation partnerships.

Left in the lake, the litter leaches deadly toxins into the environment reducing the quality of Fontana Lake and the Little Tennessee River. Aquatic and terrestrial wildlife suffer as well when they ingest or get caught in the litter.

"What's great about the Fontana Lake

event and our other habitat restoration projects is that the benefits are immediate and long-lasting," Moore said. "We're removing toxins from the environment, restoring visual aesthetics and maintaining the area's cultural heritage, so it continues to be a beautiful natural resource for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts to enjoy and explore."

Since 2019, staff and volunteers from the North Carolina Wildlife Federation, Main-spring Conservation Trust, Tennessee Valley Authority, National Park Service and Smoky

Mountain Hiking Club have removed more than 100,000 pounds of litter from Fontana Lake through volunteer cleanup efforts.

"We've collected all sorts of garbage - massive chunks of styrofoam, pieces of glass, rotted car tires and hundreds of bottles and other single-use plastics," Moore said. "By eliminating trash from Fontana Lake's waters, islands and shoreline, we have cleaner water feeding the Little Tennessee River, improved wildlife habitat and more inviting natural areas for everyone to enjoy."

In addition to being the country's largest trash cleanup effort in a national park, the event is NCWF's most significant collaborative habitat restoration effort. For every 25 pounds of trash collected at the lake and dam, the organization will plant a native tree, shrub or 10 pollinator plants to promote healthy wildlife habitat.

Most Fontana Lake volunteers come from Swain and Graham counties, but any conservation-minded individuals are welcome to help. Financial support from the Appalachian Trail Conservancy and Bill Staton made it possible to appropriately dispose of the litter and recycle more than 200 tires from last year's clean-up.

For questions, contact Tara Moore at 704-332-5696 or tara@ncwf.org.

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Halloween in the Park has been changed to Tuesday, Nov. 2, due to rain and cold temperatures in the forecast for Thursday. The event will be held from 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.

Macon County Senior Center Drive-thru Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 4 to 6 p.m. Wear your favorite costume. The center is located at 108 Wayah Street.

East Franklin Baptist Church Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 to 8 p.m., The church is located on Lakeside Drive.

Franklin Christian Church Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 156 Bellevue Park Road, Franklin.

Trunk or Treat at Asbury United Methodist Church,

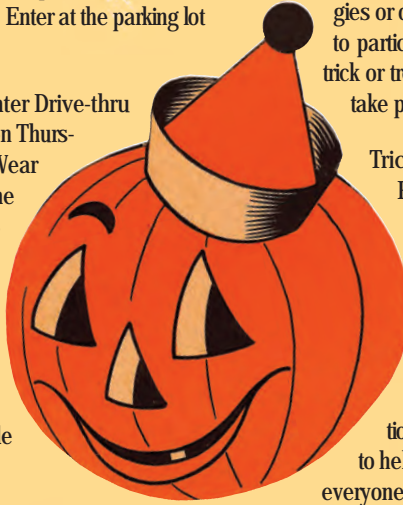
Otto, Saturday, Oct. 30, from 6 to 9 p.m.

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 to participate in Halloween. Traditional trick or treating begins at 4 p.m. and will take place at participating merchants.

Trick or Treat at the Otto Fire and Rescue station, 60 Firehouse Road, beginning at 6 p.m.

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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Candidates for Highlands mayor identify priorities, issues for town

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Early voting for municipal elections in North Carolina opened last week and will continue until Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m., with Election Day on Nov. 2. Voters in Highlands will be casting their ballots at the Highlands Civic Center and will be voting for mayor as well as two new Highlands commissioners.

In the mayoral race, Incumbent Pat Taylor will face-off against challenger Marc Hehn, who currently serves on the Highlands Town Board. On the town board, two seats are up for election, the seat held by Amy Patterson and the seat held by Donnie Callaway. Patterson has filed for re-election while Callaway is not running.

Marc Hehn

Marc Hehn says his family has been coming to Highlands since the 1930s.

"I remember being a young man of 4 or 5 and standing by Mirror Lake watching my parents ice skate. And, I remember watching my mother spin on the ice and saying, 'I did not know she could do that,'" Hehn said. "We have a photo of my grandfather in his Cornell Hockey uniform on Lake Sequoia. I have been told the story by a man who saved my grandmother when she fell through the ice on Mirror Lake. I remember going to the Central House Restaurant. And I remember seeing a rainbow the evening my mother passed at the Eckerd Living Center. This place is very special and my wife Betsy and I love living here."

Hehn holds a Master's Degree in City and Regional planning, a Bachelor's Degree in

Public Administration and is a full member of the International City Managers Association. Hehn is also a Class A Potable Water Operator as well as a Class Z wastewater Treatment Operator. In addition to serving two years on the Highlands Town Board, Hehn says he has 45 years of work experience through droughts, hurricanes, tornadoes, building booms and busts, and violent crime.

"I recognize we have a pandemic, polarizing politics and misinformation," said Hehn. "The mayor must be a uniter and educator. I am uniquely qualified to do this and I am available to talk to anyone."

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

"Health for Highlands – We have 40 open positions for full and part time first responder healthcare workers," said Hehn. "If elected, my top priority will be to attract medical professionals to our area by using grant funds to help solve the worker housing problem. Ninety million dollars is available annually to address this need and we are doing nothing."

What would be your top three priorities?

"I have six goals and here is how I propose



Marc Hehn



Pat Taylor

to have a Healthier Highlands," said Hehn. "#1. Rewrite our Zoning Regulations to address those short term rentals that are a continuous problem; #2 Honor our commitment to provide water and sewer service for future worker housing on the Highlands Cashiers Hospital Campus; #3 Expedite the broadband project; #4 Repair/ upgrade our crumbling infrastructure; #5 Install modern technology to improve pedestrian and traffic safety; #6 Transparent Financial and contractual information with full disclosure of all commitments and consumer fees."

Pat Taylor

Pat Taylor has served as the mayor of Highlands for the last eight years and served on the Highlands Planning Board for six years. He has been married to his wife, Sallie, for 42 years, and together they have two children and two grandchildren. Taylor was born and raised in Valdosta, Ga., but has lived in Highlands for 22 years.

Taylor is a retired school teacher, university professor and administrator with more than 30 years experience in education. He holds the Ph.D. M.A.Ed and B.A. degrees. Taylor is also a retired North Carolina magistrate and currently owns and operates Taylor

Pottery in Highlands. He served three years in the U.S. Army where he was awarded the Vietnam Service and the Army Commendation medals.

"I want to continue to serve the people of Highlands as their mayor," said Taylor. "I have built a record of collaboration in working with the town board, town staff, community organizations and citizens to improve the town of Highlands. Our town needs steady and deliberate leadership, and I believe my record proves I do provide that kind of leadership."

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

"The town has a constant challenge of balancing the preservation of its beauty, environment and village quality with the need for economic development and progress," said Taylor. "There will be many challenges for us all to navigate in the coming years. The new Highlands Community Plan will be a citizen guide in moving the community forward."

What would be your top three priorities?

"#1 Oversee the implementation of the new fiber optic network that Hotwire will be operating in the town; #2 Continue to advocate for healthcare access for the Highlands Cashiers Plateau. I was awarded a Dogwood Award by the N.C. Attorney General for my healthcare advocacy during the sale of Mission to HCA in 2019; #3 Make sure the town's strong fiscal position is maintained by not making unwise spending decisions that cause the build-up of debt."



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Writer reveals mysteries of famous river

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Contributing Writer

Mainspring Conservation Trust's virtual book club recently hosted author John Lane, who discussed and answered questions about his book, "Chattooga," which continues to be relevant almost two decades after its publication.

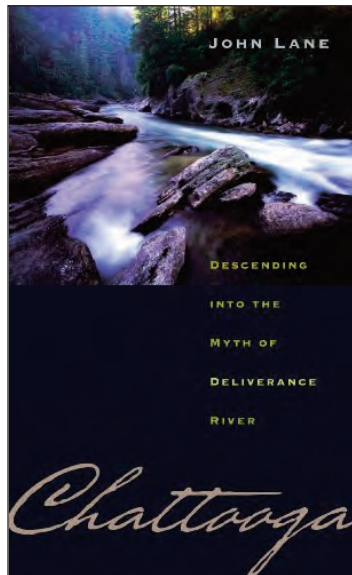
The 1970s movie "Deliverance," was mostly filmed just 30 miles from Franklin, in Georgia, on the Chattooga River, whose headwaters begin just southwest of Cashiers. Based on the book and screenplay by writer James Dickey, "Deliverance" earned three Academy Award nominations and five Golden Globe Award nominations. It also put the Chattooga River on "the map" as a destination waterway for kayakers and canoers. Yet, sci-way.net noted, "Before the release of 'Deliverance,' the Chattooga River was hardly known and only a small number paddlers had explored its remote path through thick woods."

