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The Franklin community and its visitors turned out in record numbers for the downtown celebration of Independence Day. A parade, with participants decked in their finest red, white and blue, culminated in free watermelon, popsicles and costume contests. Above, a Patriotic Pet Contest was part of Franklin's Fourth of July festivities with Starry taking first place, Bella coming in second and Lily was third. The celebration concluded with fireworks over Franklin. For more photos, see page 12. Photo by Ellen Randall

## Still no official ID on human remains

Brittney Lofthouse – Contributing Writer

Following a missing persons investigation launched at the end of May, four people, Derek McCrackin, Jessica Smith, Lenore “Lenoka” Wilson, and Christopher Shields were arrested with charges ranging from first-degree kidnapping to disturbing human remains.

More than a month later, the investigation remains open and while the victim at the center of the missing persons investigation is no longer being searched for by law enforcement officers, a name has not been released, murder charges have not been filed, and the human remains that were uncovered have not been officially identified.

Search warrants executed as part of the investigation show that residences occupied by Shields were the target locations of the investigations, which uncovered what law enforcement determined were human remains. While witness statements identified the missing person as being the victim found during the investigation, law enforcement is waiting for the state crime lab to confirm the findings so a positive identification can be made.

“It would be irresponsible to identify our victim until she has positively been identified,” said Sheriff Robert Holland. “With the assistance of family members of our victim we are attempting to do DNA testing to prove the remains are those of our victim. Until her identity can be confirmed

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## State budget headed for governor’s desk

After several weeks of budget negotiations, on Friday, July 1, the North Carolina General Assembly passed a state budget with strong bipartisan support. The \$27.9 billion budget provides raises for state employees and teachers, substantial infrastructure funding, and much more.

The House vote was 84-28, and the Senate vote was 38-9. The \$27.9 billion spending plan is the largest in state history—\$900 million, or 3%, more than lawmakers originally planned to spend in the upcoming fiscal year.

This bipartisan state budget builds upon the historic investments included in last year’s budget,” stated Rep. Karl Gillespie. “The revised budget includes critical investments in education, teacher and state employee raises, infrastructure, economic development, and school safety. We are also pleased that substantial water and sewer infrastructure dollars for our district are included. We are hopeful Governor Cooper will choose to sign this responsible budget into law.”

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– Rep. Karl Gillespie

“I am extremely proud to have worked with my colleagues in the West to fight for funding priorities that enhance the quality of life for residents in the Western North Carolina. From education to economic development, I, along with Rep. Karl Gillespie, Rep. Mike Clampitt, were able to secure critical funding that will help strengthen the West,” said Sen. Kevin Corbin.

The budget increases most state employee salaries by 3.5%. Over the biennium state employees will receive a 6%

raise. The budget increases the salary for entry-level teachers, and on average teachers will receive a 4.2% pay raise. Over the biennium, including bonuses, teachers will receive an average 14.2% additional compensation. Noncertified public school employees, like bus drivers, will receive either a 4% pay raise or an increase to \$15/hour, whichever is greater.

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# BUDGET

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"Education and school safety were a top priority for all members of the North Carolina General Assembly during this budget session," said Rep. Karl Gillespie. "I am proud to vote for this budget specifically because of the priority it places on increasing salaries for our teachers and delivering funding straight to districts to improve the safety of our state's schools."

To address school safety concerns the budget provides an additional recurring \$15 million for the School Resource Officer Grant program, specifically for elementary and middle schools. It also increases the state match for the School Resource Officer Grant program for most school districts to \$4 per every \$1 in non-state funds. The budget allocates \$26 million more to the At-Risk allotment to help school districts meet the average salary of school resource officers.

The budget also provides an additional \$32 million for the School Safety Grant program for student support, school safety training, and safety equipment in schools.

"I am proud to support a budget that emphasizes the importance public education has in the future of our state," said Sen. Corbin "Investing in our children today — by supporting those who are dedicated to them in the classroom each and every day — we are ensuring a bright future for our state tomorrow."

For Western North Carolina, the budget includes funding to provide an additional Assistant District Attorney for Prosecutorial District 43 (Cherokee, Clay, Graham, Haywood, Jackson, Macon and Swain) to receive one additional ADA. This budget also increases the number of full-time assistant district attorneys from 14 to 15.

Capital improvements to water and sewer across Western North Carolina was a focus for Corbin, Clampitt, and Gillespie in this budget with a total of \$1,907,000 being secured in the budget for projects in Cherokee, Clay, Macon, and Graham counties. That's nearly \$2 million in funding that will be sent directly to the towns in charge of water and sewer for those residents to complete the needed upgrades to best serve citizens.

The Town of Bryson City and the Town of Sylva were each awarded grants for \$100,000 for capital improvements or equipment.

The budget also includes \$50,000 for the Alarka Community Center in Swain County for capital improvements.

Haywood County will receive \$1.5 million in federal Substance Abuse Block Grant funds for substance use treatment

and recovery services from the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services.

After devastating flooding in Canton, the state budget commits \$8.3 million from the Department of Public Safety specifically to the town of Canton for various disaster recovery projects to help Haywood County continue recovery efforts.

## Education

- Funds an additional \$1 billion over the FY 2021-22 amount for a total of \$16.5 billion.

- Includes \$3.9 million to cover the copays for students that qualify for reduced-price lunches.

- Funds an additional 124 literacy coaches and early learning specialists to aid in early literacy efforts.

- A \$431 million transfer over the biennium from the N.C. Education Lottery to the Needs-Based Public School Capital Building Fund. Over the course of the next 6 years, a projected \$2.6 billion will be spent on school capital, including Clay County Schools being awarded \$8,000,000 in North Carolina Lottery Funding for a needs-based school Capital Grant as well as \$150,000 for capital improvements to the athletic facilities at Bethel Middle School.

- Expands the income eligibility for the Opportunity Scholarship Program so more families have the chance to send their child to a school that best fits his or her educational needs. The new income eligibility level is equal to or less than 200% of the amount required for free or reduced-price lunch.

