

# The Macon County NEWS

& Shopping Guide

Free  
independent  
weekly

**MOUNTAIN HIGH MUSIC, CRAFT & CAR SHOW**

Car Show 10am  
Craft Show 10am  
All Day Outdoor Entertainment

See pg. 8

Kornbread Creek  
Scott Thompson  
A. Lee Edwards

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8 AT SMOKY MOUNTAIN CENTER**

October 6, 2022 • 24 Pages

Volume 40 Number 21

FREE INDEPENDENT NEWSPAPER

www.themaconcountynews.com



The Arts Council sponsored a contra dance at the Macon County Public Library last Saturday, with about 50 people showing up to learn this traditional dance form. Charlotte Crittenden was the caller with live music played by the band, Late to the Party, featuring fiddler Larry Barnett; Chris Casses, guitar; Jane Gilman, octo-mandolin and harmonica; Chris Sobek, bass; and Tom Tyre, guitar and fiddle. Special thanks to event initiators Chris Sobek, Marce Lacouture and Tom Tyre. The event was sponsored by Ron and Chris Lewis and produced 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, Oct. 8, at 7 p.m., and Fall into Dance ART-Saturday at the Macon County Public Library Oct. 29 at 10:30 a.m., for children and young families. Photo by Betsey Gooder

## Town to look into old AMC as rental housing

Dan Finnerty – Contributing Writer

During a short and productive monthly Town of Franklin Council meeting held Monday, Oct. 3, a proclamation of October as Colonial Heritage Month was approved unanimously. The proclamation states in part that "...National Colonial Heritage Month recalls the first courageous settlers who arrived in America and who influenced much of the direction and formation of our country."

Shelah Portoukalian, historian of the Lost Colony Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century in Franklin, was on hand for Mayor Jack Horton's reading of the proclamation. The Colonial Dames Society is a women's organization made up of lineal descendants of an ancestor who lived and served prior to 1701 in one of the original colonies, and strives to preserve the memories of those persons.

Town approves MOU regarding sculpture

Also prominent in the meeting was approval of a

See TOWN COUNCIL page 2



Shelah Portoukalian, historian of the Lost Colony Chapter, Colonial Dames XVII Century in Franklin, was on hand for Mayor Jack Horton's reading of the proclamation.

### IN THIS ISSUE



Page 6

'Tis the season for sorghum syrup-making



Page 12

Franklin High Panther football, tennis tally wins



Page 16

Library featuring fiber artist Betty Cabe in October

828.369.6767  
www.themaconcountynews.com  
maconcountynews@gmail.com

PRST STD U.S. POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT 22  
GOODER PUBLISHING CORP.  
FRANKLIN, NC 28734-3401

# TOWN COUNCIL

Continued from page 1

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County, carried over from September, that involved acceptance of the Women’s History Trail’s (WHT) donation of the Sowing the Seeds of the Future sculpture. According to Town Attorney John Henning Jr., “The MOU is an agreement to handle where it is going to be placed, how the town will manage it, and what a great asset it will be. Henning further offered, “Especially with some remembrance of Ms. Barbara McRae ... she talked about this five or six years ago. She is missed tonight and it would be wonderful if she could have been here to see this. It is another step along the path she started us down many years ago.”

Also on hand were WHT project leaders Mary Polanski and Marty Greeble.

“I see this as an exciting moment ... it’s uplifting and positive and I think it will reverberate in this way for many years,” Polanski commented on the project. Mayor Horton also stated after visiting the sculptor’s studio, “I was particularly impressed with the work the sculptor has done.” He also opined that “people will be coming to Franklin to see this sculpture; it will garner national attention.”

### Old AMC to become rental housing?

An MOU between the Town Council and Givens Estates Inc., a North Carolina nonprofit corporation, was also approved. Dogwood Health Trust awarded a \$267,500 grant to the Town for the purpose of procuring services to determine the feasibility of converting the Angel Medical Center

property to affordable rental housing. The housing will be set aside specifically for seniors ages 55 or older. The property formerly served as the Franklin hospital but with the opening of the new Angel Medical Center is now vacant. The Town seeks assistance and Givens has expertise working with providers of such services. The MOU will be effective through April 1, 2023.

### FPD adds to its ranks

In other business, on behalf of Chief of Police Bill Harrell, Capt. Devin Holland announced the addition of Officer Cody Tiger to the Franklin Police Department. According to Holland, hiring Tiger, one of two recent hires, almost completes efforts to round out the Franklin police force. Three candidates are currently in training who will soon bring the police force’s total back up to full complement.