Because of the river growing popularity after "Deliverance," John Lane, a professor of English and environmental studies at South Carolina's Wofford College, decided that he needed to write a book that spotlighted the history, cultural significance, and conservation aspects of the river.

Lane's goal for the book was to search for the "real Chattooga ... truths that reside somewhere in the river's rapids, along its shores, or in its travelers' hearts." As he explained during the Sept. 29 book club appearance, Lane attempted in the writing of "Chattooga" to "balance



John Lane



the dark, indifferent mythical river of 'Deliverance' against the Chattooga known to locals and to the outdoors enthusiasts who first mastered its treacherous vortices and hydraulics. Starting at its headwaters, I try to lead readers down the river and through its complex history to its current status as a National Wild and Scenic River." His goal, as he wrapped up the book, was to leave readers "still fully possessed by the Chattooga's mystery, yet better informed ..."

"I embarked on writing Chattooga because I loved the river and I was a paddler," he added. "I was also fascinated with James Dickey and how the real Chattooga river intersected with his imaginary Cahulawassee River in the novel 'Deliverance.'"

Lane told participants of the virtual book club that he spent several years writing the book. "It's a personal narrative, so I had to have contact with the actual river. Much of this time was spent traveling back and forth to paddle on the river in all seasons."

Before writing each section of the book, Lane would paddle or hike along a section of the river and then stop to take notes, which included his reflections. He then created a narrative from the notes when he returned home, and the writings were eventually revised and expanded until they became "Chattooga."

Since "Chattooga" was published, Lane has written seven, book-length "first-person excursion narratives."

Even though the movie, 'Deliverance,' is almost 50 years old, Lane believes "Chattooga" continues to be a timely read due to "a sense of the power that comes from a personal experience with the river. It's one of the most beautiful, magical rivers."

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WCU camping trip equals career opportunities

For almost a week this month, 29 students and five faculty members in Western Carolina University's Geosciences and Natural Resources Department went camping and visiting sites across the mountains. It was fun, to be sure, but there was a specific purpose.

It provided an opportunity to experience potential careers firsthand, centered around interaction with personnel from federal, state and non-governmental conservation groups across Western North Carolina and Northern Georgia.

"Think of it as a field trip that doubled as a job fair," said Jane Dell, assistant professor of Geosciences and Natural Resources and Conservation Management. "Beyond career exploration, the trip provided students the chance to build comradery with one another and to get to know their professors.

"Our meetings also included hearing from several WCU alumni from the program. It is a broad discipline, and our students can take several different pathways after graduation. Therefore, our goal was to introduce students to numerous professionals in the field, who then share their individual career journeys. Speakers discussed the type of work their groups perform and agency missions, provided career advice and answered students' questions."

The department has programs in geology, natural resources conservation and management, earth science education, interdisciplinary environmental science, and geography, with nationally ranked research and instruction from internationally recognized faculty.

"Going into Natural Resources Management at the beginning of the year, I had no idea how many options there were in the field," said student Ella Voorhees, a sophomore in NRCM from Charlotte. "This trip taught me so much about all the things I could do after I graduate. It also taught me how many things I can do even before I graduate to gain experience, which is one of the best ways to be able to get a job immediately out of college. I learned a lot about the various things I could do with my degree. We got to hear from people working for the federal government, the state government and private companies.

"I think it was very beneficial for everyone to hear all these different perspectives. I also thought it was very valuable to be able to talk to these people and ask questions because it is not every day that you get to hear about all these job opportunities and receive advice from people actually doing these jobs. It is very valuable to hear from people who were once in your same position."

For Peter Vue, a junior in NRCM from Connelly Springs,

the trip created a better understanding of the many capabilities required for outdoors and conservation roles. "Listening to different people who do different things to help manage the resources we have only gave me more motivation to continue with this major," he said. "It helped a lot to know that there are numerous job opportunities out there and that any experience in this field is key to obtaining a career."

Among stops for the group:

- N.C. Mountain Research Station in Waynesville, with a tour that was led by two alumni, Katie Freeman and Will Morrow

- A private landowner in Sylva to see a streambank stabilization project done in conjunction with the Natural Resource Conservation Service

- Nonprofit conservation groups, Main-spring Conservation Trust of Franklin, and Forest Stewards of Cullowhee

- U.S. Forest Service, Blue Ridge Ranger District headquartered in Blairsville, Georgia. Representatives from numerous programs including fire, wildlife, recreation and archeology made presentations,

including one by WCU alumnus Casey Young

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chattahoochee Fish Hatchery, also in Blairsville, Georgia

- Coweeta Hydrologic Laboratory in Otto

Department head and participating faculty member Diane Styers described the trip as exemplifying the type of experiential learning opportunities provided through the Department of Geosciences and Natural Resources. "From field labs and camping trips to undergraduate research and participation in professional conferences," she said, "we offer students a variety of ways to add relevant real-world experiences to their degree programs."

Participating student William Brodauf, a sophomore in environmental science from Cornelius, perhaps summed it up best: "This field trip was an absolute joyful and life-changing experience that I am extremely thankful for. I met and had fun with great people who will be in my classes in the future and have similar interests as me," he said. "It was amazing interacting with the professors I will have and developing a connection. Another valuable part of the trip outside of the career-aspects was my realization that I am not spending as much time outdoors as I wish. I realized I can do much more where we live, and I learned plenty of skills and how I can get started. Camping for me was something I needed greatly after a long year. I loved it."

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Breast cancer awareness starts with getting an annual screening

Sheri Fleeman, MD & Heather Mann, PA-C
 Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Mission Health

October is nationally recognized as Breast Cancer Awareness Month, so during this month – and always – we want to remind women how important regular breast cancer screenings are to early detection and positive outcomes.

One in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer over the course of their lifetime, with 1 in 6 of these diagnosed in their 40s. According to the American Cancer Society, more than 330,000 new cases of breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the United States in 2021. Although the mortality rate from breast cancer had been steadily decreasing due to treatment advances and earlier detection, the National Cancer Institute predicts the pandemic will result in a long-term increase over the next decade. Delaying your screening mammogram may lead to a delayed diagnosis and increase your risk of dying from breast cancer.

So, what can you do to reduce your risk?

Get your yearly 3D Screening Mammogram

Major health organizations, including the American Cancer Society and the Society of Breast Imaging, recommend starting yearly screening 3D mammography at age 40, as this results in the greatest reduction in breast cancer deaths, and the largest number of life years gained compared to other less frequent screening models. This advanced technology offers a better look inside the breast, allowing us to find small cancers while calling fewer women back from their screening exam for



Sheri Fleeman, MD



Heather Mann, PA-C

additional images. 3D Mammography is offered at all Mission Health imaging facilities.

Know Your Risk

All women should have a formal breast cancer risk assessment by the time they are age 30. If this assessment demonstrates that a woman falls into the high-risk category, she should begin annual screening at age 25-30, depending on individual circumstances. The American College of Radiology and Society of Breast Imaging recommend yearly screening with Breast MRI in addition to yearly mammography for high-risk women. Breast MRI is an extremely sensitive exam that uses a strong magnet to give us detailed pictures of the

breast from many different angles. Contrast Enhanced Mammography, a mammogram obtained after giving intravenous contrast, is another tool that we can use as an alternative to Breast MRI.

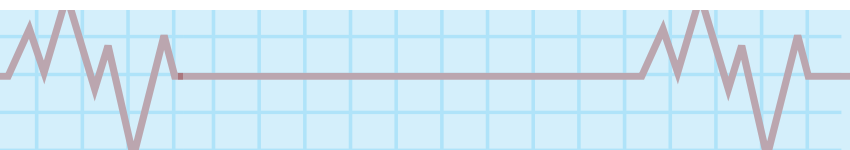
Know Your Density

Approximately 40% of women age 40 and older have dense breast tissue. Some cancers can hide in dense breast tissue and be difficult to see on a mammogram. For these patients, there are other screening tests that can supplement mammography and help us find early-stage breast cancers. One such test is ABUS (Automated Breast Ultrasound), which is performed in addition to yearly mammography for women who are average risk. It allows us to systematically look at the entire breast with an automated machine using sound waves. The radiologist can then scroll through these images, looking for areas that appear different from the surrounding tissue.

Know Your Normal

Critical to a woman's self-care is self-examination of her breasts. Women know their own bodies the best and we encourage them to be aware of how their breast tissue normally looks and feels, and to talk with their doctor if there are any new or concerning findings.

