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Who Wants to be a Star? Talent Competition was held at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts Saturday, July 30. More than 20 acts were selected for the competition in which \$1,500 in prize money was at stake. Scoring was based upon 50 percent audience votes and 50 percent guest judges votes. All proceeds went towards Christian Training Center International's ministry. First place winners Danny Antoine's Martial Arts Academy won \$1,000; Jenna Howell, 12, won the \$350 second place prize; and Daniel Riddle won the \$150 third place prize. Pictured (L-R) are Nikki Corbin; Howell; Riddle and the martial arts academy. For more photos of Who Wants to be a Star?, see page 12.
Photo by Betsey Gooder

Chief Harrell announces his retirement from FPD

Franklin Police Chief Bill Harrell has announced his retirement effective Dec. 1, 2022.

"Chief Harrell will continue to work closely with his command staff to ensure continuity of service and a smooth transition leading up to his retirement date. A job announcement will be developed and shared at a later date," reads a statement from Town Manager Amie Owens.



Bill Harrell

During his almost 30 years in law enforcement, Harrell began as a rookie in Franklin in 1993, going to work as a patrol officer, transitioning to other public safety and law enforcement agencies, and learning through experiences serving the public. He served 14 years in the Highlands Police Department before being appointed Franklin Police Chief in May 2020.

Highlands Town Manager Josh Ward issued a statement regarding his resignation from Highlands and subsequent appointment to FPD.

"I would like to thank Chief Harrell for his 14-plus years of service with the Highlands Police Department. During his tenure, Chief Harrell has presented strong leadership and has elevated the Highlands Police Department to a high level

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Town recognizes employee accomplishments

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Franklin Town Hall's council meeting room on Aug. 1 strained to contain the number of family members attending in support of several employees recognized for achievements, promotions, and more.

The meeting opened with six police officers receiving badges by Chief of Police Bill Harrell – and pinned on by a family member – for various accomplishments and recognitions. Badges were presented to First Sergeant Randy Dula; Captain of Criminal Investigations Matthew Pellicer; First Sergeant/Detective Justin Norman; Patrol Sergeant/Justin Riles; Patrol Sergeant/Matthew Bingham; and, Master Officer III Kelly Jo Fosler.

Mayor Jack Horton expressed his appreciation for the dedication of the Franklin police force and reiterated again the need for more qualified individuals to apply to the police force.

Next, Public Works Director Bill Deal recognized employees Chris Green, Jason Hopkins, Chris Waldroop, and Jake Slagle, who work in Franklin's Public Works Depart-

ment, with certifications for meeting specific standards.

Finally, Sarah Bishop, Town of Franklin's financial officer, was recognized by Town Manager Amie Owens for completing an eight-month comprehensive municipal and county administration course that included aspects of employment law, economics, community development, and much more.

Women's History Trail update

Women's History Trail project leaders Marty Greeble and Mary Polanski introduced and presented the history behind "Sowing the Seeds of the Future," an ongoing historical public art project involving a sculpture that is in its final stages. The seven-foot sculpture by internationally renowned sculptor Wesley Wofford (of Cashiers) includes three female figures representing actual historical figures significant to Macon County. The sculpture will be a gift in 2023 to the Town of Franklin from the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County.

Polanski explained that the sculpture, which was the

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Nikwasi to be featured in Smithsonian Spark!

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TOWN COUNCIL

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brainchild of the late Barbara McRae, former vice mayor of Franklin, will eventually be installed near the two bridges at the entrance of Main Street. “We want to develop education opportunities involving the sculpture so area residents and students can learn about the resiliency, hardships, steadfastness that the women in the sculpture represent.”

Greeble explained to the Council that the sculpture has been paid for with “generous donations” from mostly local individuals and businesses, and monies are currently being raised to pay for the sculpture’s installation. However, she noted that the sculpture will be offered as a gift to the Town of Franklin and the people of Macon County and will serve as the “trail head” of the Women’s History Trail.

“Around this time next year, we hope to have the sculpture installed,” said Greeble, “and then we will have a celebration before the end of 2023.”

Mayor Horton explained that the town attorney, John Henning, is delving into the details of a memorandum regarding the sculpture that includes responsibilities in terms of its upkeep, etc., and the Council will discuss the gift at the September meeting.

“Hats off to all who have been involved in this project,” said Horton. “It’s been a tremendous effort.”

“It will be wonderful to have this [sculpture] in our town,”



At the August 1 Town of Franklin Council meeting, Chief of Police Bill Harrell recognized six officers for various achievements and promotions. From left: First Sergeant Randy Dula, Captain of Criminal Investigations Matthew Pellicer, First Sergeant/Detective Justin Norman, Patrol Sergeant/Justin Riles, Patrol Sergeant/Matthew Bingham, and Master Officer III Kelly Jo Fosler.



Sarah Bishop, Town of Franklin’s financial officer, was recognized by Town Manager Amie Owens for completing an eight-month comprehensive municipal and county administration course.

said Council Member Rita Salain.

“This is such an important milestone for Franklin,” said Council Member Stacy Guffey. “It’s been at least 100 years since there has been a sculpture installed in our town. And this sculpture will represent three cultures that have lived in these mountains together for 300 years.”

Law enforcement salaries

Sundry other new and old business items were discussed, including the Franklin Police Department’s employee salaries. The Town Council accepted numerous recommendations and approved town manager Amie Owens to move forward with a salary survey for all departments. Recommendations, according to Owens, include:

- Adjusting the current salary structure within the Franklin Police Department to be competitive within the region – including the change to the starting salary for a police officer to \$40,500, as well as adjustments to the existing pay scale within the police department;
- That individuals who are chosen to be sponsored by

the Town of Franklin be hired as full-time, non-sworn employees during their time in Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET); the Trainee salary rate would be \$38,475, which has become the practice within the region rather than paying a limited hourly, part-time rate. Upon successful completion of BLET and gaining their sworn officer status, an officer’s salary would be adjusted to the base rate of \$40,500;

- Utilize current part-time/reserve officers to assist with shift coverage to prevent full-time officer burnout; and,
- Continue to actively recruit officers who may have some experience for the remaining open positions, utilizing the adjusted pay scale to fill vacancies “sooner, rather than later.”

Meetings and agendas for the Town of Franklin are always available at www.franklinnc.com/town-council-agenda-minutes.html; and, meetings are always open to the public, unless a “closed session” is announced. The next Town of Franklin Council meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 6, at 6 p.m. Town offices will be closed Monday, Sept. 5, in observance of Labor Day.



Public Works Director Bill Deal recognized employees in Franklin’s Public Works department for achieving various certifications. Present at the August 1 Town of Franklin meeting were Chris Green, Jason Hopkins, and Chris Waldroop. Not pictured: Jake Slagle.



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of professionalism. His education and training requirements for his staff have led HPD to become one of the most proficient departments in Western North Carolina.

"I congratulate Chief Harrell on his new appointment as Town of Franklin Chief of Police and I wish him the best. I know he will serve the Town of Franklin well."

Chief Harrell issued the following statement:

"Dear Citizens of Franklin, Mayor, Council, Madam Manager and Staff,

After much discussion, thought and prayer with my family and friends, I have made the bitter sweet decision to announce my Retirement from the Franklin Police Department effective December 1st, 2022.

My career in law enforcement and public service began with the Franklin Police Department almost 3 decades ago, and when I tell you it was my honor and privilege, I mean that whole heartedly. I have worked very hard to earn the opportunities given, some of which I never imagined for myself, but God carved a way for me to experience those possibilities.

I want to THANK all of my family, but most especially my wife Patti and my young adult children Tyler and Taylor for your support and sacrifices that you have endured during my career. I know there have been times that work interfered with family time, but I hope that you understood why there was a need for sacrifice. I LOVE each of you so very much!

To the former and current Police Officers and staff that I have had the privilege and honor to work with over the years, I want to say THANK YOU to those who gave and continue to give tireless dedication to the Communities we

serve. I am so blessed to have worked beside you over those many years. I also hope during times of reflection that you can genuinely say that with the integrity, and courage of a good leader that you would follow anywhere, I left behind a legacy of fighting the good fight to provide you with every wherewithal at my disposal to serve the public to the best of our abilities for their enhanced quality of life, along with the career opportunities for growth and leadership of your own.

I would like to take this time to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to past and present Mayors, Town Councils, Boards, Managers and Staff Members and frontline emergency service colleagues for your dedication and sacrifices to Public Service and for the support that you have shown me. I know I cannot possibly address and thank everyone specifically in this letter that has done so much to influence my career path and successes, but you are NOT forgotten, for your memory in my heart and mind has an eternal place.

