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The Macon County Recreation park pool is the place to be on a hot day in July and dozens of kids, parents and caregivers took advantage of the opportunity to cool off. The pool is open Monday through Friday, 12 noon to 6 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults; children 5 and under \$2. **Photo by Vickie Carpenter** 

# Virginia woman drowns in the Nantahala

**Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer** 

Saturday afternoon shortly after 2 p.m., Graham County dispatch received a call regarding a possible drowning incident along the Nantahala River. The call was transferred to Macon County as the location as identified align Wayah Road in Topton. Emergency personnel from both Swain and Macon counties responded and pulled 41-year-old Alicia A Monahan from the Nantahala River.

Monahan was a firefighter-paramedic with the Chesterfield County Fire and EMS in Virginia and was assigned to Engine 207-B. Monahan was off duty and in the area teaching a swift water rescue class when what emergency personnel are referring to as a "catastrophic accident" occurred. Monahan was an 11-plus year veteran firefighter and the mother of two sons.

Chesterfield County Fire and EMS is saddened to announce the death of Firefighter Alicia A. Monahan, assigned to Engine 207-B shift who unexpectedly passed away this afternoon while off duty.

"Our hearts and prayers go out to Alicia's family, friends, and co-workers during this very difficult time," the Chester-

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# Town of Franklin announces plans for its July 4th Celebration

Franklin's annual 4th of July Celebration kicks off Monday, July 4th with its traditional patriotic parade at 11 a.m.

"Franklin's July 4th celebration is a true, small town American experience. The Town Council and employees are planning a Fourth that is open to everyone-veterans, children, residents, visitors, and even pets—to have the opportunity to take part in the parade and all activities as we celebirthday. It is a celebrabecomes a participant-not just a specta-

tor," said Mayor Jack Horton.

The activities begin with the parade lineup at 10:30 a.m. in the lower-level parking lot at Town Hall.

"Franklin hosts one of the few parades in the country that visitors can actually participate in," said Town Manager Amie Owens. "If you would like to be part of the parade, be in the lower parking lot of Town Hall at 10:30am for lineup."

Entrants can walk, drive or ride and are encouraged to don red, white, and blue. Patriotic colors for pets are also encrouraged.

The Parade will travel down Main Street,

turn right on Iotla Street, and disband back at Town Hall.

"We are glad to bring back one of our July 4th traditions in Franklin this year. Following the parade, we will be serving free cold watermelon as long as it lasts," said Owens.

Also, after the parade, more free treats will be offered to those attending.

"New this year to the July 4th event will be



brate our nation's 246th birthday. It is a celebration where everyone becomes a participle and free watermelon.

Planned July 4 festivities in downtown franklin include a patriotic parade, a Miss & Mr. Firecracker contest, a Patriotic Pet contest and free watermelon.

free Fireworks Popsicles from Carolina Ice Cream and free Kona Ice. These will be available to the first 200 in line following the parade."

Other fun activities planned include free contests for youngsters and pets. The

Little Miss & Mr. Firecracker Contest is open to all girls and boys ages 3 to 6. It is patriotic in nature with entrants judged on

their patriotic attire and one simple question. No registration or entry fee is required for this family-friendly contest.

Following will be the Patriotic Pet Contest, so deck your pets out in red, white, and blue for this fun event.

Both events are free, and no preregistration is required. Just be at the gazebo stage at 11:30 for the contests.

bringing a variety of music for those attending including Rhythm & Blues and Reggae. Paradise 56 will perform until 2 p.m.

Activities will then take a breather as the Town of Franklin prepares for Fireworks Over Franklin produced by Hale Artificier, Inc., of Lexington, NC.

Fireworks Over Franklin is an all-aerial show that will feature hundreds of fireworks with more than 250 shells in the grand finale alone.

A perimeter around the site will be secured and spectators will not be allowed to park or walk close to the launching site. Note that any unauthorized vehicles in the

safety zone will be towed.

"Plans are to have a test fireworks shell fired at 9 p.m. and 9:15 p.m. These test shells will help those who want to view the display determine if they might need to move to a different location for better viewing," Owens said. "You will be able to view the display from many different locales in East Franklin and even from Town Hill."

Prior to the fireworks display, the

Town of Franklin will host a live radio broadcast on WFSC Radio beginning at 8:30 p.m. At 9:30 p.m. WFSC will air a patriotic

soundtrack to accompany the fireworks display. Tune car radios to 104.9 FM for both the live broadcast and fireworks soundtrack.

"The Town of Franklin is certainly very pleased to host these events for our residents and visitors as we begin to return to normal during the pandemic," Mayor Horton said.

For additional information call (828) 524-2516 or online at Townof-FranklinNC.com or follow on Facebook @FranklinNCEvents.



Then around noon, live music will be on

the stage at the Gazebo on the Square featur-

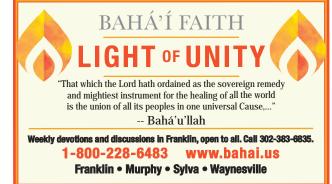
ing the popular local band, Paradise 56,











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# DROWNING

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field County Fire and EMS said in a statement.

Macon County Emergency Management documents show the call came in and reported an individual in distress face down in the water. Nantahala Fire and Rescue arrived and were able to remove Monahan from the water near the Patton's Run Overlook in Topton. CPR was immediately administered.

According to Macon County Emergency Management Director Warren Cabe, Macon County EMS transported Monahan to Swain County Community Hospital where life saving measures continued. Officials then reported that resuscitation efforts were unsuccessful.

Monahan was also a member of the Virginia Search and Rescue Dog Association.

"VSRDA is mourning the loss of our teammate, Alicia Monahan, who suffered a catastrophic accident earlier today while instructing students during a swift water rescue course in North Carolina," reads the statement on social media. "Alicia was more than a teammate she was also a personal friend to many of us and this loss is unimaginable. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Alicia's two sons, her fiancée, her family, as well as her many friends and co-workers. Alicia was a wonderful, caring person... a beautiful, bright light went out today and our hearts are broken."





Alicia Monahan

# **CLARIFICATIONS** & CORRECTIONS

In last week's issue of *The Macon County News* about the construction of a walking trail at the Appalachian Animal Rescue Center, it was stated that the trail would be open to the public. AARC board president Cathy Howman clarified that the trail would not be open to the public and would be used by employees and volunteers to walk dogs.

Mountain Voices was scheduled to resume its concert schedule this Thursday, June 30, but has had to cancel due a Covid case found in the group. The concert will be rescheduled for August.

# **Hunter's Automotive**



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# Uptown Gallery seeks application for veterans portraits

Deena C. Bouknight - Contributing Writer

For the last nine years, Macon County Art Association at Uptown Gallery on Main Street has presented veterans' portraits in celebration of Veteran's Day. Family members, friends, artists, and the public gather for the unveiling of portraits representing servicemen from the Navy and Army. Some served in World War II, while others were enlisted in the 1960s or 1970s.

Ten local artists volunteer their time to paint the portraits, and Karen Smith, chair for the Macon County Art Association Veterans Portrait Painting Project, located at the Uptown Gallery on Main Street in Franklin, explained that nine karen@programservices.org.

more veterans are needed to fill out an application to be selected "to have their service photo (or any photo of the vet during their time in the service) painted at no cost. All we ask is that they participate in our presentation event on Veteran's Day at the Uptown Gallery after the Veteran's Day Parade."

Veterans or their families can pick up an application at Uptown Gallery and bring it back by July 30. Part of the application process involves the veteran or family member writing a 150-200 word service-focused biography and providing a photo.

Questions can be directed to Smith by emailing her at

# Franklin Family Practice Gustav C. Wilde, MD

Dear Friends,

By now, you have undoubtedly heard of my upcoming retirement from Franklin Family Practice on July 11. I would like to share a few thoughts with you.

When I first interviewed here in 1993 (remember THE Blizzard?!?), I distinctly remember the warmth and friendliness of everyone I met, and I thought Franklin would be a good to place practice medicine and raise our family. I have not been disappointed.

I wish I had the words to express to each of you my profound and heartfelt gratitude for the privilege of caring for you and your families for the past 28 years. What an honor it has been to share with you soe of life's most important and memorable moments... the joy of welcoming a new life into this world as well as the pain and sorrow of saying good bye to a loved one. Thank you for allowing us to share these special times with you.

Through our countless visits over the years, each of you have not only left me with many warm memories but also have taught me so very much about life. By your examples, you have shown me the true meaning of faith, strength and courage in the face of adversity. I will also add gratitude, as you never failed to thank us for your care.

None of the would have been possible without my loyal, devoted staff of Melissa, Joy, Brenda and Evelyn. They are without a doubt the most caring and hardworking people I have ever known. I'll never know how they put up with me for 28 years.