- Allocates an additional \$56 million in recurring funds to the Opportunity Scholarship Grant reserve, for a total of \$150.8 million that can be awarded to families that qualify for the scholarship.

- Provides an additional recurring \$16.3 million to the Personal Education Student Accounts for Children with Disabilities Program, to clear the program's waitlist. The program's total funding in FY 2022-23 is \$47.9 million.

- Creates a recurring \$250,000 grant for schools to purchase feminine hygiene products in schools.

## Capital/Infrastructure

- Provides \$883 million for water and wastewater infrastructure projects, bringing the total amount available for those projects over the biennium to \$2.5 billion.

- Provides \$300 million to build a new Education Complex and Governor's Office in downtown Raleigh, and to renovate and demolish other downtown government buildings.

- Includes \$250 million for a reserve to help defray cost overruns for state capital projects due to inflation.

- Provides \$120.8 million in additional capital grants to local governments and non-profit entities.

## Other Items

- Redirects 2% of sales tax revenue — approximately \$193.1 million — to the Highway Fund to support a variety of transportation purposes. This is the first step to address declining transportation revenues to keep up with population growth.

- Provides an additional \$5 million for the GREAT Grants to expand broadband access in underserved areas. This increases the amount for GREAT Grants to \$20 million recurring. The state expects to receive at least \$100 million from the federal Infrastructure and Investment Jobs Act for broadband.

- Transfers \$950 million to the State Emergency Response and Disaster Relief Reserve, with \$215.8 million of that allocated for disaster recovery efforts from previous events and mitigation efforts to prepare for future flooding and natural disasters.

- Increases the NC Pre-K provider reimbursement rates by 5%. Private child care facilities, which were slated to receive a 4% rate increase with funds from the 2021 Appropriations Act, will now receive a 9% reimbursement rate increase in FY 2022-23.

- Appropriates \$1.8 million from the federal Help America Vote Act (HAVA) grant to update and maintain voter lists and to continue enhancing election technology and security improvements.

- Provides \$1 million to the Economic Development Partnership of North Carolina's Megasite Readiness Program, with the intent to identify additional megasites in North Carolina.

- Allocates \$1 million to support the Innovation and Entrepreneurship Hub at Fayetteville State University.

- Increases Rainy Day Fund balance to \$4.75 billion by the end of the biennium. - Transfers \$1 billion into a newly created "State Inflationary Reserve" in anticipation of a recession.

"This is a responsible budget that responds to our current needs and plans for an uncertain economic future. This budget takes into account the strain of runaway spending from our federal government that is stretching North Carolinians' budgets thin, and the burden of skyrocketing fuel prices and inflation," Senate Leader Phil Berger (R-Rockingham) and House Speaker Tim Moore (R-Cleveland) said. "It's imperative that we stay on track and continue the good work we've done in North Carolina to strengthen our economy, meet the needs of our citizens, and secure a bright future for our state."

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# CRIME

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100% it would be irresponsible to name her prematurely. Do we believe it is her? By the end of day one we were no longer looking for her and instead investigating her murder."

Sheriff Holland stated that once a positive identification is made in the case using DNA evidence, additional charges will be forthcoming and the victim will be identified.

### Drug raid results in arrests

Just before the holiday weekend, officers with the Macon County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) and the Franklin Police Department raided a Franklin home known to law enforcement as a location where drugs have been being sold. The raid was the culmination of months of undercover investigations conducted by the county's Narcotics Unit.

During the course of the investigation, law enforcement discovered an infant was staying in the home, leading officers to take extra precautions before raiding the home just before daylight on July 1.

The MCSO Special Response Team made the initial entry into the home and secured the occupants of the residence and rendered the scene safe.

Five adults and two children found in the home were detained without any issues. Following an extensive search of the residence, four adults were taken into custody and transported to the Macon County Detention Center to face criminal charges.

A family member was contacted and arrangements were made for the transfer of custody of the children. The Department of Social Services was contacted and a report was filed by officers due to the fact they had sufficient information to believe children had been in a dangerous environment and had also been in the presence of drug transactions.

During the search of the residence, several pieces of evidence were photographed and seized including a firearm and approximately 12 grams of crack cocaine. Along

with drug charges being filed, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon was also filed against Randy Stewart who is known as "Grille."

"These arrests are the direct result of excellent police work by all involved in the investigation," Sheriff Robert Holland said. "We credit much of our success to the assistance of the public who provided numerous tips using our mobile app."



Randy Topaz Stewart



Bradley Kevin Jones



Alyxzandrya Bell



Devin Rashawn Stewart

Randy Topaz Stewart was charged with maintaining place for controlled substances; possession of a firearm by convicted felon; possession of cocaine; possess controlled substance prison/jail premises, possession with intent to manufacture sell, deliver Schedule 2 controlled substance and given a \$205,000 secured bond.

Devin Rashawn Stewart was charged with maintaining a place for controlled substances; possession with intent to manufacture sell, deliver Schedule 2 controlled substance; possession Schedule 2 controlled substance.

Bradley Kevin Jones was charged with a felony probation violation and is being held under a \$10,000 bond.

Alyxzandrya Bell was charged with possession of methamphetamine.

## Filing opens for county school board

Filing for the Macon County Board of Education opened on July 1 at noon, with several candidates already filing for the two open seats.

The public schools of Macon County are governed by an elected Board of Education. Its five members, elected for four-year staggered terms, represent the three school districts and the county at large. The board serves as a non-partisan board. The superintendent of Macon County Schools, Dr. Chris Baldwin, serves as the secretary of the board.

Two seats on the Macon County Board of Education will appear on the ballot this November. The District II seat, currently held by Tommy Cabe, and the county at large seat, currently held by Carol Arnold are both up for election. Both Cabe and Arnold have filed to run. Diedre Kaye Breeden has also filed for the District At Large seat.

