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Macon County Veteran Services sponsored a Smoky Mountains Veteran Stand Down last Thursday at the Robert C. Carpenter Building. The event was created to address the needs of veterans who are homeless, at risk of becoming homeless or are struggling to get by and cannot afford proper care. Among the free services offered were haircuts, dental screening, employment resources, information on veteran's benefits, legal issues, housing and more. A meal was provided for those in attendance. For more photos, see page 12.
Photo by Vickie Carpenter

Whitmire Property topic of special called meeting

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

The Town of Franklin has owned what is known as the Whitmire property since 2004. For many years, town officials have transpired to determine a use for the 12.71 acre tract at 15 First Street. For the last few years, portions of the property have been used for individuals to play disc golf, and more recently a portion of the land was set aside for a future skate park. However, a special-called meeting of the Town of Franklin Town Council convened on Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the Town Hall Board Room, to generate additional thoughts and ideas regarding potential future uses of the Whitmire property.

At the meeting's outset, Mayor Jack Horton asked long-time council member Joe Collins to provide the board and meeting attendees with historical background about the Whitmire Property. Collins explained that the property, which originally included an early 1900s-built home, was purchased from the Whitmire family, long-time Franklin

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Town planner Justin Setser brought visuals of the Whitmire property to a special-called Town of Franklin Council meeting on Aug. 31.

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residents. (Western Carolina University’s football stadium is named for E.J. Whitmire.) The initial plan for the property was to build a town hall, police department, and public works facility. However, advice from planning experts at the time focused on locating such services downtown instead on the outskirts of town. Thus, the basement at Town Hall at 95 N.E. Main Street, which had previously housed the police department, was renovated to accommodate Town Council meetings, etc. The police department was relocated to Palmer Street, and the Whitmire property sat vacant.

In 2018, a thorough study was completed to “collect and view current plans, strategies, and project information related to community and areawide economic development initiatives...” related to the property. Various mixed uses were considered, taking into consideration the property’s flood plain, proximity to the Little Tennessee River, and flat spaces.

After Collins provided some background, Mayor Horton asked each council member to share thoughts on what he or she envisioned would be the best use for the Whitmire property.

“The town has a nice piece of property that is already equipped with water, sewer, and natural gas,” he said. “So what do we want to do with it? What’s a good public use for it? The board has been wrestling with what to do with this asset – to make it beneficial for the people in this jurisdiction...taxpayers who paid for this property.”

Town planner Justin Setser shared posterboard images of

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the property with the council to remind each member about the dimensions, and other information and he also pointed out that the property is currently zoned all commercial: C2.

Each council member shared input, ranging from mixed use to recreation/entertainment to residential. David Culpepper offered, “The Whitmire property is why I got in-



Photo by Vickie Carpenter

The Town of Franklin purchased the Whitmire property 18 years ago for \$1.5 million. Discussions have ensued over the years among various elected officials about what to do with the property located at 15 First Street in East Franklin.

involved as a member of council. I approached the town about a bicycle pump track on the property and then I became a council member after that. I felt then and I feel now that until we invest in the youth with outdoor recreational opportunities, we will not see problems with our youth cease to exist.” Culpepper added that when youth are not interested in athletics, and instead might be interested in cycling, skateboarding, roller skating, rock climbing, and more, they have not had a place in town to gather with peers to participate in such activities. “We’re not going to grow as a town if we don’t take care of our kids.”

“I agree with David,” said Adam Kimsey. “I think using the property for recreation is a good option.”

“Most importantly, I would like to stop the can from rolling down the road,” said Stacey Guffey. “We’ve had long enough to think about what to do with this property. After we decided to allow the skate park to be there, I now see the value of a recreation complex that includes other opportunities.”

Rita Salain said, “It’s a beautiful piece of property and I think it was smart for the council to purchase it, but I’m convinced mix use development is the way we should go. Studies show over and over again that we don’t have enough housing in Macon County.”

Collins indicated he would like to see an amphitheater, possibly for outdoor concerts, Shakespeare and other plays, as well as a pavilion built in the “open green space.”

Mayor Horton brought up that before anything might be constructed at the Whitmire property, an archeological study may be necessary. “There’s a high probability that there could be Cherokee artifacts since this area was populated by Cherokee.” In addition, the Whitmire property is just across the Little Tennessee River from the Nikwasi Mound.

All in all, the council agreed that Town Manager Amie Owens and staff could work on bringing ideas forward and establish a preliminary plan that focused on three potential use priorities for the Whitmire property: recreational, entertainment, and housing. Stacy Guffey made an official motion and it was approved.

The council also agreed to explore opportunities to work with the Macon County Board of Commissioners on future plans for the Whitmire property.

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Educators of the Year share reasons why they do what they do

Diane Peltz - Contributing Writer

Teacher of the Year

Mariah Rascati has been named Teacher of the Year (TOY) for Macon County Schools. Rascati has been teaching for six years. She taught first grade for three years in Florida, then when she moved to North Carolina in 2019 she began teaching third grade at Cartoogechaye Elementary School. She received her Bachelor's Degree in Early Childhood Education from the University of Central Florida in Orlando, Fla.

She says if she were to give advice to someone thinking about going into teaching it would be, "don't underestimate the lifelong impact you can have in a child's life. It is amazing how big a factor you can play in the life of a student by just spending nine months, a school year, with them. Being an educator is powerful."

As far as what she likes about teaching Rascati said, "I love watching the students fall in love with learning. I love seeing their eyes light up after working so hard to understand a concept. When it finally 'clicks' in their heads, that moment is so rewarding."

She said one of the challenging things about teaching is, "the weight of taking things home, not just physical papers home to grade, but any burdens your students are carrying, you begin to worry, too."

Her favorite quote is "How monotonous the sounds of the forest would be if the music came only from the top ten birds," By Dan Bennett.

Ms. Rascati is recently married to her "sweet" husband, Josh. They have no children yet and no pets. She likes reading with a cup of coffee in her hand, enjoying the outdoors, attending live sports, traveling to new places and spending time with family and friends.

"I'm very honored to have received this award for Teacher of the Year for Macon County. This past year couldn't have been possible without my incredible teammates,



Iotla Valley Elementary School was well represented in the naming of this year's superlatives. Michelle Bell (L) was named Principal of the Year and third grade teacher Mariah Rascati was named Teacher of the Year.

Pauletta Clark and Kayla Cabe and the supportive administration of Michelle Bell and Caleb Parham at Iotla Valley. I look forward to serving Macon County for years to come."

Principal of the year
Michelle Bell, principal of Iotla Valley Elementary School,

has been selected as Principal of the Year.

Bell has been in education since graduating from the University of North Texas in 1988. She has taught second grade, fourth grade, fifth grade writing, fifth grade reading, and fifth grade science.

Some attributes that Bell says makes her a good principal is, "I like to think that I don't ask my teachers or staff to do anything that I am not willing to do. I think we are here for our students, and we should do our best to serve them."

"I have the best teachers in the county, we work well as a team, helping each other out when we see a need. Teaching is no longer an independent practice."

Some advice she might give to someone considering entering the education field is, "I would suggest that they spend some time in a classroom first to see how the classroom has evolved from when they were in school. I would also suggest that they surround themselves with positive people of all ages, because we can learn so much from each other. Teaching can be challenging, but the rewards far outweigh the challenges."

Bell implemented "The Leader In Me" program, at Iotla Valley, several years ago. She explains.

"The Leader In Me is about empowering our students and helping them to recognize the strengths they have within themselves. It gives them the confidence to be engaged in their education and community, and gives them the tools they need to face any situation not only in the classroom, but outside the school walls. We teach them Covey's 7 Habits of happy kids (highly effective people)."

Bell is married to Joe Bell, and they have two daughters, Adrienne Buchanan and Savannah Bloemsma.

She loves spending time outdoors doing yard work and reading.

"I have two quotes that I really like. One is my signature on my emails, 'Limits exist only in the souls of those who do not dream.' (Philippe Petite), the other is, 'Dreams come in a size too big so that we may grow into them.'"

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“I feel very honored to have been chosen as Principal of the Year. Our county has so many wonderful principals who work hard for the children of Macon County.

“I love my job, I love our community and students, and I love the people I get the privilege of working with every day.”

Support Person of the Year

Blair King was chosen as Support Person of the Year for Macon County Schools. King has been in the education profession for 16 years. Before becoming an assistant principal he taught Wellness and Physical Education. He was also district school Health Coordinator.

King says he loves being inspired by kids and teachers.

“I love seeing a community support a school. I love the ‘people’ aspect of education. No matter what program or curriculum you have it doesn’t matter, if the focus isn’t on its people,” he said.

Some advice he would give to someone thinking about going into the field of education is, “be in it for the kids. It’s the best profession in the world when your heart is in it.”

He also says that he really can’t give teachers any advice.

“The people here inspire me every day. All I can say is put kids first and invest in them. You won’t win them all and it may sound cliché but if you can impact just one child it’s all worth it. You never know what that one encouraging word, that one game or concert you attend can do for a child. Sometimes all a child needs is someone to believe in them.



Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin (R) presents FHS Assistant Principal Blair King with the Support Person of the Year Award.

“Kids for the most part will perform to the expectations you give them. Aim higher, set higher expectations of them, leave preconceived notions or someone else’s experience with them at the door and raise the bar. They may just surprise you.”

Mr. King has a favorite quote from Rocky Balboa – “Let me tell you something you already know. The world ain’t all sunshine and rainbows. It’s a very mean and nasty place and I don’t care how tough you are, it will beat you to your knees and keep you there permanently if you let it. You, me, or nobody is gonna hit as hard as life. But it ain’t about how hard you hit. It’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward; how much you can take and keep moving forward. That’s how winning is done! Now, if you know what you’re worth, then go out and get what you’re worth. But you gotta be willing to take the hits, and not pointing fingers saying you ain’t where you wanna be because of him, or her, or anybody. Cowards do that and that ain’t you. You’re better than that.”

King has been married for 17 years to his wife Ashley and they have two boys – Payton who starts high school this year and Parker who is in 6th grade. He loves football and baseball.

“I love to stay active. When I finished high school I weighed in at 320 lbs. I lost around 100 of that in eight months in 2002 and have kept it off ever since. When I broke my neck and realized I wasn’t playing football anymore and I didn’t need to be that big and I set goals and went for them.”

Another quote he feels is important is “No passion so effectually robs the mind of all its powers of acting and reasoning as fear.” – Edmund Burke, Statesman and Philosopher.



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Franklin chamber welcomes Journey Consulting to the business community

The Franklin Chamber of Commerce recently held a ribbon cutting celebration to welcome Journey Coaching & Consulting, LLC to the Franklin business community. Journey is located at 98 Hyatt Road in the Franklin Chamber of Commerce.

Journey Coaching & Consulting, LLC is a personal development business focused on helping individuals set and attain goals. Individual coaching is available in the areas of parenting, grief, life, crisis pregnancy, adoption/birthmother, foster care, and more. Additionally, consultation services are available for professional agencies who serve their communities in the areas of pregnancy, adoption, and foster care.

“Our mission is to equip, educate, and empower all clients so they may have a positive impact in their circle of influence” said



Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce held a ribbon cutting recently at Journey Coaching & Consulting, 98 Hyatt Road. To make an appointment, call (828)634-1005 or email Lisa@JourneyCoachingandConsulting.com

owner Lisa Holland. “We are by appointment only and can be reached at 828-634-1005 or by email at Lisa@JourneyCoachingandConsulting.com. Our website is www.journeycoachingandconsulting.com,” said Holland.

FHS Football 2-0 after win at Cherokee

Dan Finnerty
Contributing Writer

On the heels of their opening game 24-7 win at Murphy, the Franklin High School (FHS) Panthers improved to 2-0 August 26 with a close, hard fought win over the Braves in Cherokee, winning 14-12. Once again, senior running back/tight end Ty Handley proved critical to the win with two touchdowns, plus an interception made almost immediately after returning to the game following a shoulder injury. Handley finished the game with 128 yards rushing on 30 carries. Along with his 27-carry, 217-yard performance last week, Handley was again named “Player of the Game” for Franklin.

In addition to Handley’s stellar play, the Panther defense created four turnovers, including stopping the Braves on a 2-point conversion that would have tied the game with less than one minute left. The offensive line helped keep the ball in Franklin’s possession, resulting in one 24-play drive that ate up parts of the third and fourth quarters.

“Those were the big moments in the game,” according to FHS Head Coach Josh Brooks,



Tight end/back Ty Handley has been “Player of the Game” due to running more than 300 yards in the last two Franklin High School games.

The game was delayed more than an hour due to weather but FHS prevailed and came up a winner. Still undefeated, the Panthers will play in their home opener Friday, Sept. 2, at 7 p.m. against Swain Maroon Devils who lost 21-20 to Smoky Mountain last week and now stands at 1-1.

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2021	Kia	Optima EX	20,010
2020	Chevrolet	Corvette 3LT	8,263
2020	Toyota	Corolla SE	20,740
2019	Dodge	Challenger SXT	16,993
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	Focus	SE	44,403
2018	Traverse	LT AWD	95,105
2017	Dodge	Journey	110,982
2016	Chevrolet	Cruze RS	30,685
2015	Nissan	Altima 2.5 S	59,261
2015	Mustang	GT	45,724
2014	Chevrolet	Cruze	113,152

SUVS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2021	Ford	Bronco Badlands AWD	1,237
2021	GMC	Yukon XL	53,356
2021	Grand Cherokee	L	13,279
2020	Buick	Encore	34,808
2020	Chevrolet	Suburban Premier	58,652
2020	GMC	Acadia AT4	28,261
2020	Grand Cherokee	Trailhawk	26,226
2020	Kia	Telluride	71,254
2019	Chevrolet	Blazer RS	45,231
2019	Chevrolet	Equinox Premier AWD	34,109
2019	Chevrolet	Tahoe LT	46,162

2019	Chevrolet	Trax AWD	16,288
2019	GMC	Terrain	63,316
2019	Honda	Pilot EX	40,801
2019	Jeep	Cherokee 4x4	65,409
2019	Kia	Sedona EX	40,858
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox LT	23,569
2018	Chevrolet	Tahoe	84,386
2018	Forerunner	TRD Sport	65,055
2018	Kia	Soul	58,573
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2017	Rogue	SV	58,866
2016	Lexus	RX 350	72,919
2016	Sorrento	LX	112,933
2016	Toyota	Sequoia	96,869
2015	Chevrolet	Traverse AWD	121,286
2015	Jeep	Wrangler Unlimited Altitude	39,030
2015	Suburban	LT	92,352
2014	Jeep	Wrangler	59,335

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YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2022	2500	High Country	10,050
2022	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 LT Trail Boss	651
2022	Ram	2500	5,273
2021	2500	LT 4x4	16,442
2021	Chevrolet	1500 4x4	10,243
2021	Chevrolet	1500 RST	34,026
2021	Chevrolet	1500 High Country	17,551
2021	Chevrolet	Colorado	8,980
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2021	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	5,822
2021	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	8,432
2021	Colorado	Z-71	12,912
2021	F-150	Crew 4x4	32,251

2021	Ford	F-150 SuperCrew Cab	32,251
2021	Jeep	Gladiator	2,054
2021	Ram	2500 Tradesman	3,647
2021	Toyota	Tacoma 4WD	4,746
2020	Chevrolet	2500 Diesel	8,241
2020	Chevrolet	Colorado ZR-2	36,463
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado	52,944
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 High Country	22,601
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 RST	90,498
2020	Colorado	Ext Cab ZR2	26,842
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 TRD 4x4	43,577
2018	Chevrolet	Colorado Z-71	23,542
2018	Colorado	ZR2	36,012
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	126,328
2016	Chevrolet	1500 LT Crew	118,872
2016	GMC	Sierra SLT	61,530
2016	Toyota	Tacoma TRD	48,689
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Big Brothers Big Sisters expanding operations into Macon County

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Although the 100-plus-year-old national mentoring program, which has been supported by several presidents and prominent individuals, has been offered in other Western North Carolina counties, Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) has not been accessible in Macon County – until now.

Danielle Hernandez, Senior Program Coordinator overseeing the Cashiers/Highlands area as well as the northern part of Jackson County, announced BBBS is poised to provide one-to-one mentorships for children facing adversity and provide avenues of experience and support through professionally supported matches.

“The greater Franklin areas have not had specific services in the past,” she said, “but we have gotten many calls and much interest in [BBBS], so we went to the board of education and all the school administrators in June and received a resounding ‘yes.’”

Just in time for the fall 2022 school year in Macon County, BBBS is supplying all the materials needed for potential volunteer mentors (referred to as Bigs) and interested students (referred to as Littles) to be matched so that mentor/mentoree relationships can happen.

“We have been having conversations with counselors and social workers and reaching out to churches – all to learn which students need [BBBS] resources and mentors,” said

Hernandez. “We’ve also been very present on social media to let everyone know we are now present in the community.”

BBBS matches students between the ages of 6-15 with a mentor. After age 15, mentor/mentoree opportunities are evaluated on a case by case basis. Opportunities are also available for older students to mentor younger students.

After a Little is matched with a Big, the volunteer mentor is able to continue a teaching, friendly, encouraging relationship with the student through high school and beyond; in fact, a Big often assists a Little with future plans, such as college tours, continuing education applications, and more.

“The longer mentors stay with the students, the better for the student,” said Hernandez.

She added that learning which students are interested in having a BBBS mentor is “based on the conversations with the schools and feedback from counselors and social workers. There is a tremendous need, and we want to make sure the services are available for the students who need them.”

Hernandez pointed out that many of the students desiring a BBBS mentor experience poverty. “But then some students have struggled from social and emotional development issues brought on by COVID. We walk alongside them and be that guiding light – that champion ... to let them know the resources are available to them, and we give them hope that they can reach their potential.”