Although I certainly have mixed feelings about stepping down, one the is crystal clear... that is the optimism and enthusiasm I feel for my successor, Dr. Timothy Bleckley. He grew up here in Macon County, graduated from Franklin High School and has now chosen to return to care for his community, just as Drs. Adam Burrell and Matt Corbin have done. I have so much admiration and respect for these three guys, as each of them could have chosen to practice elsewhere, in a more lucrative and less demanding setting. I have no doubt he and the staff will continue the tradition of compassionate, quality care.

So again, a sincere THANK YOU to each of you who have made the past 28 years the most rewarding and enjoyable career I could have ever imagined. Now, I just need to figure our what I'm going to do when I grow up!

- Gustav C. Wilde, MD

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# Fish for free in N.C. July 4

On July 4, anglers of any age or residency status will be allowed to fish without a license in North Carolina from  $12\ a.m.-11:59\ p.m.$  Free Fishing Day, sponsored by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, is an annual event that was authorized by the N.C. General Assembly in 1994 and always falls on July 4.

Anglers are required to follow fishing regulations, such as length and daily possession limits, and bait and tackle restrictions. The Wildlife Commission's website, ncwildlife.org, is a valuable resource for regulations, tips about where and what to fish, and the state's Tackle Loaner Program.

"The interactive fishing and boating maps on the agency's website list more than 500 fishing and boating areas that are open to the public, and many of which that are free. Also, the Wildlife Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state to give anglers a better chance of catching fish. Stocking information can also be found on the agency's website."

Anglers should remember that boating areas likely will be crowded over the busy holiday weekend. Wildlife officials urge boaters to be patient, courteous and follow the boating etiquette tips below:

- Be patient and remain calm until an open parking space is available.
- Wait your turn in the launch line. Don't block or cut off others.
- Park your vehicle and trailer while someone moves the boat away from the ramp.
- Recruit someone to move the boat away from the ramp while you retrieve your vehicle and trailer.
  - Observe no-wake zones and be cautious.

While anyone can fish for free on July 4, a fishing license is required for people age 16 and older on all other days of the year.



# Cabe serves 21 years with Franklin Police Department

A retirement party was held Tuesday, June 28, at Franklin Town Hall for Dwayne Cabe, a 21-year-veteran of the Franklin Police Department. His career began as a Macon County 911 dispatch operator from 1991 to 1998. He left the dispatcher's office to work for Sheriff Homer Holbrooks as a deputy from 1998 to 2001. He then moved to the Franklin Police Department working under Chief Terry Bradley in 2001 where he completed his career in law enforcement. Cabe was presented with a plaque thanking him for his service and a set of wheels for his project car, a 1987 Mustang LX convertible. Cabe then turned around and gave a plaque to his wife Amy and his family thanking them for being by his side. In attendance were family, friends, and officers from the Franklin Police Department, Macon County Sheriff Department, Highlands Police Dept., Franklin Fire Dept., town employees and officials. Pictured are Cabe and his family, (L-R) Amber Wright, Randy Cabe, Christie Cabe, Dwayne Cabe, Dennis Cabe, Amy Cabers, Dwayne Cabers, Ellie Stewart, Dustin Cabe, Ashley Hall holding Gracie Hall and Joey Hall. Not pictured are sisters, Reba Bryson and Caryl Cooper.





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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2022	BMW	Alpina XB7	536
2022	BMW	530	240
2022	Chevrolet	Corvette 2LT	201
2022	Edge	Sport	101
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
SU	JVS		
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2021	Grand Cherokee	L	13,279
2021	Ford	<b>Bronco Badlands AWD</b>	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	<b>Equinox Premier AWD</b>	34,109
2019	Chevrolet	Tahoe LT	46,162
2019	GMC	Yukon XL Denali	63,696
2019	<b>Land Rover</b>	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	Sorrento	LX	112,933
2015	Chevrolet	Equinox LTZ AWD	107,485
2015	Jeep	<b>Wrangler Unlimited Altitude</b>	39,030
2015	Suburban	LT	92,352
2014	Ford	Explorer 4x4	68,342
2013	Ford	Escape SE AWD	89,455
2012	Chevrolet	Express 2500 VAN	160,946
2010	Wrangler	2DR	96,217

Tk	RUCKS		
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2022	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 LT Trail Bo	oss 651
2022	Ram	2500	5,273
2021	Chevrolet	1500 4x4	10,243
2021	Chevrolet	Colorado ZR-2	10,842
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
2021	Toyota	Tacoma 4WD	4,746
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
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 RST	90,498
2020	Ford	F-250	49,547
2020	GMC	Sierra 1500 AT4	15,588
2020	Ram	2500 Longhorn Diamond	23,286
2020	Toyota	Tacoma SR	12,448
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	30,903
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 3500 HC Dually	45,535
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 High Country	44,359
2019	Colorado	WT 4x4	6,261
2019	GMC	Sierra 1500	18,811
2019	Nissan	Frontier SV 4x4	60,592
2019	Toyota	Tacoma SR5	43,420
2019	Toyota	Tacoma TRD 4x4	43,577
2018	Chevrolet	Colorado Z-71	23,542
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	31,379
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500 SLT	44,668
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500 Denali	25,059
2017	GMC	Sierra 1500 SLT	61,657
2016	Chevrolet	1500 LT Crew	118,872
2016	GMC	Sierra SLT	61,530
2016	Ram	Diesel Crew 2500	60,495
2016	Toyota	Tacoma	127,336
2015	Chevrolet	Colorado	95,530
2014	Ram	1500 Sport Crew 4x4	107,828
2012	GMC	Sierra 2500 Diesal	192,749
2008	Avalanche	LTZ	66,581
2008	Colorado	LT 4x4	128,003
2006	Chevrolet	2500 Diesel	194,159



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# Greenway viewing platform planned to honor Barbara McRae

Deena C. Bouknight **Contributing Writer** 

Barbara McRae, a long-time community organizer, historian, writer, and more lost a long battle with cancer in March 2021, but her impact is still evident in Macon County.

Due to McRae's work on the Women's History Trail and the Nikwasi Initiative, as well as her involvement with Franklin Bird Club and Friends of the Greenway, discussions and the planning stage is underway to eventually build a viewing platform name in her honor that overlooks the wetlands at Big Bear Park in Franklin.

"Barbara had been involved from the beginning with both organizations [Franklin Bird Club; Friends of the Greenway - FROG]," said Rita St. Clair, a board member and the current secretary of Friends of the Greenway and a member of the Franklin Bird Club. "I worked along with Barbara on the various projects. It was well known that form to honor the late Barbara McRae. she had a special location where she spent many hours birding and photographing the many, many things she saw, such as



FROG board for several years and on An area overlooking wetlands at the Little Tennessee Greenway has been cleared for a future viewing plat-

plants, insects, butterflies, and just nature in general that interested her along the Greenway. We have selected one of her special locations to build a viewing platform so that others could begin to appreciate what she found so special in this natural landscape."

The platform is primarily the brainchild of Cathy and John Sill, nationally respected birders who are members of the Franklin Bird Club as well as members of the planning committee for the platform project. McRae, if stumped on a bird that she had photographed, often reached out to the Sills to learn more information.

"We knew Barbara for decades," said Cathy Sill. "She treasured those wetlands and spent hours there photographing the birds and plants. We felt it would be a good way to honor her."

Approximately eight people are involved in the planning committee for the platform project.

When she passed, McRae was the vice mayor of Franklin, and she had written thousands of columns for The Franklin Press, and contributed to history-related projects and publications. "She was such a visionary," said St. Clair. "Her ideas and questions just flowed from her. From her membership

on the Town Council, she passionately supported those projects that she felt embodied



that history and would make Franklin and Macon County special. And she was instrumental in the planning of the Greenway and writing the major grant for building the Little Tennessee River Greenway. Her love of nature and very inquisitive mind, with a camera in hand, found special plants, insects, butterflies, and birds that she always wanted to share with others. She was a guide in helping us better appreciate what the Greenway could offer anyone who took the time to look."

"She did so much for this community and gave herself selflessly and joyfully," added Cathy.

St. Clair explained that building has not begun and that fundraising is still underway. More than \$5,000 has been raised toward the construction; yet, the total cost of the platform has not been determined.

"The area has been partially cleared by FROG volunteers, but still needs to be enlarged," explained St. Clair. "We have had help with some preliminary engineering, but we have to have the area reviewed by the N.C. Corps of Engineers, as well as a design drawn and signed off on by a N.C. licensed engineer. Plus, permits must approved by the county. How we want it to look is complete, but finalizing costs is

She pointed out that the fundraising plan-

ning committee for the Barbara McRae viewing platform met for the first time June 23 to iron out some of the project's details. St. Clair added, "If the engineering, platform footings, and labor could come from volunteer sources, certainly that would help considerably.'

