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The Franklin High School Homecoming Court has been selected. The court is chosen and by the entire student body in their respective homeroom classes. The Homecoming Committee made up of select facility members choose the queen and runner up. Homecoming queen will be crowned on Friday, Oct. 7, during half-time of the Panthers vs. North Henderson football game. The game will begin at 7:30 p.m., in the Panther Pit. Chosen for the court are (front row L-R) McKayla Sanders, Abby Carpenter, and McCall Sanders; (middle row L-R) Sara Crupi, Cali Queen, Callie Roper, Hope Smith, and Taylor Moss; (back row L-R) Tori Ensley, Andrea Terrell, Avery Moffitt, Jacelyn Rios, Olivia Owle, and Meliah Mason.

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# Joint Meeting of Franklin, Highlands and Macon County Resumes After Three-Year Hiatus

**Dan Finnerty - Contributing Writer** 

The Town of Franklin Town Council, Town of Highlands Board of Commissioners, and Macon County Board of County Commissioners met Thursday, September 22, for the first time in nearly three years. In the past, the joint session was normally held tri-annually, but as with so many other events, the COVID-19 pandemic temporarily ceased gatherings, with the last one held in the autumn of 2019. This latest meeting, held in the Franklin Town Hall Board Room, included Franklin Mayor Jack Horton, Highlands Mayor Pat Taylor, and Macon County Commissioners Chair Jim Tate, along with other council and commission members. Each team gave a brief overview of accomplishments, ongoing projects, and anticipated challenges going forward.

Mayor Horton spoke on housing issues, efforts ongoing to bolster the Franklin police force, and numerous sewer and sidewalk improvement projects. Horton professed that

housing is "an issue for all age groups right now and is potion that available and affordable housing is an increasingly tentially hindering additional employment." He also stated critical need throughout Macon County.

that the town can "bring people in but has to have infrastructure to take care of them."

Mayor Taylor spoke on a new performing arts center opening within the next month in Highlands. The town also has a new fire department building that will eventually include barracks and 24/7 staffing. He also mentioned paving and sidewalk projects being considered and emphasized collaboration with Macon County being critical to mutual success. Taylor offered that "people outside of Highlands can take advantage of development in part due to partreiterated Mayor Horton's asser- on various projects and events.



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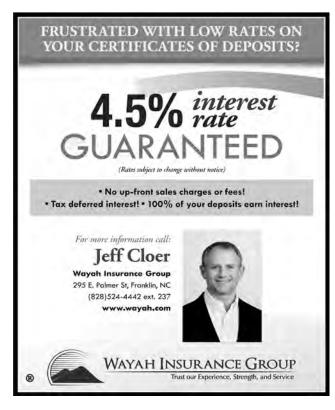
Macon County Commission Chairman Jim Tate spoke about the ongoing project to build a new Franklin high school building. LS3P, a multidisciplinary architectural and planning firm is currently scheduled to present a schematic design in mid-October. He also mentioned a quarter-cent tax initiative will be on the ballot in November to help pay for the ongoing broadband expansion project in the county. Tate iterated that commissioners have "high hopes the effort will result in vastly expanded broadband accessibility." Similarly, Frontier Internet Service was recently awarded funding that is

projected to result in up to 18,000 customers having additional broadband access.

Other items of discussion included road construction/improvement needs and recreational focus that can have beneficial effects on both youth activities as well as overall broader mental health and welfare. Disabled persons' accessibility at existing and future parks or recreational areas was also submitted as a topic that needs greater emphasis and attention going forward. Franklin Town Council member Stacy Guffey revealed that grants currently exist that offer five-to-one matching for building of disabled children-accessible playgrounds. He, like Mayor Horton, offered that Macon County needs to "take care of the people we have in Franklin, in addition to all those we are working to bring in." Both Franklin and Highlands council members pointed out that building a skate park is a wise investment. In Highlands' case, a park is already built and quite heavily utilized by local youth. For Franklin, roughly \$167,000 has been raised so far for a proposed new skate park. Construction is expected to begin in late spring or early summer.



nership with the county." He also Town of Franklin Mayor Jack Horton provides updates









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### It's that time of year again - Rabies vaccine bait drop scheduled to begin

As it has done in previous years, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) National Rabies Management Program is distributing rabies vaccine to wildlife populations. The Oral rabies vaccine which are small green packets the size of a quarter coin, will be dropped from aircraft and hand distributed in Macon County in and around October 5th -21st. The program has helped stop the spread of raccoon rabies into native raccoon, fox, and coyote populations beyond the Appalachian Mountains and across the western United States. Ravoral is safe for most animals who ingest it, including dogs. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service will distribute more than one million doses from northern Alabama to southwest Virginia. Residents who may encounter wildlife vaccine packets and



have questions can call the Rabies Information Line at 1-866-4-USDA-WS (1-866-487-3297).

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# **Former Marine hired** as town's new Code **Enforcement Officer**

Deena C. Bouknight - Contributing Writer

At the September Town of Franklin Council meeting, Town Planner/I.T. Director Justin Setser presented Frank Belanger, the Town's new Code Enforcement Officer

who was hired in August. While many residents of Franklin may not be familiar with the duties of that position, Setser explained its importance and conveyed to the Council appreciation for Belanger, a veteran.

"The Code Enforcement Officer is the person that enforces non-police power laws/ordinances within the Town of Franklin," ex-



Frank Belanger

plained Setser, "signs violations, minimum housing, nuisance, junk/abandoned vehicles, and water and sewer issues to name a few.'

Belanger, who joined the Marines straight out of high school in 1985, maintained fixed-wing and helicopter attack aircraft for 10 years and was a Marine Security Guard at three American embassies for four years.

"I left the Marines in 1999, moved to Arizona, and spent three years in private security before moving back to North Carolina in 2002," said Belanger, who added that he took a break from military service for a few years before joining the Army, with a final combat tour in Iraq in 2003. He retired from the military in 2012. After working in a few civilian jobs, Belanger learned from someone at Discover Church, where he attends and serves on the safety team, about the Code Enforcement Officer position, and he felt he would be a good match due to his skills and background.

"My duties are to enforce the codes that apply to both business and private properties in the town," said Belanger. "These codes have been in place for quite some time now, but there has not been a Code Enforcement Officer on staff up to this point. My focus is to ensure adherence of established ordinances in order to maintain the quality of life and safety for the citizens of Franklin, while promoting a pleasant and inviting environment for the tourists and visitors to our town."

Setser noted, "The Town of Franklin is now taking a proactive approach to these ordinances in the future, but with a focus on education and not a heavy hand on enforcement. Compliance is what we are looking for. This will help with the general appearance of the Town to residents and visitors and improve the quality of life for all."

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### Shriners present check to Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children



This year's donation check of \$27,000 from the annual 80's Flashback Weekend, a benefit for Greenville Shriners Hospital for Children was presented on Saturday September 24th. The hospital provides health services to over 112 patients from the Macon County area. Pictured are The Linn Family, Members of Smoky Mountain Shriner Club, Miss 1980 Something, 2022 Winner Maria Moran and Shriners Hospital for Children of Greenville Staff

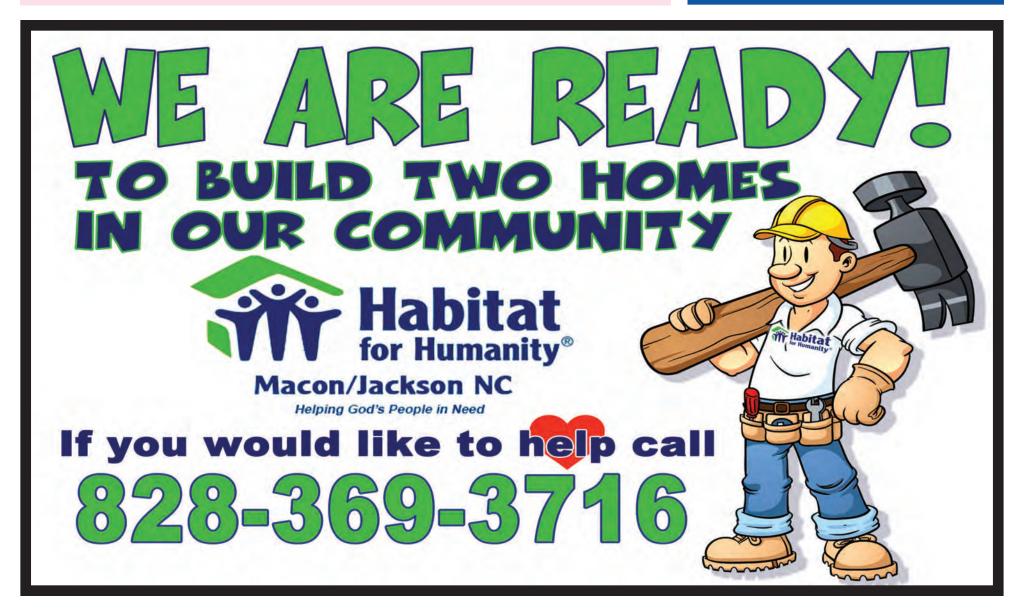


Hello my friends, this is Sarah aka 'Diva' asking for your help for my sweetheart husband Rick Miller. Rick has been hospitalized 7 times this year from his weak heart and sepsis from a UTI infection twice. Sepsis is so serious and he is once again fighting to survive. I am trying to raise money to enable him to live in his home. We have 22 cement steps and a ramp has to be built to wheelchair him in and a walk in shower put in for him to function. We currently have the old bathtub type and he cannot lift his leg. As you all are aware, Rick is a strong 'American' man and has a strong love of life, his wife, family, dogs and friends. We have been happily married 47 years and together 52! Many of you know him Divas on Main, the apparel business in Atlanta and his political and community involvement in Franklin. Anything would help and be very much appreciated.