Finally, I want to say THANK YOU to all the Citizens that have supported me and my family over the years, especially during the difficult times. It has meant the world to us to be the recipients of so much Love and Encouragement during those times. Although this part of my career may be coming to an end, I can assure you that this will not be the final chapter of my service to the community I love with new envisioned and prayerful leadership opportunities. I am making this decision to retire to pursue future endeavors and improve the quality of life for me and my family and I humbly ask that you keep us in your thoughts, prayers, and it is my hope that I can count on your support in the future."

With the Utmost Respect and Gratitude

Chief William "Bill" Harrell

Shots were fired a half mile away from tourney

Just after the July 4th holiday, the Franklin Little League 8U All Star team was competing in the state tournament in Wilson, N.C., when shots rang out in the baseball complex. The game was being live-streamed by Macon County resident and mother of one of the players, Caitlin Koszciepki, when gunshots could be heard and the crowd was seen scattering.

In an update released by the Wilson Police Department July 27, officials said that the WPD Criminal Investigation Division is continuing to actively investigate the shooting incident.

The WPD Forensic unit, working with detectives, conducted an extensive crime scene search for evidence. During this search, three 7.62X39 caliber shell casings were located near a roadway approximately 2410 feet (.5 mile) from where the projectile that struck a van parked inside the stadium was recovered. A roadway sign was also located and appeared to have been struck by three projectiles. The projectile from the van was weighed and measured and appears to be a preliminary match to the shell casings recovered.

The first call to dispatch surrounding the incident was logged at 10:31 according to official emergency communication reports. Law enforcement officers blocked off the scene while investigating what was initially reported to be an active shooter situation within the sports complex. With no other shots fired after the initial round of three shots, law enforcement determined that it was not an active shooter situation and instead transitioned to a "shots fired" call response.

Despite additional games scheduled to take place in the tournament the following Monday, the Franklin All-star team decided to leave Wilson County and return home to Franklin.

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Backlot Cinema rolls cameras on Nikwasi Initiative for Smithsonian

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Last month, Nikwasi Initiative was in the spotlight, literally, as a film crew from Franklin’s Backlot Cinema conducted interviews and captured imagery that will be compiled and sent to the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. Nikwasi’s executive director Elaine Eisenbraun explained that a competitive application was completed more than a year ago to secure a coveted spot in Smithsonian’s Spark! Places of Innovation traveling exhibition. Nikwasi was selected, and a film will be created and featured as one of dozens of places, people, and circumstances that “sparks” innovation and invention in rural communities throughout the United States.

Inspired by an exhibition by the National Museum of American History, the Spark! traveling exhibition features photographs, engaging interactives, objects, videos, and more to show attendees a variety of technical, social, cultural, or artistic innovation stories. Beginning in 2023, and featured in 140-plus national venues until 2029, the exhibition includes six stand-alone sections of panels over a welded aluminum structure with such elements as television monitors, touchscreen monitors, a flipbook, multiple object cases, low-tech mechanical interactives, and digital content.

Spark! Places of Innovation was established as a springboard for diverse local programming in the humanities, sciences, and arts. Visitors to exhibitions will be inspired to learn about how innovation has shaped communities and how they may be innovators themselves.

The Nikwasi Initiative was founded to promote, interpret, and link cultural and historic sites (such as the No-

quisiye and Cowee mounds) along the Cherokee Cultural Corridor. Additionally, the goal is to raise awareness and funds to pursue and explore more opportunities for collaboration between the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI) and local communities.

Backlot Cinema, which is a full-service video production company offering professional film production, commercials, and short films, spent a day filming interviews with Eisenbraun, as well as EBCI’s principal chief Richard Sneed and Mainspring Conservation Trust’s former executive director, Sharon Fouts Taylor, who worked closely with EBCI and the Town of Franklin to negotiate how the Noquisiye (also commonly spelled Nikwasi) Mound would be managed for future use, education, preservation, and more.

“We are so honored to have been selected to participate in Spark!” said Eisenbraun. “To be a part of a collaboration that features a number of rural communities that have resolved a problem or created opportunities is significant.”

The film will be shipped to the Smithsonian and eventually edited in time for the traveling exhibition’s launch in 2023.

Added Eisenbraun, “To be a part of the Spark! exhibition is great for the EBCI, Nikwasi Initiative, and Franklin because it will shine a bright light on the positive work we’ve done here. It is a representation of the power of communication and the importance of working together. And the value that comes from people all over the country seeing the film is both external and internal. People in other areas of the country may learn about Nikwasi Initiative, the EBCI, and Franklin and want to come here and learn more.”



Smithsonian Institution



Mainspring Conservation Trust’s former executive director, Sharon Fouts Taylor, who has been involved in the Noquisiye (also commonly spelled Nikwasi) Mound preservation effort, was one person interviewed by a film crew from Franklin’s Backlot Cinema for a Smithsonian exhibition that will begin traveling the nation next year.

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2022	BMW	Alpina XB7	536
2022	Chevrolet	Corvette 2LT	201
2022	Edge	Sport	101
2022	Volkswagen	Taos AWD	7,825
2020	Chevrolet	Corvette 3LT	8,263
2020	Jaguar	XE AWD	5,214
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
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
2014	Ford	Focus SE	84,984
1990	Corvette		125,701

SUVS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2021	Ford	Bronco Badlands AWD	1,237
2021	GMC	Yukon XL	53,356
2021	Grand Cherokee	L	13,279
2021	Tahoe	LT	16,432
2020	Cadillac	Escalade Premium Luxury	7,309
2020	GMC	Acadia AT4	28,261
2020	Grand Cherokee	Trailhawk	26,226
2019	Chevrolet	Equinox Premier AWD	34,109
2019	Chevrolet	Tahoe LT	46,162

2019	GMC	Terrain	63,316
2019	Kia	Sedona EX	40,858
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox LT	23,569
2018	Chevrolet	Tahoe	84,386
2018	Ford	Explorer	69,517
2018	Forerunner	TRD Sport	65,055
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	72,919
2016	Sorento	LX	112,933
2016	Toyota	Sequoia	96,869
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

TRUCKS

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 High Country	17,551
2021	Chevrolet	Colorado ZR-2	10,842
2021	Chevrolet	LT Trailboss	34,069
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 TRD Off-Road	8,507
2021	Toyota	Tacoma 4WD	4,746
2020	Chevrolet	2500	30,233
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	GMC	Sierra 1500 AT4	15,588
2020	Ram	2500 Longhorn Diamond	23,286
2020	Silverado	1500 Regular Cab	21,430
2020	Toyota	Tacoma SR	12,448
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 2500HD	30,903
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 3500 HC Dually	45,535
2019	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 High Country	44,359
2019	Colorado	WT 4x4	6,261
2019	GMC	Sierra 1500	18,811
2019	Nissan	Frontier SV 4x4	60,592
2019	Toyota	Tacoma SR5	43,420
2019	Toyota	Tacoma TRD 4x4	43,577
2018	Chevrolet	Colorado Z-71	23,542
2018	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	31,379
2018	Colorado	ZR2	36,012
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500 SLT	44,668
2018	GMC	Sierra 1500 Denali	25,059
2017	F-150	Reg Cab	113,305
2017	GMC	Sierra 1500 SLT	61,657
2016	Chevrolet	1500 LT Crew	118,872
2016	GMC	Sierra SLT	61,530
2016	Ram	Diesel Crew 2500	60,495
2015	Chevrolet	1500 Ext Cab	68,636
2014	Ram	1500 Sport Crew 4x4	107,828
2012	GMC	Sierra 2500 Diesel	192,749
2007	GMC	Sierra 4x4	115,221



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Lecture series topic: ‘Connecting Conservation to Save Wild Spaces

The Highlands Biological Foundation (HBF) is officially halfway through their 2022 Zahner Conservation Lecture Series! There are five free, public programs left this season for you to enjoy. Join HBF on Thursday, August 11th at 6:00 p.m. for the next installment in the series. This talk will feature Mallory Dimmitt, CEO of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, as she presents “Connecting Conservation to Save Wild Spaces: A Benefit to Flora, Fauna, and Economies.”

In this program, Dimmitt will introduce a collaborative advocacy approach to large-scale landscape conservation. She will dive into methods used for connecting high quality habitat through wildlife corridors, and the positive impacts they provide for ecosystems and economies with emphasis on the accomplishments made in Florida and throughout the global corridor movement.

Dimmitt is CEO of the Florida Wildlife Corridor Foundation, a non-profit organization that champions a collaborative campaign to permanently connect, protect, and restore a statewide Corridor for people and nature. She co-founded the organization and has served in many capacities over time, including expedition team member, Executive Director, and board member, before becoming



Mallory Dimmitt

CEO in 2021.