Sheri Fleeman, MD, is co-director of breast imaging and Heather Mann, PA-C, is the Breast Imaging Physician Assistant with the Sarah Cannon Cancer Institute at Mission Health. To make your appointment at Angel Medical Center, call 828-369-4212.



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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

Highlands now has an approved contract with Hotwire Communications to lease dark fiber on the Highlands Fiber System. The town will be paid \$425,000 a year for the 25-year duration of the lease. The total income will be \$10.2 million for the town. We will have spent \$4.6 million in building the fiber system. With Hotwire's first payment, the town will be taking in more from the lease than it is paying out for the construction loan. The loan will be paid off in about 12 years.

So, what does this all mean? I have been getting numerous questions.

First, Hotwire will also invest several million dollars in extending the fiber network to about 18% of the residents in town that have underground utilities. Hotwire will install underground conduit which is not an inexpensive process.

Second, Hotwire as part of the contract with the town has bought Altitude Broadband. The town had been operating this small service to residents for a number of years. With the sale of Altitude to Hotwire, the Town of Highlands is now out of the broadband business. We will retain a bundle of fibers in the network to manage our utilities and electric system.

Third, Hotwire in the coming weeks will open an office in Highlands and begin operations. It will take them several months to activate the network and sign up customers. Folks interested in becoming a Hotwire Customer should not call the town to sign up. The town will not be managing Hotwire customer accounts. Look for Hotwire advertising in the newspaper and radio to learn how to access their services. Hotwire will offer an array of packages starting with basic broadband and also offering many options for TV, telephone and home management systems. But, if someone is happy with their current provider, by all means continue with them. Like any communications provider, Hotwire will be competing in the open market place.

Finally, if you are a current Altitude Broad Band customer, that service will now be operated by Hotwire. The service will continue without any changes in the coming weeks. When Hotwire begins operations in Highlands, Altitude customers will have a seamless option to continue with Hotwire, or they can change to a provider of

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Letters to the Editor

Open letter to the person who gave me Covid

I have no idea who you are, but we undoubtedly crossed paths when you were contagious. I do not blame you for living life and being out and about. The existence of the virus has merely made our lives a fraction of 1 percent more dangerous than before. Naturally, if you had known you were sick, you should have stayed home, but I will not accuse you of being selfish. I see no reason to assume bad will on your part unlike so many of the mental crazies who self-righteously accuse others of wanting to kill someone because they do not wear a stupid mask or do not get an experimental jab. Every time we leave our house, we are taking a genuine risk with our lives, but that is nothing new.

So, whoever you are that gave me your germs, do not feel sorry for me and do not feel guilty for living life. Even though being sick was miserable, I am glad you were out there enjoying life. Just merely preserving our biological existence is unworthy of a human being since God's blessings of life are to be celebrated without fear. This is especially so when we've been given no indication of precisely what would constitute an all clear by the corrupt authoritarians. It's all arbitrariness piled upon more anti-scientific arbitrariness.

Fortunately, truth has leaked out despite the best efforts of the censor police to prevent truthful information. Those of us who are contracting Covid have been able to receive treatment by using our own wits and Ivermectin with no thanks to many health care providers who follow the groupthink narrative. Yeah, that's right...I gladly used the completely harmless horse de-wormer in the correct dose that has been proven across the world to lessen Covid symptoms and help our immune system fight the infection. I did not get an Rx and simply ordered it online in the paste form. I can speak from first-hand experience that Ivermectin does work and encourage others to have this medication on hand if they should become sick with Covid.

It has become almost impossible to have a rational conversation about any of this. For one thing, most people are shockingly misinformed because they do not know where to look in order to find truth. Ask the average person what the likelihood is of someone his age needing to be hospitalized for Covid, and his answer will be off by 10, if not 100. Guaranteed. This is because of the fear factor that mainstream has promoted and simpletons have repeated lies to other simpletons. I still cannot believe how many people actually believe masks are accomplishing anything other than depriving themselves of oxygen while creating a petri dish around their mouth for harmful bacteria to thrive in. The laughable "studies" confine themselves to obvious arbitrary terms so that they "prove" whatever they want them to prove while the real charts be damned. Dozens of countries have seen their case charts go vertical AFTER introducing large scale masking which is what charts would look

like if masking accomplished nothing. The data is then manipulated by the gatekeepers of information and everyone is ginned up to believe the sky is falling. No one wants to talk about the huge success India, Africa, Central America, and countless other Third world countries have seen by using real treatment such as Ivermectin, HCQ, and vitamins. Nor does anyone want to become informed of the massive success Sweden and other Scandinavian countries are seeing by lifting all restrictions, not requiring vaccines, and stopping the mask charade. The Amerika news media act as if these countries do not exist. As usual with the hysterical monkeys, these stories are of no interest because there is no one they can demonize – and demonizing people is their favorite game. Unfortunately, in Amerika we are still doing crazy things like vaccinating little kids that are truly harmful to the public because we are going against science in favor of groupthink and whatever the Fauci minions spoon feed us. What we laughingly call our "public health" establishment has made utter fools of themselves during this entire fiasco. Even local public health care providers and esp. the local health department in Macon County has gotten caught up in the nonsense as uninformed fear mongers who cannot see past the smoke screens at the state and federal levels. Covid comes and goes seasonally just like any other virus and blows its way past our silly masks and ridiculous 6-foot stickers.

Again, thank you person who gave me Covid. I am now part of the 99.98% of the population who has lived to tell about it and realized the total farce that this hysteria has become. Thank you for giving me a much superior natural immunity for future strains of the virus because our immune system is to be preferred over the experimental jabs that are absolutely no guarantee that a person will not get sick again. The so-called vaccines are not as beneficial as they are being sold as, and it is telling that Congress is exempt from getting them while the ruling elite attempts to require them for the public. I join the countless worldwide viral experts and medical professionals with PhDs who are refusing the vaccine and refusing to trust Big Pharma. I also encourage others to trust their natural immunity rather than the fear propaganda and groupthink lies. Wake up Democrats and Republicans. It's past time to band together and choose freedom by resisting the authoritarians. Your government is destroying our country right before our eyes.

Jim Gaston – Franklin, N.C.

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Washington’s ‘funny’ math just doesn’t add up

We see and hear daily that President Biden’s proposed social infrastructure bill will be “fully paid for” and supposedly that is good. However, Washington political math calculating how something is fully paid for is not like the rest of us understand that term. First, they only look at a 10-year period. The taxes to be raised are calculated for that time period. Then the costs of the various new programs are only included for the number of years in the proposed legislation. For example, some programs will only be included for a few years to keep the total costs down and equal to the tax increase so the bill is “fully paid for.” So, tax increases are included for the full 10 years but the costs of all the programs proposed are not. This assumes a future Congress will either allow these programs to expire at the time specified in this bill or will increase income taxes enough to cover the costs in the future. Since many of the president’s programs are giving something to people (free college, expanded child credits, free preK, etc.) I honestly do not see a future Congress being willing to end free stuff or raise income taxes to cover the costs.

Using this Washington political math, theoretically they could raise taxes for 10 years enough to give everyone several thousand dollars a month for one year. Since the 10-year tax increase and cost of the program for one year are equal, it would be “fully paid for.” Do you believe a future Congress would agree to stop the giveaway after the one year? To me, something is fully paid for only when all the new cost and taxes are for the same period. To do other wise is “funny” math and is misleading.

Ken Stonebraker – Franklin, N.C.

Choice of speaker at FOP memorial ‘a bit ironic’

The Macon County Chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police had Rep. Madison Cawthorn as the guest speaker Oct. 15, for the Law Enforcement Memorial Service on Franklin’s Town Square. It was a bit ironic.

With all the remarkable officers – active and retired in and around Macon County and Western North Carolina, – why Madison?

Madison was introduced Friday by Macon County Sheriff Robbie Holland, word for word from the CPAC web site. (CPAC is the Republican led Political Action Conference)

The strangeness of Madison speaking at a law enforcement memorial was that he praised officers who would refuse to enforce laws he does not agree with. He alleged that in Washington he works with federal agencies such as the CIA, ATF, FBI. He derided them saying they enforce unconstitutional laws. He said he believes local law enforce-

ment officers would refuse to enforce any law that would shut down a church, infringe on freedom of speech or confiscate a firearm. All of which he said were unconstitutional. He called officers who would not enforce such laws “great Americans.”