Love to you all, Rick & Sarah.



To donate, contact Sarah Miller at 1-770-757-7500 or Divas on Main Facebook



# Macon County School Board approves chicken coop for Macon Middle School

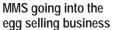
**Diane Peltz - Contributing Writer** 

The Macon County School Board met at Highlands School on Monday September 26, 2022, for its regularly scheduled meeting. The agenda was light, but did include a demonstration of "Virtual Goggles" which board members were able to try out. They will be used at Highlands School for various

assignments. The goggles can help enhance students

understand of the way a "cell" works by viewing it in 3D. The human heart can also be viewed in 3D for a more complete understanding of how it functions. The goggles are used in mostly Science and Social Studies but can be useful in language arts class alike. Students can also take virtual trips to

the Pyramids or anywhere in the world they want to study. Highlands School, middle school students, use the goggles right now in science class. The goggles were purchased with a grant from the Highlands-Cashiers Health Foundation.



Macon Middle School (MMS) students will be able to take part in a collective project involving the building of a chicken coop. Students will literally be taught the "egg" business. They will design, build, maintain and manage a chicken coop which will be housed on campus. The lessons that will be taught from

this endeavor will touch on carpentry, environmental health, art, career and STEM standards.

#### Highlands School Soccer Field in **Need of Repair**

The Highlands School Soccer Field was built in 2008 for the girl's varsity inaugural season. The field is in a low lying area

the game was called at halftime due to a

Highlands students getting injured. High-

lands lost that game 0-1. Jeff Weller, High-

lands Soccer Coach, has submitted a

which is often "swampy" after a rainfall. During the fall, the boys soccer games had to be postponed or cancelled due to flooding on the field, making conditions too dangerous for students to play. Boys soccer typically ends toward the end of October and girls soccer picks up in February. There is not enough time in between the

ready for this year's Soccer season. ing, which will be held in conjunction with two seasons to effectively repair the field. There have been injuries and two weeks ago the swearing in ceremony for the new board

proposal to the board to contract with a very reputable Turf Company that does significant work for Major Colleges and Professional Teams across the US. He explained that they have done work in and around this area and are familiar with the area and its challenges.

The next meeting of the School Board will be a combined November/December meet-

members. It will be held at Nantahala School

on December 5, 2022. The swearing in and

training ceremony will be held at noon and

the board meeting will begin at 6pm.



Highlands School Soccer Field is in need of repair. A school board approved proposal has been sent to an established and proven company to get the field

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Macon Middle School Students will be able to learn how to build a

chicken coop and also learn about the "egg" business! The Coop will

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# Bryant's Antique Mall finds a new home on Frankin's Main Street

Deena C. Bouknight - Contributing Writer

Sarah and Erik Bryant opened the doors of their Bryant's Antique Mall on Main Street in Franklin on August 1, and "It's been crazy ever since," said Erik.

The couple has owned and operated the business since 2015, starting with an 1,100-square-foot space on Hwy. 441 and quickly expanding the next year by another 15,000 and then 12,000 square feet.

"We grew to over 70 vendors, some who had multiple spaces, in a very short time," explained Sarah, who noted that Bryant's Antique Mall offers for sale antiques as well as collectibles, furnishings, memorabilia, and much more.

While the large building garnered visual prominence on the main thoroughfare between Franklin and Clayton, Ga., the

Bryants pointed out that they were not able to become invested in the town of Franklin. Thus, when the owner of the Hwy. 441 building decided to put the property up for sale, the couple began investigating options to move their business closer to town. They learned that the three-story 71 E. Main Street building, formerly a Belk's department store followed by many other businesses, was available.

The couple moved seven years ago from their home in Florida so that they could raise a family in Franklin, where Erik had lived since his parents moved to the area when he was in elementary school. Sarah hails from Colorado.



Prior to starting Bryant's Antique Mall, Erik was an automobile salesperson. The business was developed so that Sarah could work and have flexible hours while raising their children (they currently have a 6-year-old daughter). However, the business grew so

quickly that Erik quit his job selling cars to join Sarah full-time at Bryant's.

"My dad was a history professor," said Erik, "and whenever the family went on trips, he took us to historical places and mark-

ers and explained the history. I didn't realize how much I had retained, but after I became an

adult, I began to become interested in historical artifacts and memorabilia."

Erik and Sarah decorated a room in their Florida home with antiques and collectibles and extra items were stored in

their garage. One day, when Sarah was cleaning out the garage, she suggested they think about selling additional items. They first consigned a few pieces in a small "broom closet" space in a Florida antique mall. When those items sold quickly, the an-







Bryant's Antique Mall, now on Main Street, Franklin, offers three floors of antiques, memorabilia, collectibles, and more. Photos by Vickie Carpenter and Deena Booknight

tique mall owner asked the couple to bring in more items and display them in a larger space.

"At the time, (before the Bryants moved to Franklin), I was working 80-90 hours a week selling cars, and then on my days off we would find and purchase pieces (at yard and garage sales and flea markets, for example) for our antique mall space," said Erik.

When the couple decided to move from Florida to Franklin, opening an antique mall was "a good fit," said Erik.

Two and a half months before Bryant's Antique Mall opened on Main Street, the couple renovated the 21,000 square feet, primarily pulling up carpet, painting, and replacing a water heater, and they also managed the moving of vendors' items into numerous spaces on two of the building's floors.

"Since August 1, there has been a lot of traffic in here," said Erik. "Sarah and I have walked to every business on Main Street and introduced ourselves and our daughter, and the feedback has been so positive so far from business owners and from the public."

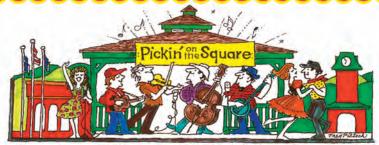
The Bryants reside five minutes from Main Street, and Sarah indicated that the couple's goal as Town of Franklin business owners is to "help fundraise for various causes and to truly be a part of the community."



Owners Sarah and Eric Bryant speak to customers about reasons they recently moved from Hwy. 441 to Main Street.



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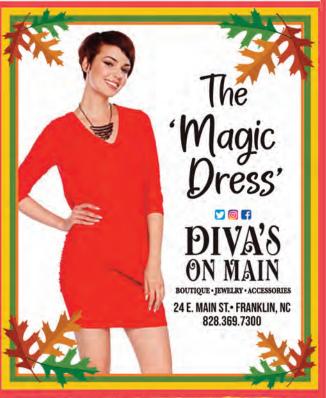
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**Patrick Taylor** Highlands Mayor

As the mayor I continually meet with community groups, both here in Highlands and also in the Western Carolina region. These meetings constantly reminded me of our shared concerns.

Last week the Highlands Town Board of Commissioners met with the Highlands Chamber of Commerce Board



**Patrick Taylor** 

of Directors. It was a productive meeting where ideas and concerns were exchanged, as well as lines of communication reaffirmed. A major topic was discussing what the chamber and visitors center can fund with the room occupancy tax that they receive. There is an array of special local legislation that governs how these tax funds can be spent throughout a varying state system of tourist development authorities. Macon County has a TDA that oversees this process in Highlands, as well as in Franklin and Nantahala. The common core of all of the enabling legislation is that the tax revenue is to be spent on tourism promotion. So, when Commissioner Patterson brought up the idea of these tax funds being used to clean the downtown bathrooms, chamber members had reservations as to whether that would meet the legislative criteria of promoting tourism. The counter argument is that such expenditures directly support tourism, by providing clean and necessary services.