For the previous five years, Dimmitt was Vice President of Strategic Development and Business Relations at Lykes Bros. Inc., a family-owned company with five generations of agricultural operations and natural resource management experience across significant landholdings in Florida and Texas. She led strategic planning and new business development to identify new ventures, revenue streams, and ways to add lasting value including sustainable resource management.

Dimmitt earned her B.S. in Natural Resources from the University of the South (Seawanee). She was awarded a Doris Duke Conservation Fellowship at Duke University’s Nicholas School of Environment and earned a Master of Environmental Management in Environmental Economics and Policy.

All are invited to participate in HBF’s free Zahner lectures which will be held at the Highlands Nature Center (930 Horse Cove Road) on Thursday evenings through Sept. 8. To preview HBF’s full Zahner lecture lineup, visit www.highlandsbiological.org. The Highlands Nature Center is part of the Highlands Biological Station, a multi-campus center of WCU.

Publication spotlights local writers

Deena C. Bouknight
Contributing Writer

A team of people worked for more than a year to pull together, edit, and publish the free “River of Words” a 55-page literary compilation of local writers’ works.

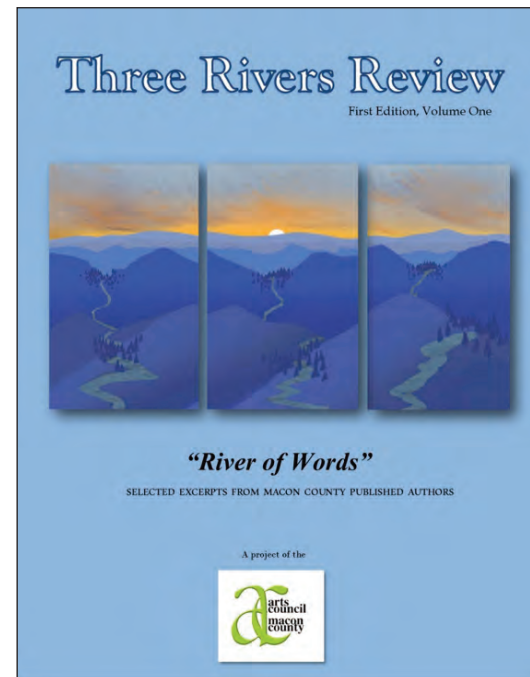
Focusing on the theme, “a river of words,” due to the area’s natural waterways, the publication is the first edition of its Three Rivers Review series of the Arts Council of Macon County’s planned publications to celebrate area talents. The purpose is outlined in the publication’s introductory welcome “... to provide you, the reader, with a chance to sample all these writers’ works in a single publication, in the hope that you’ll want to read more, and seek them out at area bookstores and online.”

The project was named “Three Rivers” to call attention to the Cullasaja, Little Tennessee, and Nantahala. The publication is dedicated to the late Maude Bivins, who was a charter and sustaining member of the Arts Council of Macon County, and a “Retrospect of Barbara McRae” is included due to the fact that she was a local writer, historian, and much more.

Writings are both non-fiction and fiction, historical and imaginative. A short bio of each writer is included at the end of the publication.

The Three Rivers committee was made up of Bobbie Contino, Arts Council of Macon County director, as well as Claire Suminski, Merritt Shaw, Tom Tyre, and Betsy Gooder. Each person on the committee volunteered their time to handle various aspects of planning and production.

Suminski remembers that the project originally came about because she and Bobbie Contino were “brainstorming ways to promote the arts and specifically the literary arts in Macon County and this project was born out of that discussion. Bobbie put together a committee of Arts Council board members



and supporters who she thought would be good to work on this concept together.”

The group began meeting in the Spring of 2021. The Review is the first since the 1980s, when a literary arts journal was overseen by Barbara McRae called “The Wayah Review.”

“This review is a reflection of people, experiences, and the times we live in right now, here in Macon County,” said Suminski, adding that “A Novel Escape, all of the libraries in our county, and many stores and gathering places are carrying the Review. We had 1,000 printed locally at Macon Printing. This truly is a hometown project.”

“A River of Words” may be found in county public libraries, the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce, Smart Pharmacy, the Arts Council office, Main Street’s A Novel Escape Bookstore, and Uptown Gallery.

As for future publications, she added, “Some ideas that have been discussed by the committee are including songwriters, poetry, recipes, stories, and more.”

TekTone receives Silver Safety Award

Back in June, TekTone Sound & Signal Mfg. Inc. was recognized for outstanding safety and health efforts for the 2021 calendar year by the North Carolina Department of Labor at the Asheville Safety Awards Banquet.

TekTone’s Compliance and Training Manager, Betty Smith, attended the banquet to receive the First Year Silver Safety award for TekTone from NCDOL Labor Commissioner, Josh Dobson. To qualify for an annual safety award, an organization must meet the following criteria:

- Have no fatalities during the calendar year at the site or location for which the award was given; and
- Have maintained an incidence rate at

least 50 percent below the average for its particular industry group.

There are two Safety Award levels, Gold and Silver. According to labor.nc.gov, “The Gold Award is based on the days away, restricted, transferred (DART) rate, which includes cases of days away from work, restricted activity or job transfer.” and “The Silver Award is based only on cases with days away from work. They are recorded when the worker misses at least one full day of work, not including the day of the injury.” A formula used to compute the incident rate of the organization which is then compared to a table that “lists the incidence rate calculated to 50 percent for each industry group.”

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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

I have complied with the Save Highlands attorney's public document request. All my emails concerning STRs [short term rentals] have been sent to Derek Allen. A few may have been overlooked or missed, but I have made a good faith effort to fully comply with the request. Also, I included a disclosure statement concerning the conversations, or lack thereof, I have had with people in the community that Allen demanded, including individual conversations with members of the planning board and the neighborhood coalition.

I have nothing to hide. As an elected official I discuss a plethora of issues with citizens. I view these interactions as part of my duties. Many people ask that I keep their statements on certain concerns out of the public discussion. Nevertheless, they want their mayor to know how they feel about certain issues. I have always honored those requests not in the spirit of concealment, but rather in respecting the privacy of citizens. It is analogous to the concept of the secret ballot. Everyone has the right to cast a ballot in a voting booth. The booth becomes a private space while the voter is marking his or her ballot. They place their vote into the ballot box, and the voter doesn't have to tell anyone how they voted.

So I hope the people who expressed their opinion, regardless of their views, will be given the same considerations in this legal situation. I understand the open records process and know what I have said and written are public records. I also respect that some citizens may feel uncomfortable having their views aired in the public arena. Hopefully, this current situation does not have a lasting chilling effect on public discourse between town elected officials and residents.

I stand by what I have said in the past. While I might evolve and adjust my position about a critical issue as more information comes forth, I try to be thoughtful and clear in my public statements, such as what I write in this column each week. On the STR issue I have consistently taken the position that the town should regulate, register and restrict STRs. I have based my actions on these three concepts. Yes, the courts have ruled that blanket, across the board registration is prohibited by state statute. On the other hand, there is the legal issue as to whether a municipality can require zoning permits.

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Scam Alert: Airfare scams cashing in on canceled flights

Airline travel is back in full swing, but scammers are taking advantage of increased flight cancellations with a new con. Better Business Bureau (BBB) Scam Tracker has received multiple reports of scammers creating fake airline ticket booking sites or customer service numbers to charge travelers for rescheduling fake flights. If you are buying airfare, use caution and double-check the URL or phone number before providing your credit card information.

How the scam works

While doing an online search for cheap flights, you come across what seems like a great deal with a major airline. You book the flight—either through the website or by calling a customer support number.

But shortly after making the payment, you receive a call from the company saying there's been a sudden price increase or an extra charge to finalize your booking. This is something a legitimate company would never do! It turns out that you accidentally purchased tickets through a scam website or a phony customer service number. The price increase is a way to get more money out of you.

In another similar con, your original flight was real, but the cancellation notice is fake. You get an email or text message claiming that your upcoming flight has been canceled and you need to rebook. When you call the number provided, the "airline" offers to book you a new ticket – for a price. However, if you follow up with real airline support, you'll discover that nothing was wrong with your original flight. The message was a scam, and you just gave your credit card details to a con artist.

One victim told BBB Scam Tracker: "I thought that I bought airline tickets with United Airlines through a company that sells at discounted prices. They called me shortly after I bought my tickets and said that the flight had been canceled. They wanted permission to put me on another flight with Southwest and said it would be 80 dollars extra ... It turned out that United Airlines never canceled a flight. I tried to call this company and leave a message, and I tried to email them to no avail. It turns out that the airlines were unaware of this ticket purchase."