After working as a teacher, Hernandez applied to her current position and determined BBBS was an ideal fit.

“I grew up in the same type of situation as the kids we serve. Sometimes, my single mother would go without food so I could eat, and I saw our car repossessed. I loved teaching, but the level that you’re able to work with kids and connect with them and families through BBBS is the greatest reward that I’ve experienced in a job. In fact, seeing how much the kids grow and flourish is wonderful.”

Hernandez explained she needs at least 25 volunteers initially for the Macon County BBBS program. To become a volunteer mentor, a Big, requires online enrollment, an interview, a background check, approval and training. Hernandez works carefully and closely with interested mentors to make sure that an accurate match with a student is made



Big Brothers Big Sisters is now established in Macon County so that mentor volunteers can be paired with students in need.

so that the connection is long lasting and successful.

Regarding interaction opportunities between mentors and mentorees, “the possibilities are endless,” said Hernandez. “We provide group outings such as gem mining, ziplining, llama hike, life skills activities, and more. But matches do things on their own, like arts and crafts, movies, dining, fishing ... Money doesn’t have to be spent. It’s just about spending time and establishing a support for students.”

Various in-school opportunities for Bigs and Littles are arranged as well.

Parents and guardians of students must approve all mentoring activities, and Hernandez said she is available for mentors who need guidance and answers.

“Bigs keep lines of communication open with the parents and guardians all the time. There has to be trust. Bigs and parents/guardians should be planning activities together to determine what is best for Littles depending on their age, interests, and more.”

Hernandez encourages interested volunteers that success stories are common. Students who may have struggled with their education often graduate and pursue further education and career plans due to a mentor’s commitment.

“It’s probably one of the most rewarding things you could do,” she said. “A mentor has an amazing impact on a child’s life, but the child can have a positive impact on the mentor’s life as well. It is completely worth it.”

Anyone interested in learning more about BBBS or applying to become a mentor can visit BBBSWNC.org. Hernandez is available for questions by calling (828) 399-9133 or by emailing her at cashiers@bbbswnc.org.

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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

Sallie and I labored this past weekend, along with about 60 other artists and craftspeople, by participating in the Highlands Arts and Crafts Exhibition at Founders Park. While I had not participated for more than eight years, we set up a tent and display in both shows this year, the one in June and this past weekend. It is sheer hard work to be in such an event.

I want to salute Cynthia Strain who has been the organizer of these exhibits for many years. She announced her retirement from the exhibitions during this past weekend. She has been a faithful advocate for area artists and craftspeople. I also want to thank the Mountain Top Rotary Club for their sponsorship of these exhibitions. Their cadre of volunteers and the money they generate to nonprofit causes make these events special.

But, as an artist/craft person for nearly 60 years, I want to thank the exhibitors that make this community event possible. As we approach the Labor Day Holiday, I really want to recognize those people that exhibited at the show this past weekend. From my first-hand experience, it is a labor-intensive experience. Some might say it is a "labor of love," but I think it is more than that. So many of the artists and craftspeople depend on these exhibitions as a meager livelihood. They work in home studios, as do I, and then travel throughout the region to art shows to sell their work.

It reminds me of the statement of the Renaissance artist, Raphael, who mused that "artists are mere peddlers of beauty." I might also add that artists and craftspeople use their hearts, minds and sheer physical labors to create objects of value and beauty.

I am reminded of a lecture my late friend and professor of art at North Georgia State University, Bob Owens, once delivered. During the lecture Bob put on the podium a small pot that a North Georgia potter had produced. He asked the audience what was the value of the pot? Bob responded that from a monetary view, it was only a few dollars at best. But Bob stressed that from a cultural and humanistic perspective of someone shaping and forming that vessel, there was an intangible value that is ascribed to enterprise, devotion, and creativity.

So, on this Labor Day Weekend, I hope we can come to honor those laborious acts of everyday labor that in

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Letters to the Editor

Parents can make back to school a memorable time

I am old enough to have the blessing of a great granddaughter attending a Franklin school. Sometimes I get to drive her to school. Now, she is not a morning person. So, the first thing I do is say something silly to get her to laugh. Then we play a little game of "Guess what it is." Like, what is edible and begins with the letter C? Now I know she loves carrots so that will be her first choice. But the right answer is cabbage which she knows is one of my favorite foods. Before we get to the school, we pray for her day at school.

Parents, did you know that when they grow up to be adults and asked what they remember most about growing up? A high percentage of them will say that the time spent doing things with Mom or Dad. Not toys or gadgets. So my prayer is that you will make time to love on them, be their best friend and enjoy their adventure in this crazy hurry-up time.

Robbie Robison – Franklin, N.C.

Congress refuses to legislate for American people

The broken parties continue with their billion dollar packages in a blindness that is ongoing throughout the decades. Let us examine the difference between the "top down" approach using an economic solution, and the "bottom up" approach using a policy solution.

The billions in the health care portion of the bill is more about the relationship the government has with big Pharma than the relationship we have with big Pharma and aristocrats in Washington DC.

Otherwise, the \$140 billion in health care debt carried on the books for as many as 25 percent of the 112 million households would have been addressed with the banks.

Furthermore, the price of insulin (going for \$700 a vial) as well as all life critical drugs, would have been regulated without a single billion of taxes spent.

Never mind the billions, just pass a "Critical Life Medication Bill" for simple starters.

Let us also address the billions for "Climate Change," again, a top down rather than bottom up approach.

"We" (as in elected politicians) like to engage with all of the businesses in the nation who want to jump into the "green deal" markets rather than addressing the utility bills of the American homeowner.

Making solar panels dirt cheap, as well as getting as many startups for the market in business for themselves, seems out of the question?

Utility bills will never come down with any kind of climate change here.

Never mind the billions, just provide some economic vision for the average home and business owner.

Every one of the 535 of you pat yourselves on the back for

a "job well done" when, in fact, all of it is two broken parties, passing gigantic money packages, for aristocrats to feel good about themselves. Add the fact that you will be pandering for our votes and thinking that this package will purchase the votes for one or the other party, no less broken and more out of touch than decades before.

Mark Ahearn – via fax

Franklin Area folk Festival deemed a success

On behalf of the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County and Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center, we would like to express appreciation to the businesses, sponsors and individuals who gave generously to assure that the 16th annual Franklin Area Folk Festival held on Aug. 20, 2022 was successful. There were heritage happenings all day long like dancing by J Creek Cloggers, Border Collies herding sheep, tug o war, heritage demonstrators galore and delicious barbeque and more!

We have received so many compliments and comments regarding activities enjoyed by all ages throughout the day. We estimate over 3,500 persons came out to enjoy the event!

We want to express a special thank you to our financial sponsors starting with Franklin / Nantahala Tourism Development Committee (TDC) and the Franklin Tourism Development Authority (TDA). In addition, we appreciate the continued support from the Macon County Farm Bureau Board of Directors and in-kind donations from Bent Willow.

Private donations from individuals, businesses and vendor booth fees also provided much needed funds. Collaborating with groups such as the Arts Council of Macon County, the NC Arts Council, Macon County Transit, LBJ Job Corps, Snowhill United Methodist Church, Cowee Baptist Church, 1st Presbyterian Church-Franklin, New Century Scholars, Macon County 4-H, Franklin High School FFA, Cowee Community Development Organization, Cowee Fire Department, Macon County EMS, Macon County Sheriff's Office, Junaluskee Masonic Lodge & Smoky Mountain Shrine Club, and many others enabled us to truly have a unique and memorable heritage weekend event!

A huge thank you is extended to all who attended the festival and to all of those not listed above who took part and volunteered. As Chairs of this year's festival, we want to say that the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County and Cowee School Arts & Heritage Center Board members who worked hard all year to put on the Franklin Folk Festival, are to be commended for giving so much of their time and resources with no personal gain - just satisfaction in knowing we are making a difference in the goal to preserve our heritage! Please visit www.franklinfolkfestival.com for more information on this year's festival and the festivals of the past.

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Water line break to cost town nearly \$300K

Brittney Lofthouse
Contributing Writer

Just before lunch on Friday, crews installing Access Underground Services on behalf of Vyve Broadband in downtown Franklin penetrated a waterline serving downtown businesses causing a massive rupture. The primary contractor on the fiber installation project is Ervin Cable Construction Company and the subcontractor is Axis Underground. Water supply to businesses was immediately cut off in an attempt to control the leak which resulted in the loss of 200,000 gallons of water.



The water line break on Porter Street resulted in downtown businesses being without water for a short period of time on Friday afternoon. Town employees repaired the break but not before 200,000 gallons of water were lost.

“The estimated cost to the town including staff salaries, equipment, materials to repair the break in the line and the water itself was \$246,000,” said Franklin Town Manager Amie Owens. “We are working with the contractor and the insurance company to determine what next steps are related to recoupment of costs.”

The cost estimation provided by Owens address the cost the town of Franklin incurred, however the total loss to Vyve Broadband’s project would be considerably more.