Last week, at the joint meeting of the Macon County Board of Commissioners and the boards from Franklin and Highlands, a similar concern was raised by Franklin Councilman David Culpepper. He asked why room tax funds could not be used for infrastructure projects that support tourism? David's question not only relates to our situation in Highlands, but similar questions have been raised across the state. It may be time for the legislature to review the issue and revise how room tax funds can be spent. This review might be in order given the influx of tax dollars coming into local Tourist Development Authorities (TDAs) coffers from Short Term Rentals (STRs). With the increase in tourism comes pressures on local governments to expand services throughout their communities.

I attended the Southwestern Regional Planning Commission quarterly meeting on Tuesday. I presided over a session of the Transportation Advisory Committee where an interesting presentation was made by staff

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### **Letters to the Editor**

#### Supporters acting on toxic, dystopian vision

On Sept. 1, 2022, President Biden declared MAGA Trump supporters, estimated at 60-75 million Americans, to be threats to democracy and strongly implied we are domestic terrorists. It was an invitation to violence against those Americans with different political views than he and his party hold. That call for violence was echoed by U.S. Senator Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) later when she issued her literal "call to arms" against all Americans who describe themselves as pro-life. Last week U.S. Congressman Tim Ryan (D-Ohio), who is the Democrat U.S. Senate candidate, insisted that his party must "kill and confront" MAGA Trump supporters. On Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, in North Dakota, it happened. A man named Shannan Brandt ran down and killed an 18-year-old Trump supporter and admitted that such was his motivation for murder. I have not read it reported that any Democrat, from Governor Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, U.S. Senate candidate Cheri Beasley, Congressional candidate Jasmine Beach-Ferrara or any other down-ballot Democrat has openly disavowed or even expressed disagreement with President Biden's toxic speech or those of the others mentioned above. If, as expected, a "red wave" sweeps the GOP, and more specifically MAGA Trump supporters into office, will the ruling party permit it? Remember, the election is in November but no one is sworn in until January.

In 1943, Adolf Hitler ordered the mass jailing and executions of his political rivals. It is known to history as "The Night of Long Knives." In justifying his act, Hitler gave a speech to the Reichstag in which he decreed: "If anyone reproaches me and asks why I did not resort to the regular courts of justice, then all I can say is this. In this hour I was responsible for the fate of the German people, and thereby I became the supreme judge of the German people. I gave the order to shoot the ringleaders in this treason, and I further gave the order to cauterize down to the raw flesh the ulcers of this poisoning of the wells in our domestic life. Let the nation know that its existence – which depends on its internal order and security – cannot be threatened with impunity by anyone! And let it be known for all time to come that if anyone raises his hand to strike the State then certain death is his lot."

President Biden has declared 60-75 million Americans to be domestic terrorists. His supporters are now acting on his toxic and dystopian vision. Will we hear a similar speech to justify his and his party's actions after the "red wave" threatens his party's removal from power in January?

Rich Cassady, Esq. - Franklin, N.C.

#### Donald Trump seems to be 'over the law'

I beg forgiveness for dragging this tiresome individual

onto these pages yet again, assuming readers are as tired of reading about #45 as I am writing about him. If we ignore him; however, it will not be he who goes away, it will be democracy that disappears.

At this point reasonable, thinking Americans have to be asking; why hasn't this con artist been tarred, feathered, loaded in a circus cannon and aimed at the U.S. Penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kansas?

Remember some years back, Trump bragged he could ice someone on Fifth Avenue and people would still vote for him. We laughed, thinking that's just Trump being Trump.

During his term in office he violated his oath and the Constitution numerous times, earning himself two impeachments. He has, almost single-handedly, decimated our system of checks and balances and laid waste to the very concept of law and order.

Tied as we are to the glacier-paced process of recording history, future generations will direct and mull over what remains of the American experiment and perhaps they will ascertain the cumulative damage done to this country, and the free western world, by one errant U.S. president gone seriously astray.

The DOJ finally summoned enough nerve to orchestrate the FBI's unannounced raid on the former president's Florida playpen. The FBI recovered dozens of boxes of stolen documents, some highly classified records signifying a serious breach of protocol and likely, a dangerous compromise of national security. In Trump's bizarre world, and with bored nonchalance, he continues to claim "it's all a hoax."

I used to read, on a regular basis, "no one is above the law." Recently though, the media has become rather reserved on the subject, dare I say - introspective - (looking critically at one's own vision or version of the matter). The Week Magazine (9-23) wrote, albeit ever so lightly (so perhaps no one would notice?), "Trump: Does the law apply to him?" No one is quite ready to admit what we have all witnessed up to this point - Donald Trump is over the law.

Since the FBI raid on mar-a-Lago, Trump has (with a lot of help) managed to throw one monkey wrench after another into the investigation to delay, obstruct, deflect, or possibly halt the wheels of justice. If that doesn't work he'll try intimidation, as in, if he's infected for his cries, "the American people won't stand for it.'

Thanks to a Trump appointed judge from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Florida (Aileen Cannon), this case was again stalled (temporarily). With the November election a little more than one month away, the DOJ begged a higher court to allow the AG and the DOJ to do their job of prosecuting criminals and defend this na-

I doesn't seem to matter what Donald Trump says or does, he just can't seem to get himself arrested. One thing's for sure: until "The Donald" is safely locked up in Leavenworth, I'm staying the hell off Fifth Avenue.

David Snell - Franklin, N.C.

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#### No Need for Faith

In a discussion with a 80 plus year old. I was a bit discouraged to find that he has no room for any belief in God or Divine creator. Further into the conversation it was quite evident he did have a strong faith and conviction, but not in spiritual things, but in everything human. His faith is founded within his "political party". This was his hope, faith and devotion. It seemed his total being rested in a faith of his party, yet was in dismay of the direction his party was going. I felt for him, for he seem somewhat abandon with nowhere to turn and you could feel his hearts confusion. I felt this bitterness was more directed towards the opposite party, whom he resents deeply. There's even bitterness and division with his family, which is yet more painful. Faith is a strange thing yet everyone has faith in something. It's not just for the religious, it effects all of us, no matter who you maybe. If there are struggles in life as in pain and suffering, or in prosperity and abundance, faith is within the mix of life and is only for the living. While we each breath air, faith and hope is never in short supply. The suffering in life brings faith and hope of something better that is sought out in hope of a better in life. This renewed hope and faith carry's us on. Others who live in luxury place faith and hope within themselves, they need no one, yet they hope for their continued abundance and power to never end. There faith lye's within there own pride. But yet the "foundation of faith" is not found with modern man nor is there any blueprint to be found, yet there are so many who place their hope and faith in the very thing that has no direction, just hoping man will somehow become better, but never does. So, just what is it that makes ourselves or mankind better? Or do we just force our wills on others and work at a hit and miss system to find what works or doesn't, and who judges the outcome, the powerful or the people? If neither have a blueprint or foundation, where do we go that shows the way? Where can we point for our children to have any hope or faith for their futures, or do we remain silent within our bitter confused moderns lives we live? If you cannot point to something better, then you yourself are more the problem, and our children will be left with little hope or faith in anything for nothing has changed, it only worsens. All mankind seeks out justice, peace, truthfulness. Even those who are corrupt and evil work within there own systems of justice, peace, and truthfulness, yet they distort it very purpose and meaning. But yet you can't explain why man seems bound to these very things. Even evolution seems without an answer. If mankind didn't have this instilled within him, we would have no reason to live or to die, we each would fight for our own survival. Darwin, himself saw no other conclusion, but there is something beyond us or a Divine presents, yet he seemed never to place his faith and hope in God the Divine. He, as with many view life this way, yet have no other hope or answers for generations to come.

**Just-Thinking** nds13@frontier.com Deni Shepard - Franklin, N.C.

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# **TAYLOR**

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members of the Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians on plans to convert their school bus fleet to electric powered vehicles. Their school system already has one electric bus in service. Several elected officials were very interested in electric vehicles and asked a lot of questions. I sensed that many communities in the region are beginning to address the electric vehicle trend and want as much information as possible. Everyone wants vehicles that have clean emissions, but those officials at the meeting were seeking answers and solutions on how to implement this major transportation shift.

The Highlands Town Board will be working with the Highlands Chamber on implementing an EV charging program. A provider of an EV charging system will be scheduled to make a presentation at the October board meeting.

