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## Animal Rescue Center planning expansion, walking trail

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer**

The Appalachian Animal Rescue Center in Franklin is gearing up for expansion with the first, a quarter mile walking trail meandering through the center's property, set to begin construction on July 11.

"We have four acres around the facility that we want to take advantage of," said AARC board member Jeanne Wright. "The walking trail will begin at the back of the shelter and will have a serpent-like design up the mountain to the top of the ridge where the trail will flatten out and have beautiful views. Then the trail will head back down the

mountain to the parking lot."

According to Wright, the vision behind the walking trail, which is estimated to cost around \$5,000, is to provide volunteer dog walkers with a safe, shaded trail to take the center's four-legged residents. On average, AARC has anywhere between 5-10 volunteer dog walkers who visit the shelter three days a week. The volunteers take time to visit with every dog at the shelter and get them out of the kennel for exercise and play. Wright said that right now, the dog walkers utilize the road that leads up to the shelter, but with cars going in and out of the facility, safety is a concern for both the volunteers and the animals. The trail will also serve

as an private area for potential adopters to visit and interact with pets to find the perfect fit for their families.

During operating hours, the trial will be reserved for animals of the shelter — to give them exercise, to socialize them, and to ensure that their behavior are ideal for adoption. When the shelter is closed, AARC Board President

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Officials from NC and Tennessee joined together to promote safety along the "Tail of the Dragon," a curvy stretch of road on the border of the two states popular with motorcyclists.

## Officials Promote 'Tail of the Dragon' Safety in 'Border to Border' campaign

North Carolina and Tennessee officials held a special campaign recently focused on an 11-mile, curvy stretch of U.S. 129 along the state line that is a popular location for motorcyclists and car enthusiasts.

The N.C. Governor's Highway Safety Program (NCGHSP) and N.C. State Highway Patrol, along with the Swain County Sheriff's Office and local law enforcement agencies, partnered with the Tennessee Highway Safety Office and Tennessee Highway Patrol for the "Border to Border" campaign to promote safety for visitors of the "Tail of the Dragon."

"Tourists from all over are attracted to the exciting and unique curves the Tail of the Dragon offers, particularly in the warm summer months," said NCGHSP Director Mark Ezzell. "This joint campaign is an effort to display our common commitment across state lines to keeping motorcyclists, drivers, passengers and others safe in this popular area by encouraging everyone to slow down and buckle up."

"Law enforcement's main goal is to prevent traffic crashes and spread awareness through education," said Tennessee Highway Safety Office Director Buddy Lewis. "The Tail of the Dragon showcases breath taking views in Tennessee and North Carolina. This stretch of road also can be difficult and dangerous to travel. Please pay attention to the road, slow down, buckle up, and don't drive distracted or impaired."

The Tail of the Dragon is famous for the 314 curves it features along an 11-mile stretch of road bordered by the Great Smoky Mountains and Cherokee National Forest at the state line.

In 2020 and 2021, there were a total of 17 crashes on the North Carolina side of the Tail of the Dragon, including eight involving serious injuries. Half of those crashes have involved motorcycles.

"We want people to have fun exploring this interesting and unique stretch of road," said 1st Sergeant J.M. Futrell of the N.C. State Highway Patrol. "But we want them to keep themselves and others safe by buckling up and obeying the speed limit, so we can keep the summer fun going for everyone."

Additionally, on the Tennessee side of the Tail of the Dragon, there were a total of 165 crashes in 2020 and 2021, 123 of which involved motorcycles, including nine fatalities – all motorcyclists.

"Summer is the time of year for family vacations and outdoor activities," said Tennessee Highway Patrol Col. Matt Perry. "Tennessee Highway Patrol troopers are watching for unsafe driving behaviors such as distracted driving, speeding, impaired driving, and unrestrained passengers. Through voluntary compliance from the motoring public, enforcement, and education, the Tail of the Dragon can be a safe, scenic, and exciting drive for everyone. If you see unsafe driving or a motorist in need of help, please call one of our dispatch centers by dialing \*THP (\*847)."

The "Border to Border" initiative is a one-day national seatbelt awareness event sponsored by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. In addition, the states will also be educating the motoring public on distracted driving, speeding, and impaired driving.

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# Macon County Senior Services observes Elder Abuse Awareness Day

Macon County Senior Services commemorated World Elder Abuse Awareness Day by hosting a World Elder Abuse Awareness Walk. On Wednesday, June 15, approximately 55 Maconians walked around downtown Franklin in an effort to raise awareness of elder abuse.

The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations (UN) launched the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) on June 15, 2006, in an effort to unite communities around the world in raising awareness about elder abuse. WEAAD serves as a call-to-action for our communities to raise awareness about abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elders, and reaffirm our country's commitment to the principle of justice for all.

"When we come together, we can prevent elder abuse from happening. We can put support services in place, and direct community resources toward addressing elder abuse. Our country must reaffirm our commitment to justice and create a sturdy structure of support that will benefit us all as we get older," stated a release from director Jennifer Hollifield.

Elder abuse is widespread. Every year an estimated 1 in 10 older Americans are victims of elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation. And that's only part of the picture: Experts believe that elder abuse is significantly under-reported, in part because so many communities lack the social supports that would make it easier for those who experience abuse to report it. Research suggests that as few as 1 in



The theme for Elder Abuse Awareness Day is "Walk in their Shoes." Employees and supporters of Macon County Senior Services gathered last Wednesday to bring attention to the issue of elder abuse for the purpose of prevention and the principle of justice for all.

14 cases of elder abuse come to the attention of authorities. In addition to being a clear violation of the American commitment to justice for all, elder abuse is an issue with many consequences for our society. Its effects on our communities

range from public health to economic issues.

The good news is that we can prevent and address the issue of elder abuse. There are many ways to strengthen our social supports through policies, services, and programs that keep us integrated in the community as we age.

- Communities can design and equip community centers to work as intergenerational spaces that allow older people to build relationships and participate in the work, play, and life of our neighborhoods.

- Communities can think about the role of transportation in reducing social isolation and adjust systems so that we can all continue to move throughout our communities as we age.

- Communities can figure out new and better ways to arrange and coordinate the teams, agencies and programs that work specifically with older people.

- Communities can develop programs to educate families and professionals who work with older adults to understand the importance of preventing isolation, how to spot the warning signs of abuse, and what to do to address abuse or neglect.

By doing all that can be done to strengthen the social support structure, social isolation can be reduced, and communities and families can be protected against elder abuse, building a nation that lives up to the promise of justice for all.

For more information about this topic, contact, Macon County Senior Services at (828)349-2058.



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# AARC

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Cathy Howman said she hopes the walking trail becomes a place the public can use.

AARC has contracted with a local landscaper who is scheduled to begin work on the trail on July 11. Weather permitting, it is expected to take about a week to complete the project. AARC is currently accepting donations to help cover the cost of the \$5,000 project. The AARC is hosting a "Fill the Van" fundraiser Saturday, July 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Tractor Supply and those interested in contributing to the new walking trail, can do so there with donations being made specifically for the trail. If you are interested in volunteering as a dog walker, the shelter is in need of additional volunteers on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 11 a.m. - to 1 p.m.

While the walking trail is one of the more visible, public oriented projects AARC is currently working on, the staff and volunteers at AARC have been working to renovate the original building on the

property for the last several years to serve as an intake facility for new animals.

According to Howman, when animals arrive at the facility, there is a mandated quarantine period for the animal before they can socialize with the other pets.

"At least two times a year we have to shut down the entry center because an animal

comes to us with something like Parvo and the only way to keep it from spreading is to shut everything down and close to the public," she said. "We have to clean everything top to bottom with bleach, quarantine the animals, and remain closed until it is safe."

Once completed, the facility's original building will serve as an intake center for all animals coming into the facility. The building, which was first built in the 1968 and served as the home to AARC until the late

to stay overnight at the shelter to tend to the animals.

AARC board secretary and shelter volunteer Judy Wiley noted that the new intake facility will go a long way in increasing the services the shelter is able to provide to the community to better serve both the public and the animals.

The original building fund for the project was more than \$52,000 — but after electrical, plumbing, and other infrastructure repairs in

round, and works to secure grant funds whenever possible — but they hope the community will step up to help complete the new intake building.

"We are so grateful for all the support we have received so far in this process and are thankful to have organizations like Habitat for Humanity and the LBJ Job Corps donating their time and talents to renovate the building," said Howman. "With the cost of building materials rising every day, we don't know what we are going to need to complete it, but we do know we have more money we need to raise to make sure it gets completed."

In addition to donations and grants, AARC receives funding through its own Thrift Store, located at 1521 Old Murphy Road in Franklin. The thrift store opened in 2007 and serves as an important financial resource for the facility.

The shelter, located at 851 Lake Emory Road in Franklin, regularly houses some 80-100 dogs and cats. Animal care technicians provide for the animals year round. They also offer low-cost spaying and neutering, vaccines, and microchip implantation

through Humane Alliance, and ASPCA clinic in Asheville. As a no-kill shelter, AARC takes in animals from the public, as well as animals from the county shelter, and places them in permanent homes.