Another local project already bearing McRae's name is the Barbara McRae Cherokee Heritage Apple Trail, due to her discovery through research that apple husbandry and breeding was a common practice of the Cherokee who lived around Nikwasi [Noquisiyi]. The Nikwasi [Noquisiyi] Initiative, for which McRae was a founding member, imagined an apple orchard that would honor the original residents of this area and highlight their contribution to modern food and lifestyle.

The Barbara McRae Cherokee Heritage Apple Trail is located along the Little Tennessee River at the half-mile marker on the Macon County Greenway when entered from the Big Bear Pavilion. It is within walking distance of the Noquisiyi Mound.

Friends of the Greenway has established a special account for donations toward the viewing platform project. Checks noting "McRae Platform" in the subject line can be mailed to FROG Quarters, 573 E. Main Street in Franklin, or cash donations can be dropped off at FROG Quarters.







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# Finding the elusive native Mountain Camellia

Deena C. Bouknight Contributing Writer

For a few more days, hikers and botany enthusiasts can witness a rare sight: the flowers of a Stewartia ovata or what is more commonly known as a Mountain Camellia. Anyone who has lived in or visited states such as South Carolina and Alabama have witnessed during winter months the varied hue, sometimes striped or flecked, camellia blooms that last for several weeks. However, these are camellias native to Eastern and Southern Asia, most notably China, Japan, Korea, India, and Indonesia.

In contrast, the Mountain Camellia is completely native to some parts of Western North Carolina and North Georgia, and instead of a smaller bush with deep green leaves like the commonly cultivated camellias gracing southern gardens, the native Mountain Camellia is a large, ornamental, deciduous, willowy shrub or small tree. The



Biologist and botany enthusiast Jack Johnston educated a group of hikers on June 25 as he took them on a trek through a portion of the Chattahoochee National Forest to find the currently blooming native camellia.

plant can reach a height of 10 to 15 feet tall and 10 to 15 feet wide and can live to be 100 years old and older.

And what the Mountain Camellia exhibits during mid-June into the first part of July, typically, is large white or creamy petals with a range of filament colors from pink to even blue (see photo below). Sometimes the petal edges are slightly ruffled.

Biologist and botanist Jack Johnston recently took a group on a jaunt in the Chattahoochee National Forest, just over the line in Georgia, to look for the Mountain Camellias, which grow at elevations of around 2,400 feet or less. He explained that there are also some growing in the woods surrounding the Bartram Trail hike from Warwoman Dell to Pinnacle Knob; it is an eight-mile hike past two-tiered cascades at Martin Creek Falls and a climb to





The best way to find Mountain Camellias is to look for the spent blooms, or "litter" on the ground, then look up to find the plant.

a 180-degree vista.

Johnston instructed hikers on June 25 that Mountain Camellias are sometimes difficult to spot because they blend in with the currently blooming and plentiful rhododendrons. Yet, Mountain Camellias thrive in areas of forests with filtered light, as well as where red maples and white pines also grow.

"The best way to look for them is to look for the 'litter' [numerous spent blooms] all over the ground," said Johnston. "Then look up and you will see blooms still on the plant and that is a Mountain Camellia."

Sometimes finding them requires venturing off of a trail.

Johnston urged hikers not to damage or attempt to dig up the fragile native plant as it is almost impossible to grow around homes and most certainly will die if transplanted. He explained that they take many years to grow to maturity and need the exact nutrients and habitat where they are found in the woods.



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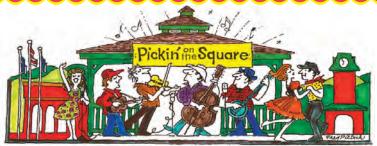
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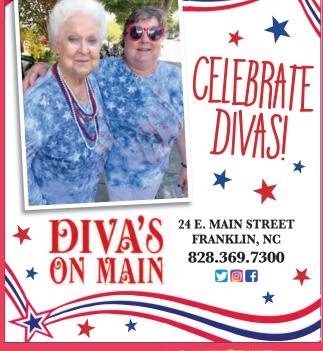
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# **News from the Legislature**

Rep. Karl E. Gillespie

The House returned to Raleigh on Monday, June 13, for a non-voting session. Several committee meetings convened on Tuesday, including: House Local Government, House Finance and House Wildlife Resources, the latter of which I am a committee member. Experts from the Wildlife Commission discussed the concerning discov-



Rep. Karl E. Gillespie

ery of Chronic Wasting Disease in the deer population of North Carolina.

Tuesday's session was a special occasion, as the House convened in the Old State Capitol. We held votes on several bills, including:

- HB83, Rev. Laws Tech., Clarifying & Admin. Changes, would make various technical, clarifying, and administrative changes to the revenue laws as recommended by the Department of Revenue. The House voted by voice vote to not concur with the Senate version of the bill. A conference committee of Senate and House members has been appointed to attempt to reach a compromise.
- HJR1170, Oppose Parking Fees/GSM Nat'l Park, is a joint resolution urging Congress to oppose the imposition of the proposed parking fees for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. I am a co-sponsor of this bill and it passed by a voice vote. The bill has been sent to the Senate for consideration.

I met with several liaisons and constituents including home care advocates and realtors from the district. My colleagues and I met for a caucus just prior to the start of the afternoon session. Wednesday's session consisted of votes on several bills, including:

- HB990, Medicaid Hospital Assessments Adjustments, would make technical updates to the modernized hospital assessments. HB990 also would require the development and submission of a request for federal approval of a directed payment program, to be called the Healthcare Access Stabilization Program (HASP), to increase Medicaid reimbursements to hospitals. The bill passed unanimously.
- HB1065, Clyde/Deannex; Locust/Midland Transfer, would remove 1 tract of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Clyde, and transfer 15 tracts of land from the corporate limits of the City of Locust to the corporate limits of the Town of Midland. The bill passed by

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# **Letters to the Editor**

Opinion –

# Time to restore balance to the Supreme Court

When Donald Trump was in office, he and Mitch Mc-Connell made three lifetime appointments to the Supreme Court. McConnell went so far as to defy Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dying wish—that the next president appoint her replacement—by packing the Court with Amy Coney Barrett just eight days before the 2020 election.

The result? Today's Supreme Court has been taken over by a hyperpartisan supermajority that just dismanted abortion care in America.

But there's something we can do. The Judiciary Act of 2021 would add four seats to the Supreme Court bench—restoring balance to the court. It's the solution we need to move away from the extremely partisan rulings that now threaten our fundamental freedoms. Recent polling showed that the majority of voters support expanding the court.

Congress has changed the size of the Supreme Court seven times already in our nation's history. It's time to do it again. I'm urging our representatives to back this important bill now so we know they want to protect the rights of the American people. The stakes are too high to stay quiet on this important issue.

Grace Guess - Sky Valley Ga.

#### Homosexuality a result of genetic makeup

Lately all you hear is hatred for gays. They seem to think that if a child sees or reads a book about gays at the library they will become gay. Also if they befriend one, or use a math book that mentions two boys in a word problem, they will become gay. None of this is true.

If you had a science background or did any research, you would find that a lot of those cases are caused by genetic makeup from the parents. Neither the parent or the child can do anything to prevent it.

Homosexuality is not a choice. It is wired from birth. Research has been done for years to prove this.

In 1993, a scientist found a gene on the X chromosome that influenced sexual orientation. The media called it "the gay gene." A set of three active genes on the Y chromosome call the H-Y minor histocompatibility antigens also influenced the sexual orientation.

There are many other research study results on the internet if you care enough to look them up.

The parents and the child spend their lives being told by self-righteous people that God can't love them unless they change. It is like any birth defect. They can't change. Other kids pick on them because they follow their parents' example.

How many times are gays mentioned in mass shootings or other hate crimes? People don't mention the horrible things

going on taking away our democracy. They are afraid for their lives so they pick on gays.

I am a very proud parent of a gay child. The suicide rate in LGBTQ in N.C. last year was 38 percent higher than heterosexual students. That is the fault of people that say they are worthless and God doesn't love them. The Bible says, "Let the person without sin cast the first stone." It is not our place to judge this group of people. It is God's.

Phoebe Buchanan - Franklin, N.C.

#### Many sponsors and volunteers made festival possible

Thanks to all our loyal partners and sponsors who made the Taste of Scotland and Celtic Festival possible. We had six levels of sponsors. The Duke Level gained support from Four Seasons Landscaping, Franklin/Nantahala Tourism Development Committee, and the Town of Franklin/Tourism Development Authority.

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Thanks also to those who gave their time and resources: the Attic Antiques, Ingles Market, Macon Rental, Macon County Public Library & Carpenter Building, Rathskeller Coffee Haus & Pub, Town of Franklin, and Taste of Scotland Society.