Hope to see you at the community coffee tomorrow, this Friday at the Hudson Library. The coffee begins at 11 am. Our legislative delegation will join us.

#### Voter information for Nov. 8 General Election

#### Absentee ballots request Sept. 9 - Nov. 1

Request forms at www.maconnc.org www.ncsbe.gov or by calling (828)349-2034 or email Macon.boe@ncsbe.gov.

#### **Voter Registration Deadline**

Friday, Oct. 14 at 5 p.m. Same day registration is possible only during one-stop voting.

### **One-Stop Voting - Franklin**

Oct. 20 - Nov. 5

Robert C. Carpenter Community Building Hours Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **One-Stop Voting - Highlands** Oct. 20 - Nov. 5

Highlands Civic Center, 600 N 4th St. Hours Mon-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:00 a.m. - 3 p.m.

#### **General Election Day**

Tuesday, Nov. 8

Voters will cast ballots at their respective precincts.

Polls open 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Contact the Macon County Board of Elections at (828)349-2034 or visit www.maconnc.org/elections.











# Macon County Fair 2022 Photos by Betsey Gooder, Vickie Carpenter and Ellen Randall





















# Car Show in downtown Franklin











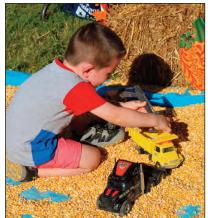
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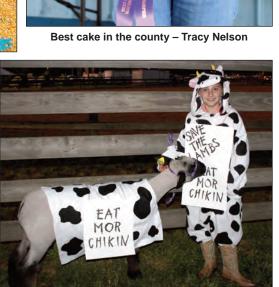
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Best pie in the county – Theresa Holland









# rrest Report

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The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests September 15-26. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



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

#### September 19

Crystal Eve Hayes, was charged with failure to appear for a felony, warrant service for offense committed in jurisdiction. Jay Wright made the arrest.

Matthew Owen Carpenter, was charged with attempted break or enter building.

Matt Brock Kelly, was charged with driving while license revoked.

#### September 20

Jennifer Lynn Haddix, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of drug paraphernalia and simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance. Jay Wright made the arrest.

Alejandro F. Garcia, was charged with aid and abet and driving while license revoked impaired revocation. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

#### September 21

Adrian Montez Austin, was charged with simple assault, and assault and battery or participates in simple affray. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

Divinty Aleza Guest, was charged with breaking and entering and injury to real property. Deputy Cody J. Howard made the arrest.

Brandon John Thomas Owenby, was charged with breaking and entering and injury to real property. Deputy Cody J. Howard made the arrest.

Abigail Renee Hendricks, was charged with driving while impaired. Corporal James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

#### September 22

Daniel Mark-Zachanas Adler, was charged with failure to appear. Sargent Jonathan A. Taylor made the arrest.

#### September 23

Melissa Dianne Dickerson, was charged with offense committed in jurisdiction. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Ausencio David Pacheco, was charged with driving while intoxicated. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

#### September 24

Brandi Lynn Smith, was charged with simple assault and dispose of dead domesticated animal/abandonment of an an-

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imal. Joseph A. Raby made the arrest.

Brock Edward Odom, was charge with contributing to the delinquency of a juvenile. Matthew D. Long made the arrest.

#### September 25

Robert Phillips, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling/place for a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. David Blanton made the arrest.

#### September 26

Dustin W. Waldroop, was charged with child support enforcement contempt. Costin Jiglau made the arrest.

#### Franklin Police Department

#### September 18

Jeffery Lynn Carpenter, was charged with possession of methamphetamine, maintaining a vehicle for use of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving while license revoked and speeding 60 mph in 55 mph zone. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

Gabrielle Uriah Carver, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

#### September 19

Dominic Emilio Salvatori, was charged with fugitive warrant for felony possession of a firearm. R.S. Dula made the ar-

#### September 21

Brock Eugene McGilvery, was issued an order for arrest for failure to appear for possession of methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. G.D. Hovis made the ar-

#### September 22

Doralyn Marie Massung, was charged with possession of a schedule II controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine and possession of a schedule II controlled substance. J.A. Riles made the arrest.

#### Jackson County Sheriff's Department

#### September 15

Michael Amparo Dearce, 45, of Cattle Dr., Whittier, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Angelica Yanez Stoehrel, 30, of Cattle Dr., Whittier, was charged with simple assault. No bond was set.

Timothy Ray Smith, 53, of Quallatown Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Daliyah Lanae Wolfe, 24, of Big Cove Rd., Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for probation violation. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

#### September 16

David Jason Johnson, 40, of Beaver Rd., Lake Toxaway, was charged with parole violation. No bond was set.



Angela M. Deatherage, 49, of Betty Lou Dr., New Market, Tenn., was charged with larceny. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

Tyler Garrett Converse, 29, of Buck Creek Rd., Highlands, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of methamphetamine and second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$5,500 was set.

Robert Allen Hooper, 46, of Keyhole Lane, Cullowhee, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Hunter Trey Thomas, 32, of John Taylor Rd., Whitter, was charged with larceny of ginseng. No bond was set.

Kelsey Anne Potter, 30, of Walnut Creek Rd., Franklin, was charged with second degree trespass and simple possession of a schedule III controlled substance. No bond was

#### September 18

Alexander Martinez Garcia, 26, of Bertha Saunooke Rd., Cherokee, was charged with misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Michael Thad Schrader, 52, of Allman Dr., was charged with assault with a deadly weapon and felony hit/run injury. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

#### September 19

Whitney Paige Gibson, 28, of Huntington Ridge, Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for possession of drug paraphernalia. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

#### September 20

Corey Dean Rhinehart, 22, of Parris Branch Rd., was charged with assault on a female. A secured bond was set.

Dustin Shane Gilman, 42, of Skyland Dr., was charged with failure to appear simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,500 was

Timothy David Kibel, 38, of Sutton Branch, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$250 was set.

#### September 21

Hiram Lee Butler, 48, of Union Hill Rd., Whittier, was charged with child support purge. A bond of \$6,985.45 was

Justin Charles Brooks, 39, of Targaon Lane, Cashiers, was charged with failure to appear for trespassing and domestic violence protective order violation. A secured bond of \$2,000

Michele Nicole Bird, 27, of John Ute Sherrill Dr., Cherokee, was charged with larceny. No bond was set.

Jamie Morgan Fuller, 24, of Goose Creek Rd., Cherokee, was charged with misdemeanor larceny. No bond was set.

#### September 23

Jessica Ann Normand, 42, of Posey Blanton Rd., was charged with simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Shannon Dewayne Blanton, 40, of Longhow Lane, Whittier, was charged with intoxicated and disruptive and injury to personal property. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.



#### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

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

Mountain Voices Community Chorus is beginning rehearsals for their Christmas concert. Practice is every Monday evening at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Avenue, Franklin, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Recruiting new singers. For information, call (828)524-3644.

Lester & Annie Sorrells Family Reunion will be Sunday, Oct. 2, at 1 p.m., at the Franklin Memorial Park - formerly the Jaycee Building. Bring a covered dish to share.

American Red Cross Blood Drive is being held in Franklin on Sept. 27, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Macon County Library, 149 Siler Farm Rd.

Bascom Center for the Visual Arts September Free Exhibitions through Dec. 31, "Like No Other Place," at the Joel Gallery; Lasting Impressions; Japanese prints from the Read-Simms Collection, Bunzl Gallery on Display through Dec. 3; The gallery is located at 323 Franklin Rd., Highlands. For more information, call (828)526-4949.

Otto Community Development Covered Dish will be held on Monday, Oct. 3, 6 p.m., 65 Firehouse Road, The guest speaker will be Greg Clark, story teller, "Granny Witches."

Tuckaseigee Chapter of Trout Unlimited Meeting with NCWRC Biologist Powell Wheeler will be held on Oct. 4, 6 to 8 p.m., at Sylva First United Methodist Church, 77 Jackson St. in Sylva. Anyone interested in hearing about the commission work in our district are invited to attend. You do not need to be a member. A delicious meal with dessert will be provided.

**Death Cafe** will be held on Sunday, Oct. 9, 2 to 4 p.m., at Wayfarers Unity Chapel, 182 Wayfarer Lane, Dillard, Ga. This directed discussion of death with no agenda, objectives or themes. There is no intention of leading participants to any particular conclusion, product or course of action. Facilitated by Jan Brewer, M.A., CMT and Teresa Weiser, Ed.D. For more information, call Jan at (510)684-5555 or visit www.deathcafe.com.