For those interested in supporting Appalachian Animal Rescue, call 828.524.4588 for more details.



The proposed walking trail on the property of the Appalachian Animal Rescue Center will be used during the day by their volunteer dog walkers and open to the public after hours.



'90s when the center expanded into its current building, will feature a quarantine area for cats, a laundry room for shelter essentials, and individual kennels for new dogs and puppies. The building is expected to have capacity to house 80 animals if needed and will also have a small room for a staff quarters in the event something would require someone

in conjunction the ever-rising cost of supplies, AARC has \$7,000 remaining in the fund, which is only a fraction of what is needed to complete the project.

AARC Director of Operations Todd Ortiz said that the intake facility is desperately needed and hopes to have it completed this year. AARC fundraises for the facility year




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# PLS offers free program to access cash benefits, health care to working families

With inflation at a 40-year high, working families with low incomes are struggling to make ends meet, put food on the table and gas in their cars. But local people who make less than \$58,000/year may soon access much-needed cash benefits thanks to a new program offered by Pisgah Legal Services (PLS).

The nonprofit recently launched the WNC Health and Economic Opportunity Program, with funding from Dogwood Health Trust, to help people access income-boosting tax payments and enroll in affordable health insurance.

- Lucia, a single mom, had never filed tax returns before. She received an \$8,000 return.
- “Marissa” plans to use her refund of \$15,000 to pay her debts, buy a car and repair her house.
- Annie plans to put her \$1,000 return into savings, giving her a safety net she’s never had before.
- “Maria” and “Rafael” are using their \$2,200 tax return to buy clothes for their children and other necessities.

### Non-filers – Don’t leave free money on the table

“Even if you earn little or no money, and don’t usually file taxes, you may be eligible for thousands of dollars in child tax credits. There are two special tax credits available to working families that could add up to thousands of dollars. The Child Tax Credit pays up to \$3,600 per child and the Earned Income Tax Credit is worth up to \$6,700 – but only if you file a tax return,” says Jim Barrett, Pisgah Legal Services Executive Director. “Maybe folks are working seasonal, part-time, temporary, or gig jobs and don’t make enough that they are required to file taxes.

They may be missing out on thousands of dollars in flexible cash payments for themselves and their families. Congress created these credits to help them make ends meet. Pisgah Legal doesn’t want them to leave that money on the table. Our trained staff and volunteers will fill out the paperwork with them at no cost.”

The IRS estimates that nearly 9 million people don’t file taxes each year, meaning they could be missing out on these income-boosting tax refunds. On top of that, about 20% of North Carolinians who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit don’t claim it.

Pisgah Legal Services offers year-round free tax preparation for WNC households with annual incomes of less than \$58,000. And these tax credits aren’t just good for your wallet, they’re good for your health, lowering the cost of affordable, quality health insurance through the Healthcare.gov Marketplace.

Pisgah Legal’s new Waynesville office provides these tax and health care services to people in seven WNC counties: Haywood, Jackson, Macon, Swain, Cherokee, Graham and Clay, as well as the Qualla Boundary. PLS also has an office in Highlands/Cashiers.

The Pisgah Legal Services Waynesville office is open by appointment only. It is located at 2177 Asheville Road in Waynesville. Parents and grandparents raising children can call for a free consultation over the phone. Pisgah Legal helps many people file their tax returns and obtain affordable health insurance without clients having to drive for in-person meetings. Call (828)210-3404 for more information or to schedule a free appointment. Learn more at <https://www.pisgahlegal.org/taxes>.



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## Shortbread Contest

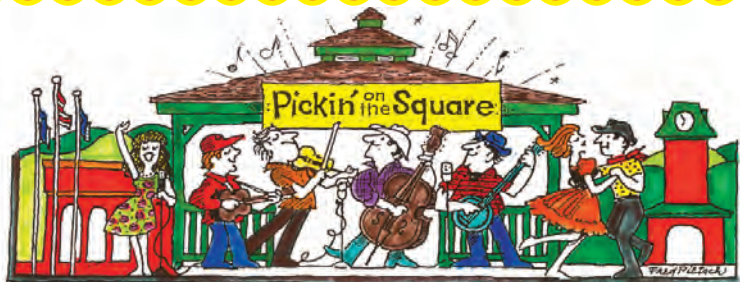


Streets of Franklin held a shortbread contest with about a dozen entries vying for their choice of prizes between a Cuisinart 5.5qt stand mixer and Staub 4qt cast iron dutch oven donated by Kitchen Sink. First place went to Star Dowell for her chocolate dip shortbread; second was Cynthia Erbes; and third place went to Martha Calcanes. Each participant received a gift bag.





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## What's new on the plateau

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My heart almost stopped when [town manager] Josh Ward told me that the public hearing concerning STR [short term rentals] amendments had not been properly advertised as a legal notice in *The Highlander*. That oversight invalidated the subsequent actions of the town board in amending the UDO [Unified Development Ordinance] ordinances related to STRs. The process will have to be done all over again. While I view the failure to advertise as a technical problem, the town, of course, has to follow all N.C. Statutes in amending zoning ordinances.

NC Statute 1-597 governing legal notices states that any legal notice has to be advertised in a subscription circulation newspaper within the local area. The only newspaper that meets that requirement is *The Highlander* newspaper.

Proper notice for publishing the advertisement was sent to *The Highlander*, but the legal notice was not published. Our staff did not follow up after sending the request to confirm the notice was going to be published. It was a miscommunication between the newspaper and the town.

What is frustrating was that it was a technical error. No one was attempting to conceal the hearing. The date and time of the hearing had been posted on the town website. The Sunshine list of well over 100 people had been sent notification. All the local newspapers had written stories about the hearing. In this column I had written about the hearing and outlined the protocols for conducting the hearing. I also talked about the hearing on the Ask the Mayor radio show. I posted the hearing protocols on the personal website, Askmayorpat.com. So, I was frustrated when I learned about the legal notice not being posted. I suspect that this oversight did not prevent hardly anyone from not knowing about the hearing.

For what it is worth, I believe NC Statute 1-597. Regulations for newspaper publications of legal notices, advertisements, etc. is outdated and needs amending. While the legal notice in a subscription newspaper could be retained, there are alternative options. Why not allow municipalities and counties other ways to inform the public? I don't want to offend my journalist friends, but subscription newspapers are just one way the public accesses information. Many people use the internet, for instance, and town websites to obtain information. Online newspapers and free, local newspapers routinely post information of a legal, governmental nature on their websites. Like Highlands, many municipalities maintain list serves where anyone can subscribe. I'm just a little small town mayor, but I will ask our legislative representatives to look into changes to NC 1-597. It is the age of the internet and social media, not decades ago when that statute was first written for print media.

## Letters to the Editor

### Original meaning of the 2nd Amendment

I continue to find it interesting that folks are so easily persuaded by emotion instead of facts in today's modern world. Take for instance the number of people who are calling for more gun control without properly understanding the 2nd Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Leftists will twist, squirm, and do word gymnastics in vain attempts to justify disarming law-abiding citizens. In a word, these kinds of do-gooders are useful idiots to a power-hungry federal government.

To purchase a firearm, we already have background checks. No one is saying that it isn't a good idea to see if someone has a past history of crime, but if a criminal wants a gun, do we really think he is going to get a background check before acquiring one? Real Americans know that the key to remaining free and safe is to possess firearms. History has clearly taught anyone with half a brain that in order for any government to accomplish their pipe dream of ultimate totalitarianism, they must first disarm the citizens. This strategy has played out numerous times in other countries such as the Soviet Union, Germany, China, Cambodia, Burma, Venezuela and Cuba. Now, it is quickly accelerating in Canada. Just banning certain guns or magazine size is never enough for any regime and will only satisfy them until they see the next opportunity to take more guns so citizens cannot resist in the future. All throughout history, citizens were disarmed for their own "safety," just as the lie is today. Knowing that a multitude of governments throughout history have been responsible for killing their own people, what makes us think America can be any different? Certainly not because we are "progressive" (aka foolish) or live in "modern" times?! As the USA collapses morally, economically, and intellectually, it will soon be our turn to decide if we are going to remain free or not.

Our 2nd Amendment was created as a final check on tyrannical government so that if all peaceful protests and civil disobedience failed, the last straw is citizens using firearms to defend ourselves from our own government. Do we think this can't happen in America with a currency meltdown looming? Lincoln and his unconstitutional radicals killed innocent civilian Southerners in the 1860s and also murdered tens of thousands of Native Americans after they had disarmed them. These are the facts. Human nature and the lust for control is the exact same today as it has been since the beginning of civilization. Presently, we are witnessing a shifting of the blame of mass shootings to law-abiding gun owners and gun manufacturers instead of addressing real solutions involving mental illness and our cultural degradation. Teenagers used to be able to buy firearms from Sears catalogues with no questions asked, so it is clearly a culture problem today. Why aren't leftists as concerned about the record numbers of shootings that take place daily in cesspools like NYC, Chicago, and Los Ange-

las where those areas already have gun control measures in place? Those stories don't make as much misinformation hay as a "mass shooting" with an "assault rifle." The very name "assault weapon" is highly misleading in itself. The word "assault" is actually an adjective when used in today's anti-gun terminology. If a knife, vehicle, or hammer is the weapon of choice, we don't call those tools "assault weapons," but when used in a sentence involving guns, it sounds more scary to naive people.