“The NCDOT also had to come and repair the road where the breach occurred and their costs are not included in the estimate as they will have their own claim,” Owens explained.

Macon County Maintenance Engineer Kenny McCourt with the NCDOT said they were contacted around noon on Friday, Aug. 26 after the water line had been punctured, impacting a section of U.S. 441 Business (at the intersection of U.S. 441 Business and Palmer Circle.)

The maintenance crew responded to repair the roadway, which had been undermined due to large amounts of water erupting from the busted pipe. The excavated area was approximately 12’ x 16’ and needed to have saturated sub grade removed and stone replaced. A patch was then placed over the excavation for weekend travel.

“NCDOT road crew came in on Monday to place a leveling course of surface mix asphalt to smooth the roadway to its original condition,” said McCourt. “The approximate cost for both days of the NCDOT work, equipment, and materials is about \$13,500. We are still waiting on the remaining invoices to come in to accurately pass along the cost to the contractor.”

Franklin Fire and Rescue provided traffic control in the area while waiting for Toccoa Natural Gas to arrive on scene to address the gas line that was also cut during the incident. As of press time, an estimated cost of damages for the gas line was not yet available.

In addition to the town and the NCDOT & Toccoa Gas, businesses were forced to close, many restaurants closing their doors during lunch hours.

According to Nancy Lindell, Division Director Public and Media Relations for HCA Healthcare, the water supply at Angel Medical Center was disrupted, however the facility’s emergency response plan for such an incident was deployed, causing no disruption of services during the water outage. The Franklin Fire Department, with the assistance of Squad 4, responded to Angel Medical Center during the outage to fill the air conditioning cooling towers while the hospitals connection to the town’s water supply was cut off.

Vyve Broadband is in the process of expanding to the

Franklin area and is currently operating in Sapphire, Highlands, and Cashiers.

For the fiber installation project, Vyve Broadband or the contractors or subcontractors completing work for them, were not required to obtain any permits from the state, county or town. The company secured an encroachment permit to install the fiber in the right of way of state maintained roads, but beyond that, there was no additional oversight.

Ideally, the crews installing the fiber would utilize the 811 “know before you dig” national service hotline. The hotline is designed to provide anyone who is digging with the approximate location of buried utilities to avoid someone unintentionally dig into an underground utility line. Despite confirmation from both the NCDOT and the town of Franklin regarding the company responsible for the project, as of press time, the only response from Vyve Broadband regarding the situation was, “We will forward this to our field team to verify if we were in the area. We do not provide service in Franklin, once we have additional information we will reach out to you.”

TAYLOR

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the long run enhances all of our lives, even though we might tend to not ascribe high monetary value to that labor.

I recently observed one of our town sanitation workers collecting garbage in my neighborhood. What struck me was that the worker had to drive a big truck skillfully to maneuver it through the street, Then the driver would get out and walk around collecting and emptying the trash cans in the back of the truck. I told him that it seemed he did a lot of walking. His response was that he used a digital tracking device one day this past summer and discovered he walked about six miles every time he ran the route.

I hope on this Labor Day Weekend we pause to honor and appreciate all those skilled laborers we depend on to do hard work every day so everyone can all enjoy those services that we tend to take for granted.

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Homeless Veterans Week is September 4-10

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

The Franklin community has focused on the needs of the area's homeless veterans for the last four years. Officially known as Help Homeless Veterans Week, Sept. 4-10 this year reminds citizens of opportunities to support veterans.

The effort, overseen by the First Presbyterian Church of Franklin's Men's Group, primarily involves the distribution of more than 70 containers at area businesses and organizations for the purpose of collecting cash. Anyone interested in mailing a check for the effort can contact First Presbyterian Church of Franklin. Approximately a dozen men are part of the First Presbyterian Men's Group and many of the members are veterans, according to Ned Kraft.

"We've been raising money to help homeless veterans (through festival booths) since 2014," said Kraft, current president of the church's men's group. "Since 2014, we've raised over \$50,000. Only \$.02 is used for administration costs, with the other \$.98 going to help veterans. We send the money to Asheville Buncombe Community Christian Ministry, which covers all of Western North Carolina counties. They are in their 51st year of operation and they can



house homeless veterans for over a year. They also work to provide housing and job training. A large commercial kitchen is for training in culinary jobs, and another training opportunity is as a tractor trailer driver. After five years, veterans who go through these programs are reportedly still working."

Kraft, who is not a veteran but has served as a volunteer in various capacities, indicated homelessness has been an issue due to "the difficulty of veterans coming back from being deployed and trying to assimilate back into regular life." Of the more than 600,000 veterans in North Carolina, approximately 1,000 regularly experience some form of homelessness, according to Census

Bureau statistics.

"Monies collected during Homeless Veterans Week are not just for homeless veterans," he said. "It's for all veterans in need – to pay a utility bill, to get them to a physician, and more."

The annual effort is approved by the Town of Franklin council, which issues a proclamation for the September Help Homeless Veteran Week signed by Mayor Jack Horton. The proclamation encourages citizens to participate.

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Girl Scout Daisy and Brownie Volunteer needed for Troop 2996 in Franklin. This is a great opportunity to help 5 to 8 year olds learn and grow. For more information, call Diane Peltz at (828)371-2823 or email dianepeltz1953@gmail.com

Free musical entertainment is offered at Frog Quarters on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 573 E. Main St. Musician this weekend will be Jim Austin, who sings country and western songs.

Cullasaja Community Association will meet on Monday, Sept. 5 at 6 p.m., for a hot dog dinner. Bring a covered dish and help make upcoming holiday plans.

Suicide Indicators, Response and Prevention will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., at the Macon County Public Library. The class focuses on the indicators and risk factors of suicide in older adults. In addition, this course explains methods of suicide response and keys to prevention. This is a free in-person event facilitated by the Vaya Health GERO Team. CEU's are provided through NC Department of Health and Human Services. Register by visiting vayahhealth.com/calendar or by calling (828)524-3600.

Trout Unlimited Sylva Fall Open Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., at East LaPorte Park, with a covered dish meal. Bring something to share, a salad, soda, a pie, a bag of burgers or fries. Grills are available but guests should arrive earlier to start the charcoal. The Pavilion opens at 4 p.m. RSVP on the Facebook post or to tu.sylva.373@gmail.com. Rain or shine.

Nantahala Hiking Club will host Ty Bushyhead Boyd who will co-lead "How Cultures & Landscapes Mesh," Tuesday, Sept. 8, at 6 p.m. at the Macon County Public Library. Learn about the Nikwasi Initiative focused on local Cherokee culture. All are welcome. The library is located at 149 Siler Farm Rd, Franklin.

Women's Bowling League Needs Bowlers Thursday Mornings starting Sept 15, in Sylva. For more information, call (505)947-6965.

Share the Journey Support Group for Caregivers whose loved ones are experiencing memory loss will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 14 and 28, 2 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St. Enter the church from the parking lot, come through the double red doors in the courtyard and follow the signs. For more information, call (828)524-3119.

Historic TM Rickman Store is open on Saturdays, at 259 Cowee Creek Rd. Sally DeLawter entertains guest at 10 and music jams are from 12-3. Explore local artisans' works and unique items. Parking is limited with additional parking available at Cowee Arts and Heritage Center a short walk from the store.

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

Uptown Gallery Children and Adult Art Classes workshops in Media includes acrylic, watercolor, acrylic paint pouring, encaustic, precious metal clay and glass fusing. Free painting in the classroom Monday's 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Membership meeting second Sunday of the month 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 30 E. Main St. in Franklin. For more information, call (828)349-4607.

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.

Dorothy and John Crawford Senior Center is now offering limited in-person classes at the Robert Carpenter Community Building. A variety of exercise classes and a writing group are offered in the afternoons for adults over 50. For more information, call (828)349-2058.

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

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

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Dynamic Women of the Word & Son Rise Ministries presents Apostle Dr. Sharon Billins, a Biblical scholar that is used in the prophetic by the Holy Spirit, on Saturday, Sept. 10, 10 a.m. This meeting will be open to both men and women. The church is located at 462 Depot St., in Franklin. For more information and reservations, call (828)369-2465.

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, Sept. 4, 11 a.m., Jeannine Johnson speaking on Reiki & Spirituality. On Monday, at 6 p.m. all levels yoga class, at no cost to attend. On Thursdays, 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.

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

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

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>

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.

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Mountain Voices presents Summer Concert

After a two-year hiatus during the pandemic, Mountain Voices announces their upcoming summer concert which will be held on Thursday, Sept. 1, beginning at 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Avenue, Franklin. Admission is free, however, donations may be accepted. Mountain Voices was formed in 2015 and is a 50-voice mixed community chorus with members from Franklin, Dillard, Scaly Mountain and Rabun Gap. This year's musical selections include show tunes, pop music, gospel songs, and patriotic numbers. The chorus is under the direction of Beverly Barnett and is accompanied by Mary Pittman on piano as well as other local instrumentalists. For more information about Mountain Voices, email to mountainvoiceswnc@gmail.com or visit facebook.com/Mountain-Voices-875849255839858.