Nantahala Hiking Club (NHC) Program will be held on Oct. 13, 6 p.m., Macon County Public Library. The speaker will be Sarah Adams, ATC Regional Manager GA & Nantahala. She will speak on "Jappalachia": Connections Between the Appalachian Trail and Japan's Shinetsu Trail, which was heavily modeled after the A.T. for its cooperative management system.

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

Historic TM Rickman Store at 259 Cowee Creek Rd. is now open for visitors on Saturdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Dulcimer music at 10 a.m. and music jams 12 to p.m. Discover unique items and listen to local musicians. Parking is limited with additional parking available at Cowee Arts and Heritage Center a short walk from the store.

Macon Chips, Franklin's Wood Carving Club meets on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Macon County Public Library and on Thursdays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Franklin High School Wood Shop just off Mc-Collum 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 Wednesday through 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. Online 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 inperson 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-

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 shel-

Celebrate Recovery at Discover Church every Monday night, 6 to 8 p.m. Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered, 12-step recovery program for anyone struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our life. Free childcare up to five years old for attending parents. Discover Church is located at 47 Macon Center Dr. (behind Bojangles). For more information, email cr@discover.church for questions.

Crawford Senior Center Zoom Classes will include exercise, tai chi, and others. For more information, or to register, call the Senior Center at (828)349-2058.

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#### **CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

First Alliance Church will be holding Sunday Service will be held on Oct. 2, at 10:30 a.m. Sunday school for all ages will be held at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Dick Brown will be speaking. Ted Duke will be performing special music. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack, next door to Trimont Christian Academy).

Son Rise International Ministries Christian Fellowship Services are held on Friday evenings at 7 p.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.

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, Oct. 2, 11 a.m. Guest speaker Craig Eister will speak on "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner". On Mondays at 6 p.m. is an 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 center is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant. For more information or to stream services go to SpiritualLightCenter.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Grace Baptist Church services are held on Sunday, 11 a.m. Frank Rodriguez is the pastor. All are welcome to attend. The church is located at 130 Setser Branch Rd.

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# 'Good to Be Together' at the Folk School's 46th Fall Festival Oct. 1, 2

The John C. Campbell Folk School's 46th annual Fall Festival returns this year on Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. A premiere destination since 1974, the Folk School's Fall Festival attracts thousands from across the region to the school's scenic Brasstown, N.C., campus for a celebration of Appalachian craft, culture, and

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Festivalgoers will stroll several wooded paths, visiting a wide variety of fine craft exhibitors showcasing quality works for sale. Talented artisans will demonstrate traditional and contemporary crafts for appreciative audiences throughout the day on the demonstrators stage outdoors near the Keith House.

Spirited music and dance performances will fill the air continuously over two days. On the Festival Barn and Craft Shop stages, regional acts, including Evie & Keith Terry, Benjamin Hunter, the Folk School Junior Appalachian Musicians, and many others, will share oldtime, bluegrass, folk, and roots music. Dancers





The John C. Campbell Folks School's Fall Festival returns in 2022 for a celebration of Appalachian craft, culture and heritage. The festival will be held Oct. 1 and 2, in Brasstown.

will entertain the crowds with clogging and Morris performances. The beloved Brasstown band Irons in the Fire will close out the festival on Sunday afternoon, reuniting for the first time in years.

Food vendors are aplenty, located by the Festival Barn along with picnic tables for visitors, families, and groups to enjoy. This year, the Folk School's signature barbecue will be located in front of the Olive Dame Campbell Dining Hall. Seating will be available outside. Additional food vendors will be located at Davidson Hall.

Children can visit the Kids Cove area, where they will enjoy face painting, petting the alpacas and visiting the Valley River Humane Society's pet adoption booth. The Cove Theatre will offer children an opportunity to participate in creative play with dress up costumes and musical instruments. Arts and crafts activities will be offered by the Cherokee County Arts Council.

A selection of Fall Festival commemorative t-shirts and items will be available to purchase in the T-shirt booth in the Craft Shop parking lot. Visitors can also learn more about Olive's Porch, the new Folk School experience in downtown Murphy, at the Festival Barn information booth.

The Fall Festival Banner, a colorful tradition celebrating the school's rich history and enlivening future, is made by quilter Zak Foster this year. Foster was the inaugural Artist in Residence at Olive's Porch earlier this year. Foster's banner, adorned with the motto "Good to be together," captures the excitement surrounding this year's festivities while also commemorating the Folk School's unique, non-competitive, and communal learning environment.

The Fall Festival offers plentiful free parking along with a free on-campus shuttle bus and handicapped golf carts.

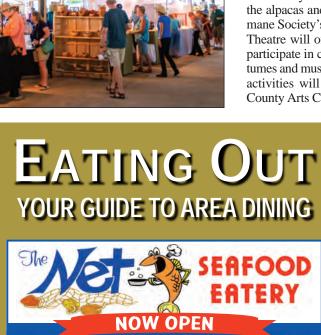
Handicapped parking is available in the



Keith House gravel lot and adjacent to the Fiber Arts Building. The John C. Campbell Folk School is only two hours from Asheville, Atlanta, Chattanooga, and Knoxville and a day's drive for half of the residents of the U.S.

Admission is \$10 for adults (18 and up); \$8 for ages 12-17; \$8 for seniors (65+) and veterans; and free for children, 12 and under. Tickets are available online. Single-day and multi-day options are available. Visit folkschool.org/fallfestival to purchase. Tickets will also be available for purchase at the festival gates with cash only. ATMs are available on campus.

event details, For more folkschool.org/fallfestival or call 1-800-365-





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#### Submit stories to the 2022 NC State Fiction Contest

The annual NC State Fiction Contest is a free literary competition open to all North Carolina residents, including out-of-state and international students who are enrolled at North Carolina universities. It remains one of the largest free-to-enter fiction contests in the South.

This year's guest judge is S.A. Cosby, author of the New York Timesbestseller Razorblade Tears and the Los Angeles Times Book Prizewinning Blacktop Wasteland.

Contestants may enter one story in each of the two contest cate-

- The James Hurst Prize for Fiction (\$500): An unpublished short story of no more than 5,000 words. In addition to the winner, several honorable mention awards will be presented.
- The Shorter Fiction Prize (\$250): An unpublished short story of no more than 1,200 words. One honorable mention award will be pre-

#### **Contest Rules**

- 1. The contest is open to all North Carolina residents except:
- a. Tenured/tenure-track professors in the University of North Carolina system; creative-writing instructors teaching at North Carolina State University (but teaching assistants and graduate students are el-
- b. Writers with a published book of fiction (if we can buy your book online or from a publisher or bookstore, we consider you published).
- c. Previous winners. Previous finalists must submit stories that have not been previously submitted.
- 2. Contestants may enter no more than one story in each of the two contest categories.
- 3. Entries may not have been previously published anywhere, in print or online, including personal blogs or websites.
  - 4. All entries must be typed and titled.
- 5. Contestants should not include their name on their stories so that their work can be judged anonymously. Instead, contestants should include their name, address, telephone number and email address on a separate cover sheet.
- 6. No emailed entries are accepted. Mail entries to: NC State Fiction Contest Department of English



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7. The postmark deadline is Oct. 14, 2022.

Due to volume, we cannot respond to individual gueries or return your stories afterward. Winners and honorable mentions will be contacted directly. There will not be a public ceremony this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The results will be posted at go.ncsu.edu/fictioncontest.

For more information, visit go.ncsu.edu/fictioncontest.

#### Contra Dance at Macon Library October 1

A contra dance will be held in the Macon County Public Library on Saturday, Oct. 1, with a half hour of instruction for beginners at 6:30 p.m., followed by two hours of dancing. Attendees will dance on the wood floor of the Library's Living Room, with caller Charlotte Crittenden and live music by the band, Late to the Party, featuring fiddler Larry Barnett.

With its roots in the British Isles and France, Contra dance has become a traditional American dance form. It is considered the most accessible of all dances, with participants moving in two long facing lines or in groups. No experience is needed; all dances will be taught. You don't need to bring a partner but are welcome to do so. Wear comfortable clothes; no perfumes or strong scents, please. Admission is by donation; light refreshments will be provided.

The Library is at 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin, and is wheelchair accessible. The event is sponsored by Ron and Christ Lewis and pro-

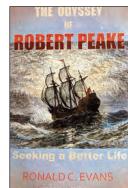
duced by the Arts Council, part of the Council's "Fall into Dance" month which also includes a street dance on Franklin's Town Square Gazebo with Motown/Soul band WestSound on Saturday October 8 at 7:00 pm, and Fall into Dance ARTSaturday at the Macon County Public Library October 29 at 10:30 am, for children and young families. Contact the Arts Council for details, 828-524-ARTS or email arts4all@dnet.net.