Switzerland is a good example of an armed society that also encourages kids aged 13-17 to learn proper gun handling and shooting the same way America used to encourage responsibility and common sense. And guess what, there are no so-called mass shootings in Switzerland. A heavily armed society is a polite society. Guns are proven to save lives repeatedly. Plain and simple for anyone willing to do their own research. I challenge anyone who is sitting on the fence about this issue to visit <https://wrongaboutguns.com/> or read "The Gun Control Farce" by Thomas Sowell.

The 2nd Amendment makes perfect sense in its original intent without the woke strategy of using word salad nonsense to weaken our nation. If someone is hungry for truth, he would find countless writings from our founders who have said the same thing – the 2nd Amendment is enshrined to protect us from our own government. Today, trust in federal government is at historic lows, so I will keep my guns no matter what, thank you very much. There are countless others willing to die before giving up their guns in the sanctimonious name of safety. Government should leave lawful citizens the hell alone and do their job of securing the Southern border.

Warren Bergstresser – Franklin, N.C.

### LGBTQ people just want to live their lives and be happy

I just got done reading "The colors of the LGBT Rainbow" and I'm sickened by the totally ignorant view of LGBTQ people this writer espoused. First of all, people who come out as one of the initials which stand for Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender or Queer would never choose the lifestyle knowing their truth is ridiculed and misrepresented by the writer or any other close minded individual out there. It is also not a cult you can't get out of! I am not LGBTQ, however, my sister's child has come out as transgender. Before she came out she was miserable, didn't know why she never fit in and at age 19 started her transition after seeing professional counselors, psychiatrists and a lot of soul searching. This child was raised in a loving family, no molestation or abuse of any kind, parents still married so that goes against what the writer said the "great majority of people who ended up with doubts about their identity were actually molested, grew up with pornography, had an absent parent, were from divorced parents or had a

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parent that was active in sexual abuse or marital unfaithfulness" or that "broken home lives and lack of attention" cause people to be LGBTQ. Those same situations are done to straight people too so why are they not gay? And now the writer thinks that LGBTQ people "stand on the street corner ready to seduce the young, with colorful clothing and bright trinkets!" "But in reality this movement is but a perverse clown looking to rape our children of their joy and destinies." What the heck is she smoking!?! It's also not all about sex, has she ever had a real (and I mean not just passing someone on the sidewalk) conversation with a LGBTQ person? Where does she get this crap? All they want is to be accepted for who they are and not put down or have some idiot question why. Why? Because there is something called gender dysphoria in transgender people and because they've all tried to ignore their feelings because the alternative is not accepted by everyone and who would want to open themselves up to that? Just because the writer is a straight homophobe she is very righteous in her views, I wonder where she got her info? I also read recently that some Macon County commissioner refused to approve a raise for library employees because of a Pride Month display! What did the display have to do with librarians earning a decent wage? It's just another ignorant grandstander trying to score political points with his followers. I wonder what his qualifications were for his position, he clearly doesn't represent all of Macon County, only the ones that look and think like him. How about stop the nonsense, these are fellow humans trying to live their lives and be happy. They don't try to force their will on others they just really want you to leave them alone if you can't be civil or kind! This is also not forced them at school, give me a break! Here's my hope for the writer and the commissioner: that if you have a child, niece, nephew, grandchild who come out as LGBTQ I pray that there is an open minded, kind relative they can turn to because they sure can't count on you to understand what they feel. Will you disown them? Kick them out of your house? Send them to a conversion camp? Or will you try to understand them, sadly I think not. My point is it would be very sad for them if they only have you.

Shari Spaeth – Franklin, N.C.

## All people deserve to be respected

Pride Month provides a chance to reflect on and celebrate those who have traditionally been marginalized and ostracized in our society. So imagine my shock to read a recent letter to the editor that not only promoted falsehoods about LGBTQ people, but actually maligned them in the most horrific language and at great length. The letter writer spoke of "understanding" and "education," but all they did was expose their own ignorance.

Homosexuality and bisexuality have existed throughout human history, and are even not uncommon among other animal species. This is a biological issue; nature is rarely black and white, gradations are more often the rule. Some cultures understand this and accept those who don't identify as strictly male or female. Unfortunately, many other cultures vilify those who don't conform to expectations. The letter writer denies that non-binary people even exist, insisting that it's only a "fad," sexual confusion, an identity crisis. This is incorrect. Let me refute a few more of their assertions. All words and phrases in quotes are taken from the original letter.

No, a belief in God is not necessary to be a moral person.

No, homosexuality has not destroyed any civilizations (bible stories do not count as historical fact), is not characterized by "unquenchable sexual hunger and moral aban-

donment," and does not lead to bestiality.

No, there is no "sexual confusion movement" being forced onto people. Rather, natural diversity in gender identification is becoming better recognized and accepted in many places (though apparently not in the letter writer's mind), allowing people to express their true selves with less risk of discrimination.

No, Pride Month is not a "scam" trying to "steal your freedom," there is no LGBT movement "trying to brainwash your children to become gay" and plotting to "take all your children." Pride Month will not lead to "the moral and physical destruction of our race."

I could go on and on disagreeing with the nonsensical points the letter writer tried to make, but it disheartens me to know that people still think this way. What the letter writer doesn't seem to understand or acknowledge is that LGBTQ people are just that ... people. All people deserve to be respected and not maligned out of hand based on an individual's personal prejudices.

As a scientist, I've been trained to remain unbiased and follow the data. The data tell us that sexuality is not as cut and dried as some people would like to think. As a heterosexual with many LGBTQ friends and relatives, I've seen the real hurt and harm they've suffered due to willfully ignorant and close-minded people. As a human, I strive to keep an open mind, live and let live, and be kind. Why someone like the letter writer go out of their way to fabricate and disseminate ignorant and hurtful lies is beyond my comprehension. Such actions cannot go without response.

Anne McMillen-Jackson, PhD – Franklin, N.C.

## Normalizing sexual themes to minors is troubling

Why is the library celebrating divisive issues that tear down unity in a community? We all love the library, but shouldn't this entity remain politically neutral when receiving tax funds from the public treasury? After the library director and board received a multitude of complaints from concerned parents, they continued to promote sexualization of children and impressionable teens while attempting to change the narrative of what they are doing.

The director, Ms. Wallace, insists they are merely making these resources available to anyone who might be interested. That sounds innocent in back peddling, but why aren't there month-long celebrations and easily accessible displays promoting traditional family values, patriotic themes, or honorable character traits that are universally lauded? Concerned parents do not favor outright censorship of controversial materials. Censorship is a tactic of social Marxists and rabid ideologues, e.g. banning prayer in schools. The troubling issue is normalizing sexual themes and activity amongst minors while celebrating confusion over gender. If we are "following the science," there are only two genders. Even evolutionist Charles Darwin recognized this basic truth. If we encourage children and teens to explore reverse biological identities or pursue a crazy make-believe gender as if it is reality, is that really showing them love? No. Yet, that is what many tax funded libraries are doing while promoting this perversion in attractive wrappings with the buzz words diversity, unity, tolerance, and love. These materials are for mature adults. Even corrupted Hollywood has a rating system and does not allow minors access to certain movies without a parent or guardian's permission. It's no different at a pharmacy. Dangerous drugs are kept behind the counter and require a Rx. Why isn't the library abiding by already existing standards? Why would a library openly promote materials that are harmful to a child's psychological, mental, and physical development? The Macon Library even states there should be "Appropriateness for intended audience" in its Collection Development Policy. Unfortunately, it is not being fol-

lowed. Since this recent movement began in our country to sexualize children, the raw statistics of teens and young adults with mental instability and regret has skyrocketed.

Thankfully a large majority of people are seeing through the Left's obsession of indoctrinating children and teens and are demanding a return to truth when the Left overplays their hand. It wasn't enough for the library to have an adult display glorifying sexual perversion for a number of years. Next, they had to push the envelope further by promoting this mentality to children for the first-time last year and then teens this year after overwhelming objections from concerned citizens and even their own staff. No one wanted this drama and conflict, yet the library chose it by desiring to go woke.

Then, when our county's budget was presented, leftists tried to change the conversation to employee salaries which is smoke and mirrors. If this issue was really about employee salaries, then the most effective approach is to persuade Ms. Wallace to cut the pork from the library's overall budget of hundreds of thousands of dollars so that monies are spent on the library staff instead of useless white elephants. The library policy makers determine salaries for their staff, so it is disingenuous for the finger to be pointed elsewhere. The County Commissioners do not determine staff salaries at our library. They never have. In fact, just last week the Commissioners approved \$50k-plus to the library in additional operational funding over last year's amount from Macon County, bringing the total to well over \$1 million! Plus, tax payers also pay the library's maintenance, and certain utilities at an additional cost. As far back as 2016, Macon County was spending more per person on the library than other WNC counties. What about the huge amounts of state and federal funding the library also receives? Not to mention the large amount of grant money that flows into our rural library.