How to avoid travel scams

Do your research. If you come across a company you haven't dealt with before, research it before making any purchases. Look on BBB.org for reviews and feedback from previous customers.

Double check flight details before calling support. Scammers are blasting out fake airline cancellation emails and text messages that can easily be mistaken for the real deal. Confirm the information in the message – such as the flight and reservation numbers – is correct before calling customer support.

Confirm the URL before you enter personal and payment information. It can be easy to click on a sponsored ad or impostor website without noticing. Before entering any sensitive information, double-check that you are on the right website

and that the link is secure. (Secure links start with "HTTPS://" and include a lock icon on the purchase page. Learn more at BBB.org/BBBSecure.)

Be wary of third-party websites. Some websites appear to offer a legitimate service but are only fronts for a scam. Be suspicious of websites with no working customer service number or physical address. Typos and grammatical errors can be indications of a scammer's handiwork.

Make online purchases with your credit card. Fraudulent charges on a credit card can usually be disputed, whereas that might not be the case with other payment methods. Unfortunately, there is no way to get back the personal information you may have shared.

Cash-strapped drivers scammed with fake gas gift cards

Even if high gas prices are draining your budget, don't fall for this scam. Scammers are tempting drivers with phony gas station gift cards. It's really a way to get your credit card details and other personal information.

How the scam works

You see a post on social media, get an email, or take a survey that says you won a \$500 gas station gift card. Currently, the scam claims to be from Shell, but watch out for scammers using different gas station brands too.

To get the gift card, you only need to pay a small fee. But when scammers get your credit or debit card information, they will likely charge your account for amounts you never approved. One consumer told BBB Scam Tracker: "They said I won a Shell gas card and had to pay \$1.95 for shipping. A day later, they took \$89.95 out of my account. I called about the charge, and they fixed it, but the next day, another \$89.95 was taken out again."

In addition to your credit card information, the scam may also request other personal details. Some consumers say they were asked to fill out a form and provide their name, phone number, physical address, credit card information, and other details. Sharing these details with scammers can open you up to identity theft.

How to avoid prize scams

Never pay to win. No legitimate company will ask you to pay money to receive something you won or to get a free gift. If someone asks you to pay even a small fee to receive a prize, you're probably dealing with a scammer.

Do your research. Impostor scams are common, so if a large company seems to be offering you a free gift, do some research first. Visit the company's official website (by typing it into your web browser, not by following a link someone sent you) to see if they really are participating in some kind of giveaway.

Don't act on impulse. Scammers are hoping you'll get so excited about their offer that you won't stop thinking about any suspicious details. Use your good judgment and question any offer that seems too good to be true.

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Zonta Club brings awareness of human trafficking



Zonta Club of Franklin and members of the community participated in the Red Sand project to bring awareness to the issue of human trafficking. Zonta president Deb Williams spoke on the signs of trafficking in persons. Community members spread red sand as a symbol of those people who fall through the cracks and need us to be their voice. Alisa Ashe of Kids Place of Macon County also spoke to those gathered. Below, Zonta emblem in red sand was drawn by Jessica Merritt of Special Liberty Project.



TAYLOR

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That issue may be settled in the courts, as possibly other contentious STRs issues such as restricting them to specific zones, etc.

I am all too aware that there has been some very heated rhetoric over STRs. There are many nuances, conflicts and conditions for any proposed plan. The debate intensity is understandable given the board decision could impact many people. Some specific statements that have been spoken in public are unfortunate and disturbing. Among different stakeholder groups there can be extreme differences without labeling or denigrating specific groups of people. We are better than that as a caring community.

We are all exhausted over the STR issue, that goes for whether one is for or against them. I hope we will be able to emerge as a united community once a resolution to this issue occurs.

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Bent trees may be Cherokee path markers

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

During a walk or hike on the many trails and paths throughout Macon County, sighting a tree with unnaturally bent limbs may cause one to pause. Yet, without realizing “trail trees” actually exist throughout the region, the curiosity could be passed by without much consideration.

Long before an expansive network of interstates and highways cut across America, trails were formed and traversed by the native peoples, such as the Cherokee, and used regularly for trading goods, hunting, and gathering, and to make war against opposing tribes or settlers and British forces.

In order to indicate direction and other noteworthy markers, the Cherokee manipulated the trunks and limbs of designated hardwood trees, often red and white oaks because of their longevity. Sometimes the trunk or limbs had to be tied and staked so that the tree would grow a certain way. Sometimes aspects of the tree were weighted down with a rock or a pile of dirt to achieve the growth distortion necessary to achieve an eventual distinction that would indicate direction. The methods used to shape trees were dependent on available natural resources as well as what the Cherokee intended the tree shape to signify.

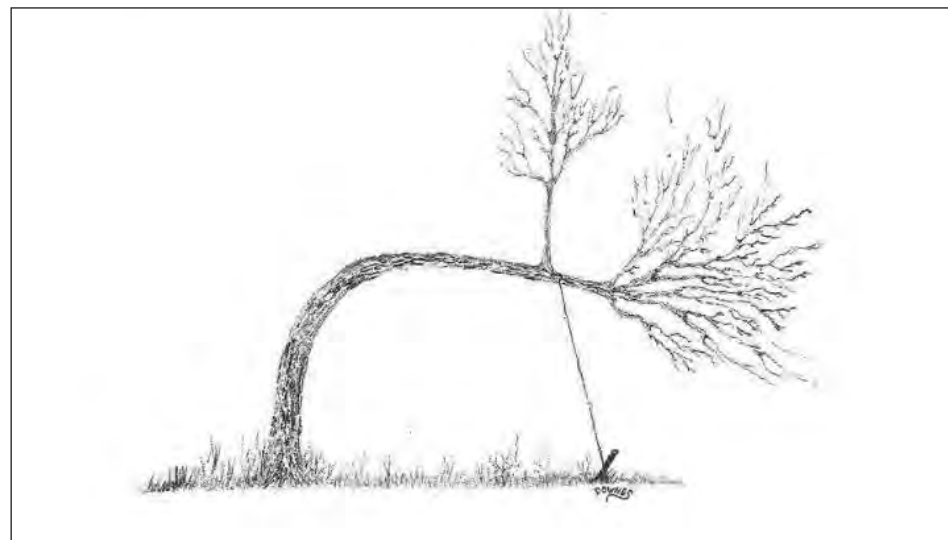
After the sapling grew for a year or more, the tree could then be trained to grow upright by tying off the leader, which is the vertical stem at the top of the trunk.

Modern observers often find that determining the meanings of the trail trees is difficult, but native people clearly delineated the markings, some which pointed to settlements or burial sites, while most indicated general directions or pointed to water sources, river crossings, shelters and other destinations.

Some felled trail trees, when evaluated closely, show in their rings the general timeframe as to when they were bent and shaped before they became important age-old land-



Visible in late winter before the leaves emerge are age-old hardwood trees beside Cartoogechaye Creek which as saplings were manipulated by the Cherokee to grow as directional trail trees.



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marks.

“A common mistake has been not coring trees to get age data to even know if the trees are old enough to be marker trees,” said Brent Martin, executive director of the Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy. “We have one at our [home] place, and there is the state champ White Oak in Tellico Valley; also the Padgett poplar in Highlands and a few others here and there.”

While some misshapen trees may simply be the result of age and wind, for example, there is a chance they are leftover symbols of a past trail system used by native people in the area for generations.

Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests July 21 - Aug. 1. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

July 26

Donald McLean Long, was charged with offenses committed in jurisdiction. No bond was set.

Jacquelyn Ruth Stewart, was charged with failure to appear. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Octavio Ortega Mendoza, was charged with driving under the influence. Matthew L. Long made the arrest.

Kevin Allen Johnson, was charged with fugitive from out of state. Deputy Lydia Bellevance made the arrest.

July 27

Amy Marie Gibson, was charged with an indictment. Corporal Clay A. Saunders made the arrest.

July 29

Zachariah Todd Palmer, was charged with offenses committed in jurisdiction. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

Regina Leigh Sanders, was charged with attempted arson and larceny of a firearm. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

Jessie Mal Cowart, was charged with being a habitual felon and possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance. Deputy Lydia Bellavance made the arrest.

July 30

Ronald Lee Wickham, was charged with driving while license revoked. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

August 1

Morgan Allen Shirley, was charged with breaking and entering, possession of stolen goods/property, larceny after break/enter, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement, possession of fortified wine, liquor or mixed beverage under 21 years of age and injury to real property. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

July 21

John C. Debrowsky, was charged with financial card theft, obtain property by false pretense, identity theft and larceny. J.A. Riles made the arrest.