Barbershop Chorus performs concert in Franklin



The Macon County Arts Council sponsored a concert by the Land of the Sky Barbershop Chorus performed in Tartan Hall at Franklin's First Presbyterian Church last Sunday. The fast-paced program features music styles ranging from traditional Barbershop to pop, Gospel, and beyond. In addition to the full chorus, some small ensemble Barbershop singing and the ever popular '50s-style doo-wop group were featured, along with plenty of audience participation. Complimentary ice cream sundaes topped off the event.

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Alma Russ closes out Concerts on the Creek

The 13th annual season of Concerts on the Creek concludes on Friday, Sept. 2, when the series welcomes the Alma Russ Band from 7-9 p.m.

Alma lives in Western North Carolina. She plays patchwork music: country, folk, and Appalachian roots sewn together to make something unique. Songwriting is cheaper than therapy. Old songs make her happy. She gets compared to Dolly and Stevie Nicks a lot, and she plays guitar, fiddle, and claw-hammer banjo.

Music has taken her lots of places. From the hometown bars to church, Texas to the Outer Banks, to performing as an entertainer on the Great Smoky Mountains Railroad to receiving 3 yes votes from ABC's American Idol Judges on Season 1 and being sent to the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood, CA, music continues to give her stories to tell.

Alma spent the first 12 years of her life on the family farm in Oxford, FL, a speck in the middle of the state. She'd spend summers in the Great Grandma's mountain house in Western NC. Her English teacher Mama took her to historical book readings and heritage events, and she fell in love with mountain culture and heritage - especially the music. She was the kid frolicking around the yard singing Scotch-Irish murder ballads, passed down through generations; songs about old-true loves and the occasional knife to the heart.

She started taking fiddle lessons around age 12, practicing old-time tunes outside because of the dying-cat noises. It was about this time that Alma's family moved to Whittier, NC. Eventually the fiddle started sounding less like a dying creature, so she decided to learn claw-hammer banjo. She broke down and learned guitar later on.

She has played in bands as fiddler and has recorded as a session artist for other bands at studios such as Echo Mountain in Asheville. Over the past few years, she's started playing primarily as a solo act. She's always stewing on something new.

Her musical influences include country gold, bluegrass, folk, old-time, americana, and blues. She attributes inspiration to artists such as Allison Krauss, Gillian Welch, Ola Belle Reed, Bobbie Gentry, Dolly Parton, Sheila Kay



Alma Russ

Adams, Emmylou Harris, Lucinda Williams, and so many more. Apparently she sounds a lot like Jewel.

Alma continues to play solo shows locally, regionally, and occasionally on road-trips. She also fiddles in bands every so often.

Concerts on the Creek are held Friday nights from 7-9 p.m. at the Bridge Park in Sylva from Memorial Day through Labor Day. Everyone is encouraged to bring a chair or blanket. These events are FREE but donations are encouraged. Dogs must be on a leash. No smoking, vaping, cooler or tents are allowed in the park. There will be food trucks on site.

These concerts are organized and produced by the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Sylva and the Jackson County Parks and Recreation Department.

For more information, call the chamber at 828-586-2155, visit www.mountainlovers.com or Concerts on the Creek's Facebook page.

Fall Market Day Saturday

The Streets of Franklin Heritage Association and downtown merchants are sponsoring a Fall Market Day Saturday, Sept. 3, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Town of Franklin approved the street closing of Main Street for the event with craft and artisan vendors set up throughout the downtown Main Street area. About 60 vendors have signed up to exhibit:

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Other participating merchants include The Dusty Pallet who will offer facepainting, Uptown Gallery, Silver Threads and Golden Needles, Trail Mix, Fish Tales, Diva's on Main, Gracious Plates on Main, Sundries, Kitchen Sink, Inc. Appalachia Shoppe, Mossy Rock, Gem and Mineral Museum.

Area nonprofits are also participating and providing information about their respective organizations.

- American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108
- FROGS (Friends of the Greenway)
- Lyndon B. Johnson Job Corps Center
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- Junaluskee Masonic Lodge/Smoky Mountain Shriners Club and the Franklin Lions Club.



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Deaths & Funerals

Anthony 'Skip' Allen Vitch

Anthony "Skip" Allen Vitch, 77, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2022.

Born in Oneonta, N.Y., he was the son of the late Mary Aesman. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his children, Gerry Vitch, Charlene Pittman, and Robert Graham. He was a member of Morrison Presbyterian and a former Elder at First Presbyterian. He was a member of the Antique Tractor Club and was known as "Mr. Fix It" because he was always fixing things for his friends.

He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Anne Graham Vitch; daughter, Kathijo Herr of Oviedo, Fla.; 11 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; and numerous other family members.

A celebration of life will be held Oct. 1, at 1 p.m., at Morrison Presbyterian Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Morrison Presbyterian Church.

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



Anthony Vitch

Howard Mitchell Henry

Howard Mitchell Henry, 87, of Franklin, N.C., died at Highlands Hospital. He was the son of the late George Henry and Mae Patterson Henry.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by brothers, Norman, Harold and Howell Henry; and a sister, Doris Henry.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Estes Henry; one son and best friend, Alan Howard Henry; one granddaughter, Kaitlyn Marie Henry; one grandson, Samuel Alan Henry; one brother, Bob Henry and his wife Verna; as well as several nieces and nephews.

He spent two years in the Army. He was a carpenter by trade and served as the self-help housing supervisor for Macon Program for Progress, where he retired.

He enjoyed gardening and raising beef cattle. He especially liked to share these activities with his son and grandchildren. He was also a NASCAR fan.

A funeral service will be held on Sept. 1, at 3 p.m. at Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Steve Reeves officiating. Military honors will be presented by American Legion Post 108 and VFW post 7339. Burial will follow at the Wright Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., one hour prior to the service at Macon Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Samuel Henry, Gary Taylor, Brian Taylor, Steve Ledford, Chris Henry, and Jimmy Henry.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to the Wright Cemetery fund, 93 Daybreak Lane, Franklin, NC 28734.

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

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Howard Mitchell Henry

Gerald Arnold Morgan

Gerald A. Morgan, 79, of Nantahala, N.C., became a silent key and went to be with the Lord on August 24, 2022.

He was born in Nantahala to the late Fred and Lexie Mashburn Morgan on Aug. 26, 1942.

He was preceded in death by his sisters and brothers-in-law, Eloise Horton (Uppie), Ruby Jacobs (Austin), Evelyn Woods (Jack), and Robert Bateman; and a son-in-law, Tommy Helms.

He spent many years working in telephone construction and also helped build tunnels on the Blue Ridge Parkway. He was an avid fisherman who loved both fly fishing and bass fishing. When he was able, he enjoyed hiking local trails, including parts of the Appalachian Trail. He was also an amateur radio (HAM) operator (call sign KD4JCC) and was active in the 8424 Repeater Group on the Tennessee Phone Net. He enjoyed speaking to people across the country and around the world on his radio.

For the past 19 years, Gerald and Judy volunteered as campground hosts at Standing Indian Campground near Franklin, N.C. He could often be found sitting in front of the camp store, talking and laughing with all who came to visit.

His family and friends cherish their memories of him. Everyone will miss his kindness and sense of humor. However, we all know he is rejoicing in Heaven with his family, fishing buddies, and hiking companions who have gone before him.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Judith Ashe Morgan; his daughters, Tina Helms and Crystal Morgan; his grandchildren, Christian and Ashley Helms; his sister, Jessie Bateman; his best friend, Buddy the cat; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Aug. 27, at Bethel Hill Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Eugene Taylor and Rev. SJ Waters officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery.

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



Gerald Arnold Morgan

Virginia Sue Downs Dills

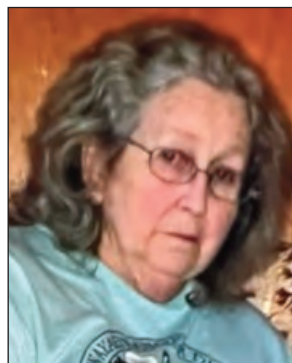
Virginia Sue Downs Dills, 79, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Aug. 25, 2022. She was born Oct. 5, 1942, in Macon County, to the late Jesse Downs and Margaret Childers Downs.

She was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church, where she was a former Sunday School teacher. She did mission work for 10 years, in Oklahoma, Kentucky and Virginia and was a member of the North American Missionary Program. She had worked for Blue Bell Manufacturing, and for the Older American Program for the U.S. Forestry Service. She loved to read, do puzzles and work with flowers.

Survivors include her husband of 63 years, Raymond Dills; three children, Keith Dills (Peggy), Bruce Dills and Carol Ann Cowart; a brother, Max Downs (Vicki); three grandchildren, Alvin Wilson, Simon Wilson and Dakota Gillespie; two step-grandchildren, Elaine Connelly (Shaun) and Melissa Peters (Jamie); two great-grandchildren, Jason Walkingstick and Winter Walkingstick; five step-great-grandchildren, Heather Connelly, James Connelly, Hunter Peters, Hollee Peters and Wesley Peters.