Again, all of us appreciate the services of the library, but it should function on limited tax dollars. As with all public money, the problem lies in the spending and not necessarily the funding. Surely Ms. Wallace realizes that tight budgets make quality managers? If the library absolutely needs an extra \$20k above other increased funding, then perhaps the library should organize a fund raiser like fire departments do? Macon County is a great community and very generous, so I'm sure folks would be willing to give from their own pockets if they felt there was a real need. Besides, \$20k spread out equally to 27 employees only totals a measly \$14/per person, each week before taxes. Hardly enough to keep up with the inflation Democrats and the Federal Reserve have created from mismanagement.

The library staff are fantastic and are appreciated by everyone. They will get enormous support if they promote unity rather than divisiveness as we all come together for genuine truth and a positive future for the kids. Children and teens need to be taught and influenced in the home and not encouraged towards mature sexual themes and gender confusion at a shared public area paid for with tax dollars.

Jim Gaston – Franklin, N.C.

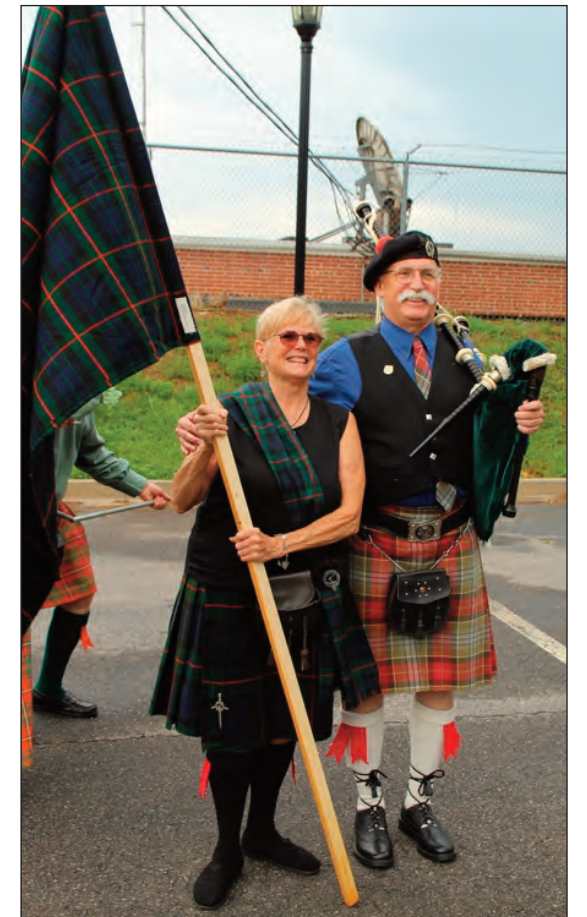
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# Taste of Scotland & Celtic Festival

The Taste of Scotland & Celtic Festival returned to Franklin after a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic. Festivities began on Friday with a parade and a ceilidh with musicians providing music to dance by. On Saturday at the Macon County Fairgrounds, a full schedule of events was planned with bands playing Scottish music; authentic Highland games in which participants played for points; border collies and sheep; and plenty of food and drink. The day concluded with a concert by Tuatha Dea, Wild Blue Yonder and the Jacobites by Name. On Sunday a Kirkin' O' the Tartans was held at the First Presbyterian Church followed by a 3 p.m. fiddle concert by Andrew Finn Magill sponsored by the Arts Council.

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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 June 12 - 20. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



## Macon County Sheriff's Department

June 13

Samantha Katurah Phillips, was charged with fugitive out of state. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

Donald McLean Long Jr., was issued warrant service. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest

June 14

Jerry Lee Stiwinter, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

June 15

Jacquelyn Elyssa Miller, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Costin Jiglaui made the arrest.

Stephen Carl Wright, was charged with assault on a female and assault on a child under 12. Deputy Cody J. Howard made the arrest.

Terry Nelson Watkins, was charged with simple assault. Corporal Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

Charles Edward Brendle Sr., was charged with simple assault. Corporal Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

June 16

Adam Brock Crawford, was charged with failure to appear. Costin Jiglaui made the arrest.

Austin Lee Connally, was charged with child support enforcement contempt. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Scotty Jason Elliott, was charged with assault. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Daniel Joseph Raby, was charged with assault. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

June 17

Dustin Lynn Busby, was charged with possession of a stolen

motor vehicle, driving while license revoked, no motorcycle endorsement and drive allow registration plate not displayed. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

Duncan Fields, was charged with domestic physical. Joel Lynch made the arrest.

June 18

Joseph Edward Lane Jr., was charged with assault on a female. Jay Wright made the arrest.

Amber Latisha Klatt, was issued warrant service for larceny possession of stolen goods. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

June 19

Kimberly Marie Cates, was issued warrant service for simple assault, resist, assault on handicap, assault on government officer/employee and resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

June 20

Miguel Martinez Dominguez, was charged with driving under the influence. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

Amanda Jo Dixon, was issued warrant service for false report to police station. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

## Franklin Police Department

June 12

Joshua Henry Dale Driver, was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury. C. T. Chastain made the arrest.

Aragon Salvador Melquisedec, was charged with assault and battery. G.D. Hovis made the arrest.

June 13

Jelissa Sarah Jordan, was charged with assault causing physical injury to emergency personnel. A.R. Holland made the arrest.

June 14

Brian Studer, was charged with assault on a female. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

June 15

Morgan Allen Shirley, was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

## Jackson County Sheriff's Department

June 13

Christopher Ian Cotterman, 38, of Adams Creek, Cherokee, was charged with first degree trespass and break/enter terrorize/injure. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Jeremy Lee Gunger, 37, of Boo Holler Rd., Whittier, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and felony possession of schedule I controlled substance. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

June 14

Travis Aron Zepeda, 25, of Lyle Knob Rd., Franklin, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$100 was set.

Ermelinda Montelange, 63, of Heath Trail, Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Tara Lynn Bryson, 36, of Big Ridge, Glenville, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia and failure to appear for possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

June 15

Frederick Earl Stillwell, 23, of Pecan Dr., was charged with possession of stolen goods/property, larceny after breaking and entering and breaking entering. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Alexander Martinez Garcia, 26, of Bertha Saunooke Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for obtaining property by false pretense. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

June 16

Austin Henry Posey, 26, of Cheerfull Cove, Cullowhee, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Wendy Pearl Brady, 45, of Fisher Branch, Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for cyberstalking. A secured bond of \$750 was set.

June 17

Kimberly Ann Santy, 41, of Newport Dr., was charged with failure to appear for larceny. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

June 19

Todd Andrew Woollard, 45, of Oak Hill Rd., Alarka, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. No bond was set.

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**2022 MCAA Veteran's Portrait Project Macon County Art Association** is requesting applications from Macon County veterans or their families. Now in its 10th year, the program involves volunteer artists who paint portraits of veteran to be presented to the veterans or their families on Veteran's Day. Applications may be picked up at the Uptown Gallery at 34 E Main Street, or may be requested by email to karen@programservices.org. The deadline for applications is July 1.

**Franklin Covenant Church Drive through Hot Lunch, Food Pantry and prayer** as requested this Saturday, June 25, 11am-?, at 265 Bellevue Park Rd.

**Descendants of the Miller and Lulu Ledford Family Reunion** will be held on Sunday, June 27, 1 p.m., at Prentiss Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, 1438 Bell Dowdle Rd. Bring a covered dish to share.

**Mountain Voices Summer Concert** will be held on Thursday, June 30, at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Ave. Admission is free. For more information, call (828)524-3644.

**Yoga in the Yard** will be held on Thursday, June 30, 6 to 7 p.m. at the Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd. Meet outside the library for a free, all-levels yoga class. In case of inclement weather the class will move to the Living Room instead. Bring your own mat. For more information, call (828)524-3600.

**Uptown Gallery Childrens Art Classes** will be held during June and July. Children ages 3-5 are Wednesday 11 a.m. to 12 p.m., for Mommy and Me Art activities and ages 6-14 are Wednesday afternoons 1 to 3 p.m. Participants will explore the processes of painting, clay, weaving, assemblage, watercolors, drawing and mixed media. Adult workshops are also offered. Free painting in the classroom Monday's 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 30 E. Main St. Contact mtully1001@gmail.com for more information.

**Appalachian Animal Rescue Center Fill the Van** with donations of food and supplies will be held on Saturday, July 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Tractor Supply Co., 3077 Georgia Rd., in Franklin.

**Historic TM Rickman Store** located at 259 Cowee Creek Road is now open for visitors on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Discover unique items and listen to local musicians. Parking is limited with additional parking available at Cowee Arts and Heritage Center a short walk from the store.

**Franklin Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings"** are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or for anyone interested in the A.A. recovery program. Meetings are held Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. at No Wrong Door, 102 Thomas Heights Rd.; Sunday, 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., and Thursday, 12 noon at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on 66 Church St.; Wednesday, 7 p.m. at St. Cyprians Episcopal Church, 216 Roller Mill Rd. On-line meeting information is available by visiting www.aawnc80.org. To speak with a member of A.A., call (828)349-4357.