Filing for the Macon County Board of Education will continue until July 15 at noon. A \$5 filing fee is assessed to run for school board.

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# Book store continues on Main Street with new look, new name

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

The building at 60 East Main Street in Franklin has housed hardware and general stores in its century-plus history. But since the 1980s, it has been home to a bookseller, most recently Suzanne Harouff, who was the owner of Books Unlimited since the 1990s.

When Harouff determined she would retire, discussions ensued with another more recent-to-the-area bookseller, Liz DeWandeler, who purchased Millie's on Georgia Road in 2019. DeWandeler, a career veterinarian who moved to the Franklin area five years ago from Colorado, explained that she was always a bookworm and decided owning a book store was her new career. She had changed the name of Millie's to A Novel Escape and sold new and used books.

"I no longer wanted to be a vet," she said, "so this was a natural fit for me. When Suzanne and I began talking, the most important thing to us was that Main Street not lose a book store."

In the last few decades nationwide, independent booksellers have increasingly been lost to national chains and online sales.

"I talked it over with my husband and felt it was a dream come true," said DeWandeler, who purchased all the inventory of Books Unlimited. She closed the store for two months, had the carpet pulled up to reveal the original wood floors, pulled away the drop ceiling to expose the original ceiling, and opened up and redecorated spaces. A friend and carpenter, Bob Nichols, used existing wood to build a large U-shaped counter-cashier space, and the extensive, combined book inventory is housed on wall shelving and book-cases throughout.

"I had a fantastic contractor, Hand Built Dreams [in



Liz DeWandeler is the new owner of Franklin's Main Street book store, which for many years was Books Unlimited. DeWandeler changed the name to A Novel Escape, and the new store mascot is a golden retriever named Brody.



Franklin], who took my vision for the store and accomplished the renovation," said DeWandeler, "and then there were a lot of volunteers who helped. A good friend, who also does interior design, Logan Kimsey, helped me flesh out the vision and create a wonderful space and atmosphere."

DeWandeler shared that the 5th-generation-owned, 19th-

century-built building maintains its historic appeal, yet she desired that its interior also convey a somewhat modernized but inviting ambiance. Offered are sitting areas with antiques and repurposed furnishings, a Keurig coffee maker with a donation jar, and merchandise sporting the store name that she carried over from her Georgia Road location, A

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Cozy sitting spots, merchandise sporting the store's new name, and a wide open children's reading area are some of the changes made to the Main Street book store as a result of new ownership.



Novel Escape, which has been closed so she can concentrate on the Main Street store.

"I'm especially proud of how the children's area turned out," she said. "The children have lots of space in an area with so much natural light. I plan to have story times and other activities for them."

Offered at the new/old store is a selection of approximately 60% used and 40% new books. Plus, maps, puzzles, calendars, greeting cards, postcards, and more are available. DeWandeler, who reads all genres but especially enjoys apocalyptic and dystopian type novels and anything escapism-related, pointed out that she will order from other booksellers around the country if necessary.

"I'm a big proponent of shopping small, individually owned businesses instead of the large online companies," she said. "And this store is still serving Suzanne's (Books Unlimited) long-time customer base as well as new customers, who are local, seasonal, and tourists."

She admitted that she is having "a lot of fun" and will soon reveal a "secret" announcement surrounding a grand



A Novel Escape is located at 60 East Main Street in the location of the former Books Unlimited.

opening event. She wants to maintain A Novel Escape as a quality book store, but always consider adding interesting items "here and there" as well as supporting local authors and local interests.

While a fixture at Harouff's Books Unlimited was, for many years, a cat or two, A Novel Escape's mascot is "Brody," a golden retriever.

"I'm finding that people, especially children, are coming in just to see Brody," quipped DeWandeler. "But that's okay. He likes tummy rubs."

Beginning August 2 is the launch of the store's book club. Anyone interested can read the August selection of "The Paris Architect" and participate in the book club's discussion. On alternating months, readers will share through a round-table discussion format their insights regarding what they are reading currently. Book club meetings will take place the first Tuesday of each month at A Novel Escape at 6:30 p.m.

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# Police staffing a concern in Franklin

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

In a less-than-an hour meeting of the Town of Franklin Council, business included the reading of two proclamations, more discussions about the in-process skate park, a public hearing set for the rezoning of a property, and awareness of a sewer line project. Yet, the wrap-up agenda item for the short, July 5, 6 p.m., meeting involved the issue of Town of Franklin Police Department staffing – or lack thereof.

Police Chief Bill Harrell addressed the Council, “As you know, these past few years have been hard.”

In fact, across the country, due to a number of factors, including an uptick in crime, limited local government resources, and more, police departments – large and small – are facing shortages.

In the report presented to the Council, the Franklin Police Department responded to 958 calls from May 27 to June 26, in a town with a population just over 4,000. The reports filed included 52 accidents, 14 arrests, and 52 “incident/investigation.” Plus, 36 citations were given and 27 warning citations.

According to Chief Harrell, six police officer positions need to be filled in the department.

“We were called out on a terrible situation

this past weekend and the officers we do have are wearing multiple hats and putting in many hours,” he said. “We pay overtime, but people get worn out if they are working 24/7. We don’t want to lose the quality of the work with the few people we have.”

Recruitment of new police officers involves required training, and enticing them to the Town of Franklin involves an appealing salary and benefits package.

“Our benefits package can compete with any agency in the state; it’s our pay we need to improve,” Council member Mike Lewis pointed out.

“We are not getting a lot of applicants. We are talking to other municipalities to get ideas about recruiting and filing vacancies with new recruits,” Mayor Jack Horton noted.

Horton assured Harrell that he and the town manager, human resources director, and finance manager will be working together regarding the police department’s staffing budget and to find solutions for filling the needed positions.

“We have to have police officers. We realize officers are doubling up and doing extra duties and we appreciate it. Please let them know that.”

The proclamations announced were to recognize the centennial year of American Legion Post 108 in Franklin on July 11 as well as to set aside Sept. 4-10 as a designated public support week for homeless veterans.