July 24

Kevin Allen Johnston, was charged with destruction/damage/vandalism of property and conditions of release order violation. M.A. Bingham made the arrest.

July 28

Bryan Scott Garringer, was charged with trespass of real property. M.A. Bingham made the arrest.

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Bascom Center for the Visual Arts July Free Exhibitions "Like No Other Place," through Dec. 31, at the Joel Gallery; at the Thompson Gallery, "Members Challenge: Place" through Sept. 10; Thursday, Aug. 11, 5 p.m. free Exhibitions Reception (Like No Other Place and Members Challenge: Place); Saturday, August 13, 1 p.m., The Ballet of Place, performance by Ballet Memphis (free to the entire community, with special encouragement for young people to attend, first-come, first-served seating. The gallery is located at 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands. For more information, call (828)526-4949.

Nantahala Hiking Club will hike to Secret Falls near Highlands with a good swimming hole, on Sunday, Aug. 7. Giant poplar tree in Horse Cove and Brooks Falls outside of Highlands. For reservations and information, call Leader: Robin Lurie (954)632-7270.

Writers Club will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 9, at 1 p.m., at the Macon County Library. All are welcome to attend. For more information, call Jim Steeley at (828)371-9143.

Share the Journey Support Group for Caregivers whose loved ones are experiencing memory loss will meet on Wednesday, Aug. 10 and 24, 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drives will be held on Thursday, Aug. 11, 12:30 to 5 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Iotla Street; and Saturday, Aug. 13, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Discover Church, 47 Macon Center Drive. Donors can schedule an appointment to donate using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or by calling (800)733-2767.

Franklin Women's Club will meet on Friday, Aug. 12, noon, at Fat Buddies restaurant in Westgate Plaza. Program to follow. RSVP: Brenda Jacobs, at (828)421-0411. For more information, call Linda Ellison at (407)342-9654.

Joseph Carrol and Alvarado (Alva) Allen Gibson Annual Reunion and Potluck Lunch will be held on Sunday, Aug. 14, at Cowee Valley Volunteer Fire and Rescue Station, 1309 Ruby Mine Rd., in Franklin. Music by the Vagabonds will begin at 12:30 p.m.

School Supply Drop-off at Edward Jones Branch Office at 81 West Main Street during regular business hours. Items needed include backpacks, pencils, pens, one inch binders, Clorox or Lysol wipes, crayola crayons, and more. The school supply drive will run through Aug. 12.

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

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 Childrens Art Classes will be held on Wednesdays afternoons. Adult workshops in acrylic, watercolor, acrylic paint pouring, encaustic, and glass fusing are also offered. 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, contact mtully1001@gmail.com for more information..

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.

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

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

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

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

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

First Alliance Church will be holding Sunday Service on August 7, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages will be held at 9:30 a.m. Pastor Evan Jensen will be speaking on Ezekiel 47:1-12. Elise Dailey will be performing special music. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack, net door to Trimont Christian Academy).

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, Aug. 7, 11 a.m., Bill Groves will speak about The Spirituality of Surrender. On Monday, at 6 p.m. all levels yoga class, 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.

Churches and believers in Macon County are invited to join a Prayer Walk on Thursday, Aug. 18, at 7 p.m., at the following schools: Cartoogechaye Elementary, East Franklin, Franklin High School, Highlands, Iotla Valley, Macon Middle, Mountain View Intermediate, Nantahala, South Macon Elementary, Union Academy and Macon Early College, to unite in the mighty name of Jesus.

Memorial United Methodist Church Worship Services in person and on Facebook at 11 a.m. every Sunday. They have communion the first Sunday of each month. The church is located at 4668 Old Murphy Rd. (across from Loafers Glory). The pastor is Evan W. Hill. For more information, call (828)369-5834.

Franklin First United Methodist Church Sunday In-person Worship is held at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. or on Facebook at Franklin First United Methodist Church, either live or later on recorded video. The church is located at 66 Harrison Avenue in downtown Franklin; senior pastor is Rev. David Beam. For more information, call (828)524-3010 or visit us at <http://www.firstumcfranklin.org>

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

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

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

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HOP Gallery opens in Highlands

The Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands held a ribbon cutting ceremony on July 19 to welcome HOP Gallery to the community.

HOP Gallery is an artist-run space at 353 Main Street that offers a unique collection of fine art photography from around the world. Owner Tiho Trichkov is the sole featured artist, and all images were captured by him. He also offers custom photo shoots for families, couples, pets and commercial work. HOP is an acronym for "House of Pics."

"I am excited to open my very own business because photography is my true passion. I dreamed about doing this full time for more than 17 years, so every day I come to work with a smile on my face," says Trichkov. "I have been part of the Highlands community for the past 14 years. I am glad that I finally get to add my touch to the artistic side of the town."

"Highlands was recently recognized by USA Today as a 10Best destination in the small-town shopping category. Businesses such as HOP Gallery are the reason why Highlands continues to offer unique shopping experiences for residents and visitors alike. Additionally, we know that the arts fuel our community by encouraging creativity, innovation and collaboration – and just adding to our beauty. We're delighted HOP Gallery is here," says Kaye McHan, executive director of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC.

Formed in 1931 to serve as the voice of business, the Highlands Chamber of Commerce has grown to provide services and support to businesses, residents and visitors. Conveniently located on Main Street in the Marchant-Parker-Davis-Patterson House, its Highlands Welcome Center is open to all who visit, live and work in the community.



Pictured (L-R) are Ben Nelson from neighboring store Silver Eagle, Kaye McHan, executive director of the Highlands Chamber of Commerce/Visit Highlands, NC, Tiho Trichkov, owner of HOP Gallery, and another member of the Silver Eagle team celebrating with a traditional ribbon cutting ceremony.



The Super 60s Band will be performing at the Aug. 5 concerts in the Creek at Bridge Park in Sylva recreating the 60s atmosphere of not only music but with audio and visual techniques of that time.

Take a trip back in time with The Super '60s Band August 5 in Sylva

The 13th season of Concerts on the Creek continues on Friday, Aug. 5, with a performance by The Super '60s Band from 7-9 p.m., at the Bridge Park in Sylva, N.C.

The Super '60s Band is a unique presentation that strives to recreate the atmosphere of the '60s through not only the music, but through audio and visual techniques that were relevant in that period.

So turn on your lava lamp, light some incense, throw on your bell bottoms, slip on your tie-dye shirt and take a trip with The Super '60s.

Concerts on the Creek are held every Friday night 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 and welcomed. Dogs must be on a leash. No smoking, vaping, tents or coolers are allowed in the park.

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.

- Remaining on the schedule are:
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- Ska City - Aug 19
- Dashboard Blue - Aug. 26
- Alma Russ Band - Sept 2

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First ever ArtFest coming up Aug. 11-13

Macon County Art Association (MCAA) is celebrating its 60th anniversary with what its members hope will be an annual event. The organization's first-ever ArtFest takes place Aug. 11-13, at the Macon County Public Library, with a fundraising celebration at Tartan Hall Saturday night, Aug. 13, at 7 a.m., featuring local musical trio Blue Jazz, as well as refreshments, a silent auction, a raffle, and more. Monies raised support Macon County arts programs and teachers.

The ArtFest is a free event for children and adults that will include art demonstrations, classes, workshops, and films.

ArtFest organizer and artist Carol Conti said, "Art of all kinds is so important to the cultural health of a community. By focusing on art education in Macon County schools, we hope to develop more artists and art enthusiasts for the future."



Local Artist Carol Conti, along with Macon County Art Association volunteers, are organizing the first-ever ArtFest, to be held at the Macon County Public Library Aug. 11-13. Conti painted a mountainscape that will be raffled to help raise money for area art teachers and programs.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, August 11

- 10 a.m. - OUTSIDE:

Children's Sidewalk Chalk Art Face Painting

Debra Carroll - mini-workshop paint pour - ages 13 & up

- 10 a.m. - INSIDE:

Jeff Marley - SCC's Heritage Art Program, paint your own clay - all ages

Mary Bennett - henna body art presentation - all ages

- 12 p.m. - Children's animated movie: "Linnea in Monet's Garden" (family)

- 1:30 p.m. - OUTSIDE:

Children's Sidewalk Chalk Art Face Painting

Debra Carroll - mini-workshop paint project - ages 6 - 12

- 1:30 p.m. - INSIDE:

Verlee Jones - demonstration water color landscape on Japanese rice paper - all ages

- 6 p.m. - Movie: "Loving Vincent" - PG-13 (first fully painted animated film)

Friday, August 12

- 10 a.m. - OUTSIDE:



Local artist Poané will be demonstrating with mixed media Saturday, Aug. 13, at the Uptown Gallery's ArtFest on the grounds of the Macon County Public Library.