The Taste of Scotland Society members really appreciate and give a special thank you to the LBJ Job Corps, Girl Scout 2996, the New Century Scholars, the American Legion, and the Arts Council for providing volunteers to work at the Festival. Also, the following individuals, Suzi Cabe, Brittany Gordon, Bud Angel, and Scott Taylor, gave their time and talents to work at the festival.

Last, but not least, I personally would like to thank the media for their excellent coverage of our Taste of Scotland Festival. This has truly been a community effort.

Merrilee Bordeaux - Taste of Scotland Society, Inc.

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unanimous vote.

- SB278, Prop./Fam. Law-Reimburse Prop. Expenditures, would clarify the right of one spouse to reimbursement from the other spouse for expenditures made with respect to property during the time that the property is held as tenants by the entirety, as recommended by the Family Law Section of the North Carolina Bar Association. I voted in favor and the bill passed, 108-3.

Thursday's session convened at 10:30 a.m., and we held third reading on several bills, including:

- HB995, Greensboro Deannexation, would remove a 6.991 acre tract of land from the corporate limits of the City of Greensboro. The bill passed unanimously.
- HB1044, Beech Mountain Deannextion, would remove multiple tracts of land from the corporate limits of the Town of Beech Mountain. The bill passed unanimously.

Once session adjourned, the House concluded its business for the week.

The House reconvened for a no-vote session on Monday, June 20. Tuesday's session was also pro-forma. Committees met throughout the day, including, House State Government and House Judiciary I.

My colleagues and I met during a caucus Wednesday morning. I attended the House Agriculture Committee soon thereafter where we heard two bills: SB672: North Carolina Farm Act of 2022, and SB388: Property Sales Tax Changes for Farmers/Wildlife.

Wednesday afternoon, the House session convened and we considered several bills, including:

- HB807, Uniformed Heroes Voting Act, would provide that no voter who is a law enforcement officer, first responder, correctional officer, or member of the military may be refused entry into a voting place due to appearing at the voting place in a required uniform. I voted in favor and the bill passed 106-2.
- HJR974, Honor Jerry Carter, Former Member, is a joint resolution honoring the life and memory of Jerry Carter, former Member of the North Carolina House of Representatives. The bill passed by unanimous vote.
- HR1174, Urge Congress/Oppose New SEC Rules, is a House Resolution urging Congress to oppose the Securities and Exchange Commission's proposed rule on "the enhancement and standardization of climate-related disclosures for investors" as it relates to agriculture. I voted in favor and the bill passed, 78-31.

The House reconvened for session on Thursday and voted on several bills, including:

- HB1007, Authorize Concurrent Juvenile Jurisdiction, would: authorize the State to exercise concurrent jurisdiction for offenses committed by juveniles on United States military bases located within the State; allow all special agents from the Department of Defense to assist local or state law enforcement, if requested. I voted in favor and

the bill passed 102-1.

SB138, Funeral Director Exam/Death Certificates, would add a definition for "entry level examination in funeral directing" to G.S. 90-210.20, allow greater flexibility granting North Carolina licenses to individuals who are licensed as funeral directors in other states, allow more time for individuals selling preneed funeral contract to pay their fees to the Board of Funeral Services, and require local health departments and registers of deeds to accept paper death certificates through December 31, 2022. I voted in favor and the bill passed, 101-2.

# Golden Leaf Scholarships announced

The Golden LEAF Foundation recently announced that 215 rural North Carolina students were selected to receive up to a \$14,000 Golden LEAF Scholarship. I'm excited to announce that three students from the district have been chosen to receive the Golden LEAF Scholarship.

Congratulations to Kaylin Ellis, Marlena Kelly, and Jacob Hughes for your hard work in earning this scholarship. This is a tremendous honor. We will all benefit from the knowledge and skills these students will bring back to rural North Carolina communities.

Recipients from rural, tobacco-dependent or economically distressed North Carolina counties are selected based on career and educational goals, a review of school and community service activities, academic performance, length of residence in the county and expressed intent to contribute to the state's rural communities upon graduation from college.

#### **NC House Page Program**

I had the privilege of welcoming Helen Martin from Macon County to the state legislature to serve as our House Page for the week beginning June 20th. Helen assisted in various committee meetings including House Agriculture. She also served during House session, providing assistance to Members of the North Carolina House. Thank you Helen for your service to the State and I am excited to see what the future holds on your journey!



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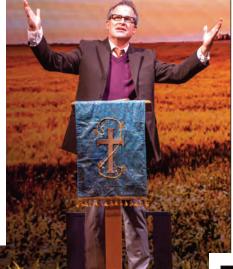


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# **Arrest Report**

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests June 20 - 26. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



#### Macon County Sheriff's Department

June 17

Nathaniel Ivan Reeves, was charged with possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of methamphetamine, driving while license revoked, failure to appear and fugitive from out of state. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

June 20

Kasey Marie Frasier, was charged with failure to appear. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

Anthony Eliston Walker, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and probation violation. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Sarah Lynne Wisman, was issued warrant service. Deputy E. Sands made the arrest.

Michala Cheyenne Taylor, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

Damon Allen Parker, was issued warrant service.



#### June 21

Travis James Gregg, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer, flee/elude arrest, possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz, possession of drug paraphernalia, carrying a concealed gun, possession of methamphetamine and driving while license revoked. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Wesley Alan Hedden, was charged with assault on a female, assault on another person in the presence of a minor and injury to personal property. Corporal Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

#### June 23

William Lee Swanson, was charged with probation violation. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

#### June 24

Chassidy Maryum Trent, was issued warrant service. Deputy E. Sands made the arrest.

Holly Michelle Breedlove, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and child support enforcement contempt. Jonathan C. Bean made the arrest.

Dustin Louis Swafford, was issued warrant service. Deputy E. Sands made the arrests.

#### June 25

Adrian Lee Wyatt, was charged with assault on a female. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

#### June 26

Kristen Michelle Livengood, was charged with larceny of a motor vehicle. Corporal Clay A. Saunders made the arrest

Heidi Johanna Dreml, was charged with larceny and probation violation.

## Franklin Police Department

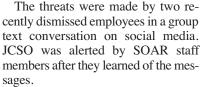
#### June 20

John David Flowers, was charged with simple assault and communicating threats. M.A. Bingham made the arrest.

Jeremy Michael Hughes, was charged with domestic violence protective order violation. J.M. Norman made the arrest.

# **Suspects planning mass shootings apprehended**

During the evening hours of Wednesday, June 22, at approximately 10 p.m., the Jackson County Sheriff's Office (JCSO) began an investigation into a threat involving a mass shooting made to SOAR, a school located in Jackson County that provides summer camps, academy learning, and GAP year curriculum to a variety of age groups of children and young adults.



SOAR administrators implemented safety protocols while deputies investigated the threats. Nicholas Selby was arrested by deputies a short time after the initial report while he was still in the area of the SOAR properties on Rosemont Road in Jackson County. The second suspect, Robert Ryan, was arrested by Haywood County Sheriff's



Nicholas Selby



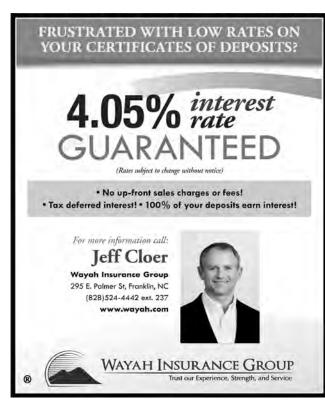
Robert Ryan

Office deputies a few hours later on Thursday, June 23, after being located in the Maggie Valley area of Haywood County. Both suspects were arrested without incident. No weapons were located during the arrests of the suspects.

Nicholas Selby, 23, is charged with communicating a threat of mass violence to an educational property, felony possession of marijuana, felony possession of a schedule I controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia (2 counts), and simple possession of a schedule III controlled substance.

Robert Ryan, 21, is charged with communicating a threat of mass violence to an educational property. Ryan was also charged with possession of a schedule VI controlled substance related to his arrest in Haywood County.

Selby and Ryan both provided an Austin, Texas address at the time of their arrest. Both are currently held in the Jackson County Detention Center with no bond.







#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Manna Food Bank is now at Bethel United Methodist Church. To reserve a food box, call (828)634-1116 and leave a message with the following information: your first name and last initial; phone number to confirm pick-up time; number of people in your family; if there are allergies in the family; and any specialty items you might need, like diapers, etc. Pick up is at Bethel UMC, 81 Bethel Church Road, off Highlands Road.

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.

**Mountain Voices Summer Concert** has been postponed until August due to a Covid case found in the group. 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.