At the July 5 Town of Franklin Council meeting, Mayor Jack Horton recognized Sherry Newton and Ken Carpenter for their work with the American Legion and read a proclamation recognizing Post 108’s centennial year, officially July 11.

And, in skate park news, Tim Shaw of Skate28 spoke in public session to inform the Council that a recent fundraising event that involved music, hot dog sales, an auction, and more raised \$13,000 – monies that will go toward the construction of the skate park.

“This was a coordinated effort involving skaters, families, and businesses,” said Shaw, “because families and skaters want a

skate park here.”

Local businessmen Matt Jackson and Jim Ledford presented a posterboard “check” for the total amount.

“This is a worthwhile project,” said Horton, “and we appreciate all the efforts and will continue to move forward.”

The Town’s attorney, John Henning, provided the Council with additional information regarding securing a firm to carry out the skate park’s design-build process.

The next Town of Franklin Council meeting is Monday, Aug. 1, at 6 p.m.

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2022	BMW	530	240
2022	Chevrolet	Corvette 2LT	201
2022	Edge	Sport	101
2021	Tesla	Model 3 Standard Range Plus	15,196
2020	Chevrolet	Corvette 3LT	8,263
2020	Jaguar	XE AWD	5,214
2019	Buick	Enclave	24,669
2019	Dodge	Grand Caravan SXT	55,584
2019	Nissan	Sentra SV	15,009
2019	Toyota	Corolla LE	11,095
2019	Volkswagen	Beetle	42,676
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	Chevrolet	Cruze	113,152
2014	Ford	Focus SE	84,984
2009	BMW	i28	86,081
2008	Corvette	Coupe	9,007
1990	Corvette		125,701

## SUVS

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	Chevrolet	Equinox Premier AWD	34,109
2019	Chevrolet	Tahoe LT	46,162
2019	GMC	Terrain	63,316
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox LT	23,569
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
2018	Nissan	Murano	53,903
2017	Rogue	SV	58,866
2017	Toyota	RAV4 LE	83,441
2016	Lexus	RX 350	72,908
2016	Sorento	LX	112,933
2015	Chevrolet	Equinox LTZ AWD	107,485
2015	Jeep	Wrangler Unlimited Altitude	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

## TRUCKS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2022	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 LT Trail Boss	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	Ford	F-150 SuperCrew Cab	32,251
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
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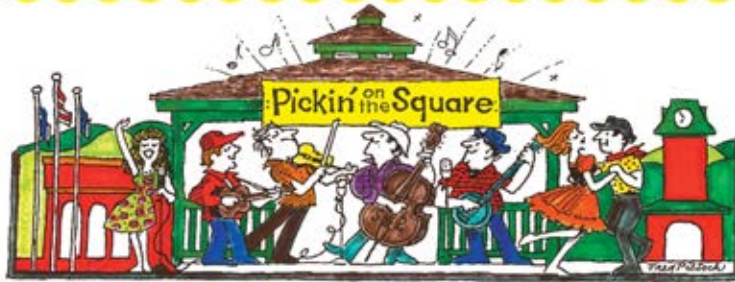
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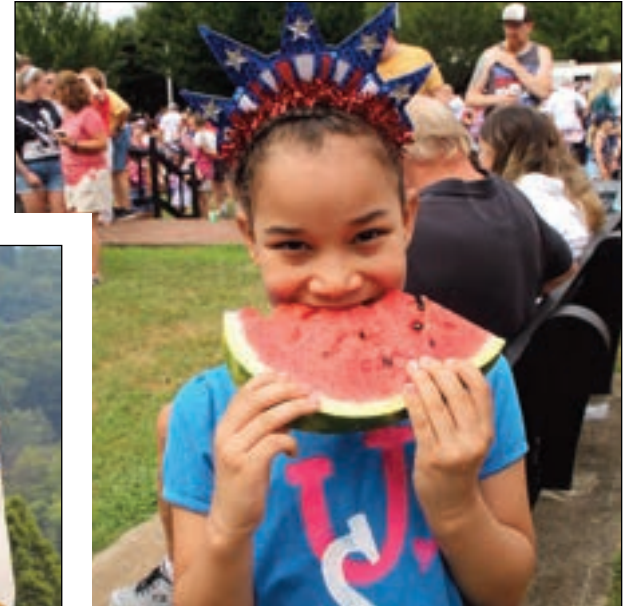








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# Arrest Report

*The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests June 20 - July 3. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.*



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

### **June 27**

Timothy Michael Carson, was charged with felony probation violation. Joel Lynch made the arrest.

### **June 28**

Jacquelyn Ruth Stewart, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of a schedule II controlled substance and simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

Eric Clinton Prevette, was charged with child support enforcement contempt. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

Alvin Dewayne Ervin, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Kenneth Lee Standingdeer, was issued warrant service for resist a public officer and second degree trespass. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

### **June 29**

Mikel Paul Worley, was charged with assault and battery. Jordan C. Sutton made the arrest.

### **July 1**

Joseph Michael Cyphers, was issued a true bill of indictment. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

Jose Luis Patino Alvarez, was charged with failure to appear for felony. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

Alyxzandrya Bell, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Randy Topaz Stewart, was charged with maintaining a place for controlled substances, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, possession of cocaine, possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises and possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

Devin Rashawn Stewart, was charged with maintaining a place for a controlled substances, possession with intent to manufacture sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance and possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Bradley Kevin Jones, was charged with probation violation. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Adriana Nichole Garcilita, was charged with failure to appear. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

Franklin George Hill, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

### **July 3**

Wendy Lynn Goodrich, was charged with simple assault.

Andrew Edward Andrews, was charged with assault on a female. Deputy Lydia Bellavance made the arrest.

## **Franklin Police Department**

### **June 24**

Bryan Scott Garringer, was charged with probation violation. J.A. Riles made the arrest.