**The Town of Franklin Water/Sewer Division** will implement temporary road closures continuing into early June, on West Palmer Street in front of the Franklin Fire Department and on Maple Street to improve an existing sewer line. A hard closure will commence from a point at the intersection of Commerce Street and West Palmer Street to include both lanes and continue to Maple Street. Signage will be in place for the closure area and detours. For more information, call Public Works Department at (828)524-2516 x 397.

**Dorothy and John Crawford Senior Center** is now offering limited in-person classes at the Robert Carpenter Community Building. A vari-

ety of exercise classes and a writing group are offered in the afternoons for adults over 50. For more information, call (828)349-2058.

**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.

**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.

**Habitat for Humanity of Macon/Jackson County** needs volunteers to share skills or gain some experience learning new ones. From carpentry to cleaning, marketing to moral support, computer skills, planning and organizing or just plain common sense, the greatest gift you could ever give is time. Any amount is good. Some great times, lasting friendships and rewarding experiences await. Call (828)369-3716 or (828)371-5442.

**Friends of the Greenway FROG Quarters** is now open Wednesday to Saturday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at 573 E. Main. Stop by for coffee, a soft drink and a snack, and free internet. Reservations taken for the shelters.

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

**Uptown Gallery on Main Street** hours through December are Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 pm and Wednesday and Sundays by appointment. The Uptown Gallery is located at 30 E Main St Franklin. For information call the gallery at (828) 349-4607.

**Volunteer drivers needed at Macon County Senior Services.** Mileage will be reimbursed. For more information, call (828) 349-0211.

**Macon County CareNet** is in need of volunteers. Positions open are food pantry, soup kitchen and file room. If interested stop by for an application at 130 Bidwell St., or call (828)369-2642.

**CareNet on Bidwell Street** will be open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A box of food may be picked up once a week.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

**Spiritual Light Center** on Sunday, June 26, 11 a.m., Michael Murphy Burke will share. On Monday, 6 p.m., is an all levels yoga class. No cost to attend. Wednesday a movie is shown at 3 p.m. and then out to eat afterward. The church is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant. For more information or to stream services go to SpiritualLightCenter.com.

**First Alliance Church** will be holding Sunday Service on June 26 at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Evan Jensen will be speaking on 1 Timothy. Teen Challenge will provide special music. Sunday School for all ages begins at 9:30 a.m. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack, next door to Trimont Christian Academy).

**Mountain Synagogue in Franklin** conducts services the first Friday and third Saturday of each month. For information, visit the website at mountainsynagoguewnc.com, email us at mountainsynagogue@gmail.com, or call (828)634-1312.

**Memorial United Methodist Church** Worship Services in person and on Facebook at 11 a.m. every Sunday. They 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.

**Son Rise International Ministries has Christian Fellowship Services** are held on Friday evenings at 7p.m., Wednesday ladies prayer and Bible Study at 1 to 3 p.m. Mens Bible Study Thursday at 7 p.m. The church is located at 462 Depot St. For more information, call (828)369-2465.

**Prentiss Church of God** is holding Sunday worship service in its sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m. Services are also streamed online on the Prentiss Church of God Facebook page. Prayer and Worship service is the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. The church is located at 59 Church Hill Lane, off Addington Bridge Road. Phone: (828)369-3885.

**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.

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

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

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

Email your church events to maconcountynews@gmail.com.

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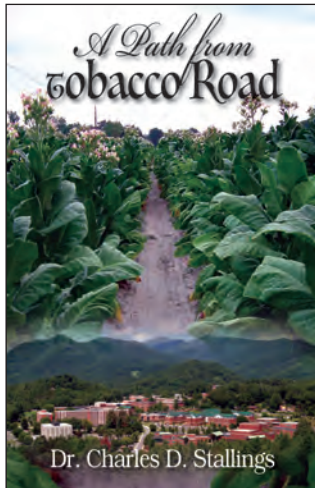
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## Nonagenarian pens story of his life in NC

When Dr. Charles D. Stallin, 92, decided he wanted to write the story of his life, he did not even have a computer. Instead, he sat down at his table with a pen and began to write longhand. The first words that came were: "Most people nowadays will tell you they were born. When I was young enough to inquire about my origins and how I came to be, the answer was confusingly vague. You see, all the babies in our neighborhood were 'left by the stork.'"



The book is full of the stories of a young boy's escapades with his friends and family members, of working long hours in the tobacco fields, of many times unexpected laughter, and other times heartfelt emotion. The reader follows the young boy as he grows up, finds the one and only woman he would ever love, and then realizes the deep joy of fatherhood. Finally, he discovers a great satisfaction in his career of helping children discover their unique importance in the world.

Gurney Chambers, WCU Professor & Dean Emeritus, described the book as such: "This is the story of a decent man's journey from the tobacco fields of eastern North Carolina to the halls of academe in Western North Carolina. It is a success story, but an unlikely one. It is a story that will inspire others, especially those of humble beginnings, to 'hitch their wagon to a star.' Above all, it is a story of a very decent man who devoted his life to helping others, especially children, to rise above their raising, to become better than they dreamed they could be. It is a story of Dr. Charles D. Stallings, teacher, professor and administrator."

Western North Carolina adopted this ardent minister of youth education in the 1950s when he became principal of WCU's Laboratory School. Dr. Stallings has now turned his attention to sharing his story through the written word. From his pen to type by daughter, Debra Stallings Rollins. From type to publication by Catch the Spirit of Appalachia, "A Path From Tobacco Road" is now at City Lights Bookstore, 3 Jackson Street, in Sylva.

## Arts Council releases 'River of Words'

The Arts Council of Macon County announced the publication of "River of Words," the first edition of its Three Rivers Review series at the Scottish-Celtic Muisic concert Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church. The concert featured the music of fiddler Andrew Finn Magill.

An anthology of author-selected excerpts from the published works of two dozen Macon County writers, "River of Words" features varied writing styles and genres.

Themes range from a murder mystery, stories of adventure, inspiration, animal delights, melancholy mischief, the famous and the infamous, unrequited love, unabashed abuse, coming home, facing death and living life to the fullest.

Three Rivers Review "River of Words" has been a year-long labor of love, designed to promote local authors by exposing them to a wider readership and to allow community members and visitors to sample the



Pictured (L-R) are Henrietta Haithcock, Jeannie Chamber, Lee Lyons Claire Suminski, Marne Dunkle, (back) Matthew Baker, who are some of the writers featured in the Arts Council sponsored publication Three Rivers Review "River of Words."



Andrew Finn Magill performed a concert of Scottish-Celtic music as part of the Taste of Scotland celebration held in Franklin. Photo by Betsy Gooder

works of many writers in one publication. It is a continuation of and tribute to the mission of *The Wayah Review*, a 1980 Arts Council publication edited by the late Barbara McRae. The three rivers mentioned in the title are the Cullasaja, Little Tennessee, and Nantahala Rivers that come together in Macon County and are representative of all the county's areas, people and culture.

"River of Words" is dedicated to Maude Bivins, a charter and sustaining member of the Arts Council of Macon County, who died in 2019, leaving a generous bequest to benefit this and all the Council's future endeavors. Free copies of "River of Words" are available at Macon County's Public Libraries, the Uptown Gallery on Franklin's Main Street, the Arts Council office above Outdoor 76, and other locations. Contact the Council for details and more pick-up locations, arts4all@dnet.net or 828-524-ARTS.

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# Mountain Voices returns with summer concert next Thursday

After a two-year hiatus, Mountain Voices is announcing its upcoming summer concert which will be held on Thursday, June 30, 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Avenue, Franklin. This performance is free, and all are welcome and invited to attend.

Mountain Voices was formed in 2015 and has held summer and Christmas concerts each year until Covid-19 stopped gatherings. This year's musical selections include show tunes, pop music, gospel songs, and patriotic numbers. The chorus is under the direction of Beverly Barnett and is accompanied by Mary Pittman on piano as well as other local instrumentalists who complete the band.

Mountain Voices is a 50-voice mixed community chorus with members from Franklin, Dillard, Scaly Mountain and Rabun Gap.

The event is free but donations are appreciated to offset the cost of music and are tax deductible as allowed by the IRS for this 501(c)3 organization. If you like to sing or want more information about Mountain Voices, email [mountainvoiceswnc@gmail.com](mailto:mountainvoiceswnc@gmail.com) or visit [facebook.com/Mountain-Voices-875849255839858](https://www.facebook.com/Mountain-Voices-875849255839858).



## Rewind House Band at Concerts on the Creek Friday, June 24 in Sylva

The 13th annual season of Concerts on the Creek continues on Friday, June 24, when The Rewind House Band hits the Bridge Park stage in Sylva from 7-9 p.m.

This week, Concerts on the Creek welcomes special guest Professor Whizzpop to entertain the children in attendance with bubbles, balloons, and magic. Food trucks will also be available.

Based in Asheville, N.C., The Rewind House Band has enjoyed the honor of supporting the likes of the Beach Boys, The Temptations, Gary Puckett, The Rascals, Ambrosia, The Drifters, Kansas, and more. The band is proud to have played in front of thousands of music lovers. With a playlist that spans four decades of hits, the dance

floor is a popular place when the Rewind House Band comes around. And if you're not one to dance, you're sure to be singing along.