**Gem & Mineral Society of Franklin** will meet on Thursday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., at First Christian Church, 156 Belleview Park Rd.

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.

Bascom Center for the Visual Arts July Free Exhibitions Saturday July 2, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Community Day with art activities, storytelling, popcorn and bring-your-own picnic. On Thursday, July 7, 4 to 5 p.m., artists instructors Takuro and Hitomi Shibata will talk about ceramics reception to follow. On Friday, July 15, 3 p.m., Collector Talk with Kirk Moore will discuss sense of place, one person's travels through the southern imaginary landscape. Opening on July 16, at the Joel Gallery, "Like No Other Place," through Dec. 31. Opening July 30 at the Thompson Gallery, "Members Challenge: Place" through Sept. 10. The gallery is located at 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands. For more information, call (828)526-4949.

American Legion Post 108 100th Celebration will be held on Monday, July 4, noon to 2 p.m., at 614 W. Main Street with hotdogs, watermelon and cake. Stop by and help celebrate.

Anxiety: Calming the Anxious Mind will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Macon County Public Library facilitated by the Vaya Health GERO team. CEU's are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. This curriculum focuses on different types of anxiety disorders and specifically details ones more commonly seen in older adults and interventions available to assist in calming the anxious mind. Register at vayahealth.com/calendar/ or call the library at (828)524-3600.

Childrens Art Classes at the Uptown Gallery on Wednesdays during June and July. Adult workshops in acrylic, watercolor, acrylic paint pouring, encaustic, and glass fusing are also offered. Free painting in the classroom Monday's from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 30 E. Main St., Franklin, All are welcome to attend. Contact mtully1001@gmail.com for more information.

Franklin Women's Club will meet on Friday, July 8, noon, at Fat Buddies restaurant in Westgate Plaza. Program to follow. R.S.V.P. to Brenda Jacobs, (828)421-0411, if you plan to attend. For more information, call Linda Ellison at (407)342-9654.

Otto Community Development Organization Covered Dish will be held on Monday, July 11, 6 p.m., the Otto Community Building, 65 Firehouse Rd. Program by Sharon Archer with NC Wildlife Rehabilitation. Bring a covered dish and come meet your neighbors.

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.

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.

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 smpcc.org

Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter Telephone Support Group for Caregivers of Persons with Alzheimer's Disease or dementia is designed to provide caregivers opportunities for sharing, education, and support through a telephone conference. Support group participants and a support group facilitator connect each month for one-hour confidential sessions. For more information, call (800)272-3900.

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#### **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

First Alliance Church is holding Sunday Service July 3, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages is held at 9:30 a.m., Pastor Evan Jensen will continue speaking on 1 Timothy. Pinnacle Brass will be performing special music. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack, next door to Trimont Christian Academy).

Spiritual Light Center will host Melody Cooper who's talk is entitled "Step Up." Wednesdays 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.

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.

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. 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 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.

Snow Hill United Methodist Church Sunday worship with music is held at 10:45 a.m., morning worship service 11 a.m. Pastor D'Andre Ash is the pastor. The church is located at 330 Snow Hill Rd., in the Cowee Community.

**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.

Email church events to maconcountynews@gmail.com

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"The July 4th weekend will showcase some of the best parts of Highlands: great music, the cool mountains, small-town fun, and merchants, restaurants, and organizations ready to host and welcome everyone," says Kaye McHan, executive director of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC.

For more information, contact the Highlands Welcome Center at (828)526-2112 or welcome@highlandschamber.org.

Friday, July 1

6 – 8:30 p.m. - Outdoor Concert Series Silly Ridge Trio, Town Square

Saturday, July 2

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. - Highlands Bagpipers First Presbyterian Lawn

6 – 8:30 p.m. - Outdoor Concert Series The Swingin' Richards Founders Park

Monday, July 4th

9 – 11 a.m. - Water Rockets, Town Ball Field

11 a.m. - Free Hotdog Lunch, Town Ball Field

11 a.m. -Noon - Field Games, Town Ball

Noon -Visit MAMA (Mtn. Area Medical Airlift), Town Ball Field

Noon - Ladder Truck Spraydown, Town Ball Field

2 p.m. - Duck Derby, Bridge at Mill Creek 6 – 8:30 p.m. - Outdoor Concert Series The Business, Founders Park

9 p.m. - Fireworks in Downtown Highlands

Sylva's Fireworks Festivities are July 4 at Bridge Park

Sylva's eighth annual Fireworks Festivities

the Bridge Park.

The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce will welcome the Crocodile Smile Band to the stage for a performance from 6:30-7:45 p.m., and a second set from 8:15 to 9:30 p.m. They are one of the southeast's finest bands. They will perform classic hits, pop favorites, R&B, and beach music.

Fireworks are organized by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce and should begin at dark immediately after the concert, approximately 9:30 p.m. The fireworks are visible from various locations throughout downtown Sylva and the immediate surrounding areas.

"We could not possibly have fireworks in Sylva without the help and support of our friends at the Town of Sylva, Jackson County Permitting Office (Tony Elders and Doug Painter), Jackson County Commissioners, and the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department," said Chamber Executive Director Julie Donaldson. "Most importantly, the fireworks this year and the last seven years have been provided by our friends, members and partners/sponsors in the community.

"We cannot thank these partners enough for their support of the chamber and their valuable part in providing fireworks for Sylva," Donaldson added.

The Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department will also be providing children's activities from 5:30-8:30 p.m., including an inflatable bounce house, 38-ft. obstacle course, inflatable basketball shooting challenge, and a mini all-star shooting challenge.

Food trucks will be on site.

At about 6:25 p.m., the Jackson County Sheriff's Office Honor Guard will present the flags for the National Anthem in a very special ceremony.

For more information, contact the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at (828)586-2155 or visit their Facebook page or website at www.mountainlovers.com.



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# 'Summertime' show is back with local artists

Several Macon County artists will be participating in the Mountain Artisans 'Summertime" Art & Craft Show July 1 and 2 at Western Carolina University.

The show will include more than 60 regional artists showing works in pottery, rustic furniture, watercolor painting and more. The show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ramsey Center on the WCU campus in Cullowhee. Admission

is \$5 for adults, and free for children under 12. Free parking and concessions will be available.

Lawson King will be among the Macon County artists exhibiting at the event.

What started out as project to build his wife a dining room table from a piece of maple a



the WCU campus in Chris Daymude of Peaceful Valley Wood Works specializes in interesting finds.

few years ago turned into a hobby that has now involved into a business, LK Live Edge Design. King creates live edge tables, cutting boards and charcuterie boards using a variety of woods such as teak, walnut, pecan and cherry. He's also used cedar to make coat and

quilt racks.

"If people dream it up, I can make it," he said. He enjoys see a piece of wood transformed into art. "My wife says wood talks to me," King said. "I see what the wood looks like and then go from there."

He's a one man show who takes time to customize each piece. A 6-foot by 3-foot table may take three months to complete while the cutting and charcuterie boards take a couple of weeks.

King and his wife Carla moved to Franklin a few

months ago from Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Carla had vacationed in the area for many years and ultimately decided Franklin is where they wanted to live. They bought part of the Deal farm and King turned the old produce stand into a workshop. To see King's work stop by his booth at the Summertime show or visit lkliveedgedesign.com.

Other exhibitors from Macon County include: Janet Anderson (fused glass and jewelry); Beverly Borchardt (quilting); Varshana Dholakia (birthstone jewelry); Debbie Fouts (nature findings art); Faye Jackson Henry (jewelry); Kelli Hubbs (Mountain Soap Box, cold-

processed soap and bath products); and David and Silvia Pruitt (Mountain Heritage Build-



The vanishing art of Pine Needle Baskets is being preserved by Heather Seaman of Mills River, N.C. She will be demonstrating and selling her summer collection.



Tennessee artist Frances Maynard paints whimsical animals on wood.

ings and quilting).

Ronnie Evans of Franklin will be entertaining with his guitar and presenting his latest book about his relative from the 17th century "The Odyssey of Robert Peake: Seeking a Better Life."

This year's featured artist is Jack Blades of Tiger, Ga., who uses recycled barn wood to created decorative "Old Glory" flags. Heather Seaman of Mills River will demonstrate and sell pine needle baskets.

For more information about the show, contact Doris Hunter, director at djhunter155@gmail.com; or visit mountainartisans.net.

The Mountain Artisan's sister event "The Hard Candy Christmas" Art & Crafts will be held Nov. 25 and 26 at the Ramsey Center.



Dora D Reynolds is a favorite of collectors with her designer fabric glass plates. She will have her Christmas red birds and winter pieces.

# **Book talk with Brent Martin Thursday**

Poet and naturalist, Brent Martin will present his new book "George Masa's Wild Vision" at the Macon County Public Library on Thursday, July 7, at 6 p.m.