Jon Houglum - demonstration plein air oil painting - all ages

Maryellen Tully - demonstration painting on silk - all ages

- 10 a.m. - INSIDE:

Terrie Prestia - mini-workshop clay building project - ages 12 +

Frank Smith - mini-workshop bamboo art - ages 5+

Cheryl Harris - watercolor on clay board presentation - all ages

- 12 p.m. - Movie: "Mary Cassatt: American Impressionism" (drama/family)

- 1:30 p.m. - INSIDE:

John Sill - demonstration watercolor wildlife painting - all ages

Teresa Bouchonnet - mini-workshop, weaving - ages 8+

Carol Lynn Johnson - fused glass presentation - all ages

- 2:30 p.m. - INSIDE:

Joni Mitchell - wire wrapped jewelry presentation - all ages

- 6 p.m. - Movie: "Frida" - R (based on Mexican artist Frida Kahlo)

Saturday, August 13

- 10 a.m. - OUTSIDE:

Jesse Dallas - demonstration abstract art using spray paint - all ages

- 10 a.m. - INSIDE:

Toni Treverton - demonstration pastel portrait w/live model - all ages

- 12 p.m. - Movie: "Leonardo: A Dream of Flight" (drama/family)

- 1:30 p.m. - INSIDE:

Poané - demonstration mixed media - all ages

Kathleen Woodring - precious clay jewelry presentation - all ages

Cathy Casano - painting baby chicks presentation - all ages

Copies of the schedule may be found at the Uptown Gallery on Main Street.

Tickets for the Saturday, Aug. 13, fundraiser event may be purchased at MCAA's Uptown Gallery, 30 Main Street, in Franklin. Pre-event price is \$25 per ticket, while the price at the event is \$35 per ticket. Raffle tickets for an original Carol Conti mountainscape painting may also be purchased at the Uptown Gallery.

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Ways to manage hot weather garden woes

Melinda Myers – Columnist



Melinda Myers

Poor flowering and misshapen or a lack of fruit on tomatoes, peppers and squash may be due to the weather, not your gardening skills. Temperature extremes can interfere with flowering and fruit set on these and other vegetables in your garden.

We watch for and can't wait to taste that first red ripe tomato. It is certainly frustrating when we see flowers drop or the plant fails to form fruit. Tomatoes thrive in warm sunny conditions; but temperature extremes can prevent fruiting, cause misshapen fruit, or reduce the size of the harvest.

When daytime temperatures rise above 90°F and night temperatures remain above 70° F blossom drop and poor fruit development may occur. Combine this with low humidity and the pollen is not viable. In hot and humid conditions, the pollen is too sticky and doesn't move from the male to the female part of the flower. Without pollination the flowers won't be fertilized, and fruit will not develop.

Cool weather can result in poor fruiting. Night temperatures below the optimum of 59° to 68°F will reduce the amount and viability of pollen that the plant produces. Less viable pollen means fewer fruit will form. Cooler temperatures below 55°F can result in misshapen fruit and catfacing. Fortunately, the malformed fruit is still tasty and safe to eat.

Temperature extremes also impact pepper productivity. When temperatures climb to 95°F or higher the pollen is sterile and flowers may drop. Small fruit may also fall from the plant during such hot spells. Pepper plants also experience poor fruit set when night temperatures drop below 60°F or rise above 75° F.

Tomatoes and peppers aren't the only vegetables impacted by temperature extremes. Eggplants, a close relative to tomatoes and peppers, do not set fruit until night temperatures are above 55°F. Beans stop flowering or the flowers die when temperatures rise above 85° F.

Flowering in squash and cucumber plants is also influenced by temperature and other environmental factors. These plants produce separate male and female flowers. The male flowers usually appear first and it is not until both the male and female flowers are present that pollination, fertilization and fruit production can occur.

Research found cool temperatures, bright sunlight, and shorter days encourage female flower production while male flowers are more prolific during warmer temperatures, less sunlight and close spacing. Flowering on squash and cucumbers is also impacted by nitrogen fertilization. Too much can prevent female flower formation while insufficient amounts can reduce the number of male flowers.

The simplest solution is to wait for optimum temperatures and the proper humidity levels to return. Once this happens, the plants will

begin producing fruit.

If poor productivity related to the weather is a yearly problem, consider planting more heat tolerant varieties, adjust planting times and look for more suitable growing locations.

When the harvest is delayed, extend the season with the help of row covers. These fabrics allow sunlight, air, and water through while trapping heat around the plants. Just loosely cover plants and anchor the edges with stones, boards, or landscape staples when frost is in the forecast. You can leave the fabric in place for the remainder of the year. Just lift it to harvest and secure the fabric when done.

If this summer's weather leaves you disappointed with the harvest, remember there is always next year.

Melinda Myers has written more than 20 gardening books, including the recently released *Midwest Gardener's Handbook, 2nd Edition* and *Small Space Gardening*. She hosts *The Great Courses "How to Grow Anything"* DVD instant video series and the nationally syndicated *Melinda's Garden Moment TV & radio program*. Myers is a columnist and contributing editor for *Birds & Blooms* magazine and her website is www.MelindaMyers.com.



Misshapen fruit and some other issues can be the result of temperatures dropping below 55°F. Photo courtesy of MelindaMyers.com



Deaths & Funerals

William R. 'Jamie' Ledford

William R. "Jamie" Ledford, 48, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 29, 2022. He was born Dec. 27, 1973, in Jackson County to Jim and Pauline Ledford. He liked to hunt, fish, and work on the family farm. He was a member of Prentiss Baptist Church. He loved his family and helping anyone in need. His greatest love was Jesus. He loved to read his Bible and talk with the Lord in daily prayers.



William R. Ledford

In addition to his parents, he is survived by a son, Lake Ledford; a daughter, Gracie Ledford; a sister, Chrissy Brogden and husband Dustin; two nieces, Heidi and Abby Brogden; a nephew, Cole Brogden; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A celebration of life service will be held at a later date at the family farm.

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

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

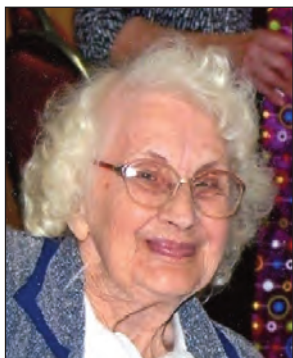
Barbara Lourena Raby Williams

Barbara Lourena Raby Williams, 92, passed away on July 2, 2022.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 10, at 11 a.m. at Macon Funeral Home. Pastor Steve Reeves will officiate. The family will receive friends from 10 until 11 a.m. prior to the service.

Macon Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Hospice House Foundation WNC, PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744, or the charity of one's choice.



Barbara Williams

Emily Katherine Potter

Emily Katherine Potter, 81, went to her heavenly home to be with her Lord God on July 26, 2022. She was born in Charlestown, N.H., on Dec. 30, 1940, to the late Caroline Howard and Gordon Henry Williams.

She is survived by her husband of 56 Years, Ernest Fredrick Potter; a daughter, Caroline Woodruff Turley of Black Mountain, N.C.; a son, David Richard Potter of Mt. Laurel, N.J.; two grandchildren, Dr. Alan van den Arend and Lauren Potter, both of Mt. Laurel, N.J.



Emily Katherine Potter

She was an avid reader of the Bible, books and magazines and was a wonderful cook.

A memorial service will be held at First United Methodist Church in Franklin, at a later date. Rev. David Beam will officiate.

The family would like to thank CarePartners Hospice for their wonderful care.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

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

Albert 'Woody' Long Jr.

Albert "Woody" Long Jr., 78, passed away July 29, 2022. He was born in Lakeland, Fla., Feb. 5, 1944, to the late Albert Woodrow Long Jr. and Marion S. Long. He was of the Baptist faith.

Woody and Margaret moved to Franklin in 1987. They owned and Operated Long Power Equipment for many years. He was best known for being one of the best chainsaw sharpeners in Macon, County. He loved to sit outside in his swing and watch nature.

Survivors include his wife of 58 years, Margaret S. Long; two sons, Woody M. Long and wife Gayle of Hubert, N.C., and William Z Long and wife Crystal of Franklin, N.C.; five grandchildren, Brad, Kelli, Blair, Alex, and Jake; several great-grandchildren; and a brother, David S. Long of Franklin.