Concerts on the Creek are held from 7-9 p.m. Fridays from through Labor Day at the Bridge Park in Sylva. These free, family-friendly events are organized by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Sylva and the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department.

Bring a chair or blanket. Donations are greatly appreciated. No smoking or coolers allowed. Dogs must be on a leash.

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Rewind House Band and Professor Whizzpop

## BPR announce live broadcast for opening night at Brevard Music Center June 24

Brevard Music Center (BMC) and Blue Ridge Public Radio (BPR) announce the live broadcast of Opening Night! on Friday, June 24.

The performance opens Brevard Music Center's core symphonic programming for the 2022 Summer Festival Season, and through this new partnership with BPR may be heard by audiences across Western North Carolina on BPR News, BPR Classic and online at [bpr.org](http://bpr.org).

"It is absolutely thrilling to begin the 2022 Brevard Music Festival season with a live broadcast on Blue Ridge Public Radio. This is the perfect way to celebrate Opening Night! while serving our community," said Mark Weinstein, BMC President and CEO. "It is also the perfect way to celebrate the arrival of new leadership at BPR. Please join us in welcoming BPR's new GM and CEO, Jeffrey Pope. We look forward to developing and sharing new programs together in collaboration with BPR—stay tuned."

This will be the first live broadcast from BMC's campus in more than a decade and the first ever Opening Night! broadcast. Led by BMC Resident Conductor Ken Lam, Opening Night! features Mussorgsky's showpiece "Pictures at an Exhibition," Respighi's tone poem "Fountains of Rome," and pianist Conrad Tao.

Recognized by The New York Times as an artist of "probing intellect and open-hearted

vision," Brevard favorite Tao returns to the stage at BMC to perform Rachmaninoff's "Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini."

Opening Night! takes place Friday, June 24 at 7:30 PM in Whittington-Pfohl Auditorium on campus at Brevard Music Center. The live broadcast program on BPR begins at 7 p.m., on Friday, June 24, with insider interviews and information hosted by BPR's Anastasia Marie.



Pianist Conrad Tao

"Blue Ridge Public Radio has long believed that the performing arts in Western North Carolina are integral to making our region unique," said Jeffrey Pope, BPR's CEO and General Manager. "This is why it is so important ... to partner with the Brevard Music Center to bring world class programming from our very own backyard to everyone in our listening area. Here's to a bright future of BPR and BMC collaborations!"



# Highlands Motoring Festival for charity still going strong since 2008



The vision for Highlands Motoring Festival was conceived in 2007, at a lunch table after a meeting of The Rotary Club of Highlands. The mission was to contribute to local charities and the Highlands business community by attracting automotive enthusiasts to the area. The Highlands Motoring Foundation, a 501(c)(3), was incorporated.

The inaugural event took place in September 2008 with 114 cars in attendance. The show venue was created by blocking off Pine Street and utilizing the Kelsey Hutchinson Park and the parking lots of Bank of America and Entegra Bank. The cooperation of the Town of Highlands and both banks made the event possible.

The Highlands Motoring Festival has grown from a one-day car show to a four-day and evening festival to become one of the South's most popular automotive events and was voted Best Concours by *Classic Motorsports Magazine* in 2019.

From the beginning all net proceeds have been donated to many local charities including the Hudson Library, the Rotary Club of Highlands, Cashiers-Highlands Humane Society, and the Emergency Council. In recent years, the beneficiaries have been three human needs based groups: REACH of Macon County, the Community Care Clinic, and the Literacy and the Learning Center of Highlands. Over the years, the festival has raised more than \$300,000 for local charities. The festival operates as an all-volunteer organization, with no paid staff.

*Submitted by Brittney Lofthouse*






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# Deaths & Funerals

## Cheryl Walker Smoot

Cheryl Walker Smoot, 79, passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022. She was born March 9, 1943, in Chicago, Ill., to the late Walter Walker and Hattie Larbecki Walker. She has spent the past 20 years in Franklin, N.C., and previously was employed by Walmart in Franklin. She loved going to thrift shops and thought of the Goodwill employees as her family. She was of the Catholic faith.

She is survived by her son, David Smoot (Margaret) of Franklin; a daughter, Kimberly Kausler (Richard) of Franklin; two grandchildren, Sydney Potts and Skyler Potts; and her beloved cat Joey.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her late husband, Earl A. Smoot III and her sister, June Hefferan.

A memorial service will be held at a later date.

Online condolences at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Smoot family.

## John Cook Taggart

John Cook Taggart, 81, passed away on June 19, 2022, after an extended illness. A private graveside service will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.moffittfunerals.com](http://www.moffittfunerals.com).

## Michelle Denise Lane

Michelle Denise Lane, 56, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Wednesday, June 15, 2022. She was born Aug. 2, 1965, in Flint, Mich., to the late Clyde Burnett and Mildred Cook Burnett.

She had a heart full of love and fire. She was one of a kind and bounced to the beat of her own drum. She loved and spent most of her time with her grandchildren. That was where she was the happiest. They were her world and there was nothing she would not do for them. She was a lover of the arts and music especially, but if you've seen one of her paintings, you'd know she had a secret talent. Pink was her favorite color, and her favorite place was being at the ocean. Year round you could catch her grilling on her favorite smoker feeding all her family wonderful meals. She was a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother. Although her time here was cut short, she lived and extremely full life always making the most out of each moment. She was the life of the party who never quite learned how to whisper.

She is survived by her husband, Cecil Dale Lane; her son, Justin Law; her daughter, Alicia Chastain; and four grandchildren, Robert, Tuli, Allison and Luci.

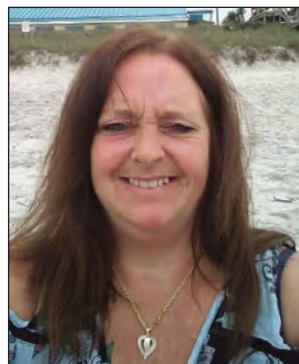
A celebration of life for Michelle will be held Saturday June 25, from 7 to 9 p.m., at Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Lane family.

Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).



Cheryl Walker Smoot



Michelle Denise Lane

## Mervyn Vincent Davies

Mervyn Vincent Davies, 76, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Saturday, June 18, 2022.

Born in South Africa, he was the son of the late Edward John and Mary Thompson Campbell Davies. He was affectionally known to many as "Merv" or "Big Merv." He was a former owner and publisher of the *Temecula Rancho News* in California. It was there where he developed his passion for photography. While in California, he also owned the Temecula Saloon. He was well known in our area for his incredible wallpaper hanging abilities.

He served his country in the United States Marines. His hobbies included motorcycle riding, wine tasting, bird watching, feeding the squirrels, and traveling the western coastline on his motorcycle. His family has said that he was "A California man that became a mountain man."

He is survived by four children, Lauren Matthews (Richard) of Tallahassee, Fla., Samantha Davies-Smith of Wilmington, Del., Kerri Willett of Austin, Texas, and Preston Davies (Katie) of Weaverville, N.C.; and three grandchildren, Isabella "Bella" Willett of Colorado, Greyson Willett of Austin, Texas, and Quinn Davies of Weaverville; siblings, Denise Kleynhans (Lars) of Toronto, Canada, Ian Davies (Holly) of Manahawkin, N.J., Cynthia "Cindy" Rose (Flemming) of Pansippany, N.J., and Cyril Davies (Tammy) of Newton, N.J.; five nieces and eight nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, June 25, at 11 a.m., at Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Greg Rogers will officiate. Military Honors will be provided by the American Legion Post 108 and VFW Post 7339.

The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

A private burial will be held at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Black Mountain at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Charles George VA Medical Center 1100 Tunnel Road, Asheville NC 28805 Attention: Voluntary Services (Hospice).

Online condolences at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Mervyn Vincent Davies

## Imogene Ledbetter Justice

Imogene Ledbetter Justice, 88, passed away Monday, June 13, 2022. She was born Jan. 2, 1934, in Macon County, N.C., to the late Robert Ledbetter and Ethel Rhodes Ledbetter. She was married to the late Howell Justice who preceded her in 2007.

She loved to do many projects, painting pictures, crocheting, quilting, and cooking good country dishes. She loved her family and was loved by many people. She was a member of Union United Methodist Church serving in the choir, and as a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include her son, Steven M. Justice of Franklin, N.C.; a granddaughter, Hallie Driver and husband, Bill; three great grandchildren, Joshua Scott, Emery Driver, and Owen Driver; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a daughter, Elaine J. Scott.

A funeral service was held Saturday, June 18, at the Union United Methodist Church with Rev. Janet Greene officiating. Burial followed in the Hickory Knoll Methodist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Vance Ledbetter, Nathan Ledbetter, Matt Ledbetter, Bill Driver, Harold Justice, Doug Cabe and Gene McDonald.

Online condolences at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).

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



Imogene Justice

## James G. 'Jim' Wrinn

James G. "Jim" Wrinn, 61, died peacefully at his Brookfield, Wisc., home on March 30 after a courageous, year-long battle with pancreatic cancer.