Let’s not forget Madison joined the insurrectionists at the Jan 6 assault on our Democracy in the same manner as did former President Trump. Hundreds of law enforcement officers were wounded and assaulted. Cawthorne told N.C. Republicans on Sept. 1 “bloodshed” would follow Jan 6. (That was in Macon County at the Republican headquarters located in a flea market)

Madison admires militias. He flouts the law while calling himself a believer of “constitutional” democracy. All the while trying to circumvent the Constitution.

He has boasted publicly about busting out the “political prisoners” arrested for the “stop the steal” fiasco. He has backed DJT’s lie that the election was stolen.

Cawthorn has been called out for carrying a knife at school board meetings, sometimes at boards not in his district. He has been at these meetings ranting against masking and promoting home schooling. He has railed against public education. He was home schooled.

Cawthorn was caught with a gun in a carry-on bag at the Asheville Airport. He claimed he was armed inside the capitol building during the Trump blessed rampage at the capitol where dozens of police officers were injured. Some very seriously.

Cawthorn appears to believe his political office allows him to flout the law.

He dropped out of Patrick Henry College after one semester of “Ds.” Many of his fellow students there accused him of sexual predatory behavior.

Cawthorn tried to convince the public that he was headed for a career in the military before his accident. He was never accepted at the United States Naval Academy as he wanted the public to believe. Being nominated and being accepted are not the same. Politicians hand out nominations like candy on Halloween. Getting in and graduating are another matter. I also question the “full ride ROTC scholarship” to NC State the CPAC claims.

Cawthorn had never held a public office until he was elected a member of Congress – on a fluke, riddled with controversy.

Although he was not accepted to a military academy, nor could he join the military, I would suggest to him to abide by the honor code many military academies employ. “A cadet will not lie, cheat, steal or tolerate those who do.” This is honor and integrity. This code would be applicable to anyone in public office. Including Congress.

Bob Scott – Franklin, N.C.

TAYLOR

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their choice.

After seven years of working to build this world class system, the town board and town staff are delighted to have a private provider operating the network. I believe it is a strategic event in the life and future of Highlands. While many communities still struggle with the broad band issue, Highlands is now a fiber optic community. The possibilities for residents and businesses are transformative.

I hope that young professionals who are now transitioning in the post pandemic world to telecommuting and working from home will come to live and work in Highlands. We need a diverse economy that is not just built on tourism. The new fiber optic system might just be a game changer for our town.

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Pumpkinfest returns to Franklin

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Winners of the 3-4-year-old costume contest, from left, are Christian McDaniels, Ace Stinger and Jaycon Scruggs.

Costume contest winners in the 11-14 year-old category, (L-R) Nate Jump, Anna Timan, Ilyssa Ezechel and Lily Tyxxol.



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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 October 11 -24. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

October 18

Amy Smith, was charged with breaking and entering, larceny, possession of stolen goods/property and injury to real property. Deputy Cody J. Howard made the arrest.

Gary B. Nicholson, was charged with child support contempt. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Clarence James McCall, was charged with child support contempt. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

October 19

Dustin Edward Harvey, was charged with motor vehicle theft, possession of heroin, burglary/breaking and entering, theft from building, possession of stolen goods and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

Lindsey Sue Erdman, was charged with larceny merchant product code fraud and failure to appear. Costin Jiglaun made the arrest.

October 20

Lacy Anne Bryson, was charged with failure to appear for felony larceny. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

Nikelus Orion Hughes, was charged with simple assault, injury to personal property and injury to real property. Deputy Cody Tiger made the arrest.

Randy Dean Hughes, was charged with breaking or entering and simple assault. Deputy Cody Tiger made the arrest.

October 21

William Jason Woodard, was charged with assault on a female. Cassie J. Shuler made the arrest.

Jeffery Michael Miller, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a stolen motor vehicle and receive stolen goods. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

October 22

Derek Gene Camp, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Ian Thomas Spies, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

October 23

Regina Leigh Sanders, was issued warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

October 24

Tomas Flores, was charged with driving while impaired. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

October 13

Timothy Allen Wells, 42, was charged with possession of a

schedule II controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$5,000 bond was set.

October 17

Brock Eugene McGilvery, 24, was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. A \$600 bond was set.

October 18

Nikelus Orion Hughes, 20, was charged with reckless driving. No bond was set.

Jonathan Keith Powell, 38, was charged with possession of a schedule III controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and alter/steal/destroy criminal evidence. A \$1,500 was set.

October 19

Shannon Delane Coffman, 41, was issued an order for arrest for failure to appear. No bond was set.

October 21

Dustin Wayne Waldroop, 36, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz. A \$2,500 was set.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

October 11

Cheryl Dion Cole, 38, of Cherokee, was charged with obtaining property by false pretense, misdemeanor larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, obtaining property by false pretenses and identity theft. A secured bond of \$115,000 was set.

Kayleigh Morgan Hamrick, 23, of Citadel Dr., Cullowhee, was charged with communicating threats. No bond was set.

October 12

Austin Tyler Sellers, 28, of Snow Hill Church Rd., Murphy, was charged with failure to appear for flee elude arrest with a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$100,000 was set.

October 13

Courtney Anne Sherrill, 25, of Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for simple assault. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Joe Edward Maney, 50, of Toot Howell Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for possession of stolen goods/property, motor vehicle theft and failure to work after being paid. A secured bond of \$4,500 was set.

October 14

Jesus Sanchez Hernandez, 45, of Old Turnpike Rd., Cashiers, was issued a child support purge. A \$3,781 bond was set.

Taelon Kenlee Jumper, 19, of Sim Taylor Rd., Cherokee, was issued an order for arrest for simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and carrying a concealed gun. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Kevin Scott Watson, 29, of Sylva, was charged with resisting a public officer, possession of a controlled substance on jail premises. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Justin Tyrone Littlejohn, 34, of Washingtons Creek Rd., was charged with failure to appear for possession with intent to sell/deliver and felony probation violation. A secured bond of \$80,000 was set.

Wendy Pearl Brady, of Old River Rd., Cherokee, was charged with impede traffic sit/stand/lie, resisting a public officer and intoxicated and disruptive. A secured bond of \$250 was set.

Taelon Kenlee Jumper, 20, of Sim Taylor Rd., Cherokee, was charged with possession of a schedule VI and possession of a schedule II controlled substance. No bond was set.

Bryan Geoffery Saul, 36, of Moltz Court, Lake Toxaway, was charged with driving while impaired. No bond was set.

Lucinda Faye Childers, 38, of Armour Rd., Cherokee, was charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. No bond was

set.

October 15

Dwayne Edward Swayney, 52, of Enoch Oocumma Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor probation violation. No bond was set.

Kristy Marianne Sheldon, 28, of Bryson Knob Rd., Franklin, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

October 16

William Joseph Conner, 31, of Oak Hill Dr., was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possessions of a stolen motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Kaitlyn Ann Reyor, 26, of Blanton Branch Rd., was charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle. No bond was set.

October 17

Raymond Lyndsey Lindsey, 63, of Mountaineer Rd., Whittier, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Derrick Lane Bryson, 39, of Valor Mountain, Glenville, was charged with drive/allow motor vehicle with no registration, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, driving while license revoked not impaired revocation, possession of marijuana less than 1/2 to 1 1/2 oz, motorcycle failure to burn taillight and flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Justin Charles Brooks, 38, of Mimosa Lane, was charged with domestic violence protective order violation, misdemeanor probation violation, order for contempt/arrest, obtaining property by false pretenses and possession of stolen goods. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Michael Erik Plemmons, 37, of Bryson Branch Rd., Bryson City, was charged with breaking and/or entering, injury to personal property and larceny after break/enter. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

October 18

Casey Leanna Mark, 34, of North Star Lane, was charged with possession of stolen goods and misdemeanor larceny. No bond was set.

October 19

Jeremy Isaac Sequoyah, 28, of Bradley Dr., Cherokee, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation for out of county. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Rusty Wayne Woody, 29, of Pabill Dr., Cullowhee, was charged with assault on a female. A secured bond was set.

October 20

Matthew Thomas Snipes, 43, of Mountain River Dr., was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle and violation of domestic violence protective order violation. No bond was set.

Cornelius Money Ellison, 39, of Wood Dr., Atlanta, GA, was charged with destruction body/removal, conceal unattended death. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

October 21

Chadwick Errol George, 47, of Poplar Tree Lane, Whittier, was charged with injury to real property, misdemeanor larceny, and land conservation act violation.

Dillon Wayne McKay Watkins, 30, of Jasmine Lane, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$30,000 was set.

Shira Lynn Littlejohn, 32, of County Club Dr., Cullowhee, was charged with violate governor's stay at home order, misdemeanor larceny, chop shop activity by theft/fraud, injury to personal property, conspiracy to commit felony larceny, obtain property by false pretense, attempted larceny, obtaining property by false pretenses, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering of a motor vehicle, felony conspiracy and larceny of a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$51,500 was set.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.