In "George Masa's Wild Vision," Martin explores the locations Masa visited, using first-person narratives to contrast, lament, and exalt the condition of the landscape the photographer so loved and worked to interpret and protect. The book includes 75 of Masa's photographs, accompanied

by Martin's reflections on Masa's life and work.

Charles Frazier, the author of Cold Moun-



Brent Martin

tain, said, "If I were making a personal top 10 list of important Appalachian artists, writers, and musicians, I'd include - along with more well-known names like Doc Watson and Nikki Giovanni photographer George Masa. Brent Martin's introduction splendidly places Masa and his work in the context of the mountains they both love so much – a perfect match since Martin, like Masa, has spent most of his adult life studying the southern mountains, protecting

them, exploring them."

The library is located at 149 Siler Farm Road. For more info, call (828)524-3600.



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#### Marie Cabe Pangle Olive

Marie Cabe Pangle Olive, 87, of Otto, N.C., passed away on Monday, June 20, 2022.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late Emory and Blanche Rogers Cabe. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her first husband, Zeb Franklin Pangle and later by second husband, Donald Cole Olive; daughter, Teresa Jerlean Pangle; one sister, Alean Buchanan; and a stepson, Donald Jerry Olive.

She was a member of the Iotla Baptist Church, where she was a Marie Cabe Pangle Olive member of the JOY club, and



worked with other church ministries. Her career included serving more than 20 years with Farm Credit Services. She loved serving her community and supporting the local farmers. She was an amazing gardener, had a green thumb and found pleasure working among her flowers and vegetables. She loved baking, crossword puzzles, and sudokus. She collected cookbooks, and created the most beautiful pies, cakes, and delicious recipes. She took great pride in reflecting on her children and grandchildren's accomplishments. She enjoyed traveling and visited Japan, California, Oregon, and Washington and many other states, but she always returned to her homeland. In fact, she took her last breath in the very same Tessentee area that she took her first breath. She will always be remembered for her fun dry sense of humor and quick wit. She will be missed but her spirit is alive and well.

She is survived by her children, Michael Pangle (Barbara), Sterling Pangle (Barbara), David Pangle (Diane), and Sharon Goldsmith (Bill); brother, Hilton Cabe; and sister, Jerlean Cabe Buchanan; six grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and several step grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

No formal services will be held as per Marie's request.

A private Celebration of Life will be held with immediate family members at a later date. Interment will be in Wright Cemetery at Drymans Chapel Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Wright Cemetery at Drymans Chapel Church

Online condolences can be left at www.maconfuneralhome.com. Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

#### Rebecca Carson Moses

Rebecca Carson Moses, 71 of Franklin, N.C., passed away on June 22, 2022.

She was born in Macon County to the late Richard Carson and Georgiana McGee Carson. She had a career in social work and enjoyed traveling and spending time with her cats.

She is survived by her husband, Steven Moses; her children, Michael Young and Michelle Green (Steve); sister, Anna Jane Carson; grandchildren, Kevin Young; and great grandson Sebino Rebecca Carson Moses



The family will receive friends and loved ones from 11 to 12 p.m., at Macon Funeral Home on Thursday, June 30, followed by a graveside service at 12:30 p.m., at Woodlawn Cemetery.

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

Macon Funeral Home will be handling the arrangements.

## Felecia Renaee McCall Hinshaw

Felecia Renaee McCall Hinshaw, 51, of Cashiers, N.C., passed away suddenly due to gastrointestinal hemorrhage June 19, 2022. She was born March 18, 1971, in Jackson County, North Carolina, to Stella Moss McCall and the late Ottis McCall. She lived in Knoxville, Tenn., prior to moving back to Cashiers. She had worked for Progressive Insurance for 19 years as litigation specialist. She had a heart of compassion for people and especially those in tragic situations. She shared her faith in Jesus Christ with the hurt-



Felecia Hinshaw

ing. She had a gift for singing and music and imparted that love to her three children at a young age and now who are grown. They enjoyed singing in church and especially the long trips to N.C. to visit Pawpaw and Nana's, Aunt Cindy, and girls. The care and love that she had for people was endless, especially family and keeping the home front going while dad and son did travel soccer. You could see the love she showed her children through the way, they are now caring for others as she did.

She is survived by her mother, Stella McCall; two sons, Joey Hindshaw and Hayden Hinshaw; a daughter, Amber Hinshaw; two brothers, Tony McCall, and Michael McCall; three nieces, Page McCall, Tori Ferguson and Helee Ferguson; a nephew, Dylan Mc-

In addition to her father, Ottis McCall, she is preceded in death by her late husband, Jack Hinshaw; and a brother, Jason McCall.

A Celebration of Life service was held Sunday, June 26, at Bryant Grant Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Todd Moss, Rev. Caleb Moss and Nathan Moss officiating.

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

# Deloris Grace Bowling Bigelow

Deloris Grace Bowling Bigelow, 85, passed away on June 19, 2022

No public services are planned.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family. Online condolences may be made at www.moffittfunerals.com.

### **Betty Norton Cabe**

Betty Norton Cabe, 91, of Rabun Gap, Ga., passed away on June 26, 2022.

She was born the daughter of the late Clark Coyl Norton and the late Reba Ledford Norton on Dec. 26, 1930. She was married to the late Arvil Cabe. She was a member of the Christian faith and involved with her church The Head of Tennessee Baptist Church in Dillard, Ga. She loved spending time with her family, and enjoyed vegetable gardening. She especially enjoyed the time she got to spend loafering with her sister, Opal.



**Betty Norton Cabe** 

She was preceded in death by her husband, Arvil Cabe; and her

Her survivors include her daughter, Dawn Ledford (Jim), of Otto, N.C.; her sister, Opal Messer (Bob), of Rabun Gap, Ga.; her grandchildren, Ben (Kimberly) of Franklin; Jacob (Nicole), of Otto; her great-grandchildren, Hannah, Macie, Emmett, Rowen and Wilder.

A funeral service was held Tuesday June 28, at the Beck Funeral Home Chapel in Clayton, Ga., with Rev. Gabe Southards officiating. Burial followed in the Head of Tennessee Baptist Church Cemetery. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to the charity of their choice.

Beck Funeral Home in Clayton, Ga., is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences at http://www.beckfuneralhome.com.

### Carol Smith Peek

Carol Smith Peek, 64, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Friday, June 24, 2022.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of Patsy Cantrell Smith and the late James Ray Smith. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, James Roy Smith; and a niece, Heather Waldroop. She was a member of Iotla Baptist Church and worked several years at Sunset restaurant where she built many memorable friendships. She enjoyed working in her flower gardens and cooking.



**Carol Smith Peek** 

She is survived by her mother, Pat Smith of Franklin; daughters, Debbie Cabe (Lane) and Sherry Tilley (Brian) of Franklin; and sisters, Ann Smith Towell (Rick) of Charlotte, N.C., and Linda Waldroop (Wayne) of Franklin; two grandchildren, Kevin Cabe and Suzanna Cabe: and several nieces and one nephew surviving.

A private gravedside will be held at Snowhill United Methodist Cemetery at a later date with Rev. Steve Reeves officiating.

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

condolences www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

#### Ella Mae Zoellner

Ella Mae Zoellner, 101, passed away Thursday, June 23, 2022. She was born Feb. 6, 1921, to the late Will L. Keener and Nettie Ray Keener of the Goldmine community. She was married to Richard Carl Zoellner who preceded her in 1994. She was also preceded by her son, Richard Carl Zoellner Jr.; two brothers, Lee Keener and Len Ray Keener; and her sister, Roberta K. Tate Dendy.

She was a home maker, worked as hostess at Highlands Country Club, and made jams and jellies for sale. She loved growing her



Ella Mae Zoellner

dahlias and flowers. She and her sister Roberta contributed to the war effort by working for the government at Oak Ridge, Tenn., during WWII. She was a long-time member of the First Baptist Church in Highlands. Her family and friends will remember her as a very sweet and thoughtful person who will be greatly missed.

Survivors include two sons, Robert (Jodie) Zoellner and William Zoellner both of Highlands, N.C.; daughter-in-law, Patricia P. Zoellner; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren; and her baby sister, Bettie Dills (Johhnie) of Payton, Colo.

A Celebration of Life was held Sunday June 26, at the Goldmine Baptist Church with Rev. Jim Kinard officiating.

Memorials can be made to the Mt. Moriah Cemetery Fund, c/o Mary Owens, 21Pinecone Dr., Franklin, NC 28734

Bryant Grant Funeral Home is serving the Zoellner family. Online condolences at www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com.



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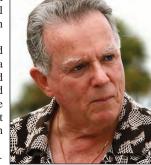


#### James Melvin Norris

James Melvin Norris, born June 3, 1939, the son of Melvin James and Louisa Alberta Beazell Norris, passed from this life on June 19, 2022.