A native of Franklin, N.C., he was the only child of John and Kate Wrinn. He served in World War II. Upon returning home from the war, he became an agricultural agent. Kate was elected to and served as Macon County Clerk of Court from 1950-62 until she retired to become a full-time mother to Jim.

He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in journalism and political science. While there, he worked as a reporter and editor for the student newspaper, *The Daily Tar Heel*. For almost 20 years after college, he was a reporter for several North Carolina newspapers including a long career at the *Charlotte Observer*. In 2004, upon being named editor of *Trains* magazine, the world's largest-circulation railroad periodical, he moved north to Milwaukee, Wisc.

A lifelong railroad enthusiast, he was active in many rail-preservation projects throughout his life including his favorite Shay geared engine Nbr 1925. He was a volunteer and leader at the North Carolina Transportation Museum for nearly four decades. He authored several books on railroads. Through his hard work and generous spirit, he touched the lives of countless thousands of rail professionals and hobbyists.

He is survived by his railroad-loving journalist wife Cate Kratville-Wrinn; beloved dog Millie; several cousins in Franklin including Michelle (Steve) Green; Anna Green; AnnaJane Carson (John Warren); Jane (Bill) Hopper; Barry Downs; as well as South Carolina cousins Frank Myers; Claire Myers (Tricia Higgins); Stephanie O'Dell; Rebecca (Richard) Dobbins; Carl (Dianne) Myers; Anne O'Dell (Danny Ernest); Mary Lucy O'Dell; and many other cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation at P.O. Box 44, Spencer, N.C. 28159, or at [www.nctrans.org](http://www.nctrans.org), and specify "Graham County #1925 - Jim Wrinn" on your donation.



James G. Wrinn

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# Todd Gilliland delivers early Father's Day present with win at Knoxville Raceway

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

KNOXVILLE, Iowa—Moonlighting in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series, Todd Gilliland took control of Saturday night's Clean Harbors 150 after the sun set on Knoxville Raceway.

Gilliland grabbed the lead from John Hunter Nemechek for the final time on Lap 140 of 150 and pulled away after a restart on Lap 147 to beat Nemechek to the finish line by .945 seconds and win in his first start of the season and for the third time in his career.

On the eve of Father's Day, during an off week for his full-time NASCAR Cup Series ride with Front Row Motorsports, Gilliland delivered the victory for his father and team owner, David Gilliland.

"This will make tomorrow a lot more fun," said Gilliland, who plans to enjoy brunch and play golf with his father on Sunday. "The Cup Series is tough, just racing every single week. I've had like a million people ask me, 'Is this really what you want to do on your off week?'"

"Absolutely. Nothing beats racing. I tell everyone I'm young, and I wish I could do this every single week of the year... I love the trucks. I ran here forever, it felt like. So to be able to come back and to get one, it's so special."

In winning the race, Gilliland fulfilled his father's wish.

"I told him when the race started, all I want for Father's Day is that trophy," David Gilliland said. "We'll be taking it home on the plane with us."

But the race wasn't decided until the sun also set on the dominant truck of Carson Hocevar.

Still recovering from a broken right tibia sustained two weeks ago at St. Louis, Hocevar took the lead from pole winner Derek Kraus on the first lap and didn't relinquish it until his engine expired after a restart on Lap 66.

"I'm blowing up," exclaimed Hocevar on the team radio before bringing his No. 42 Niece Motorsports to a stop high in Turn 1. "No oil pressure—totally freakin' bit. Unbelievable!"

Coincidentally, the engine in the No. 41 Niece Chevrolet driven by Tyler Carpenter failed on the exact same lap. Carpenter had earned his series-debut ride by winning the Super Late Model division at the Gateway Dirt Nationals in St. Louis in December.

Hocevar's abrupt exit handed the lead to Gilliland, who held it from Lap 66 through the conclusion of Stage 2 on Lap 90.

Brett Moffitt, Grant Enfinger, Kaz Grala and Buddy Kofoid opted not to pit during the second stage break and restarted from the top four spots on lap 92. Moffitt charged to a comfortable lead but was black-flagged for accelerating before the restart zone.

The penalty for the infraction—a drive through the pit area—dropped Moffitt to 21st in the running order and gave the lead to Enfinger, who held the top spot for 10 laps before Gilliland regained the point on Lap 102.

Nemechek took the lead on the restart lap and held it until Gilliland regained it 17 circuits later.

Gilliland is the 11th different winner in the 11 dirt-track



Todd Gilliland, driver of the #17 Frontline Enterprises Ford, hoists the trophy after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Clean Harbors 150 at Knoxville Raceway on June 18, 2022 in Knoxville, Iowa. At left, drivers prepare for the start of Saturday's race. Photo by Kyle Rivas/Getty Images



Keselowski won the NASCAR Cup Series race at Pocono. In the four races immediately after his injury, he posted two victories, a second and a third.

Carson Hocevar seems poised to accomplish the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series' version of Keselowski's remarkable run.

After breaking his right tibia in a crash at World Wide Technology Raceway on June 4, the driver of the No. 42 Niece Motorsports Chevrolet underwent surgery. On the following Friday, he put his Silverado on the pole for Saturday's race at Sonoma.

Hocevar crashed at the end of his pole-winning lap, started from the rear after repairs and gave way to relief driver Daniel Suarez, who brought the truck home in sixth.

races in the history of the NASCAR Truck Series.

Zane Smith finished third on Saturday, followed by Ty Majeski and Stewart Friesen, who was a contender for the win until a cut tire on the final lap of Stage 1 dropped him to 22nd in the running order.

Kraus, Matt Crafton, Enfinger, Tyler Ankrum and Ben Rhodes completed the top 10. Nemechek regained the series lead by five points over Rhodes.

Injury hasn't slowed Carson Hocevar one iota. Shades of Brad Keselowski.

Remember when the current co-owner/driver at Roush Fenway Keselowski Racing suffered a broken left ankle in a crash during testing at Road Atlanta in 2011?

A week later, after hobbling to his car on crutches,



Carson Hocevar, driver of the #42 Worldwide Express Chevrolet, waits on crutches in the pit before the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Clean Harbors 150 Practice at Knoxville Raceway on June 17, 2022 in Knoxville, Iowa.





Fans stand for the national anthem before the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Clean Harbors 150 at Knoxville Raceway on June 18, 2022 in Knoxville, Iowa.

On Friday at Knoxville Raceway, Hocevar topped the speed chart in final practice after posting the third-fastest lap in the opening session.

Hocevar drove the same truck he powered to a second-place finish on the Bristol Dirt Track in April.

“It seems like every time our No. 42 team goes to a dirt track, we have success or moments of success,” Hocevar said. “We won our heat race last year at Knoxville and led a lot of laps, and at Bristol Dirt back in April we led the second-most laps in a second-place effort.”

**The time has finally come for dirt late model star Tyler Carpenter**

Tyler Carpenter collected the first-place check for his victory in the Super Late Model Division at the Gateway Dirt Nationals in St. Louis in December, but he had to wait more than six months for the second—and more highly anticipated—part of his prize.

With the win, Carpenter also earned a ride in Niece Motorsports’ No. 41 Chevrolet for Saturday night’s Clean Harbors 150 at Knoxville Raceway.

“I’m more excited than you can imagine about racing in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series this weekend,” said the 31-year-old from Parkersburg, West Virginia. “It’s something that you dream about being a part of when you’re younger—or any event that’s NASCAR-associated.”

Carpenter was 17th fastest in Friday’s opening practice for his series debut and 30th in Happy Hour, but he was 12th fastest in 10-lap average in the final session among the 24 drivers who ran 10 consecutive laps.

**NASCAR’s Busch Light Clash to Make Triumphant Return to Historic Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum**

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (June 12, 2022) – The roar of engines will fill the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum once again when NASCAR’s Busch Light Clash returns to the iconic venue in 2023. Following the resounding success of the inaugural event, the exhibition race will return to the quarter-mile race track to begin the 2023 season on February 5th on FOX.

“Our entire industry made a bold move by bringing the Busch Light Clash to the L.A. Coliseum this past February and it paid off by becoming an instant classic with both new and existing fans,” said Ben Kennedy, Senior Vice President, Racing Development and Strategy. “We are intent on showcasing our sport and drivers on the biggest stage and there is none bigger than the L.A. Coliseum. We’re thrilled to return to the heart of Los Angeles to officially start the season and set the stage for the Daytona 500.”

The Busch Light Clash at the Coliseum will be broadcasted live on FOX and will serve as a star-studded prelude to the DAYTONA 500 two weeks later. The exhibition also serves as the first of three visits to California with NASCAR’s premier series also visiting Auto Club Speedway and Sonoma Raceway in 2023. The remainder of next season’s NASCAR Cup Series schedule, including dates, will be announced at a later date.

“With more than four million viewers, and really breaking through in a pop culture mecca like Los Angeles, the inaugural Clash at the Coliseum did everything it was intended to do and then some,” said Bill Wanger, FOX Sports EVP, Head of Programming and Scheduling. “It energized the sport, delivered new eyeballs and kicked off the season in grand fashion. We can’t wait to do it all again in 2023.”