Halloween in the Park previously scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 28 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 2, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., due to forecasted rain and cold temperatures. The event will be held 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.

Macon County Senior Center Drive-thru Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28, 4 to 6 p.m. Wear your favorite costume. The center is located at 108 Yahay St.

Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin will meet Thursday, Oct. 28, at 6 p.m., at First Christian Church, 156 Belleview Park Road, Franklin.

East Franklin Baptist Church Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, 5 to 8 p.m., The church is located on Lakeside Drive.

Franklin Christian Church Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 6 p.m. The church is located at 156 Belleview Park Road, Franklin.

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 a special opportunity for families with food allergies or other reasons to not have candy to participate. 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 participates.

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.

Macon Writers Club will meet on Nov. 2, Tuesday at 1 p.m., in the big room at the library. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, contact jsteeley@dnet.net

Coweeta Baptist Church Free Coat and Clothes Giveaway will be held on Thursday Nov. 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Come and see the great choices we have in coats and clothes and shoes.

Cullasaja Community Thanksgiving Meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 8, 6 p.m., at the community center. Thanksgiving meal will be served. Bring a cover dish and a neighbor with you. Clay Bryson

Macon County Sheriff candidate will be the special guest.

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.

Thursday Painters meets at the Environmental Research Center every Thursday 10 a.m. Bring your own project, a table covering, and a bag lunch. All skill levels and mediums welcome. Free and open to the public. Contact Pat Mennenger at pm14034@yahoo.com For more information, visit Franklinoptowngallery.com.

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.

Franklin Seventh Day Adventist Community Services are open on Monday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., to help Macon County residents in need with rent, power bill and a fully stocked food pantry. The church is located at 93 Church St., Suite 212. For more information, call (828)369-9000.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Son Rise Ministries and Dynamic Women of the Word extend a Special Invitation to men to join the Ladies Brunch on Saturday, Oct. 30, 10 a.m. The Guest Speaker will be Dr. Sharon Billins. The church is located at 462 Depot St. For more information or reservations, call (828)369-2465 or (828)524-7631.

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, Oct. 31, 11 a.m., Rev. Lesley Reifert-Hughes will speak on "The Spirits Around Us." The church is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant in Heritage Hollow.

First Alliance Church Sunday Services are held at 10:30 a.m., 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.

SUDOKU ANSWERS FOR PG. 22

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Friends of the Library celebrates half century

Deena C. Bouknight
Contributing Writer

Macon County Public Library in Franklin is currently featuring an extensive pictorial history of Friends of the Library (FOL), established 50 years ago this month. Dozens of newspaper clippings conveying events, awards, author readings, educational activities, and more are presented on 15 tall display boards in the library's main public room in front of the fireplace.

According to Kristina Moe, the library's adult services coordinator, a group of women gathered in the fall of 1970 to "stimulate the use of the library's resources and services," among other goals. Friends of the Library also assisted with underwriting the facility's janitorial services, refurbishing "old courthouse furnishings" and installing "used county-donated air conditioners."

Sally Dyar, a past FOL president, put together the anniversary display.

"I have been involved with FOL for over 10 years. I was invited to become a director on the FOL board, moved up to secretary for a few years, then on to VP, and I've served as president for two terms, from July 2017 to June 2021. I began volunteering at the bookstore soon after coming on the board,



The idea for Friends of the Library came about in 1970 and the organization has faithfully continued to promote and support the Macon County Public Library ever since.



and just recently, gave up some of those bookstore duties."

FOL boasts about 235 current members. The Friends of the Library also has been involved in keeping track of the library's history, including how the bookmobile was available rurally to provide books to residents from 1936 to the latter part of the 1970s. This and other information is provided on the pictorial history of Friends of the Library, available at least into part of 2022.

"FOL exists to bring attention to, to advocate for use and support of the local free offerings of the Macon County Public Library," said Dyar. "Our main ways of physical support are with volunteering to physically assist library staff or volunteering to work at the Friends of the Library bookstore. FOL takes donations of books (CD's, puzzles, games, etc.), cleans them, and provides a bookstore venue for selling the donated materials. No individuals are paid for these services. The monies earned pay the rent, utilities, and supplies for the bookstore, and the rest goes to the library, for special project expenses, for new equipment, or for enlarging the library's collection."

"Regarding what FOL supports now that we didn't from the beginning ... the goals are the same, but certainly the advanced informational delivery systems of the technological age is a huge area of difference. We still want our community to have exposure to our world's history, advances, and hopes for the future – to the things imagined and dreamed by the world's authors."

'Cirque Desperadas' at RGNS theater Oct. 28-30

The public is invited to come celebrate the 20th anniversary of Cirque at Rabun Gap-Nacoochee School. 'Cirque Desperadas' comes to the Rearden Theater on Oct. 28-30 and is a reimagined telling of the Magnificent Seven, featuring fantastic feats of fancy including aerial silks, trapeze, Spanish web, and more. This story includes heroes and villains, live music, and an epic battle of good versus evil featuring characters based on real outlaw women of the Wild West.



Showtimes are 7:30 p.m., on Oct. 28-30, with a 2:30 p.m. matinee on Oct. 30. An outdoor preshow will be presented at one hour before showtime featuring the Middle School Cirque Troupe.

Tickets are \$10. Purchase tickets online at www.rabungap.org/cirque.

Poet returns to City Lights to read from new collection

Robert Lee Kendrick will return to City Lights Bookstore on Saturday, Oct. 30, at 3 p.m. He will read from his new collection of poetry, "Shape the Bent Straight." His poems have been featured in *Tar River Poetry*, *Xavier Review*, *Louisiana Literature*, *South Carolina Review*, *Kestrel*, *The Cape Rock*, *The James Dickey Review*, *The San Pedro River Review*, *The Sowâ€™s Ear Poetry Review*, and *The Main Street Rag*. His first chapbook, "Winterskin," was published by Main Street Rag in 2016. Iris Press released his collection "What Once Burst with Brilliance" in 2018. To reserve copies of his books, call City Lights Bookstore in Sylva at (828)586-9499.



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Air Force Band performs at SMCPCA

The Arts Council of Macon County and the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts presented a free concert from the U.S. Air Force Heritage of America Band last Sunday afternoon. Playing to a packed house, the band performed a concert of old and new jazz and patriotic music. Bobbie Contino with the Arts Council called the concert “in-describably successful!” and expressed gratitude to SMCPCA for hosting the concert.

Photos by Betsy Gooder



Author event at the library

Bryson City author Renea Winchester will be reading from her debut novel “Outbound Train” Thursday, Nov. 4, at 6 p.m. in the Macon County Public Library Meeting Room. In this gritty rendition of life on the wrong side of the tracks, Winchester honors the women of textile towns across the South. Winchester is passionate about literacy, heritage seeds, and rescuing flowers from development. Register ahead by calling or emailing Kristina Moe, kmoe@fontanalib.org or (828)524-3600. Books will be available for purchase at the event.

Streets of Franklin are asking anyone who wants to donate wrapped candy or a monetary donation for:

MONSTER MASH ON MAIN

SATURDAY, OCT. 30TH 4 – 6PM



Please drop donation off to The Kitchen Sink, Mossy Rock, or the Macon County News. It will be so appreciated by the children of Macon County.

Main Street in Franklin, NC will be closed to traffic for this Halloween event. So, gather up the critters and come on down to the Monster Mash on Main! thetreetsoffranklinnc@gmail.com or 828-524-2956 for more info.



Deaths & Funerals

Ellen Elizabeth Smith

Ellen Elizabeth Smith, 70, was summoned to be with her Lord on Thursday, Oct. 14, 2021, after losing her final battle with cancer.

Born in Guilford County, North Carolina, she was the only daughter of Garnett Lee Puckett Jr. and Margaret Beatrice Saunders Puckett who both preceded her in death.

She was a devoted wife, the mother of an extensive melded family, a grandmother, and a great grandmother. Throughout her life she worked as a police dispatcher, a news reporter, a movie talent scout, a computer teacher, a CNA, and for the past 16 years, was a paralegal for a local law firm. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, and the Society for Creative Anachronism (SCA). She was very active in The American Legion Auxiliary and served as the president of Franklin's Unit 108 and the 15th District. She always looked for and found the good in people.