### **June 28**

Jess Philip Standingdeer, was issued an order for arrest for felony probation violation. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

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

### **June 20**

Matthew Douglas Rowe, 34, of Pumpkin Town Rd., was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$4,000 was set.

### **June 21**

Travis Andrew Mason, 29, of Clayton St., was charged with failure to appear for possession of stolen goods. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Conelious Ashe, 30, of Blanton Branch Rd., was charged with driving while license revoked not impaired revocation, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Christopher Slade Barkley, 20, of Thomas Valley Rd., Whittier, was charged with first degree arson. A secured bond of \$150,000 was set.

Kenneth Christopher Potts, 48, of Huntington Ridge, Whittier, was charged with injury to personal property. No bond was set.

Loretta Jean Bradley, 54, of Huntington Ridge, Whittier, was charged with injury to personal property. No bond was set.

### **June 22**

Nicholas Steven Maykus Shelby, 23, of Harris Ave., Austin, TX, was charged with communicating a threat of mass violence on educational property. No bond was set.

Crystal Gail Bradley, 45, of Teleski Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for obtain property by false pretense, larceny after break/enter and breaking and or entering. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

### **June 23**

Drew Garrett Hoyle, 22, of Bagonia Lane, was charged with possession of methamphetamine and possession of a schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Nicholas Steven Maykus Selby, 23, of Harris Ave., Austin T, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, felony possession of marijuana, possession of a schedule III controlled substance and possession of a schedule I controlled substance. A secured bond of \$2,500 was set.

William Joseph Conner, 31, of Oak Hill Dr., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana paraphernalia, felony possession of synthetic cannabinoid, felony possession of a schedule I controlled substance and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

### **June 24**

Mark Allen Thoman, 38, of Jonquil Dr., was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Jeremy Andrew Steed, 44, of Levi Mathis Rd., Whittier, was charged with domestic protective order violence. No bond was set.

Anthony Kelvin Sequoyah, 33, of Whittier, was charged with felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Jess Clingmon Owens, 41, of Haywood Rd., was charged with indecent exposure, disseminate obscenity to minor under 16 and indecent liberties with a child. A secured bond of \$50,000 was set.

Ethan Matthew Leonard, 18, of Love St., Franklin, was charged with resisting a public officer, flee/elude arrest with a motor vehicle and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Charles Alden Brooks, 19, of Sylva, was charged with second degree trespass and attempted break and enter a building. No bond was set.

### **June 27**

Saith David Cucumber, 27, of Bali Dr., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for possession of a firearm by a felon, failure to wear seat belt, driving while license revoked

not impaired revocation, reckless driving to endanger, driving while impaired, breaking and entering of a motor vehicle forcible, injury to personal property, kidnapping and attempted larceny. A secured bond of \$153,000 was set.

### **June 28**

Christian Valdin Rave Green, 20, of Hillcrest St., was charged with failure to appear for drive/allow a motor vehicle with no registration, no liability insurance and speeding. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Kevin Scott Watson, 29, of East Sylva Circle, was charged with misdemeanor probation violation. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Javier Alejandro, 38, of Sylva, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay a law enforcement officer. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

### **June 29**

Jess Harvey Cagle, 49, of Macktown Rd., Dillsboro, was charged with second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

David Gregory Watson, 44, of Marshall St., Waynesville, was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor probation violation. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Charles Robert Sturgis, 40, of Too How Rd., Whittier, was charged with assault causing serious bodily injury. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

### **June 30**

Mark Allen Thoman, 38, of Jonquil Dr., was charged with violation of a court order. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

William Leroy Wright, 42, of Addie Littlejohn Rd., Cherokee, was charged with fail to work after paid, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny after breaking and entering, breaking and entering, and obtaining property by false pretenses. A secured bond of \$122,000 was set.

Kenneth Lee Brooks, 42, of Mimosa Lane, Was charged with injury to personal property and discharge weapon on occupied property. An unsecured bond of \$20,000 was set.

### **July 1**

Timothy Ray Smith, 53, of Quallatown Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Jim Kye Blankenship, 23, of Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for all other offenses. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

Hunter Lee Lewis, 25, of Maynor Dr., Balsam, was charged with felony probation violation, carrying a concealed weapon and interfere with electronic monitor device. A secured bond of \$30,000 was set.

Dalton Faron Taylor, 20, of Sylva, was charged with failure to appear for drive after consuming under 21 years of age and driving while intoxicated. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Donathan Nathaniel Colby Shelton, 30, of Magnolia St., was issued a fugitive warrant. A secured bond of \$70,000 was set.

### **July 2**

Kristopher Alexander Tutt, 26, of Thomas Coke Dr., Waynesville, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Matthew Paul Leonard, 42, of Sylva, was charged with child support purge, failure to appear for a canceled/revoked/suspended certificate/tag, operate a vehicle with no insurance, driving while license revoked not impaired revocation, failure to wear seat belt for driver, driving while license revoked impaired revocation, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. A secured bond of \$20,347 was set.

### **July 3**

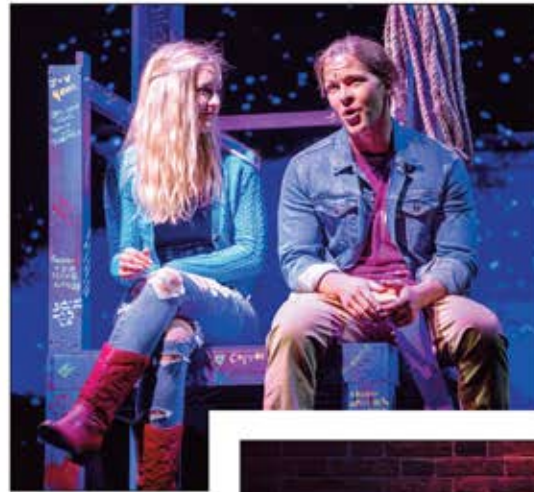
Christina Benton Filan, 55, of Jonquil Dr., was charged with violation of a court order. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Mark Alien Thoman, 38, of Jonquil Dr., was charged with violation of a release order. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.