### Town wins water turbidity award

Bill Deal, wastewater supervisor for the Town of Franklin, presented Tony Nichols as the new meter reader for the Public Works department. Deal also recognized Bobby Clubb, plant superintendent for the town’s water treatment, with a North Carolina Area Wide Optimization Program Turbidity Award. Turbidity is an optical characteristic of water and is a measurement of the amount of light that is scattered by material in the water when a light is shined through the water sample. Excessive turbidity may also represent a health concern because of potential waterborne disease outbreaks. The award is the fourth such one garnered by the department – a testament to its high standards and attention to detail.

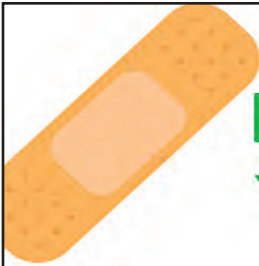
The next Town Council meeting is set for Nov. 7, at 6 p.m.



Town Manager Amie Owens (L) looks on as Ann Hyder with the Folk Heritage Association signs Sowing the Seeds of the Future Memorandum of Understanding.



Macon County  
Public Health




## PROTECT YOURSELF!

Get your Flu Vaccine

**Macon County Public Health Flu Clinic is Coming to you**

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**  
**1:30PM - 4:00PM**  
**HIGHLANDS REC CENTER**  
**600 N 4th St Highlands**



- Please bring you insurance or Medicare/Medicaid card
- Wear a short sleeve shirt
- Stay in your vehicle and wear a mask if possible
- We accept cash and checks for co-pays

High dose (recommended for those 65+) \$73  
 Regular dose \$34

For more info call 828-349-2081    [www.maconnc.org](http://www.maconnc.org)



# Horse Tales Farm

Equine Rescue

## FESTIVAL & CRAFT SHOW

**Friday, Oct. 14 & Saturday, Oct. 15**  
**10am - 5pm**

**Macon County Fairgrounds**  
 1436 Georgia Rd. • Franklin, NC

RICKY GUNTER – COUNTRY SINGER & HIS BAND  
 FRIDAY, 2-4PM

CURTIS BLACKWELL & DIXIE BLUEGRASS BOYS  
 SATURDAY, 12-2PM

Crafters! Food Trucks! Raffles! Kettle Corn! Entertainment!  
 Giveaways! Face Painting! Games! Little Rascals Pony Rides!  
 Pet Adoptions w/Gifts! Fatz! ChicFILA! Veronica's Café! Kaylee's Closet!

FREE ADMISSION – but please feel free to bring a pet item to put in the donation barrels for the rescues, Appalachian Humane Society, Saving Paws of Lakeland and Horse Tales Farm.



# Beautyrest®

## HARMONY™

DESIGNED FOR DREAMING AT  
THE CROSSROADS OF COST,  
COMFORT AND CONSCIENCE.



Visit [Beautyrest.com](https://www.beautyrest.com) to see the collection.

CHOOSE FROM  
OUR 2 LEVELS!

Harmony Cayman Series  
Extra Firm, Medium, or Plush

**\$999** QUEEN  
MATTRESS

Harmony Cayman Series  
Medium Pillowtop or Plush Pillowtop

**\$1099** QUEEN  
MATTRESS

# MACON FURNITURE MART

560 DEPOT ST. • FRANKLIN, NC

(828) 369-8296

[MaconFurnitureMart.com](https://www.MaconFurnitureMart.com)

Beautyrest Harmony Emerald Bay Medium Pillow Top model featured above. ©2020 Beautyrest, Inc.



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.

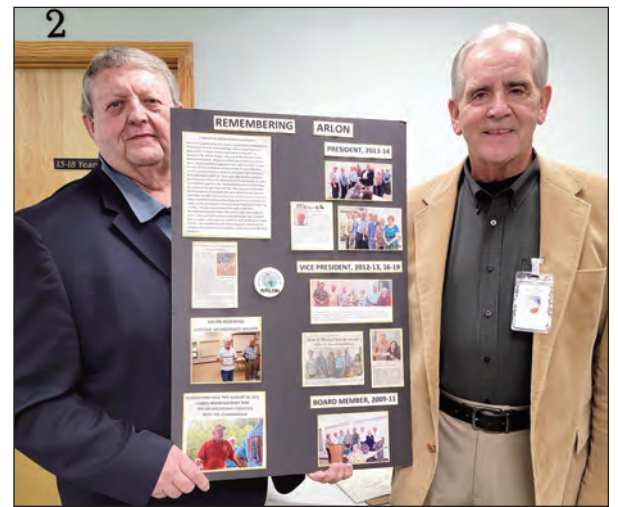
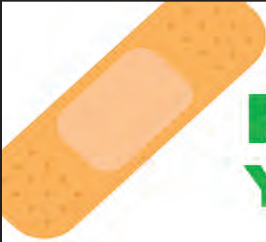

Love to you all, Rick & Sarah.