A funeral service was held Tuesday, Aug. 30, in the Chapel of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home, with Rev. Guy Duvall and Rev. Burt Crawford officiating. Burial was in Ridgecrest Baptist Church Cemetery.

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



Virginia Dills

Suzanne Brock

Suzanne Brock passed away peacefully on July 31, 2022, surrounded by loved ones and with an angelic smile on her face. She is survived by her husband, her children and stepson, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She lived life to the fullest, bringing her intelligence, positive outlook, and joy to everything she did. She was born in Memphis, Tenn., in 1939 and was the oldest of five siblings. She began to play the piano at an early age and became a gifted musician, playing the organ for church, directing the choir and teaching piano lessons to many lucky youths. She owned two small businesses in her younger years and retired early to enjoy life on her own terms. She loved nature, gardening, birdwatching and especially loved sitting on her porch looking at the mountains she so loved. She did skilled needlework, quilting, knitting, and intricate hand embroidery. She learned to fish and ride a motorcycle late in life and found great joy in both. She could put more fish in a boat than anyone else. She said it was because she had so much faith. She lived a life of faith in all things.

She was generous, loving, and compassionate and everyone who crossed her path was touched by her love. She had a smile that would light up a room and melt hearts. She made friends easily and always kept up with her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren's lives. She stayed interested in life and had a sharp wit and a great sense of humor.

Proverbs 31:31 was written with Suzanne in mind: "Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate." She was a bright light, and she will continue to shine from heaven on all who knew and loved her.

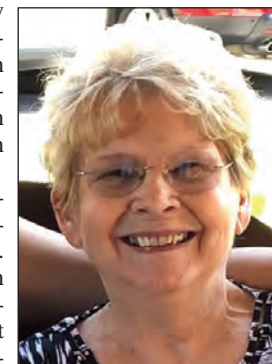
This excerpt from a poem by Elizabeth Ammons was found in her handwriting in a planner next to her favorite chair:

"You can shed tears because they are gone, or smile because they lived.

Your heart may be empty because you can't see them,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.
You can cherish their memory and let it live on."

— Elizabeth Ammons

Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who loved her. Private family services will be held at a future date.



Suzanne Brock

Richard Darrell Kreis

Richard Darrell Kreis, 78, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Aug. 20, 2022.

He was born to the late John and Dorothy Kreis on March 19, 1944, in Du Quoin, Ill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, John Wesley Kreis, Edward Lee Kreis, and a grandson Zak Kreis.

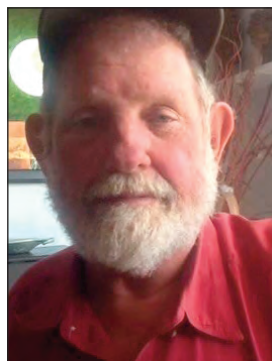
He was a veteran of the Army and served in Germany during the Vietnam War. His favorite pastimes were hunting and fishing, as well as his many entrepreneurial projects and helping others in need. He will be greatly missed by many friends and family.

He is survived by his ex-wife, Sharon Kreis; sons, Dean Kreis and Jim (Terra) Kreis; daughter, Crystal Kreis; sister, Carol Ann Wallace; brother, Bobby Dale Kreis; as well as 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; and a host of nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date.

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

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



Richard Darrell Kreis



Deaths & Funerals

Brenda Diane Gregory Angel

Brenda Diane Gregory Angel of Franklin, N.C., peacefully went Home to be with the Lord on Aug. 24, 2022 at age 66.

She was born Sept. 5, 1955, to the late Milles and Mildred Gregory. She attended Cullasaja Elementary and was a member of Cullasaja Assembly of God where she taught Sunday School and played the piano. She was a graduate of Franklin High School. After graduation, she married Larry Angel, and went on to have one son, Jeremy Angel.



Brenda Angel

She worked for Wachovia Bank for 20 years. She earned her Real Estate Brokers License and worked with her dad at Gregory Realty. In her late 20s, a cancer diagnosis went from terminal to curable through the Lord healing her. This experience led her to write "From Wimp to Warrior: Cancer's Blessings," an inspirational memoir that inspires and encourages the reader to trust and put hope and faith in the Lord despite life's storms. Brenda went on to speak locally and throughout the country sharing her testimony at churches and ladies' events.

Brenda was a Prayer Warrior who loved God's Word. She loved others so well. She selflessly helped and prayed for others. She cared greatly for her family, her church, and her friends. She never failed to visit, make the call, and send the card, text, or email. Her love for people led her to open up her home to host parties, socials, ladies Bible studies, missionaries, and youth groups. Brenda, known as "BA" by many, was special to lots of people as she was their go-to person, their friend, their encourager, and their mentor.

Her family lovingly called her "Momma" and "Annah." Family was everything. She adored, inspired, built up, prayed for, believed in, and instilled deep values in her children and grandchildren. Annah dearly loved her grands, Phillip and Hannah. They were the joy of her life. There aren't enough words to express the impact and influence she had on everyone. The hole left by her absence is impossible to fill.

Brenda loved Christmas and the meaning behind it so much her home could be mistaken for a Christmas shop. If you stood still too long you might end up with an ornament on you or you'd be helping her decorate. She loved having family get-togethers; cooking big meals, always making sure rice and gravy was a side; and celebrating birthdays, making the best Pound Cake and Hot Fudge Cake. When you came to Brenda's house she wanted you to feel at home and would always try to feed you. Her other pastimes included watching movies, listening to music, thrift shopping, antiquing, motorcycle rides, going to the beach, and was always ready to go anywhere, anytime.

She is survived by her husband, Larry Angel; son, Jeremy Angel and wife Jennifer; grandchildren, Phillip Angel and Hannah Angel, all of Franklin; sister, Regina Bell and husband Jim; sister-in-law, Carlene Hunnicutt and husband James; nieces, Kimberly Bell Green and Angela Hunnicutt; nephew, Jon Eric Hunnicutt; aunt, Willa Mae Gregory; and many cousins.

No services are planned as per her request as she said she "couldn't be there."

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. - Isaiah 41:10

"For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain." - Philippians 1:21

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Adult and Teen Challenge of the Smokies Men's Center, P.O. Box 2157, Franklin, NC, 28744 or the Hospice House Foundation of WNC, P.O. Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744.

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

Mary Sue Holbrooks Burdette

Mary Sue Holbrooks Burdette, 71, of Franklin, N.C., passed away at her sister's residence the morning of Aug. 24, 2022, after a long illness.

She attended First Baptist Church of Franklin, which she considered her church to be her second family. She loved her church family and they certainly loved her. Her hobbies included going to yard sales, flea marketing, and shopping.

She was born to the late Dillard Holbrooks and Alene Hurst Holbrooks in Macon County. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by her son, Jason (Alesha) Burdette of Newman, Ga.; grandchildren, Carter Burdette and Katie Jones; sister, Judy Holbrooks Windsor (Gregory Windsor); two grandchildren; and three great grandchildren. She leaves behind a special friend, Nancy Ballew, who was just like a second mother to her.

Services will be held Thursday, Sept. 1, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home. The family will receive friends from 10 to 11 a.m., one hour prior to the service. Dr Robert Brown will officiate.

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

Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.



Mary Sue Burdette

Marjorie Holder Parrish

Marjorie Holder Parrish, a precious child of God, passed from this life on Aug. 25, 2022 after having been blessed with 102 years. Born on July 17, 1920, to Alonzo Eugene and Elsie Miller Holder, she always had a special love for family and shown through the annual Holder Family reunion held on the 4th of July weekend which was started by her parents 70 years ago at the family home in Crystal River, Fla. At her death she remained the matriarch of the family.

She was a true Southern lady who loved and served God all of her life. Her devotion to the Lord was exemplified in her loving kindness and her supportive nature. She was a wonderful wife and mother who never raised her voice or spoke a foul word, passing on to her family the importance of faith and love. She loved to cook and was a gracious hostess who knew how to make everyone feel right at home with the offer of a delicious meal or a slice of her famous homemade pies.

She and her husband were true sweethearts, and until his passing, they went for a nightly walk, always holding hands. She also loved her four legged friends, and her gentle touch and kind spirit was felt by them as well.

She enjoyed attending church and contributing to worship by playing the piano. She was a life long Baptist, first in Miami, where she became acquainted with a pastor who was just beginning his career named Charles Stanley. Later she belonged to the First Baptist Church of Franklin, N.C., and at the time of her death was a member of Westside Baptist church in Gainesville, Fla. Dr. Stanley remembered Marjorie as being part of his congregation and honored her with a call and a prayer two days before her passing. Hers was a beautiful tribute to a life well lived.

She is survived by her daughters, Jean Scott (Gary) of Franklin, and Karen Freas of Newberry, Fla.; her grandchildren, Darbie (Jason), Jamie, Stephanie (Rick), Douglas (Kristin), Gregg (Michelle), and Kelly (Kevin); and 12 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cairo Clifton Parrish; her daughter, Sandra Kay; her parents; and her two brothers.