She is survived by her husband, Jerry Smith; sons, Ronan MacGregor (Michele), and Scott Greeson (Chea); a daughter, Mindy Owen; stepsons, Gary Smith, Craig Smith (Kayla), Brian Crawford-Smith (Liz), Eric Crawford-Smith (Katherine); grandson, Cory Valdes; granddaughter, Madison Owen; 16 other grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

A private memorial was held on Friday, Oct 22, with a Celebration of Life to be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108, P.O. Box 1841, Franklin, NC, 28744.

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



Ellen Elizabeth Smith

Virginia Irene Wooten Sanders

Virginia Irene Wooten Sanders, 82, passed away Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021. A native of Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Roy B. Wooten and Myrtle Sorrells Wooten. She was preceded in death by two sisters, Mildred Wooten Saunders and Louise W. LeQuire, and one brother Rev. William Wooten.

She was a graduate of Franklin High School class of 1957. After marrying Jack in 1960, she spent the next 16 years travelling with him, and their children, Donna and Greg. During the years in Florida, she was an accountant with petroleum corp. She also spent 22 years in the Virginia and North Carolina school systems.

She is survived by her husband of 61 years, YNCS John J. Sanders, USN, Ret.; one daughter, Donna J. Sanders; one son J. Gregory Sanders and wife Rebecca; one granddaughter, Hope Sanders Hawkins and husband Russell; three great-grandchildren, Emma, Griffin and Lailah Hawkins; one sister, Margie LeQuire and husband Franklin; one sister-in-law, Ruth Wooten; one aunt, Irene Hampton; and eight nieces and three nephews.

Honoring her wishes, no services are planned. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements.



Virginia Sanders

Velma Ann Stiles Buchanan

Velma Ann Stiles Buchanan, 92, loving wife, mother and grandmother went to her heavenly home Oct. 11, 2021. She is preceded in death by her husband, Elias Buchanan Jr.; daughter, Patricia Ann Stiles Queen; two sisters, Edith Sumney and Kate King; three brothers, Harold Stiles, Edwin Stiles and Vernon Stiles.

She was a dedicated and loyal worker for Macon County Social Services where she retired in 1994. She also worked and volunteered for Maco Crafts. She loved to sew and make baby quilts for friends and family with new babies. She also made aprons for the ladies. She has a quilt square in the World's Largest Quilt, which was on display in Washington DC where she and the other quilters got to visit and have their picture taken with the quilt. She loved everyone and was always glad to see you. You never left her home hungry or unloved.

She is survived by one sister, Betty Buchanan; her son, Calvin Buchanan and his wife, Janice of Hickory, N.C.; two grandsons, Mitch Queen and Mike Queen; one adopted granddaughter, Ingra Moss; two great-grandchildren, Preston Queen and Amelia Queen and mother Lisa Queen; also, several nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Oct. 21, at Longview Baptist Church with Rev. Johnny Lee, Rev. Cadon Fouts and Rev. Tom Nahlen officiating. Burial followed at the Ebenezer Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Longview Baptist Church, 93, Jones Ridge Road, Franklin, NC 28734 or to Four Seasons Hospice, 571 S. Allen Road, Flat Rock, NC 28731.

We would like to thank all the people who helped to take care of Mom and helped us keep her at home as long as possible from all church members to caregivers at Grandview Manor and Hospice, bless you all. She will be greatly missed by all her family and friends and camping friends from Davenport Campground who were like her family. May God Bless all of you. The family of Velma Buchanan.

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



Velma Ann Buchanan

Thelma Allmon Petrone

Thelma Allmon Petrone, 95, of Highlands, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2021. Born in New York on Jan. 30, 1926, she was the daughter of the late George D. Allmon and Anna Handlir Allmon. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Kevin Michael Petrone.

She is survived by her husband of 71 years, James Petrone, daughters Lee Ann Pearse of Chattanooga, Tenn; Susanna Murray, Anna Wilson (Roger Lee), and Lisbeth Petrone Leschen of Highlands; eight grandchildren, Jimmy Petrone (Jessica), Vince Petrone (Jackie), Leslie Pearse Lyons (Mat), Lindsey Pearse Greiner (Jamie), Ryan Bryson (Kayla), Matthew Wilson (Ashley), Alana Wilson Fisher (Chris) and Jacob Leschen; and her pride and joys - 18 great grandchildren. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews and a special caregiver, Delores Jones.

She will be remembered as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and "Great Great."

The family will gather for a Celebration of Life on Saturday, Nov. 6, at 1 p.m., at Wilson Barn, Wilson Gap Road, Highlands, and invites everyone to attend.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

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



Thelma Allmon Petrone

Clell Howard Morton

Clell Howard Morton, 90, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2021.

Born in Gatlinburg, Tenn., he was the son of the late Verless James and Cora Alice Owenby Morton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his loving wife of 64 years, Helen Lenora Vaughan Morton; son, Jeff Morton; and siblings, Verliss Morton Jr., Billy R. Morton, Jane Nolen, Betty Townsend, Rosella Owenby, Hoyt G. Morton, Henry A. Morton, James F. Morton, and Tommy S. Morton.

He was a Navy veteran, who served during the Korean War. He retired from U.S. Forest Service as a heavy engineer tech. After moving to Franklin in August 1970, he became a member of Franklin First Baptist Church.

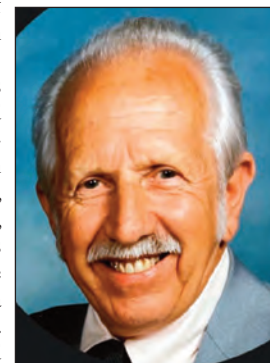
He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Curtis (Steve) of Bluffton, S.C.; three grandchildren, Melissa Morton of Nashville, Tenn., Capt. Courtney Curtis, and Ethan Curtis, both of Bluffton, S.C.; one sister, Augusta Whaley of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A private service will be held at Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Robert Brown officiating. Burial will be in the Watauga Baptist Church Cemetery.

Memorials can be made to the Watauga Baptist Church cemetery fund.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Clell Howard Morton

Mary Ruth Cruse Medlin

Mary Ruth Cruse Medlin, 89, of Otto, N.C., passed away peacefully on Oct. 21, 2021 in Lawrenceville, Ga.

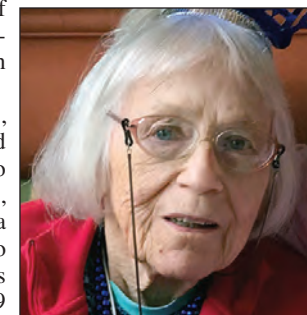
She was born at Lakeview, Ga., on Aug. 15, 1932, to Fred and Jewel Cruse. She was married to James Medlin Sr. on Nov. 12, 1951, in Wahalla, S.C. She was a homemaker and loving mother to her three children. Her family was the greatest joy in her life of 89 years.

She is preceded in death by her husband, James B. Medlin Sr.; her parents, Fred and Jewel Cruse; brother, Jack Cruse, Floyd Cruse and Walker Cruse; and sister, Joanne Cruse Kameh.

She is survived by sons, James (Jimmie) Medlin, Christopher Medlin of Smyrna, Ga.; and daughter, Judy (Jewel) and husband Gerry McManus of Lawrenceville; brother, Max Duane Cruse; and sisters, Shirley Cole of Marietta, Ga., and Doris Hunter of Franklin.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 30, at the Maidens Chapel Church Cemetery. Family and friends are welcome to share the service.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the Maidens Chapel Cemetery fund. Special thanks to Karen Duran for her dedicated care of our Mom



Mary Ruth Medlin

Marie Lorraine Palmatier Stone

Marie Lorraine Palmatier Stone, 78, of Franklin, N.C., passed on Sunday, Oct. 17, 2021, surrounded by her family.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

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



Marie Lorraine Stone



Deaths & Funerals

James 'Jim' Shipman Munger

James "Jim" Shipman Munger, 83, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021.

He was born in Macon County to the late William and Lona Crane Munger. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Gene Munger, Martha Owens, Anne Holley, Fred Munger; and son-in-law, Steven Nylund.

He was a member of the Macedonia Baptist Church and enjoyed bowling and golfing.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Peggy Smith Munger; children, Cindy Nylund of Highlands, N.C., Barbara Ann Hedden (Gene) of Lafayette, Ala., William Jess Munger (Michelle) of Highlands, Lila Shearl (John) of Franklin, and Matthew Sheffield of Franklin; siblings, Andy Munger of Seneca, S.C., and John Munger of Sataloch, Ga.; 13 grandchildren; 14 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A service was held Wednesday, Oct. 27, at Blue Valley Baptist Church with Rev. Dale Cannon officiating.

Pallbearers were Joshua Nylund, Jason Wilbanks, Adam Hedden, Alex Heddin, Tyler Munger, Allen Shearl, Michael Shearl and Jared Shearl.