The 2022 Busch Light Clash was an incredible success, boldly transforming the exhibition into a national spectacle. The race delivered on its broad-scale interest with new and existing fans, as approximately 70% of ticket buyers were attending their first NASCAR race. The event was the highest viewed Busch Light Clash since 2016 and featured more than 30 corporate sponsors, none more prominent than NASCAR Premier Partner Busch Light.

“For decades, Busch Light has been a passionate supporter of NASCAR, and it is through races like The 2022 Busch Light Clash that we are able to bring unmatched motorsports experiences to our fans,” said Krystyn Stowe Head of Marketing for Busch Family Brands at Anheuser-Busch. “This race provides a unique opportunity for us to engage with both new and lifelong fans in markets where demand for Busch Light is growing.”

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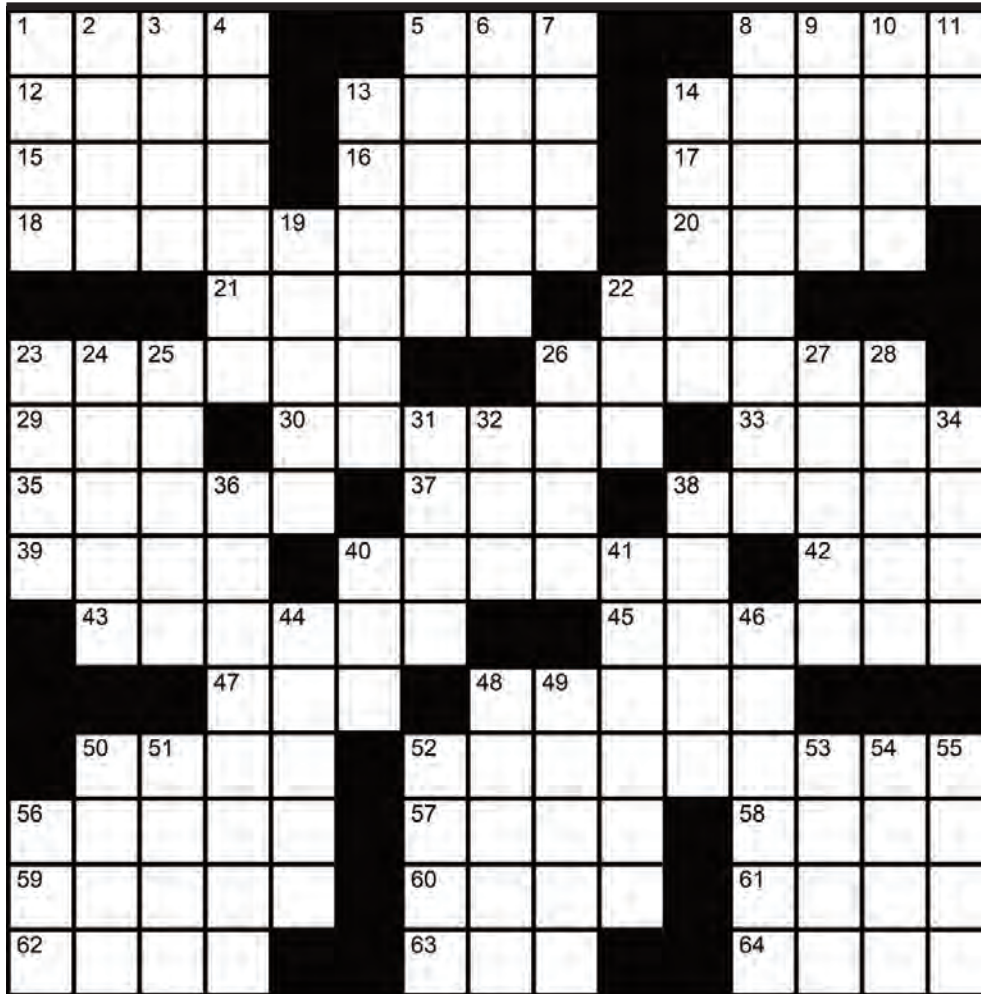
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THEME: AT THE BEACH

ACROSS

1. Like a certain eagle
5. \*Beach-goer's protective acronym
8. "To \_\_\_ and to hold"
12. Arabian bigwig
13. Indian lentil staple
14. Wild West grazer
15. TV prize
16. Between Illinois and Nebraska
17. Quick and light on one's feet
18. \*Wooden walkway by the beach
20. Not this
21. Unwritten examinations
22. Cherry middle
23. Relating to a rib
26. \*Beach suit type
29. Kanye's genre
30. Pool hall mishap
33. 52 cards
35. \*Sunny Dutch Caribbean vacation destination
37. Be unwell
38. Eagle's home
39. Precedes carotene?
40. Twisted or meandered
42. Chill, with 'out'
43. Seat by day, bed by night
45. Modifies
47. \*Just out of the water
48. Parallel grooves
50. Arrival times
52. \*Wave rider
56. Nitrogen, in the olden days
57. In \_\_\_ of
58. Hipbones
59. Parcel of land
60. Et alibi
61. Auctioneer's exclamation





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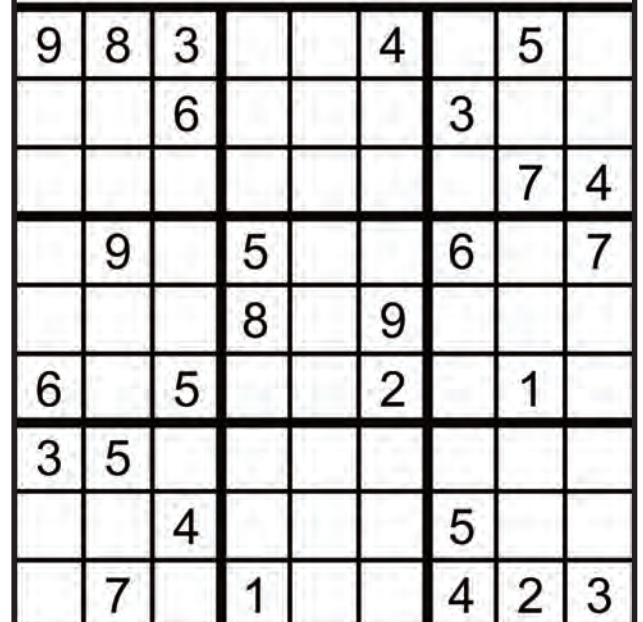
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2021	Tesla	Model 3 Standard Range Plus	15,196
2021	Traverse	LT AWD	17,994
2020	Chevrolet	Corvette 3LT	8,263
2020	Jaguar	XE AWD	5,214
2019	Nissan	Sentra SV	15,009
2019	Buick	Enclave	24,669
2019	Toyota	Corolla LE	11,095
2019	Volkswagen	Beetle	42,676
2018	Camaro	SS	23,515
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox	53,520
2018	Chevrolet	Cruze	34,692
2018	Cruze	LS	25,170
2018	Focus	SE	44,403
2018	Traverse	LT AWD	95,105
2015	Nissan	Altima 2.5 S	59,261
2015	Mustang	GT	45,724
2014	Challenger	SRT8 Core	29,436
2014	Chevrolet	Cruze	113,152
2014	Ford	Focus SE	84,984
2009	BMW	i28	86,081
2008	Corvette	Coupe	9,007
1990	Corvette		125,701

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2021	Grand Cherokee	L	13,279
2021	Ford	Bronco Badlands AWD	1,237
2021	Tahoe	LT	16,432
2020	Grand Cherokee	Trailhawk	26,226

2020	Cadillac	Escalade Premium Luxury	7,309
2020	GMC	Acadia AT4	28,261
2019	Cadillac	XT5	14,462
2019	Chevrolet	Equinox Premier AWD	34,109
2019	Chevrolet	Tahoe LT	46,162
2019	GMC	Yukon XL Denali	63,696
2019	Land Rover	Range Rover Sport HSE Dynamic	37,751
2019	GMC	Terrain	63,316
2018	Chevrolet	Tahoe	84,386
2018	Ford	Explorer	69,517
2018	Forerunner	TRD Sport	65,055
2018	Grand Cherokee	4x4	48,031
2018	Kia	Soul	58,573
2017	Rogue	SV	58,866
2017	Toyota	RAV4 LE	83,441
2016	Sorento	LX	112,933
2015	Chevrolet	Equinox LTZ AWD	107,485
2015	Jeep	Wrangler Unlimited Altitude	39,030
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2014	Ford	Explorer 4x4	68,342
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2021	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	5,822
2021	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	8,432
2021	Colorado	Z-71	12,912
2021	Jeep	Gladiator	2,054
2021	Ram	2500 Tradesman	3,647

2021	Toyota	Tacoma TRD Off-Road	8,507
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2020	Chevrolet	2500	30,233
2020	Chevrolet	Colorado ZR-2	36,463
2020	Chevrolet	Colorado	31,506
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado	52,944
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 High Country	22,601
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2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	31,379
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500 SLT	44,668
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2016	Chevrolet	1500 LT Crew	118,872
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