In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Nancy Mosco and a sister-in-law, Terry Long.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 6, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences can be left at bryantgrantfuneralhome.com. Bryant-Grant Funeral Home & Crematory is serving the Long family.



Albert 'Woody' Long Jr.

Jimmie Leon Gray

Jimmie Leon Gray, 62, passed away on July 21, 2022.

No public services are planned.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to served the family.

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

Susan Nolan Orr

Susan Nolan Orr, 77, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Saturday, July 16, 2022.

She was born in New Jersey, to the late Vincent Nolan, and Marion Scully Nolan. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband.

She was raised in Miami, Fla., where she attended the University of Miami and Sullins College in Bristol, Va., earning a master's degree in education. She relocated to Franklin and taught and worked in administration at Rabun Gab Nacoochee School for 32 years. She enjoyed reading, crafting, and watching movies and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by children, James B Orr III (Bonnie), and John B Orr (Kimberly); grandchildren, Diego Holland, Dominique Holland, Jamie Orr, Keaira Orr, Larissa Orr; and sister Jeanie Timmins (Tom)

A service will be held at a later date.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Susan Nolan Orr

Evelyn 'Tim' Craine Picklesimer

Evelyn "Tim" Craine Picklesimer, 74, of Highlands, N.C., passed away on Friday, July 29, 2022.

Born in Rabun County, Georgia, she was the daughter of the late Phil and Carrie Isabell Henry Craine. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by eight siblings, Albert "Dick" Craine, Lena Dendy, Lawrence "Chuck" Craine, Marie McCoy, Ethel Ramey, Pete Craine, Richard Craine, and Katherine Craine.

She was a member of the Blue Valley Baptist Church. "Tim" as she was affectionately known, loved fishing, hunting, being outdoors, working in her flowers and garden, and reading.

She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Radford Picklesimer of Highlands; two sons, Archie Picklesimer of Albemarle, N.C., and Dwain Picklesimer (Jill) of Franklin, N.C.; two grandchildren, Corey Picklesimer (Teresa) of Franklin, and Erin Picklesimer of Franklin; and one great grandson, Hayden Lee Picklesimer of Franklin; one brother, Ernest Craine of Clayton, Ga.; one sister, Mary McCoy of Walhalla, S.C.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held Wednesday, Aug. 3, at the Highlands Memorial Park. Rev. Oliver Rice and Rev. Davis Hooper will officiate.

Pallbearers were Radford Picklesimer, Dwain Picklesimer, Corey Picklesimer, Austin Ramey, Lee Ramey, JR Dendy, and Dalton Gray.

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

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

Bryant Loson Holland Memorial

Bryant Loson Holland, 78, went to be with the Lord on April 14, 2020 at his home he built in Franklin, with his caring family by his side.

He was preceded in death by parents, Denver and Delton Jennings Holland; three sisters, Phyllis Holland Caldwell, Bernice Holland Penley and Marsha Holland Mason; infant grandson, Joseph Nicholson and granddaughter, Kristen Nicholson.

He is survived by his faithful and loving wife of 48 years, Diane Walters Holland; his sister, Audrey Holland Cook of Franklin; granddaughter, Alicia Aughtman (Buck) and great grandson, Jonathan, of Fort Bragg, N.C.; a grandson, Chance Dakota Holland of Franklin.

A celebration of life will be held Sunday, Aug. 7, from 2 to 4 p.m. at Pine Grove Church. Desserts and drinks to follow. Friends of the Holland family are invited to bring a dessert of their choice.



Bryant Loson Holland

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Tyler Reddick fashions convincing win at Brickyard

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SPEEDWAY, Ind. – The NASCAR Cup Series has a new road course conqueror.

Tyler Reddick survived a wild overtime battle against Ross Chastain—who, as it turned out, was under penalty for fagging the first corner—to win Sunday's Verizon 200 at the Brickyard.

Reddick's NASCAR Cup Series victory at the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course was his second this month, the second of his career and his second at a road course.

There was one fundamental difference between Reddick's win at the Brickyard and his victory on July 3 at Road America. Between the two triumphs, Reddick announced he would leave Richard Childress Racing for 23XI Racing after the 2023 season.

But Reddick proved on Sunday that lame ducks can still go fast.

"Well, we just know what we're capable of, and we did that at Road America," said Reddick, who led a race-high 38 laps on Sunday. "Certainly, (the announcement) was a little bump in the road, but we went out and won a race fair and square a couple weeks ago, and if we change nothing, we keep working really, really hard, we find a way back to Victory Lane.

"Just really glad to be able to do it here in Indianapolis. This is one really special place to race, and really excited to kiss the bricks here in a little bit and really excited we got 3CHI a win in their hometown."

After a multicar melee in Turn 1 sent the race to overtime and dashed the hopes of Chase Elliott, who had restarted second beside Reddick on Lap 80, Reddick lined up beside AJ Allmendinger for the overtime restart.

Lining up fifth on Lap 85, Chastain steered wide on the restart and opted for the access road beyond the corner. He returned to the track after swapping the lead with Reddick throughout the first lap of overtime.

Reddick was shocked to see Chastain's unorthodox strategy.

"I was like, 'Uh-oh,'" Reddick said. "But that was a scenario that had been talked about. If you get bottled up, what do you do? Take the access road. I couldn't believe he got ahead of me. I was kind of waiting to see if he was going to have a penalty, because I didn't want to move him out of the way and make his race worse than what it was.

"Yeah, I was really surprised by that, but, hey, we made it work. Hats off to Ross for trying to do that, but really glad it didn't end up working out, because I'd have been pretty pissed off."

NASCAR frowned on Chastain's artifice and assessed a 30-second penalty that dropped him to 27th at the finish, elevating DAYTONA 500 winner Austin Cindric to the runner-up spot.

"Just trying not to be in the chaos there in Turn 1," Chastain said. "I thought we were four-wide, and couldn't go any farther right, and decided to take the NASCAR access lane out there.

"Just pure reaction there, for our Worldwide Express Chevy. I took it in practice on exit, overshooting Turn 1... Yeah, just wanted to not get hit, and merged back on where I merged."

Harrison Burton came home third, followed by Todd Gilliland and Bubba Wallace. The results were career bests for Burton and Gilliland, and with Cindric, it marked the first time since 1994 at Pocono that three rookies have finished in



Above: Tyler Reddick, driver of the #8 3CHI Chevrolet, celebrates after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 31, 2022 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Photo by Justin Casterline/Getty Images



Left: Tyler Reddick, driver of the #8 3CHI Chevrolet, Austin Cindric, driver of the #2 Discount Tire Ford, Chase Briscoe, driver of the #14 High-Point.com Ford, and Christopher Bell, driver of the #20 CRAFTSMAN Racing for a Miracle Toyota, race during the NASCAR Cup Series Verizon 200 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 31, 2022 in Indianapolis, Ind.

Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images

the top five in a Cup race.

(The three rookies at Pocono were Joe Nemechek and Jeff Burton and Ward Burton, Harrison Burton's father and uncle respectively.)

Despite a multitude of early spins, the first caution for an accident in Sunday's race didn't come until Lap 62, and it set the stage for the chaos that followed.

After green-flag pit stops, Reddick had built a lead of more than three seconds over Christopher Bell when Kyle Larson's Chevrolet hurtled out of control into Turn 1 and blindsided the Chevy of Ty Dillon with a bone-jarring impact.

The resulting caution tightened the field and set up a restart on Lap 65 with Reddick in the lead and Bell beside him in the outside lane and Ryan Blaney trailing in third.

The outside lane on that restart and the two that followed proved to be anathema for the drivers running second. Bell was shuffled back on the Lap 65 restart and ultimately caused the fourth caution with a blown right front tire that spread debris on the track.

Chase Elliott, who was tracking Reddick before that yellow, spun in a three-wide sandwich in Turn 1 with Blaney and William Byron on the Lap 80 restart. And defending race winner AJ Allmendinger, who had driven his No. 16 Chevrolet to second despite a malfunctioning cool suit, was forced wide on the overtime restart and dropped to seventh at the finish.

Blaney also was a victim of the final restart, spinning in

Turn 1 and finishing 26th after spending the majority of the afternoon in the top five and leading 17 laps, tied for second most with Bell. That mishap cost Blaney a chance to put more distance in the standings between himself and Martin Truex Jr.

Blaney and Truex are 15th and 16th, respectively, in the Playoff standings with four races left in the regular season. After Sunday's race, Blaney leads Truex by 25 points.

AJ Allmendinger scores dominant win in Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard

SPEEDWAY, Ind. – The NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoff is still six races away, but AJ Allmendinger has already clinched one title.