**Motorized wheelchair badly needed.**  
 To donate, contact Sarah Miller  
 at 1-770-757-7500  
 or Divas on Main Facebook



### Gem & Mineral Society inducts new officers, board members

At right, Macon County Commissioners Ronnie Beale and Gary Shields hold the tribute to long time Franklin Gem & Mineral Society member Arlon Eldridge who recently passed away. In 2016, Eldridge received a Lifetime Membership Award to the Franklin Gem & Mineral Society. Over the years, he served in several officer positions. He worked diligently behind the scenes for the club and the museum donating his time and materials. He particularly enjoyed providing bags of dirt for children to sift through to find the hidden gems and minerals. Ron Rossomando, FGMS Historian shared, "We will remember his warm smile and eagerness to help wherever it was needed." The Franklin Gem and Mineral Society held its annual induction ceremony to install new officers and a board of directors last week at its September meeting. Macon County Commissioners Gary Shields and Ronnie Beale swore in the new officers and board members. The FGMS meets at 6:30 p.m. the last Thursday of every month at the First Christian Church, 156 Belleview Park Rd, Franklin. The October meeting will be held on Thursday, Oct. 27. Pictured below, from left is Shields, Brad Fleszer, board of directors; Mark Laing, past president; Larry Ellert, 2nd vice president; Charlotte Ellert, Asst. treasurer & board of directors; Chandra Fox, secretary; Stacy Walbridge, president; Kathi Walbridge, treasurer; Mike Hartman, vice president; Marsha Harmon, board of directors; and Beale.

## PROTECT YOURSELF!

**Get your High Dose Flu Vaccine** High Dose Only 65 +

**Macon County Public Health Flu Clinic is Coming to you**

Thursday, October 13, 2022  
 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

**Macon County Senior Center**  
 Drive Thru 108 Wayha St. Dr, Franklin

- Please bring you insurance or Medicare/Medicaid card
- Wear a short sleeve shirt
- Stay in your vehicle and wear a mask if possible
- We accept cash and checks for co-pays

High dose (recommended for those 65+) \$73

For more info call 828-349-2081 [www.maconnc.org](http://www.maconnc.org)


OTTO VOLUNTEER FIRE & RESCUE'S

# ANNUAL BARBEQUE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15  
 DRIVE-THRU ONLY • SERVING STARTS AT NOON  
 60 FIRE HOUSE RD., OTTO, NC

BBQ, PORK,  
 OR  
 CHICKEN  
 PLATE \$10

SLAW, BEANS, BUN,  
 OR ROLL  
 DESSERT



# COUNTRYSIDE CHEVROLET REGIONAL PRE-OWNED SUPERSTORE



## CARS

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	Grand Caravan SXT	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

## SUVS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
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	Bronco Badlands AWD	1,237
2021	GMC	Yukon XL	53,356
2021	Grand Cherokee	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	Grand Cherokee	Trailhawk	26,226
2020	Jeep	Wrangler Rubicon Unlimited	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	Sorento	LX	112,933
2016	Toyota	Sequoia	96,869
2015	Suburban	LT	92,352
2011	Jeep	Wrangler	108,260

## TRUCKS

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



**COUNTRYSIDE**  
**CHEVROLET.**  
FRANKLIN, NC

**YOUR HOMETOWN DEALER**

FIND NEW ROADS™



71 CAT CREEK RD., FRANKLIN, NC 28734 - HWY. 441 • 828.524.0734 • WWW.COUNTRYSIDECHEVY.COM

# 'Tis the season for sorghum syrup-making

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Harvey Fouts had this to say on “syrup-making day,” at his family homeplace: “This is living history ... a window to the past.”

Fouts’s extensive family has been growing and harvesting sorghum cane and making sorghum syrup for more than 100 years.

Fall is traditionally the time of year when the sugar juice content of the tall 8-10 foot sorghum cane stalks reads 15.5 to 16.5 degrees on a Brix hydrometer or a sugar refractometer. The cane has to be cut and then a week or so later the process of syrup-making commences.