Honorary pallbearers were Gene Hedden, John Shearl, Dennis Perkins, Thomas Cummings, and Tim Dietrich.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to WNC Hospice House Foundation of WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Robert David Ledford

Robert David Ledford, 60, of Franklin, N.C., passed away at home on Sunday, Oct. 17. He was a Franklin native who loved hunting and fishing, but nothing made him happier than helping people. He spent his life building houses, farming, and taking care of his family. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend.

He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marie Ledford; their two children, Randy (Amanda) of Franklin and Becki (Kevin) of Asheville; grandchildren, Haylee, Lane, Kyndall, and a fourth grandchild on the way; brothers, Wayne, Jim (Pauline), Ben, and Joey (Melissa); and sisters, Jean, Sylvia "Tootsie" (Bill), Liz, Bonnie, and Debi (Eddie); and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lake Randolph Ledford and Ruth Anderson Ledford; brother, Johnny; and sisters, Linda and Virginia.

A memorial service will be held at Prentiss Baptist Church on Nov. 6, at 11 a.m. Rev. Nathan Moss, Rev. David Hastings and Rev. Cale Stancil will officiate. The family will greet guests after the service.

The family requests that all attendees wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

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



James Munger

Robert Gordon Yates

Robert Gordon Yates, 81, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Monday, Sept. 6, 2021.

He was born in Louisville, Ky., the son of the late Robert Lee and Emma Buchs Yates. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Jeffrey Martin Yates in 2009, and a sister, Bertha Riley.

While serving in the United States Marine Corp, he was a security guard in Tehran, Iran. He retired from Bristol Myers in medical sales. He was a very active member of Franklin Truth Church and the Republican party. He was also a member of Sons of the American Revolution, Silas McDowell Chapter of Franklin.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Linda Hays Yates; daughter, Laura Foster of Mineral Bluff, Ga.; and two sons, Chris Yates of Springhill, Tenn., and Billy Yates of Fernandina Beach, Fla.; and three sisters, Barbara L. Johnson of Brewster, N.Y.; Patricia Yates of Inman, S.C., and Suzanne Yates of Watauga, Texas; 10 grandchildren; one great grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews also survive.

A graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery on Saturday, Nov. 27, at 10:30 a.m., followed by a celebration of life at the Franklin Truth Church. Rev. Burr Johnson will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Center, or Franklin Truth Church.

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Robert Gordon Yates

Theodore Davis Hitzler

Theodore Davis Hitzler, 88, passed away Oct. 18, 2021.

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Julie Annette McCall Reed

Julie Annette McCall Reed, 56, of Franklin, N.C., died on Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021.

Born in Rabun County, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Leon and Halley Talley McCall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Ricky McCall.

She had previously worked as a cashier at Dollar Tree in Helen, Ga., and was of the Baptist faith. She loved tending to her flowers and picking wildflowers.

She is survived by her daughter, Christian Jarrard of Clayton, Ga.; and two sisters, Jane McCall of Franklin, and Laura McCall of Clayton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Graveside service will be held Sunday, Oct. 31, at 2 p.m., at the Miller cemetery in Highlands, N.C. Rev. Tim McCall will officiate.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made to Macon Funeral Home, 261 Iotla St, Franklin, NC 28734 to help with expenses.

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

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Julie Annette Reed

Fontana library system seeks community input

Fontana Regional Library system, serving six libraries in Macon, Jackson, and Swain counties, is looking for public input in a survey about what is most important to your community. Interested parties can complete the survey online at <https://bit.ly/fontanalib>. Paper surveys are available at the Macon County Public Library in Franklin, the Hudson Library in Highlands, and at the Nantahala Community Library.

This survey is one step in the process of updating the Library's Long Range Plan. This Plan sets goals and priorities in targeted areas such as employment and economy, education, broadband connectivity, health and mental health, diversity, and recreation. The new Long Range Plan will also guide further partnerships with local organizations such as schools, literacy agencies, Balsam West, NC Works, Arts Councils and galleries, AARP, local community clubs, health and human services organizations, environmental groups, and more. Local partners are a critical building block of success in key areas in our communities.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, the Macon County Public Library responded by modifying many services, including mobile wifi hotspots and curbside service. However, the pandemic presents unprecedented challenges to individuals, families, community groups, and organizations. The library wants to learn how to serve these new needs and sustainably serve the communities. Community input is vital to helping shape the Library's Long Range Plan for the community. The library welcomes survey responses from all residents, including those not currently using library services.

This project is made possible by funding from the federal Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) as administered by the State Library of North Carolina, a division of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (IMLS grant number LS-249980-OLS-21).

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Kyle Larson continues domination with ninth win

Holly Cain – NASCAR Wire Service

Kyle Larson did the heavy-lifting on Sunday, leading nine different times for a race-high 130 laps, ultimately crossing the finish line a hefty 3.619-seconds ahead of the field to earn a NASCAR Cup Series-best ninth win of the season (15th of his career) in the Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway.

It is the third consecutive race win for the 29-year old Californian and the second time this season he's won three in a row. The last time a driver won three straight races twice in a season was 1987 when the late, seven-time champion Dale Earnhardt accomplished the feat.

As important as the milestone and positive Playoff outcome to Larson's Hendrick Motorsports team, however, Sunday's victory also comes 17 years to the day that the storied organization lost 10 people – including Rick Hendrick's son Ricky and brother John – in a plane crash near Martinsville, Virginia.

In Victory Lane, Larson's No. 5 Chevy team turned their hats backward in tribute to Ricky's favorite style and pointed upward in tribute to the organization's beloved lost members.

"I want to dedicate this win to Rick and Linda (Hendrick)," Larson said. "I didn't ever get to meet Ricky or the other men and women who lost their lives that day, but I felt the importance of this race, no doubt.

"It's crazy how it kind of all worked out there for me to win. I know they were all looking down and helping out there with all the re-starts and stuff after getting into the wall. Again, thank you to Rick Hendrick. I know this means a lot to you and I'm glad I could get it done."

There was a lot to be proud of. Larson has four race victories and a runner-up finish in seven Playoff races this season as the series holds its penultimate Playoff race next week at Martinsville Speedway. The outcome will determine which four of the current eight Playoff-eligible drivers will advance to the Nov. 7 season finale able to contend for the NASCAR Cup Series Championship.

Larson's Hendrick teammate Chase Elliott was runner-up Sunday, nursing a car with some damage after he hit the wall pushing for a win in the final laps. Kevin Harvick and Kurt Busch, who are not Playoff-eligible and Joe Gibbs Racing driver Denny Hamlin, a Playoff driver, rounded out the Top five.

"Once I hit the wall, I really didn't have a choice, I hurt it pretty bad, but I'm really proud of the effort," Elliott said. "Our NAPA team did a great job today and I felt like we had something for Kyle [Larson] there, just got the wall off of Turn 2. Just so hard to get up to him. Every few feet you get closer, the harder it gets."

William Byron, who won his fourth Stage of the year, and Playoff driver Martin Truex Jr. were sixth and seventh, followed by Christopher Bell, Playoff contender Joey Logano and Austin Dillon.

At least six of the eight Playoff drivers – including Larson – endured some competitive drama during the competitive afternoon that saw 23 lead changes.

Notable, was the early exit for Team Penske's Ryan Blaney. He entered Kansas ranked second in the standings. But his No. 12 Ford was hit by Dillon and sent into the wall as the two ran among the frontrunners with only 44 laps remaining. Blaney's car was unable to continue and he ended up 37th on the afternoon, dropping from second to fifth in the Playoff standings, one point behind Kyle Busch, who



Kyle Larson, driver of the #5 HendrickCars.com Chevrolet, celebrates in the Ruoff Mortgage victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Hollywood Casino 400 at Kansas Speedway on October 24, 2021 in Kansas City, Kansas.

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move on to the Nov. 7 NASCAR Cup Series Championship at Phoenix Raceway to decide who will hoist the hardware.

Rising star Ty Gibbs gets fourth NASCAR Xfinity win in Kansas

Ty Gibbs continued his phenomenal NASCAR Xfinity Series rookie season on Saturday with his fourth victory of the year in the Kansas Lottery 300 at Kansas Speedway.

Gibbs passed reigning series champion Austin Cindric on Lap 190 and 200 and beat the driver of the No. 22 Team Penske Ford to the finish line by .759 seconds to earn his ninth top-five finish in his 16th start.

"He got a little bit free and kind of slowed down in (Turns) 3 and 4, and I could get to his left rear and side-draft him and get away from him," the 19-year-old Gibbs said of the winning pass.