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# Community raises funds for library employees

**Brittney Lofthouse**  
Contributing Writer

A group of community members raised close to \$30,000 for the Macon County Public Library system to award bonuses to library staff after Macon County Commissioners denied the funding request as part of the 2022-23 fiscal year budget.

Lenny Jordan, who spearheaded the effort, along with several community members who donated and library staff gathered at the Macon County Public Library Tuesday afternoon. The check was for \$20,000-plus and will be divided between the 27 full-time and part time employees who work at the Macon County Public Library in Franklin, the Nantahala Library and the Hudson Library in Highlands.

The employee raises will be based on a percentage and will vary depending on current salaries and other factors, but on average employees will receive a .60 cent an hour raise -- so for employees making \$10.50 an hour, they will now be making \$11.10.

Despite dozens of calls from the public during a June 14 budget work session to provide funding for library staff, most of whom make around \$10 per hour, with a raise, Macon County Commissioners approved the budget without \$20,000 in additional funding to provide employees with a salary increase.

In the days following the commissioners' decision, members of the community began working together to raise the funds through donations. The Macon County Public Library is a nonprofit, which means donations to the library are tax deductible. Within about a week of launching the local initiative, the dozen or so community members had not only reached the \$20,000, but surpassed it and on Tuesday afternoon a check for \$20,000-plus (close to \$30,000) was presented to the Macon County Public Library.

The Macon County Public Library System is comprised of three libraries, the Macon County Public Library, the Nantahala Library, and the Hudson Library in Highlands. Each year, the Macon County Board of Commissioners allocates just over \$1 million for these three libraries in the



**A group of community members got together and raised more than \$20,000 for employee raises at the Macon County Public Library. Commissioners had denied the request for the funding increase.**

Photo by Bobby Coggins

annual budget. Fontana Regional Library director Karen Wallace determines the disbursement of the allocated funds.

In the past 10 years, the Macon County Board of Commissioner's budget allocation has been increased by 5 percent, while inflation has increased by more than 15 percent.

In the original budget proposal, Macon County had \$1.1 million allocated for the three public libraries in the county, which amounted to around a \$52,000 increase over the year before. Commissioner Ronnie Beale asked that the \$20,000 would get the county's funding closer to the library's initial request of \$1.15 million, keeping up with the inflation rate, said Beale. He proposed the \$20,000 could come out of the county's contingency fund.

Commissioner Paul Higdon pushed back on any increase in funding for the library due to a Pride month display in the teen section of the library.

"I'm having a hard time allocating an increase to a publicly funded institution that supports a display that's so divisive in our community," Higdon said.

Beale said while he's "not so sure I don't agree with that," a single display is not enough reason to withhold a potential salary increase from library employees.

"We are so appreciative of the funds that were raised, and I think more than even get the raise itself, seeing how much the community supports and appreciate them through this has meant so much to the staff," said Wallace.



## Deaths & Funerals

### Alyson Stacia Payne

Alyson Stacia Payne, 32, passed away Thursday, June 29, 2022. She was born Feb. 26, 1990, in Jackson County to Kevin Payne and Sabrina Welch. She was larger than life. She loved her family, friends, and people. She loved photography, art, music, and woodworking. She worked at Drake Software as a graphic designer. She was also a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church.

Surviving are her father, Kevin Payne; mother, Sabrina Welch; brother, Ethan Payne and his wife, Brittany Payne; nephew, Clay Payne; great-uncle, Dean Henson; maternal grandparents, Dale and Tava Welch; uncle, Chad Welch; and two cousins, Rachel Cowart and Christen Zimmerman.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Kyle and Marilyn Payne; and her aunt, Melanie Payne.

A Celebration of Life service was held Wednesday, July 6, at the Asbury UMC with the Rev. Eric Henson officiating. Burial followed in the Asbury Methodist Cemetery.

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

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



**Alyson Stacia Payne**

### Hazel Avanelle Wood Miller

Hazel Avanelle Wood Miller, 90, of Scaly Mountain, went home to be with to be with Jesus on Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Born in Pickens, S.C., she was the daughter of the late Claude and Emma Watson Wood. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Lewis Miller, and her siblings, Earl Wood, Elsie Wood Coggins, Vernon Wood, Gladys Wood, and Emmit Wood. She was a member of the Scaly Mountain Church of God. In her spare time, her hobbies included quilting, sewing, painting, reading, and stitching, and working with her roses in her flower garden.

She is survived by her siblings, Oleta Rogers of Asheville, N.C., Mary Ruth Keever of Whittier, N.C., Judy Reece of Whittier, and Lawrence Wood of Brevard, N.C.; sisters-in-law, Joyce Wood of Scaly Mountain, and Naomi Johnson of Candler, N.C.; nieces, Cheryl Talley and husband Shane and their children, Emmaline and Spencer of Scaly Mountain, Julia Wood and husband James of Otto, Melanie Reitzel and husband Robert of Whittier, Laura Reece of Whittier, and Tammy Talley and husband Clay of Scaly Mountain; and numerous other nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral service was held Sunday, July 3, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Shane Wood, Rev. Donald Bates, Rev. Larry May, Rev. Sam Manus and Rev. Mozart Moliere officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Victory Fellowship Church, Attn: El Salvador Wells, 1339 Canton Road, Marietta, GA 30060.

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

Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



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# Deaths & Funerals

## Willie 'Ray' Thomas

Willie "Ray" Thomas, a.k.a. Superman, 74, went to be with his Lord and Savior peacefully in his home at Ocean Isle Beach, N.C., on Monday, June 26, 2022.

He was born Aug. 10, 1947, in Macon County, North Carolina, to the late Porter and Ethel Thomas. He was preceded in death by seven siblings and his sons, Jeff and Jake Thomas.

He was a Vietnam War veteran for the United States Marine Corps and serving his country was an achievement that he considered to be of highest honor.