Known as "Jim" by family and friends, he retired from Tampa Electric after 46 years as a field engineer. After retirement he did contract work for several years. He was an U.S. Air Force reservist and a member of American Legion Post 108.

He gave credit to his wife, Marcia-Nell, for making him a better person. Whatever she did certainly



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**James Melvin Norris** 

worked since he let it be known all he ever wanted to do was get home to his wife and Bella and JJ, their two dogs.

He was fun loving and always had a joke to tell. He was known for his dry sense of humor and his ability to find something to laugh about in almost every situation. He loved guns and enjoyed target shooting and loading his own shells.

He leaves behind many happy memories. He loved the Lord, and his life was an example of a Christian who lived his faith quietly.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia-Nell Kirkland Norris; his children, Melissa Alvarado (Michael) and Jennifer Long; his grand-children, Valentino, Jessica, Dylan, and Jakob; his great-grand-child, Dior; his brother, Bob Norris (Brenda), and a number of nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, July 10, at 4 p.m., at Mt. Hope Baptist Church, Franklin. Rev. Brian Pitts and Steve Geyer will officiate. VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 will provide military honors. A service will also be held in Lutz, Fla., in August.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family. Online condolences may be made at www.moffittfunerals.com.

#### Toney Giles

Toney Giles, 78, for Franklin, N.C., formerly of Tifton Ga., went to be with the Lord on June 19, 2022. He was born to the late Paul and Louise Giles in Moultrie, Ga., on July 3, 1939.

He worked as a farmer for most of his life in Tifton. In addition, he worked as a foreman for Mountain Water for 10 years. He liked to hunt and fish and spend time with his family. He was of the Baptist faith and was a member of Victory Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Sylvia of 59 years; three sons, Toney "Ed" Giles, Andrew Giles, and Robert Giles; eight grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

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

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# Jean Marie Nettles McCall Brown

Jean Marie Nettles McCall Brown, 73, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

She was born in Hollywood, Fla., to the late Irvin Shelby Nettles and Frances Jones Nettles. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Ted Brown. She enjoyed gardening and spending time with her family, and especially her grand-children.

She is survived by her children, Heather Stamey (Brian), and Richard McCall both of Franklin;



Jean Marie Brown

stepdaughters, Judy Brown of England and Amy Brown of Boston, Mass.; sisters, Jane Nettles of Franklin, and Joy Smith of Clayton, Ga.; and four grandchildren, Sarah Stamey, Ethan Stamey, Nathan Stamey and Leah McCall.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Online condolences can be made at www.maconfuneral-home.com

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

# Marlene Jane Murphy Taber

Marlene Jane Murphy Taber, 88, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, June 26, 2022.

Born in Putnam Lake, N.Y, she was the daughter of the late John and Estelle Plitnick Murphy. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Albert Taber on Jan. 13, 2017, and brothers, John Murphy and Jerry Murphy. She was a member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in Franklin, and the Carmelites. She was a Master Gardener, mother, and grandmother. Her hobbies included the



Marlene Jane Taber

arts and crafts; and she attended Bryant College in New York.

She is survived by her children, Albert Kevin Taber of Franklin, Deidre Leigh Taber of Newberry, F, Sharon Anne Wainwright (Timothy) of Newberry, Fla., and William "Buddy" Taber of Franklin; sister-in-law, Trudy Murphy of Alabama; four grand-children, Aiden Taber, Trenton Taber, Maddox Taber, and Grayson Taber; and two step grandchildren, Cara Weaver, and Garrett Wainwright.

A funeral mass will be held Friday, July 1, at 11 a.m. in St. Francis of Assisi Catholic church in Franklin. Father Tien Duong will officiate. A graveside service will follow at Woodlawn Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to St. Francis Catholic Church.

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

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# **NASCAR News**

# Chase Elliott charges to NASCAR Cup victory at Nashville Superspeedway

## Reid Spencer - NASCAR Wire Service

LEBANON, Tenn. – In a race twice delayed by lightning, Chase Elliott stole the thunder from a contingent of Toyota drivers who showed early dominance.

After a late caution slowed the action in Sunday's Ally 400, Elliott remained on the track and led the field to a restart with four laps left at Nashville Superspeedway.

Elliott pulled away from runner-up Kurt Busch and powered his No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet across the finish line with a margin of .551 seconds.

In fashioning his second NASCAR Cup Series victory of the season, his first at Nashville and the 15th of his career, Elliott overcame a long pit stop on Lap 120 that dropped him to 25th in the running order.

"I'm so proud of our team," Elliott said. "We had a setback about halfway, but we were able to get the NAPA Chevy dialed back in and get back in the mix. It was a long day, a fun day... I'm so proud of our team. We've had a pretty rough month, month-and-a-half. It's just nice to get back going in the right direction.

"Getting a win is always huge. To do it in a really cool city like Nashville is even better. I'm looking forward to that guitar (trophy)."

Elliott beat three Toyota drivers—pole winner Denny Hamlin, Martin Truex Jr. and Kyle Busch—who collectively led 250 of the 300 laps at the 1.33-mile concrete track.

It might be more accurate to say that the Toyota drivers beat themselves by pitting during the 10th and final caution on Lap 291, the result of a blown engine in Josh Bilicki's Chevrolet.

While Elliott and Kurt Busch stayed out under caution, along with eight other drivers, Kyle Busch, Truex and Hamlin all came to pit road for tires. Of the three, only Hamlin advanced over the final four laps, finishing sixth behind Ryan Blaney, Kyle Larson and Ross Chastain.

Kyle Busch and Truex ran afoul of heavy traffic on the final lap and came home 21st and 22nd, respectively.

Hamlin, who led a race-high 114 laps, was out front for the first 41 circuits before lightning halted the action for one hour 27 seconds. After the resumption and two more cautions, Truex passed Hamlin for the lead on lap 66 and help through the end of Stage 1.

Truex, who led six times for 82 laps, also won the second stage, but Elliott's car came to life in the final third of the race. Elliott had a one-second lead over Kyle Busch, with Hamlin and Truex trailing in third and fourth place, when Bilicki's engine failure caused the final caution with nine laps remaining

Kurt Busch's only regret about his runner-up finish was not being more aggressive on the final restart.

"I wanted to throw some fenders, but I didn't get the job done," said the driver of the No. 45 23XI Racing Toyota. "Everybody will be smiling, but I let them down. I should have come up with a better plan.

"We were going to stay out no matter what, and I needed to start throwing fenders to move people around. I didn't get after it, and I made too many mistakes and didn't stick with our strength. I'm not going to say what our strength was, but we did a lot of things good.

"We didn't have one exceptional item. We're second with our Toyota Camry. I want to do it over, but you don't get those at this elite level and Chase got the job done."

The second lightning delay, which also brought rain and necessitated track drying, lasted two hours, eight minutes. It occurred on Lap 139, just 11 laps short of halfway.





Austin Cindric, Christopher Bell, Joey Logano and Kevin Harvick ran sixth through 10th, respectively. Elliott leads the series standings by 30 points over Chastain.

Justin Allgaier cruises to NASCAR Xfinity victory at Nashville

LEBANON, Tenn. – On a blindingly hot day at Nashville Superspeedway, Justin Allgaier fulfilled a dream in one of the best race cars he has ever had.

Leading five times for 134 laps and sweeping the first two stages of Saturday's Tennessee Lottery 250, Allgaier breezed to his first NASCAR Xfinity Series victory at the 1.33-mile concrete track, his second of the season and the 18th of his career.

Allgaier's No. 7 JR Motorsports Chevrolet crossed the finish line 4.513 seconds ahead of runner-up Trevor Bayne, who overcame an interference penalty on pit road, assessed when two of the tires from his No. 18 Toyota rolled behind the gas man in pole winner Riley Herbst's neighboring pit stall.

"This guitar has been on my bucket list for a long, long time," said Allgaier, who won in his eighth start at Nashville, dating to 2009. After a 10-year pause in racing at the track, Allgaier finished second last year.

Asked whether he had ever driven a better race car, Allgaier was quick to answer.

"I don't think ever," he said. "What a heck of a race, man. We've been coming here for a long time, and I love this race Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Ally 400 at Nashville Superspeedway on June 26, 2022 in Lebanon, Tenn.

Photo by Meg Oliphant/Getty Images

track. Been trying to get a win so bad and hadn't been able to do it.

"Today was like a dirt race. It was slick, it was hot, we were sliding around... I've got a guitar to take home, and we're going to enjoy it, for sure."

Chevrolet drivers have won the last seven Xfinity Series races, with JR Motorsports drivers winning five of those. Allgaier's two stage wins were the 11th and 12th straight on oval tracks for JRM.