"I got loose a couple of times over there (pointing to Turns 3 and 4), but I was just trying to give it my all, trying to come back with a win. To have four wins this year in the Xfinity Series is just unbelievable."

Gibbs victory as a non-Playoff driver means that at least three drivers will advance to the Championship 4 on points after next Saturday's race at Martinsville Speedway. That's good news for Cindric and AJ Allmendinger (third Saturday), who have made a habit of swapping the series lead this year.

Cindric and Allmendinger leave Kansas 47 points above the cutoff for the Championship 4, and barring disaster at NASCAR's shortest track, both will earn spots in the title race Nov. 6 at Phoenix Raceway.

"I feel like I could hold my own with the track position and we did a good job being consistent and not making mistakes today," said Cindric, who won the second stage and led a race-high 151 laps to 14 for the race winner. "Maybe if I didn't enter (the corner) as high, I could have maybe

finished 28th.

"We got run into from two lanes below me," a clearly frustrated Blaney said. "I have no idea (why). Obviously it hurts. Finishing 37th is not prime. We didn't have a great day but we had did a good job of fighting back and getting back into the Top 10 but then just got wiped out when we had plenty of room.

"That sucks. It was very unfortunate."

Strong winds and season-pressures made for action-packed runs all afternoon. Some cars scraped the wall and could continue like Larson and Elliott, but others, such as Playoff drivers Busch, Brad Keselowski, who finished 17th, and Truex had to pit for repairs and rally back into contention or points-saving modes.

Heading into Martinsville, Larson has the only automatic entry into the Championship 4 with his wins last week at Texas and this week at Kansas. Elliott is now second in the standings with a two-point edge over Hamlin.

Fourth place, Joe Gibbs Racing driver Busch, has that one-point advantage over Blaney and a three-point edge on his JGR teammate Truex. Penske Racing's Keselowski is six points behind Busch and his Penske teammate Logano goes into Martinsville 26 points below the cutoff line.

The series moves to the Martinsville Speedway next weekend for Sunday's Xfinity 500 (2 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). The top-four ranked drivers then



Ty Gibbs, driver of the #54 Monster Energy Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Kansas Lottery 300 at Kansas Speedway on October 23, 2021 in Kansas City, Kansas.

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Burton and Gragson finished 34th and 35th respectively, dropping Gragson to sixth in the Playoff standings (24 points below the cut line) and leaving Burton eighth (51 points out of fourth and needing a win next Saturday at Martinsville).

“We were fast today,” Burton said. “We felt like this was a race we were finally showing what we were capable of, and it’s been a rough couple of weeks really. I don’t know—it’s just so frustrating.”

Ninth-place finisher Justin Allgaier is nine points above the cutoff for the Championship 4, two points ahead of Saturday’s polesitter, Daniel Hemric, who recovered from a spin with Gragson on Lap 97 to finish 15th.

Gibbs came back through the field to win despite a pit road speeding penalty under caution on Lap 93 after the completion of the second stage.

Justin Haley improved his chances of qualifying for the championship race with a fourth-place result, leaving him fifth in the standings and seven points behind Hemric. Non-Playoff drivers Ryan Sieg, Brett Moffitt, Michael Annett and Sam Mayer finished fifth through eighth, respectively.

Submitted by Reid Spencer, NASCAR Wire Service

air-blocked a little better.

“The cooler it got, the freer I was getting. I thought the tire cycle would help me, but it didn’t help me. I would have loved the win to lock our way in, but it’s better than crashing out at a Kansas Playoff race like I have the last three years. We led a lot of laps but finished second, but it could have been a lot worse.”

Indeed. Cindric could have suffered the fate of Noah Gragson or Harrison Burton who wrecked out of the race on Lap 179 when a misjudged move by Sam Mayer sent Burton’s Toyota spinning into Gragson’s Chevrolet, and both cars clobbered the outside frontstretch wall.

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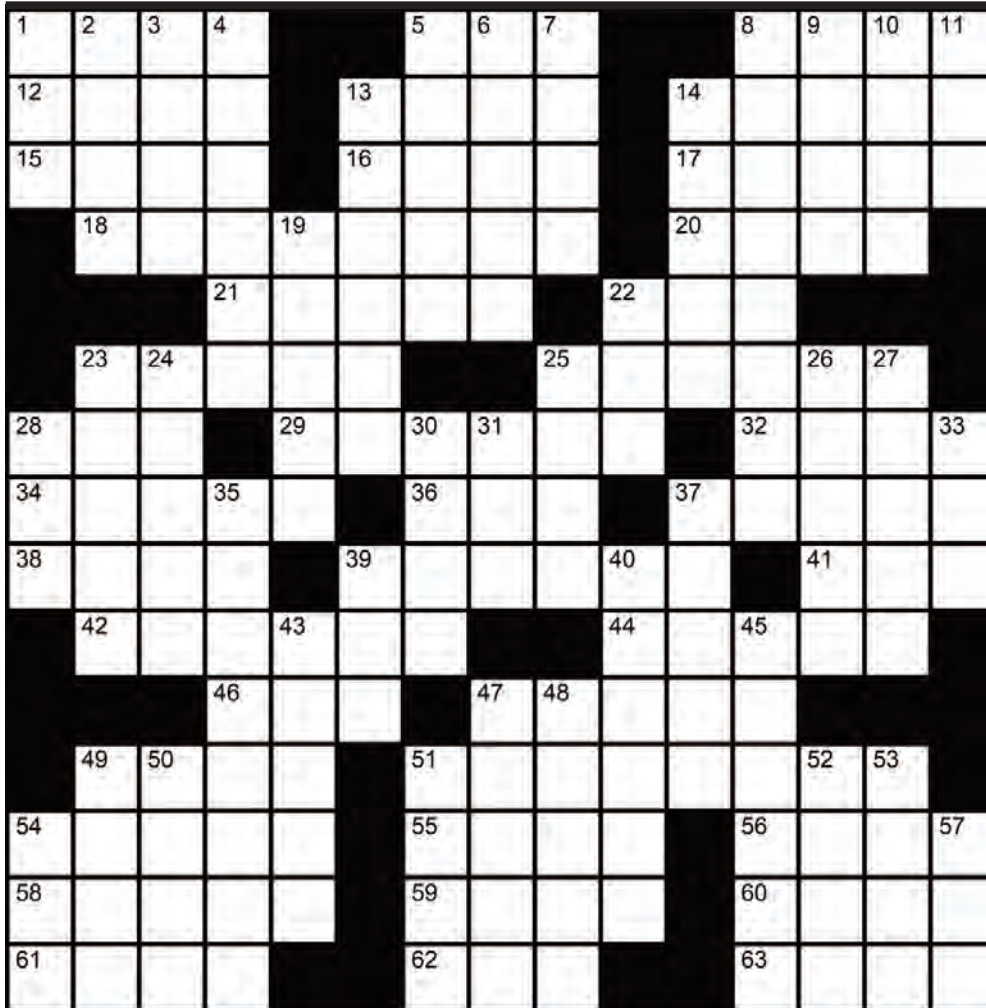
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V6, 4x4, all the off road capabilities of a Wrangler and a pickup truck!! Full Power Package and only 16,711 miles!!

2021 CHEVROLET TAHOE RST



4x4 with heated leather seats, panoramic sunroof, navigation + media player and ONLY 5,400 miles!!

2019 CHEVROLET TRAX LT



4 cyl. turbo, automatic, power windows, locks, mirrors, tilt, cruise, keyless entry and ONLY 23,351 miles!!

2020 CHEVROLET COLORADO Z71



Crew cab, leather, navigation, heated seats and remote start, 1 local owner with no accidents. Save thousands!!!

2016 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT



1 owner, clean CARFAX, local trade in. Power windows, locks, mirrors, tilt, cruise, keyless entry and so much more and only 71,048 miles!

2018 CHEVROLET TRAVERSE LT



V6 power and 30 MPG on this 7 passenger fully equipped SUV. Save thousands over a new one!!

2018 CHEVROLET MALIBU LT



1 local owner with only 5,829 miles on this fully equipped full size sedan with power windows, locks, mirrors, power seats and keyless entry!!

2020 TOYOTA TACOMA TRD OFF ROAD



Fully loaded including heated leather seats, power moonroof, running boards and bed liner. None nicer!!

2020 GMC SIERRA 1500 AT4



Crew cab, 4x4, 6.2 LT V8, heated/cooled leather seats, moonroof, 14" heads up display, remote start and so much more and only 15,593 miles!!

2020 CADILLAC ESCALADE



4x4 with the Premium Luxury Package!! Too many options to list here. Come check it out!!



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