#### Ronald Evans to present novel at City Lights

Franklin, North Carolina author Ronald Evans will present his historical novel on Saturday, Oct. 1, at 3 p.m. at City Lights Bookstore. In "The Odyssey of Robert Peake," Ronald Evans explores the story of an English indentured servant, Robert Peake, who set sail for the Virginia

colony in 1623. "The Odyssey of Robert Peake" is a novelization about the real-life ancestor of the Peak (Peek) families still living in the North Carolina and Virginia mountains.

Ronald Evans is a descendant of the Peek family of Macon County, North Carolina. "The Odyssey of Robert Peake" is his first book of historical fiction Evans is also the author of two local true-crime volumes, "Swift Justice" and "Frankie: A Life Cut Short." Call City Lights Bookstore in Sylva, to reserve copies of his books at (828)586-9499.





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Coming Saturday, October 8, 7-9pm WestSound brings Motown to Franklin Town Square.



# 'Roots & Herbs' topic of society meeting

"Roots & Herbs: How WNC Root Diggers Helped Launch the Pharmaceutical Industry" is the title of the presentation by Luke Manget for the Oct. 6 meeting of the Swain County Genealogical and Historical Society.

Ginseng has been dug from Appalachia and traded with China for nearly 300 years, but in the mid-19th century the region became one of the most important suppliers of medicinal plants, or "crude botanical drugs," to some of the largest pharmaceutical manufacturers in the United States. After the Civil War, the region experienced a boom in root digging and herb gathering that made Appalachia the most important supplier of native medicinal plants in North America. During the presentation, Manget will be sharing the history of "Sanging" in the mountains.

During childhood visits to Kentucky, Manget's family roots with ginseng were awakened by hearing stories from his grandmother about her grandfather digging ginseng. Research led him to an old general store in Wilkesboro, where he found buried treasure in a dusty business ledger from the 1870's that provided long lists of wild ginseng purchases and sales with area root diggers like his great great grandfather. That led to the finding of other records from other stores in N.C. and nearby states not only listing ginseng sales, but ing is free and open to the public.

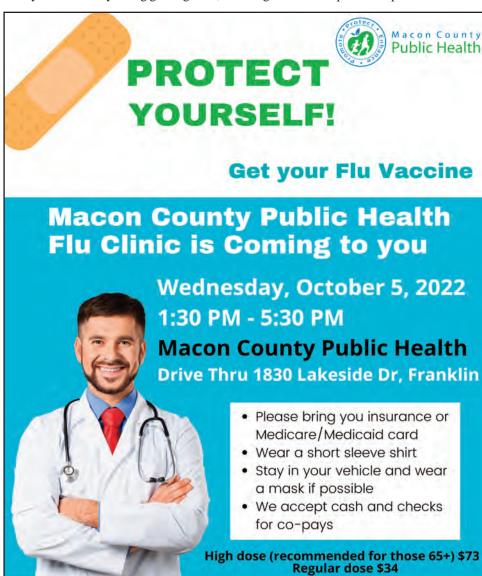
also the sale of other plants/herbs such as Mayapple, Wild Ginger, Bloodroot and others. His research and writing have shown the important role that "ginsangers" played in international trade in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

In March 2022, he published his first book, 'Ginseng Diggers: A History of Root and Herb Gathering in Appalachia."

Dr. Manget, native of northern Georgia, completed a Ph.D. in History from the University of Georgia and also holds degrees from Georgia Institute of Technology and Western Carolina University. In July 2022, he joined the faculty of the NC School of Science and Math-Morganton as an Instructor of American Studies & Humanities. He has been teaching high school and college since 2005 including Murphy High School, The University of Tennessee-Chattanooga and Dalton State College. He resides in Morganton with his wife Natalie and three sons.

This presentation on Oct. 6, is at 6:30 p.m., at the Swain County Regional Business Education and Training Center, 45 East Ridge Drive, Bryson City, NC 28713. East Ridge Dr. is a right turn off Buckner Branch Road which is west of Ingles. Conversation and refreshments will follow the presentation. The meet-

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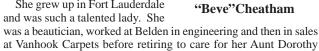
#### Beverly "Beve" Bryan Cheatham

Beverly "Beve" Bryan Cheatham, 65, of Franklin NC, gained her wings on September 19, 2022, and began her journey to her heavenly home free of all earthly hardships.

Born in Fort Lauderdale, Fl, she was the daughter of the late Richard Bryan and Carol Wackrow Wyatt. She was proceeded in death by her husband Buddy Cheatham.

She is survived by her dog "Sparky", family, and friends.

She grew up in Fort Lauderdale



Crews "Aunt Dot" She had a heart of Gold. She lived her life one way and that was "her way" if you didn't like it then tough, it was her life.

Even though her entire closest family preceded her, she was never alone. Her friends made sure she was celebrated on her birthdays and never left alone on holidays.

She will be missed but never forgotten. Fly High My Dear Angel!

Per her request there will be no services at this time.

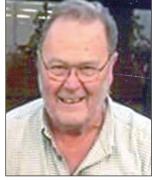
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#### Anthony "Skip" Allen Vitch

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

Born in Oneonta, NY, 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. Skip 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



Anthony "Skip" Vitch

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

A celebration of life will be held October 1, 2022, 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.



#### Ann C. Sanders

Ann C. Sanders, 69, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Sept. 20,

She was born in Marshall, N.C., to the late Merritt and Edna Fender Crain. She was an engineering technician in the automotive industry. She was a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and sister. She loved cutting grass and spending time with her grandchildren, Justin and Brooke Sims.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, MaryLou, Reva, Diane, and a grandson, Anthony McCall.



Ann C. Sanders

She is survived by her husband of 26 years, Stan Sanders of Franklin; son, Tony McCall of Asheville, N.C.; daughter, Melinda (Darrin) Sims of Fletcher, N.C.; three brothers, Herschel Crain, Edward Crain (Joyce), Keith Crain; three sisters, Ginger Cox (David), Maxine Loop, Shelia Davis (Donnie); two grandchildren, Justin and Brooke Sims of Fletcher, N.C.; and several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service was held on Saturday, Sept. 24, at Prentiss Baptist Church Cemetery.

Online condolences can made www.maconfuneralhome.com.

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#### Hattie Mae Wiggins Potts

Hattie Mae Wiggins Potts, 85, passed away Sept. 21, 2022.

She was born in Swain County to the late Conley and Mayme Mc-Cracken Wiggins. She was a member of Sugarfork Baptist Church. She loved her family and her church

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Eldon Potts; brothers, John Wiggins, Wayne Wiggins, and Clyde Wiggins; and a sister, Pauline Wiggins.

She is survived by her son, Rick Potts (Christy); and two grandchildren, Faith and Tucker Potts.



**Hattie Mae Potts** 

A funeral service was held Sunday, Sept. 25, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Burial followed at the Evitt Cemetery. Revs. Gene Hawkins and Steve Reeves officiated.

Pallbearers were Randy Rogers, Tucker Potts, Jimmy Wiggins, and Ronald Woods. Honorary pallbearers were Doyle Woods and Warren Henry.

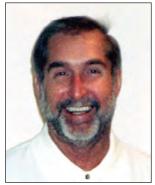
In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Evitt Cemetery c/o Larry Moss, 1822 Norton Rd, Cashiers, NC, 28717.

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#### George C Taylor

George C Taylor, Jr, 87, a resident of Franklin, N.C., passed away September 24, 2022.

He was born in Washington, DC and raised in St. Petersburg, Fla., the son of the late Ella F Mckinstry and George C Taylor, Sr. He was also preceded in death by his dearly beloved wife, Sara, who passed away January 11, 2014, daughter, Mindy Fowler, stepfather, Roy Mckinstry, sister Musette Pelham and her husband Donald Pelham, and sister Barbara Ann Fowler and her husband, Jack



George C Taylor

He served in the US Army as a paratrooper in the 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne division. He was a life member of the 82nd Airborne Division Association. He was also a member of the American Legion, local Post #108.

He graduated from Florida State University and while a student, was a member of the business fraternity of Delta Sigma Pi. He was a Certified Public Accountant and practiced in Florida and North Carolina. George served for a period of five years as Finance Director and Assistant Administrator of Cape Canaveral Hospital, Cocoa Beach, Fla. As a practicing CPA in Florida, he served in various offices of the Brevard County Chapter of CPA's including President. He was a past member of the Brevard County Estate Planning Council. He also served for three terms on the State Board of Governors of the Florida Institute of Certified Public Accountants and served on several state committees of the Institute. While a resident of Brevard County, Florida he was a member of several community organizations such as The Committee of 100 of Brevard County, a business and economic development organization.