Funeral services will be held in Gainesville, Fla., at a later date. Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family. Online condolences may be made at www.moffittfunerals.com.



Marjorie Holder Parrish

Arlon Estel Eldridge

Arlon Estel Eldridge, 78, of Franklin, N.C., formerly of Lebanon, passed away Wednesday, Aug. 24, 2022, at his residence.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Betty Eldridge; sister, Mary Ann Brady; brother, Billy Odell Eldridge; and sister-in-law, Elaine Eldridge.

He was the owner of Cowee Mountain Ruby Mine and was of the Baptist faith. He was a member of the Junaluska Masonic Lodge 145, the Nequassa Chapter #43 Order of the Eastern Star, Smokey Mountain Shriners, and Franklin Gem and Mineral Society. He loved spending time with his grandchildren.

He is survived by wife of 48 years, Sonja Eldridge; children, Amiee (Matt) Bailey and Robbie (Janet) Hayles; grandchildren, McKenzie Hayles, Jessie Hayles and Devlin Bailey; brothers, Ray Eldridge, T.C. (Emma) Eldridge, Ernest B. Eldridge, and Junior (Jeannie) Eldridge; sisters, Ruby Roberts, Margaret Brady, and Christine Baine; and numerous loving nieces and nephews and other family and friends.

Funeral services were held Monday, Aug. 29, in the Christian Life Chapel, 105 Holloway Dr., Lebanon. Interment followed in the Wilson County Memorial Gardens. Bro. Rick Edwards officiated.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Franklin Gem and Mineral Society or Shriners Hospital.

Partlow Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrangements.



Arlon Estel Eldridge

Curtis Stephen Dodgins

Curtis Stephen Dodgins, 51, of Otto, N.C., passed away Aug. 22, 2022.

He was born April 22, 1971, to Opal Houston Dodgins and the late Curtis Lloyd Dodgins. He was a truck driver for Desota Trail Trucking Company. He was a member of Newman Chapel Baptist Church, where he grew up and attended all his life. His boys were the love of his life, he was the best dad, son, brother and friend anyone could have.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by four sons, Ryan Taylor, Michael Dodgins, Jesse Dodgins and William Dodgins; sister, Melissa Worley (Dean) of Candler, N.C.; brothers, Terrell Dodgins (Teresa) of Dillard, Ga., and Chris Dodgins (Flora) of Dillard, Ga.

A funeral service was held Monday, Aug. 29, at Newman Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Dennis Ledford officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Dodgins family.

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Leighton Alson Moss

Leighton Alson Moss, 95, of the Yellow Mountain community, passed away at his home on Aug. 19, 2022.

He was born in Jackson County and was the son of the late Lambert Moss and Octa Evitt Moss. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Ella Mae Moss; stepsons, Ralph and Kenneth Henderson; grandson, Larry Henderson; and several brother and sisters.

He was retired from his grading business. He enjoyed hunting with his hounds and loved the outdoors.

He is survived by his two granddaughters, Carrie Bowen (Chris) and Crystal Henderson; five great-grandsons, Devin and Derick Bryson, Mason, Gage and Gatlin Bowen.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, Sept. 3, from 2-3 p.m. at Yellow Mountain Baptist Church followed by a brief service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Glenville-Cashiers Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 919, Cashiers, NC 28717.

Online condolences at www.maconfuneralhome.com.
Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Glenda Jo Penland

Glenda Jo Penland, 77, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022.

Born in Macon County, she was the daughter of the late George and Anita "Pat" Holland Penland. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her one brother, Lonnie Penland; and one sister, Georgiana Beach. She was a member of the Franklin Church of Christ. In her spare time, she loved doing crafts and gardening.

She is survived by two sons, Gary Steiert and Michael Steiert both of Franklin; two brothers, Radford "Butch" Penland and Terry Penland of Franklin; five grandchildren, Bethany, Seth, Mikenzi, Clay, and Austin; five great grandchildren, Cooper, Sawyer, Rhett, Ivy, and Keaton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Sept. 11, at 2 p.m., at the Franklin Church of Christ. Radford Penland will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Glenda Jo Penland

Karlene Dolores Runnion

Karlene Dolores Runnion, 63, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2022, following her years-long battle with cancer. Born in Hialeah, Fla., to George Carl and Janet Dolores Moratin Burkhard, she was preceded in death by her parents.

Though her occupation was telecommunications for the federal courts, it was music that truly occupied her life. She began playing piano at the age of 2, under the tutelage of her great grandmother, and proceeded through many instructors and instruments, culminating in a Bachelors in Music Education from Converse College. However, piano was her first love, and to this she always returned. Through 60 years of dedication, she became a truly She served as accompanist to the Onion Mountain Quartet. As a member of Resurrection Lutheran Church, in addition to her forays as vocal soloist, pianist, and occasional organist, she served as Choir Director, gifting the congregation with her skillful arrangements of the hymns. She was able to grasp the strengths and weaknesses of those who sang with her, and recraft the songs to bring out the best in everyone. While she was well-known in the community for her stories, her spark, and even her sarcasm, it is the loss of her musical gifts that will be most keenly felt.

She is survived by spouse R. Scott Runnion; daughter, Andrea "Andi" Burkhard; sister, Annette Day of Florida; and brothers, Jimmy Burkhard of Montana and Avery Burkhard of Oklahoma.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Appalachian Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 81, Franklin, NC 28744 or Noah's Ark Humane Society, 1239 Old Murphy Rd, Franklin, NC 28734.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Karlene Runnion

Margie Martin Wilson

Margie Martin Wilson passed from this life on Aug. 25, 2022. She almost made it to her 71st birthday, having been born on Sept. 1, 1951, to George and Martha Mathis Martin.

She will be remembered for her sweet and kind nature along with the grin that lit up her face and her infectious heartwarming laugh. She was a very loving and caring person.

She was a member of Olive Hill Baptist Church and liked to attend church functions whenever she was able. She loved all animals and enjoyed reading, solving puzzles, and painting ceramics.

There was a glorious reunion in Heaven as Margie joined her family members who predeceased her including her husband, Grover L. Wilson; her siblings, Mildred Martin, Lloyd Martin, Curtis Martin, and Ernie Martin; and her parents.

She is survived by a number of nieces and nephews. Two special nieces, Rebecca Moore and Natasha Williamson, served as Marjorie's caregivers.

The family is grateful for the caring staff at Eckerd Living Center and at Four Seasons Hospice and also extend a special thanks to the Olive Hill Baptist Church family.

A Celebration of Life will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, at 2 p.m. at Olive Hill Baptist Church.

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



Margie Martin Wilson

Mary 'Jane' Jenkins McSween

Mary "Jane" Jenkins McSween, 69, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2022.

Born in Rabun County, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Harold and Viola McCall Jenkins. She attended Goldmine Baptist Church and formerly was recognized for volunteering at Angel Medical Center.

She is survived by two sons, Craig McSween of Franklin, N.C., and Brandon McSween (Desiree) of Albuquerque, N.M.; one sister, Elaine Wilkes of Franklin; and three grandchildren, Alyssa McSween, Savannah McSween and Abigail McSween; and numerous cousins, aunts and uncles.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, Sept. 3, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Rev. Jamie Passmore will officiate. Burial will be in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2 to 3 p.m., one hour prior to the service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Mt. Moriah Cemetery Fund, 27 Pine Cone Dr, Franklin, NC 28734.

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God bless you all!
The Family of Bob & Elizabeth Cabe

Austin Dillon grabs Playoff spot with rainy Daytona win

Reid Spencer – NASCAR Wire Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – With a huge assist from Richard Childress Racing teammate Tyler Reddick after a rain delay of more than three hours, Austin Dillon forced his way into the NASCAR Cup Series Playoff and broke Martin Truex Jr.'s heart.

Dillon's victory in Sunday's rain-delayed Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway—his first of the season and his second at the track—needed the convergence of several different circumstances to fall into place.

After avoiding serious damage in a wreck off Turn 4 on lap 125, Dillon survived a subsequent 13-car melee in Turn 1 and took the lead before rain halted the race. After a red-flag period of 3 hours, 19 minutes, 57 seconds, Dillon fell behind 2022 Daytona 500 winner Austin Cindric and trailed him from the restart on Lap 145 of 160 until he made the race-winning move on Lap 158.

As the cars reached Turn 1, Dillon tapped Cindric's No. 2 Team Penske Ford, and the Chevrolets of Dillon, Reddick and Landon Cassill moved past as Cindric made a magnificent save on the apron. Reddick, the race runner-up, closed up to the bumper of Dillon's No. 3 Chevrolet and drafted with his teammate to the finish line, holding off a last-ditch run from Cindric, who finished third, just .140 seconds behind the winner.

"There was a lot going on there. I knew that if we got to the white (final lap), I was afraid somebody would—if I waited too long, I was afraid somebody would wreck behind us, so I wanted to go ahead and get the lead. We were able to get it.