Herbst finished third, followed by Ty Gibbs and Sam Mayer, both of whom were involved in a late-

race incident that turned Gibbs No. 54 Toyota sideways—setting up a masterful save.

Ryan Preece, Jeffrey Earnhardt, Austin Hill, Ryan Sieg and Brett Moffitt completed the top 10.

Sixteenth-place finisher AJ Allmendinger retained the series lead by 25 points over Gibbs in second place and 32 over Allgaier in third.

Mistakes cost Bayne a chance to race for the win.

"We drove to second twice, from the back," he said. "The second stage, we came in with Riley (Herbst) and hit a pit crew member, not intentionally, but it can happen. Then fell back to 15th and drove back to second.

"Then we had a loose wheel and had to go to the very back and drove back and was catching Allgaier. He's my buddy, Gator, congrats to him. Happy for him, but, man, I wanted to win that guitar and win here at Nashville.

"I feel like we did everything right on the car and feel like I did everything right behind the wheel. We have to clean up the mistakes and we're going to win because it takes every piece of this deal."

Herbst conceded that he wasn't able to challenge Allgaier's dominance.

"I don't think the whole field had anything for the 7," Herbst said. "I think he was on cruise control all day, but our Monster Energy Ford Mustang was really good. I'm just proud of us as a group. Way to execute.

"I messed up on pit road a few times, myself and the team,

so we've got to clean up a little stuff there, but all in all, it was a good day. We got a pole and good points. This is what we need to keep doing—just knock on the door, and eventually it will open."

Ryan Preece holds off Zane Smith to defend Truck Series win at Nashville

LEBANON, Tenn. – His tires chattering with age over the final few laps, Ryan Preece held off charging Zane Smith and Carson Hocevar to win Friday night's Rackley Roofing 200 at Nashville Superspeedway.

The victory was the second straight for David Gilliland



Justin Allgaier, driver of the #7 Hellmann's Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Tennessee Lottery 250 at Nashville Superspeedway on June 25, 2022 in Lebanon, Tenn.

Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images

earned a \$50,000 bonus for winning the second event in the NCWTS Triple Truck Challenge.

"We got a second guitar—I may have to start a band!" Preece exulted after climbing from his truck. "These guys (in the shop) work their tails off, and I know what it takes to win

races. They give me phenomenal race cars. I'm just proud to be the one holding the steering wheel."

Preece took control of the race in the second stage, passing Smith for the lead on Lap 74. After winning the stage, which ended on Lap 95, Preece forged a comfortable lead before the trucks of Grant Enfinger, Corey Heim, Matt DiBenedetto

and Ty Majeski hurtled into Turn 3 four-wide.

Contact between Heim and DiBenedetto ignited a bone-jarring wreck that ended the race for Enfinger, Heim and DiBenedetto. Majeski escaped without damage and rallied to finish fourth behind Preece, Smith and Hocevar.

"It was the end of the race, and everybody went crazy, just like always in these truck races," Enfinger said.

Preece got the jump on the subsequent restart on Lap 135 of 150, but the green-flag action was short-lived. Moments after the restart, contact from Max Gutierrez's Chevrolet sent Hailie Deegan's Ford sliding into the outside wall.

On the restart with 10 laps left, Preece once again forged ahead, but both Smith and Hocevar closed dramatically with three laps left, forcing Preece to play defense

"It was a little closer than I wanted it to be," Preece said. "Just old tires, the heat cycles. They were chattering. I had clean air, and I put as much dirty air on him (Smith) as possible. I wasn't going to give it up."

Stewart Friesen finished fifth, followed by Christian Eckes, Tyler Ankrum, Gutierrez, Johns Hunter Nemechek and Matt Crafton.

Smith took the series lead by 21 points over Nemechek.

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Ryan Preece, driver of the #17 Hunt Brothers Pizza Ford, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series Rackley Roofing 200 at Nashville Superspeedway on June 24, 2022 in Lebanon, Tenn.

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Racing, after Todd Gilliland won last Saturday's NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race on dirt at Knoxville Raceway in the No. 17 Ford, the same number Preece drove on Friday.

The win was an encore performance for Preece, who scored his first Truck Series victory in last year's Nashville race. A part-time utility player in the Ford camp this season, Preece triumphed for the second time in his eighth career start.

In addition to the traditional guitar trophy, Preece also





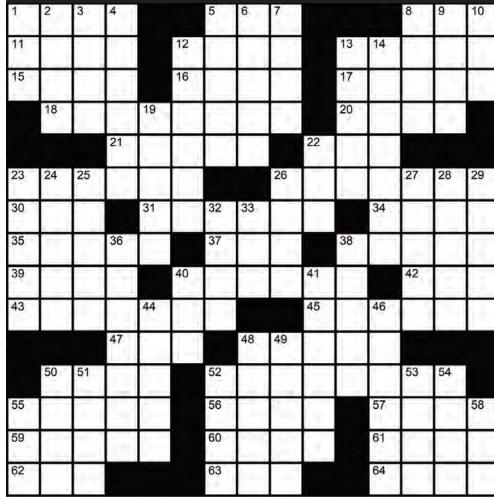
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- 11. Chicago's Navy \_\_\_\_
- 12. Not that
- 13. Lock homs
- 15. Sound of pride
- 16. Tom Hanks' character
- had this in "Philadelphia"
- 17. Dre's headphones 18. \*Handheld firework
- 20. Eurozone money
- 21. Chinese weight units
- 22. Campaigned
- 23. \*Popular July Fourth salad
- 26. Ltd
- 30. A in I.P.A.
- 31. Type of embellished sur-
- 34. Dunking treat
- 35. Potato state
- 37. Type of poem
- 38. Rabbit trap
- 39. "I, Claudius" role
- 40. As much as necessary
- 42. Opposite of trans- in chemistry
- 43. Bring into servitude
- 45. \*Bottle
- 47. Ill temper
- 48. Olive branch
- 50. Campaign worker
- 52. \*Declaration signer
- 55. Extinct Italic language
- 56. Forsaken or desolate
- 57. Rumpelstiltskin's weaver
- 59. Between Egypt and Algeria
- 60. Heed
- 61. At the summit
- 62. Beaver's construction





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63. "I Thee

64. \*Liberty Bell did it to mark **Declaration reading** 

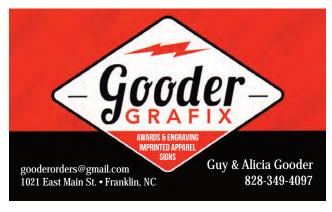
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- 1. Calendar abbr.
- 2. Life stories, for short
- 3. Faith jump?
- 4. Misprints
- 5. \*Cooler purpose 6. \*Fair attractions
- 7. CCCP, in English
- 8. Lab culture

- 10. "For \_\_\_\_ a jolly ..."
- 12. Hit 80's song "
- 9. Type of pilot

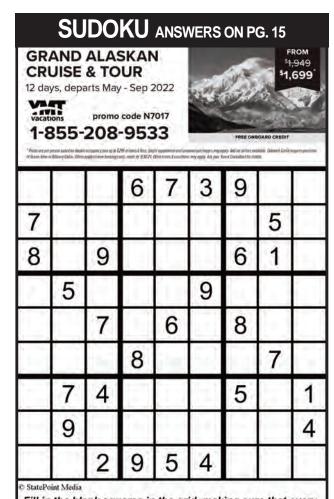
- Me"
- 13. Crosswise, on deck
- 14. \*Popular type of July Fourth gathering
- 19. Two to one, e.g.
- 22. Antonym of keep
- 23. \*"Common Sense" author
- 24. \*Like the days of 1776
- 25. Crocodile ones are insincere
- 26. Place, in French
- 27. Race course
- 28. Causing fear
- 29. "That thou \_\_\_\_\_, do quickly"
- 32. Like a certain ranger

- 36. \*4th of July, e.g.
- 38. Sudden upset
- 40. The night before
- 41. Dad's mom
- 44. Gladiators' battlefield
- 46. Cold storage
- 48. Space exploration mission
- 49. Dog-\_\_\_\_ pages
- 50. "Heat of the Moment" band
- 51. Intercontinental ballistic mis-
- 52. Opposite of ebb
- 53. I, to a Greek
- 54. High part of day
- 55. Like Methuselah
- 58. Fuel economy acronym





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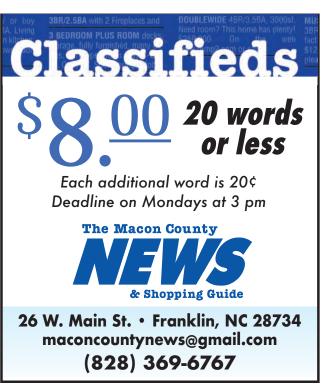
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