He served as a past President of the Kiwanis Club of Cocoa Beach, Florida and was a past member of the Rotary Club of Indialantic, Florida and the Rotary club of Franklin, North Carolina. As a member of the Rotary Club of Franklin, he served as Treasurer for several years and was awarded by the members as a "Paul Harris Fellow" for certain services rendered to that organization while serving as Treasurer. He also served as a past member of the Local Board of First Citizens Bank of Franklin.

While residing in Franklin, N.C., he owned and operated a CPA firm for nine years. Upon his retirement from Public Accounting in 1994, he taught part-time at Southwestern Community College, various business and accounting courses.

He is survived by his sons, George of the Philippines: Greg Taylor (Katina) of St. Augustine Beach, Fla., Alan Taylor of Orlando, Fla., Daniel Taylor of Titusville, Fla., daughters; Julie Brantley (Doug) of Tampa, Fla., Laura O'Bryan (Don) of Shady Valley, Tenn., and a son-in law Randy Fowler (Mindy) of Cleveland, Ga. Several nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great grandchildren

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FORT WORTH, Texas - They say everything is "bigger" in Texas and certainly NASCAR's Round of 12 Playoff opener at Texas Motor Speedway lived up to the billing. From Playoff consequences to a red flag delay to bumper-banging aggression, tire fall-off and record statistical marks, there was no shortage of competitive drama in Sunday's AutoTrader EchoPark Automotive 500.

Ultimately Richard Childress Racing's Tyler Reddick prevailed as race winner – taking the green flag by 1.190-seconds over Penske Racing's Joey Logano in a final 24-lap green flag run to the checkered flag. It was the 26-year old Californian's third career victory and first win on an oval after claiming trophies on two road courses earlier this season.

'We had a lot of issues today, I'm not going to lie," Reddick said with a smile, listing a number of setbacks from pit road mishaps, vibrations in his No. 8 RCR Chevrolet to holding off a hard-charging Logano, who has now taken the NASCAR Cup Series championship lead by 12 points over Trackhouse Racing driver Ross Chastain.

"Every time we've had a strong car we've been bit by something," said Reddick, who announced earlier this season he is leaving the RCR team to go to 23XI Racing in 2024.

"This is a tough race, 500 miles here is not an easy feat and I know it wasn't easy on you," Reddick said motioning toward the grandstands. "So great to win here in a Cup car, been close here a couple times.

With the victory, Reddick becomes the fourth consecutive "non-Playoff" driver to win a race in four Playoff races of the 2022 season. Yet, there was still plenty of drama among the Playoff 12.

Hendrick Motorsports driver William Byron, who finished seventh, and Joe Gibbs Racing driver Denny Hamlin, who finished 10th had a literal "run-in" late in the race. Byron said he felt Hamlin ran him up on track causing his No. 24 Hendrick Chevrolet to hit the Turn 2 wall and damage his car. And in retaliation, he bumped Hamlin's No. 11 JGR Toyota during a caution that ended up sending Hamlin spinning into the in-

'It was really hard contact," the 24-year old Byron said of the incident that put his car in the wall, adding, "I didn't mean to spin him out over there but obviously I'm pissed off and not going to get run like that. We've always raced together so well so I don't know what it was all about.

"I went to go show my displeasure. Didn't mean to hit him and spin him out. ... I'm just not going to get run like that. There's really no reason. We were running second and third at the time, I think."

Hamlin, 41, took exception to the hit, and tapped his Toyota into Byron's Chevy multiple times after his infield spin. He still appeared miffed after the race.

'I don't think we touched but obviously he sent us through the infield under caution," Hamlin said.

"I keep hearing these guys and I'll just add it to the list, guys that when I get a chance, they're going to get it. It just works itself out. We'll be racing each other at some point. He'll lose a lot of spots because he's racing me.

'This is hard racing obviously. I'm fine with hard racing. But wrecking me under caution is not what we bargained for. I'm thankful to my FedEx Toyota team for bouncing back."

It was an action-packed racing afternoon on all levels. There were a record 36 lead changes and a record 16 caution periods – including a 56-minute red flag period for rain just after Ryan Blaney claimed the Stage 2 victory.

When the race resumed, the resulting drop in temperatures - factoring in a light rain shower and nightfall - seemed to reinvigorate the racing on track. Side-by-side racing and



Tyler Reddick, driver of the #8 Lenovo/ThinkEdge Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Auto Trader EchoPark Automotive 500 at Texas Motor Speedway on September 25, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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passes throughout the field and multiple tire issues at the front

Martin Truex Jr., along with Kevin Harvick and Chase Elliott all had tire issues while leading the race.

The 32nd place finish dropped the 2021 series champion from the points lead coming into Texas to seventh in points -26 points behind new championship leader Logano now - only four points above the cut-off line heading to Race 2 of this three-race championship round at the always unpredictable Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway next weekend.

"Something came apart, I could hear it flapping on the right rear, so if it wasn't down, it was certainly coming apart," El-

"It's not a great position to be in for sure, but it is what it is now. I hate it for our No. 9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet team. We were actually decent here for once, and that was nice while it lasted. We'll go to Talladega and try to survive over there, get a win next week and go on down the road."

Elliott was one of a handful of Playoff drivers who had "challenging" days in Fort Worth. Joe Gibbs Racing's Christopher Bell, who came into the race ranked sixth after turning in the best Round 1 Playoff showing of any of the 12 championship-eligible drivers. He suffered tire issues that ultimately eliminated him from competition as well.

As significant, the incident dropped him to 11th place n the Playoff standings, 39 points behind eighth place Daniel Suarez with eight drivers advancing to the next round of the Playoffs.

"Very disappointing weekend and I was feeling optimistic when they dropped the green flag," Bell said, adding, "It makes our decision easy on how to play Talladega. We were hoping to come out of here good and be able to ride around and just survive Talladega. We are going to have to race and get some stage points and be up front all day."

Justin Haley finished third on the day with Playoff drivers Ryan Blaney (Penske Racing) and Chase Briscoe (Stewart-Haas Racing ) rounding out the Top-5. Erik Jones, Byron, Sunday's race polesitter Brad Keselowski, reigning series champion Kyle Larson and Hamlin rounded out the Top-10.

Byron holds onto the third Playoff spot, 13 points behind leader Logano. Larson is fourth (-14), followed by Blaney (-15) and Hamlin (-22). Elliott and Sunday's 12th place finisher Daniel Suarez are seventh and eighth in the Playoff standings, both 26 points behind Logano.

Briscoe, Austin Cindric, Bell and Alex Bowman (who finished 29th) round out the Top-12 with Bowman 56 points behind leader Logano and 30 points out of the eighth place position that would advance to the Round of 8.

The second race of this Round of 12 comes next Sunday at the iconic Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway in the YellaWood 500 (2 p.m. ET, NBC, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Bubba Wallace is the defending race winner. Chastain won at Talladega this April.

#### Noah Gragson drives to Victory Lane at Texas, ties NASCAR Xfinity Series record with fourth consecutive win

FORT WORTH, Texas - Noah Gragson parked his No. 9 JR Motorsports Chevrolet at the finish line, emerged through his car's roof flap and raised his arms in triumph taking in the loud cheers from the Texas Motor Speedway grandstands as he celebrated a historic fourth consecutive NASCAR Xfinity Series victory Saturday afternoon in the Andy's Frozen Custard 300.

It was a series best and career-high seventh win on the season for the 24-year old Las Vegas native and automatically reserves his spot in the next round of the NASCAR Xfinity Series Playoffs. That fourth consecutive victory is significant historically as well - tying one of the longstanding records, set in 1983 by Sam Ard.

Although it was a tumultuous Playoff opener for many of the championship contenders, Gragson was out front often and ultimately when he needed to be. He didn't win a Stage, but led a race best 85-of-200 laps and held off fellow 2022 Playoff contenders Austin Hill and Ty Gibbs by 1.238-seconds to earn the big trophy - and even more momentum at just the right time of the calendar.

"This No. 9 team, man, they're on fire and all you fans, you

keep us motivated," Gragson told the cheering grandstands. "We're gonna come back and win more races for you. You guys are awesome and we appreciate you. Thanks for coming out.

"Just this team, I mean the pit crew's done awesome and our car was as fast as Xfinity internet all day and I'm just so thankful for the opportunity."

"Such a relief," he continued. "We lost this race back in 2020 and just executed a great race [today]," he continued.