When he returned home from Vietnam, he continued his dedication to serving and protecting by working as a sheriff's deputy in Macon and surrounding counties. Later, he earned a degree in Occupational Health where he served 30 years as an Environmental Health Specialist until his retirement from the State.

He was a lover of all things nature and enjoyed spending many hours taking long walks up and down the beach to find treasure or, as he said, wasting money on a golf course. He stood firm in his beliefs and never backed down but his witty humor, infectious laugh, and willingness to always give is what makes him unforgettable.

He is survived by his daughter, Christie Slagle (Charles); five grandchildren, Bree Sanders of Whiteville, N.C., Nathaniel Thomas of Columbia, S.C., Zachary Ward of North Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Mackenzie and Taylor Thomas of Franklin; three great-grandchildren, Braxton, Jack and Sailor Turner of Whiteville; four siblings, Thelma Carpenter, Lonnie Thomas (Dianne), Katie Rowand (Mitchell) and Earl Thomas (Pat) all of Franklin, N.C. He was also blessed with his "sweet pea" of 11 years, Brenda Kans of Ocean Isle Beach along with countless friends and acquaintances all along the East Coast.

Paying their final respects in one of the highest honors, the pallbearers are Nathaniel Thomas, Zachary Ward, Taylor Thomas, James Turner, Shannon Knitie and Daniel Sanders. Honorary bearers are Eddie Collins and Brandon Ledford.

Funeral services will be held at Liberty Baptist Church in Franklin on July 10, at 2 p.m. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Rev. Don Moffitt will officiate. VFW 7339, American Legion 108 and the US Marine Corp will provide military honors. A celebration of life will be held in the weeks to come in Brunswick County, North Carolina, where he resided.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to Moffitt Family Funeral Care.

Moffitt Family Funeral care is honored to serve the family.

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



Willie 'Ray' Thomas

## James Edward 'Ed' Mallory

James Edward "Ed" Mallory, 80, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Monday, June 13, 2022.

He was born in Princeton, W.Va., to the late James Conrad Mallory and Emma Bratton Mallory. After graduating from Princeton High School, he completed his undergraduate studies at Emory & Henry College in Virginia and then his graduate studies at the University of Tennessee where he received his Master's degree in Organic Chemistry. He was a devoted member of First United Methodist Church of Franklin.

He is survived by his children wife of 60 years, Elizabeth Carole Watson Mallory; children, Steve Mallory (Rebecca Hope) of Greenville, Tenn., and John Edward Mallory (Jenni) of Lawrenceville, Ga.; and sister, Margery Jo Baldwin of Richmond, Ky.; four grandchildren, Jordon Mallory (Rachael) of Alexandria, Va., LilliBeth Mallory, Anna Mallory, and Eva Mallory all of Lawrenceville, Ga.

A visitation will be held Saturday, Aug. 6, at 11 a.m., at First United Methodist Church of Franklin, followed by a service at 12:12 p.m.

Rev. David Beam, Rev. Vic Green, and Rev. Margaret Freeman will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Macon County 4 H, the Appalachian Animal Rescue, PO Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744, or Noah's Ark Humane Society, 1239 Old Murphy Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



James Edward Mallory

## Timothy 'Scott' Stiwinter

Timothy "Scott" Stiwinter, 51, of Hendersonville, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

Born in York County, South Carolina, he was the son of the late Thomas William and Carolyn Rice Stiwinter. He proudly served as a MP in the United States Army during Desert Storm.

He is survived by his son, Garrett Stiwinter of Hendersonville; brother, Darren Stiwinter and wife Jennifer of Cullowhee, N.C.; stepbrother, Darrell Stiwinter of Rock Hill, S.C.; and stepsister, Kay Boggs of Rock Hill.

Graveside service was held Tuesday, July 5, at Stewart Cemetery in Cullowhee. Pastor Randy C. Barton officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Stewart Cemetery Fund in care of Carl Stewart.

Online condolences can be left at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com). Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Timothy Stiwinter

## James Harley 'Jim' Ballew

James Harley "Jim" Ballew, 69, of Scaly Mountain, N.C., passed away in the late evening of Thursday, June 30, 2022.

Born in Rabun County on July 30, 1952, he was the son of the late Lester and Velma Ballew. He was a man of deep faith, extremely high moral fabric, a servant's heart, and a testimony that he would share with anyone he met. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed trout fishing the backwaters of Western North Carolina and Northeast Georgia and deer hunting the woods of those same areas.

He had a green thumb and could grow a plethora of flowers and an abundance of vegetables that he enjoyed sharing with others. He was a simple country man, his needs were few, his giving was plenty, and his love for Jesus and others shined through everything he done. He also enjoyed being amateur radio operator and went by the call sign "Slim Jim."

Local survivors include sister, Martha Ballew Tolbert of Clarksville; niece, Michelle Tolbert Barron and husband Casey of Mt. Airy; nephew, Brent Tolbert and wife Stephanie of Clarksville; great nephews, Grant Barron, Samuel Tolbert and Linton Tolbert; as well as many extended family and friends.

A private graveside service was held on the morning of Saturday, July 2, at Hillside Gardens Cemetery in Clarksville, Ga.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Habersham Gideons - North Camp, PO Box 1855, Clarksville, GA 30523.

A heartfelt thank you is extended to the wonderful people at Grandview Manor Care Center in Franklin, N.C., and to Four Seasons Hospice for their love and care shown to Jim over the last several years.

His Lord said unto him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord." (Matthew 25:23)

Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting [HillsideMemorialChapel.com](http://HillsideMemorialChapel.com).

Notice courtesy of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory.

## Nannie 'Geneva' Scruggs

Nannie "Geneva" Scruggs, 77, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, June 29, 2022.