With his victory in Saturday's Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard, the driver of the No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet is the undisputed King of the Road.

Allmendinger was an irresistible force at the 2.439-mile, 14-turn Indianapolis Motor Speedway Road Course. He led 42 of the 62 laps and overcame a fraught 25-second pit stop that dropped him from the lead to 13th for a restart on Lap 19.

The victory was Allmendinger's third of the season—all on road courses—and his fourth win in the last five Xfinity Series races on circuits that turn right as well as left, dating to his triumph in last year's fall event at the Charlotte Roval.

Allmendinger passed runner-up Alex Bowman for the lead after a restart on Lap 45, staying alongside Bowman's No. 17



AJ Allmendinger, driver of the #16 Nutrien Ag Solutions Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 30, 2022 in Indianapolis, Ind. Photo by James Gilbert

Chevrolet though Turn 1 and pulling clear through Turn 2. Allmendinger crossed the finish line 2.084 seconds ahead of the Hendrick Motorsports driver.

“God, I love this place,” exclaimed Allmendinger, who won last year’s NASCAR Cup Series race at the vaunted Brickyard.

“I knew Bowman was really good at the long runs, and so I tried to gap him as much as I could. God, I love Indy!”

Allmendinger lost track position on the Lap 16 pit stop when his crew had difficulty changing the right rear tire. But the 40-year-old driver from Los Gatos, Calif., fought through traffic and advanced to third for a restart on Lap 29.

He went three-wide to the inside on that restart and had the lead as he exited Turn 1.

“We gave up stage points a little bit there as well, to the guys we’re fighting for points,” Allmendinger said. “But you know what? Points don’t mean a damn thing—we’re kissing the bricks. Hell, yeah!”

Bowman began to cut into Allmendinger’s lead late in the final 18-lap run green-flag run but ran out of time.

“I probably was a little too nice on that last restart,” said Bowman, who was running his first Xfinity Series race since 2018. “I knew he was going to be better than us firing off... At the end, we were definitely running him down—just not enough laps.”

Justin Allgaier passed Ross Chastain on the final lap to secure third place, with Chastain holding fourth. Chase Briscoe came home fifth, followed by Riley Herbst, Sam



AJ Allmendinger, driver of the #16 Nutrien Ag Solutions Chevrolet, (C) Matt Kaulig, owner of Kaulig Racing (R) and Chris Rice, President of Kaulig Racing (L) celebrate by kissing the yard of bricks after winning the the NASCAR Xfinity Series Pennzoil 150 at the Brickyard at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on July 30, 2022 in Indianapolis, Ind. Photo by Logan Riely/Getty Images

Mayer, Ty Gibbs, Austin Hill and Noah Gragson.

Gragson won the first stage of the race and fellow JR Motorsports driver Josh Berry claimed victory in Stage 2.

Grant Enfinger charges to win in Truck Series Playoff race
Grant Enfinger picked a fine time to win his first race of the season.

Charging to the front on fresh tires after the TSport 200 went to overtime on Friday night, Enfinger passed Zane Smith for the lead on Lap 206 of 207 and went on to win the first event in the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series

Playoff.

In the return of the series to Lucas Oil Indianapolis Raceway Park for the first time since 2011, Enfinger beat runner-up Ben Rhodes to the finish line by .477. Rhodes passed Smith on the final lap to secure the second spot.

With his first victory since 2020 and the seventh of his career, Enfinger gained automatic advancement to the second round of the Playoffs after a regular season that saw a lackluster performance by his GMS Racing team and a reunion with veteran crew chief Jeff Hensley before the July 9 race at Mid-Ohio.

It was Hensley who brought Enfinger to pit road for a tire change after Carson Hocevar knocked Colby Howard into the outside wall on Lap 191 of 200. That call proved decisive.

“We’ve just been off a little bit as an organization,” Enfinger said. “We’ve been working so hard ... but we’ve had a terrible season to this point. But we had a great Chevrolet all day. It felt like every time we got into the lead, a caution came out, and it put Hensley in a bad spot. I knew from experience to just trust his gut.”

Zane Smith held third in a finish that was not without controversy. The Playoff’s top seed entering the race, Smith had crowded Chandler Smith into the outside wall earlier in the event, damaging both trucks.

Zane Smith also sustained damage in a three-truck incident involving Lawless Allen and Chase Purdy, but he brought his No. 38 Ford to pit road for fresh tires on Lap 156 and worked his way forward over the closing 40 laps.

On the final restart on Lap 206, Zane Smith pinched eventual 10th-place finisher John Hunter Nemechek into the outside wall and took the top spot until Enfinger made the winning pass.

It was Nemechek, though, who sent the race to overtime when he spun race leader Taylor Gray in Turn 3 on Lap 199 of a scheduled 200.

Nemechek insisted the accident was unintentional.

“Sometimes you’re the bug and sometimes you’re the windshield, and tonight we were the bug,” said Nemechek, who led a race-high 75 laps and won the first stage. “I made a mistake early on and spun myself, and we had a restart there at the end on old tires.”

Playoff driver Stewart Friesen finished fourth behind Zane Smith, followed by Corey Heim, Tyler Ankrum and Layne Riggs. Playoff drivers Ty Majeski, Matt Crafton and Nemechek completed the top 10.

Those results left Crafton and 16th-place finisher Christian Eckes seven points below the current cut line. After the third race of the first round, the Playoff field will be trimmed from 10 drivers to eight. Hocevar is eighth in the standings, seven points to the good.



Grant Enfinger, driver of the #23 Champion Power Equipment Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Camping World Truck Series TSport 200 at Indianapolis Raceway Park on July 29, 2022 in Indianapolis, Ind. Photo by Justin Casterline/Getty Images

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- 1. Come clean, with "up"
- 5. * ____-a-Soup, launched in 1972
- 8. Hefty volume
- 12. Maui party
- 13. Detective's assignment
- 14. One that insists
- 15. Seed covering
- 16. Dull pain
- 17. Waltz, in France
- 18. *Francis Ford Coppola's "The ____"
- 20. Part of an eye
- 21. H. pylori consequence
- 22. Labor org.
- 23. **"Feathered" 1970s icon
- 26. One who delivers coal
- 30. *1978's "Night Fever" spent 8 weeks in this Billboard slot
- 31. Fire-breathing monster, Greek mythology
- 34. Type of list
- 35. Open-mouthed
- 37. Acorn producer
- 38. Glossy fabric
- 39. Denim innovator
- 40. Enlist or talk into (2 words)
- 42. Golf accessory
- 43. Gracefully thin
- 45. Meat and vegetable stew
- 47. Stumblebum
- 48. One way to prepare an egg
- 50. Chicken pox mark
- 52. *Type of 1970s shoes
- 56. Top dog
- 57. Laughing on the inside, in a text
- 58. Bye, to Sophia Lauren
- 59. *1971's "Sooner or ____"

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 - 60. *"Beneath the Planet of the ____"
 - 61. Very light brown
 - 62. Research facil.
 - 63. *Progressive rock band of "Roundabout" fame
 - 64. Fishing pole spool
- DOWN**
- 1. Capture the ____
 - 2. Continental capital
 - 3. Aforementioned
 - 4. Substance with rotten egg smell
 - 5. Secret stash
 - 6. Theater employee
 - 7. Jury member
 - 8. *Olivia Newton-John's 1978 co-star
 - 9. Eye amorously
 - 10. Table hill
 - 11. Before, to a bard
 - 13. Can't-get-it-off-one's-mind kind
 - 14. Throat dangler
 - 19. Winged
 - 22. Charge carrier
 - 23. Young horses
 - 24. *One of three 1970s TV crime-fighting women
 - 25. Plunder
 - 26. *"I'd like to buy the world a ____"
 - 27. "Semper Fidelis" to U.S. Marines, e.g.
 - 28. Bye, to Edith Piaf
 - 29. Group of nine singers
 - 32. **"Rich Man, ____ Man" miniseries
 - 33. As opposed to mishap
 - 36. *Salvador Allende successor
 - 38. Chow down
 - 40. Game official, for short
 - 41. Inflammation of iris
 - 44. Capital of Senegal
 - 46. Footstuffs merchant
 - 48. North face, e.g.
 - 49. Intensely dislikes
 - 50. Architectural drawing
 - 51. Prefers
 - 52. *Neil Simon's "The Sunshine Boys," e.g.
 - 53. *"Interview with the Vampire" author
 - 54. Kate Winslet as ____ of Easttown
 - 55. ** ____ Train"
 - 56. *"Thrilla in Manila" winner

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