Eight Playoff cars finished in the Top-10. Stewart-Haas Racing's Riley Herbst was fifth, followed by Playoff driver Josh Berry (JR Motorsports), Sheldon Creed, Playoff drivers Sam Mayer (JR Motorsports) and Ryan Sieg (Ryan Sieg Racing). C.J. McLaughlin was 10th – the first Top-10 of his career.

Compared to his closest competitors, Gragson's day was more a matter of holding court. Several other race contenders and Playoff competitors had busier days of survival and the power of positive thinking.

Both Gibbs, who finished third

and regular season champion A.J. Allmendinger, who finished fourth, had to rally to those finishing positions. Gibbs started the race from the rear of the field after failing technical inspection. And the two-time regular season champion Allmendinger? He just had a hectic afternoon overcoming race setbacks.

Two multi-car accidents on mid-race restarts eliminated the winning opportunity for several Playoff drivers and now place them in catch-up mode only one race into the Playoff push.

Eight cars were involved in a crash on Lap 110, including regular season champion Allmendinger, whose No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet – only a few laps removed from the Stage 2 victory - was damaged. Quick repairs returned him to the track



competitors had busier days of survival and the power of positive thinking.

Noah Gragson, driver of the #9 Bass Pro Shops/TrueTimber/BRCC Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Andy's Frozen Custard 300 at Texas Motor Speedway on September 24, 2022 in Fort Worth, Texas.

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and the positions he lost during the pit stop actually proved to be advantageous as he missed the next accident up front after returning to the race.

It was a similar scene on the ensuing restart, only this time the accident started at the front. John Hunter Nemechek, who had led a race best 60 laps – at that point - got loose at the front of the pack, his Toyota colliding with Justin Allgaier's Chevy.

The hard contact sent them both hard into the wall and caused another chain-reaction accident that ended up collecting nine cars in all – including Playoff drivers Brandon Jones, the race polesitter, and 2021 series champion Daniel Hemric (who won Stage 1) in addition to Allgaier.

As with that Playoff trio, It was the end of the day for Ne-

mechek, a NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship driver who was driving the No. 18 Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota at Texas as part of the owner's championship chase.

"The 7 (Allgaier) chose the top behind me, and I haven't seen the replay of it, but the 7 chose the top behind me and started pushing," Nemechek said. "The 21 (Austin Hill) made it three-wide on the 9 (Gragson) and I was three-wide at the top being able to be in the race and I think we ended up four-wide at one point which doesn't really work aero-wide in the pack. The resin was up there as well and I don't know. It sucks.

"I thought we were going to have a shot to win the race and repeat from last year. It didn't work out. I'm looking forward to seeing what the future holds."

With two more races remaining in this opening Playoff round – at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway and the Charlotte ROVAL road course – Gragson's win is an automatic berth into the next Playoff round. Allmendinger and Gibbs are second

and third in the standings, 26 and 27 points – respectively behind Allmendinger.

Eight of the 12 Playoff drivers will advance following the ROVAL race.

Riley Herbst (-1), Hemric (-8), Jones (-13) and Jeremy Clements (-29) whose car retired early with an engine issue, now find themselves in the bottom four of the Playoff standings going to Talladega.

The NASCAR Xfinity Series races at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway for Round 2 of the Playoffs, the Sparks 300 on Saturday (4 p.m. ET, USA Network, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). Brandon Brown is the defending race winner.









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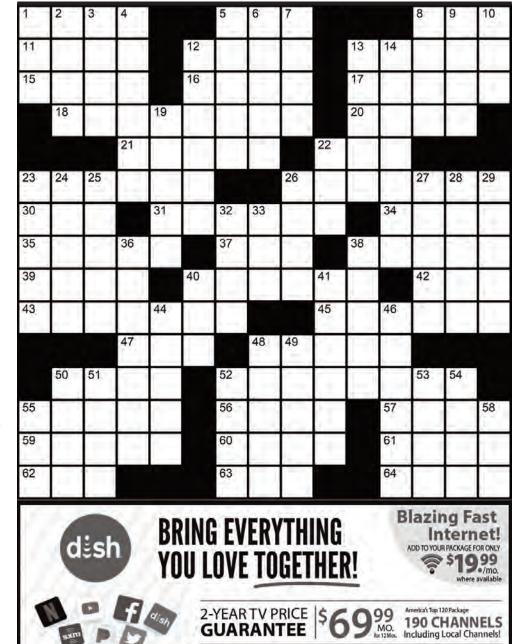
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- 27. '70s music genre
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- 29. \*Objectionable action encouraged on a diamond
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GIBSON'S PAINTING & Home Repairs, 30 Years Experience, Insured, Satisfaction Guaranteed, Interior and Exterior Painting, Pressure Washing. Free Estimates, Beat Any Price. (828)200-7549.

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#### **Community Fundraisers**

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MACON TRACS Blue Jean Cowboy Ball, Saturday, Oct. 8, 11am-3pm, Macon County Fairgrounds, Bring family & friends, a picnic, chairs or blanket. Music of Sweet Charity. (828)349-6262.

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3-25 ACRES 15 minutes south of Highlands bordering protected Chattooga River headwaters. Amazing views. springs, good road. \$20k/acre and up. Owned by one family for 180 years. First time available as small tracts. (828)974-1137.

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BIG BIG DEALS & Steals Sale, 2594 Wells Grove Rd., Saturday 8 til 4

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YARD SALE Saturday, Oct. 1, 8:30am-4pm, 355 Medlin Rd. off Clarks Chapel Rd.



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CA	RS		
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2022	BMW	Alpina XB7	536
2022	Edge	Sport	101
2021	Kia	Optima EX	20,010
2020	Chevrolet	Camaro	25,641
2020	Chevrolet	Corvette 3LT	8,263
2019	Dodge	Challenger SXT	16,993
2019	Dodge	<b>Grand Caravan SXT</b>	55,584
2019	Nissan	Sentra	66,190
2019	Nissan	Sentra SV	15,009
2019	Volkswagen	Beetle	42,676
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox	53,520
2018	Chevrolet	Cruze	34,692
2018	Traverse	LT AWD	95,105
2017	Dodge	Journey	110,982
2017	Honda	Fit	59,209
2015	Nissan	Altima 2.5 S	59,261
2014	Chevrolet	Cruze	113,152
2013	VW	Beetle Convertible	67,099

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2022	Buick	Enclave Essence	1,372
2022	Honda	Passport Trailsport	4,512
2022	Jeep	Wrangler Sahara Unlimited	10,539
2021	Chevrolet	Tahoe	33,592
2021	Ford	Bronco	12,254
2021	Ford	<b>Bronco Badlands AWD</b>	1,237
2021	GMC	Yukon XL	53,356
2021	<b>Grand Chero</b>	kee L	13,279
2021	Jeep	Wrangler Sport	8,094
2020	Buick	Encore	34,808
2020	Chevrolet	Trax	7,250
2020	Chevrolet	Trax Premier	28,030

2020	GMC	Acadia AT4	28,261
2020	<b>Grand Cherokee</b>	Trailhawk	26,226
2020	Jeep	<b>Wrangler Rubicon Unlimited</b>	24,249
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
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox LT	23,569
2018	Forerunner	TRD Sport	65,055
2018	Kia	Soul	58,573
2018	Nissan	Murano	53,903
2017	Rogue	SV	58,866
2016	Chevrolet	Traverse LS AWD	62,942
2016	Dodge	Grand Caravan	76,458
2016	Lexus	RX 350	72,919
2016	Sorrento	LX	112,933
2016	Toyota	Sequoia	96,869
2015	Suburban	LT	92,352
2011	Jeep	Wrangler	108,260
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TR	UCKS		
YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2022	Chevrolet	2500 LTZ	4,635
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	Colorado	8,980
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	Chevrolet	Trailboss Crew	22,256
2021	Colorado	Z-71	12,912
2021	F-150	Crew 4x4	32,251
2021	Ford	F-150 SuperCrew Cab	32,251
2021	GMC	Canyon Elevation	50,934
2021	Ram	2500 Tradesman	3,647
2021	Toyota	Tacoma 4WD	4,746
2021	Toyota	Tacoma TRD Sport	10,557
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	1500 Trailboss	36,741
2019	Chevrolet	2500 LTZ Crew	38,248
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	Ram	3500 Flatbed	58,192
2019	Toyota	Tacoma TRD 4x4	43,577
2018	Chevrolet	1500 LT Crew	50,934
2018	Chevrolet	2500 LTZ Crew	56,558
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 Crew	118,872



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