She was born in Macon County, North Carolina, to the late Willie Scruggs and Isabella Greenwood Scruggs. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her only son, Anthony Gladden Scruggs; and siblings, Walter "Little Willie" Scruggs, Charles Scruggs, Josephine Scruggs Bryson, Carl Scruggs, Eddie Scruggs, Billy Scruggs, Betty Jean Scruggs Parrish, Orlando Scruggs, and Leon Scruggs.

She was a member of the Burgess Chapel. She retired from Macon County Schools in 2008. In her spare time, she enjoyed tending to her vegetable and flower garden and looking for bargains at flea markets.

She is survived by two sisters, Claudette Frances Burston and Synthia Owens (Bob) of Franklin; brother, Stanley Scruggs of Franklin; and a host of nieces and nephews.

Funeral service was held Saturday, July 2, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Mozart Moliere, Bishop Farris Long, Minister Richard Lugo and Minister Eli Sha Moliere officiating. Burial was in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Curt Stewart, Tony Stewart, Terry Stewart, Norman Bryson, Tyler Scruggs, and Elisha Moliere.

Memorial donations can be made to the Thomas Walter Scruggs Scholarship Fund.

Online condolences can be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com). Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



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Ty Gibbs, driver of the #54 Monster Energy Toyota, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Henry 180 at Road America on July 02, 2022 in Elkhart Lake, Wisc. Photo by Sean Gardner/Getty Images

When he exited the infield care center after an evaluation, however, Brown was in much better spirits.

"I caught the dust pile," Brown said while watching a replay of the incident. "It looks like the 45 (Karam) went around. A lot of cars went around. I couldn't really see anything until I saw the 48 (Tyler Reddick) and plowed him."

"It was a real gut-check, a little kick to the area that you don't want to injure."

Karam wasn't charitable where Gragson was concerned.

"That was ridiculous," Karam said. "I've never been turned into on a straight line like that... You can't get that heated when you're driving a race car. Unfortunately, he let his emotions get the best of him today."

Not surprisingly, Gragson had a different point of view.

"I guess he forgot the three times before that he'd throw it

into the corner, door us and run us off the race track," Gragson said. "After a while, you get sick and tired of it. I hate that people's stuff got tore up..."

"I take responsibility. I hate it for his guys, but I'm fighting to race for a championship here, and I'm really over getting run over...He started it. I finished it. We're good."

Another victim of that wreck, Josh Berry, survived to finish third, followed by Austin Hill and Brandon Jones. AJ Allmendinger ran sixth after starting from the rear and drawing a pit road speeding penalty under caution on Lap 26, forcing him to come from the back a second time.

Riley Herbst, Gragson, Jeremy Clements and Ryan Sieg completed the top 10.

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Ty Gibbs, driver of the #54 Monster Energy Toyota, and Kyle Larson, driver of the #17 Hendrick-cars.com Chevrolet, race during the NASCAR Xfinity Series Henry 180 at Road America on July 02, 2022 in Elkhart Lake, Wisc. Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images

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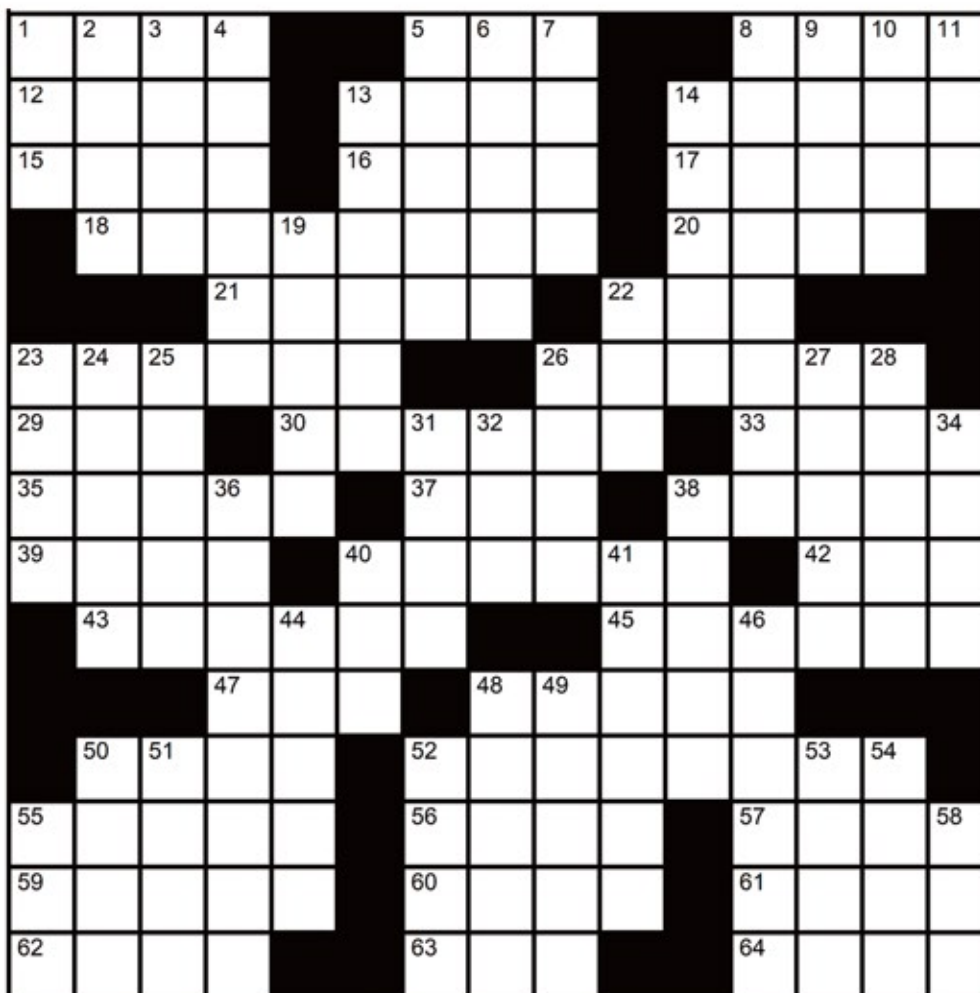
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