"I had a big run to him, and then I had my teammate, the 8 (Reddick), back there. I knew we were in good shape there to the end. He did a good job checking up any kind of run. Just a little too much push there and got him (Cindric) loose."

Cindric said the bump was fair game, given what was on the line for Dillon.

"I think that's fair game any race of the season, but that meant a lot for him to win that race," Cindric told Fox Sports' Bob Pockrass on pit road. "He had three cars that were certainly going to be able to work with him..."

"I feel like he got the run too late, and then he hit me straight on the entry to the corner. Just glad I saved it, glad I got a shot to still come back up through the field—but I hate losing."

Dillon's victory knocked Truex out of the Playoff and handed the final berth to Ryan Blaney, who finished three points ahead of Truex in the final regular-season standings.

When heavy rain stopped the action 21 laps from the finish, it looked as if Dillon might be awarded the victory.

As the cars sped toward Turn 1 on Lap 138, a sudden rain began to fall. The cars of Justin Haley, Daniel Hemric and Denny Hamlin broke loose at the front of the field, and the cars behind them were unable to stop on the slick asphalt and plowed into the wreck.

Dillon's No. 3 Chevrolet, which had been damaged in a wreck off Turn 4 on Lap 125—and ended its slide facing backward on pit road—was the first to emerge from the Lap 138 chaos at cautious pace and shortly thereafter was confirmed as the race leader by NASCAR.

"We ran into rain in the middle of Turn 1 and just lost it," Hamlin said of the 13-car pileup. "We had rain down the front. So about 10 seconds before we got into Turn 1, it was raining. I'm sure the fans felt it, and then they watched us all pile in there."

NASCAR opted to wait out the rain, dried the track and lifted the red flag at 3:54 p.m. The resumption didn't change the winner, but it enabled Blaney to move up the leaderboard past wrecked cars to a 15th-place finish, enough to eliminate eight-place finisher Truex from the Playoff.



Austin Dillon, driver of the #3 BREZTRI Chevrolet, celebrates in the Ruoff Mortgage victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway on Aug. 28, 2022, in Daytona Beach, Fla.

Photo by Meg Oliphant/Getty Images



Pit crew member, Paul Swan embraces Austin Dillon, driver of the #3 BREZTRI Chevrolet, after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway on August 28, 2022 in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Photo by James Gilbert/Getty Images

Cassill came home fourth, followed by Noah Gragson, as only 10 drivers finished on the lead lap, and only 17 were running at the end.

Early in the race, Blaney got a serious scare, as far as his Playoff hopes were concerned. On Lap 31, Blaney's No. 12 Team Penske Ford was third in line in the bottom lane behind Erik Jones and Denny Hamlin when Jones' No. 43 Petty GMS Chevrolet got loose and lost momentum off Turn 2.

Blaney slammed into the back of Hamlin's Toyota, turning the No. 11 Camry toward the infield. As the bottom lane compressed, Christopher Bell's No. 20 Toyota spun behind Blaney, shot across the track and knocked Blaney's Mustang into the outside wall, severely damaging the right-front quarter of Blaney's car.

The eight-car accident knocked Bell and Brad Keselowski out of the race, denying Keselowski a Playoff spot for the first time since 2013.

"Somebody wrecked in front of me," Keselowski said. "I'm not really sure exactly what happened, but there were just a bunch of cars wrecking in front of me. I didn't have anywhere to go and couldn't slow down in time, so I hate it for our team."

"We had a really fast race car. We were working our way to the front."

Truex earned six points with a fifth-place finish in Stage 1 and raced to a runner-up result in Stage 2, good for nine points, as Blaney continued to lose laps to the lead pack. The first two stages reduced Blaney's lead over Truex in the standings to 10 points, but a wreck on the backstretch early in the final stage halted Truex's charge.

On Lap 102, Michael McDowell, running second, pulled out of line with a run on leader Joey Logano, but Reddick's off-center hit to McDowell's back bumper sent the No. 34 Ford rocketing into the outside wall. The contact ignited an eight-car melee that eliminated the machines of McDowell, Ross Chastain and William Byron.

The wreck ended the Playoff hopes for McDowell, who had restarted in the lead on Lap 101. Truex's car was damaged, too, but not terminally. Ultimately, though, it was the damage in that wreck that kept the 2017 series champion from maintaining a gap over Blaney sufficient to earn the final Playoff spot.

"That's definitely a lot more stressful than I wanted coming into here, but I just got to give a lot of props to the 12 group, you know, for fixing it and sticking with it all day," Blaney said. "That's why you do it."

"Your day can start off like that, and you just stay with it and stay in the game. And it was definitely beneficial for us."

Jeremy Clements scores Daytona upset in wild NASCAR Xfinity race
 DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. – Friday night’s bizarre, attrition-filled, rain-delayed NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Daytona International Speedway produced an appropriately unexpected outcome when Jeremy Clements took the checkered flag under caution at the end of the third attempt at overtime.

Clements’ victory in the Wawa 250, a race that started roughly three hours late and ended shortly before 1:30 a.m. on Saturday,

Ryan Sieg into 13th place in the standings, 12 points below the cut line. “We survived that big wreck back there (in the first overtime). It was like a ‘Days of Thunder’ wreck. “Then I was like, ‘If we can just keep up with these guys, it’ll be a good day—top five and bring this car home in one piece.’ But, wow! This is incredible.”

As race leader Austin Hill lost electrical power and steered his Chevrolet to the apron, Clements got a push from Sage Karam on the third overtime restart on Lap 117 and was out front on the final lap when NASCAR called the 11th caution for Riley Herbst’s spin on the backstretch. Timmy Hill finished second, followed by AJ Allmendinger, Brandon Brown and Karam, who posted his career-best finish.

Eighteen of the 38 cars that started the race were already in the garage when Clements took the checkered flag.

A massive multicar wreck on Lap 98 of a scheduled 100 sent the race to overtime. First, Landon Cassill’s Chevrolet slapped the outside wall and collided with Jeb Burton’s Camaro.

Then, at the front of the field, Daniel Hemric moved down the track and turned off the nose of Noah Gragson Chevrolet, igniting a melee that involved eight cars.

But that was just the appetizer before a feast of crumpled chassis that followed the restart for the first attempt at overtime. On Lap 104, Brown’s Chevrolet got loose on the backstretch in front of Riley Herbst’s Ford.

Brown spun, and 13 cars were damaged in the ensuing chaos. But the hardest hit of the night came on overtime attempt No. 2.



Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, and the 2022 Regular Season Champion poses with the trophy at the 1948 Club prior to the NASCAR Cup Series Coke Zero Sugar 400 at Daytona International Speedway on Aug. 27, 2022 in Daytona Beach, Fla. Photo by Chris Graythen/Getty Images

was his first at Daytona and the second of his career. Both of Clements victories have come on August 27, his first at Road America on Aug. 27, 2017.

“I’m speechless, man—I don’t even know what to say,” said Clements, who grabbed a Playoff spot with the victory and shoved



Jeremy Clements, driver of the #51 One Stop/ASE Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Wawa 250 powered by Coca-Cola at Daytona International Speedway on Aug. 26, 2022, in Daytona Beach, Fla. Photo by James Gilbert/Getty Images



Sheldon Creed’s Playoff hopes and destroyed his No. 2 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet.

John Hunter Nemechek’s No. 26 Toyota got loose off Turn 2 and spun off the front bumper of Brown’s Chevy.

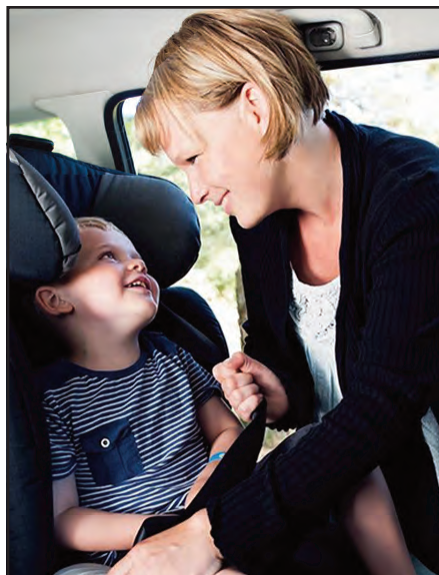
“All of a sudden, I was looking at the inside wall,” Nemechek said. “I’m not sure what happened, but I felt like I was hooked in the left rear.”

Creed’s Camaro hit Nemechek’s car and spun to the inside and shot back across the track into traffic, demolishing Joe Graf Jr.’s Ford. The wreck kept Creed below the Playoff cut line, 55 points behind Cassill for the last spot, with three races left before the Playoff field is set.

Chain reaction contact between the cars of Clements, Allmendinger and Noah Gragson turned Gragson into the path of Landon Cassill’s Chevrolet. The impact from Cassill’s car spun Gragson around 360 degrees and tore the body off the front clip.

Gragson had led a race-high 54 laps at that point.

A multicar accident on Lap 83 put a dent in



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