Sharon Fouts Taylor, former director of Mainspring Conservation Trust, grew up experiencing the tradition.

“The family tradition of making sorghum every year has been an important part of making us a family. There were nine children in my father’s generation. Many left the area and raised their children somewhere else, and many of those children now have their own families.

Having this tradition of bringing everyone together, from near and far, creates a sense of belonging to the larger family,” said Taylor.

Sorghum syrup is a sweetener with about the same calories as honey but more calories per tablespoon than molasses, maple syrup, or white sugar. Syrup is thick, brown, and sticky, and although some people perceive sorghum is the same as molasses, it is not. Molasses is made from crushed

sugar cane or sugar beets. The reason sorghum syrup became popular in Western North Carolina during the 18th and 19th centuries was because real maple syrup – and sometimes sugar – was both expensive and often difficult to acquire.

Sorghum cane, however, grows well in the region. And for more than a century, the Fouts family has been growing sorghum cane on about a half-acre. For the past several years, they plant mostly Dale-variety sorghum seeds, acquired by the pound from Mississippi State University.

To make the sorghum syrup each fall, a grinding mill presses the juice out of the cane, which is fed by hand from an open trailer of cane stacked high. Juice is pumped to a holding vat before flowing to the boiler, where it heats for around four hours so water can evaporate and leave behind the edible syrup. During the heating process impurities are “skimmed” off of the juice. The same wooden paddle, which hangs under an open metal shed at the Fouts’s family property, has been used for 100 years to push the resulting syrup into a spigot so mason jars can be filled. Approximately 15 gallons of syrup can be acquired from 100 gallons of sorghum cane juice.

“I love sorghum (syrup) ...,” said Taylor. “When I was growing up, it wasn’t uncommon to have both cornbread and biscuits with our supper. We’d eat cornmeal with our main food and biscuits for dessert with syrup and butter. My father, Merritt Fouts, said there was only one way to eat syrup



Sorghum cane, stacked high in an open trailer, is taken off piece by piece to feed into a grinding mill, which presses the juice out of the cane into a holding vat.



Judy Fouts Jones, who resides in Wesley Chapel, Fla., returns to Macon County in the fall to help with harvesting sorghum. Jones also compiled the family’s book on sorghum syrup-making that includes family history, recipes and more.

and butter, stir it up together and spoon it onto a hot biscuit. That combination is still as good as any dessert I’ve ever had.”

She added, “The syrup is delicious, but having it is far secondary to the sense of belonging and groundedness that joining together as a family brings. Of course, as my generation ages, it’s difficult to keep the tradition going. There’s a lot of field work before the cane is ready for the mill. The younger



After the cane is pressed during the grinding process the juice is piped to a container that fills to ready for the boiling process.

generation is busy building their own lives, working and raising kids, but I hope they see value in having this connection to multiple family generations and the land of their ancestors.”

While the Fouts’s farm-made sorghum syrup is distributed to extended family members and is not sold, some local produce stands and country-type stores do sell it.

“The Fouts Family Syrup Book” includes “a collection of stories, photographs, and recipes” that convey the process and tradition of sorghum syrup making. Recipes include Syrup Taffy and Ginger Crinkles.

**Syrup Taffy**

- 1 cup sorghum syrup
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup warm water
- 3 TBS vinegar
- 3 TBS butter

Put butter, sugar, water, and vinegar into a saucepan and stir. Boil until very brittle when dropped into cold water. Add butter to mixture, remove from stove and pour onto buttered plate. When cool enough to handle, butter hands and pull until light brown. Pull into oblong strips and cut with scissors. Place on plate until it hardens.

**Ginger Crinkles**

- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 4 TBS sorghum syrup
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt



After the cane is pressed, the leftover portions of the ground stalks become silage for cows.

- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp ginger
- 1/4 cup sugar for dipping

Mix first four ingredients. Sift dry ingredients and add to first four ingredients. Drop by teaspoon into sugar and roll. Bake for 15 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet.

For more about the local tradition of sorghum syrup making, visit [www.macon-countynews.com](http://www.macon-countynews.com) to read “Fouts Family ensuring sorghum-making tradition lives on,” published Sept. 29, 2019.



Family members young and old participated in using skimmers to remove any particles from the boiling sorghum juice, which eventually became syrup.

# ★ OCTOBER IS NATIONAL CAR CARE MONTH ★

## Car Care pays and saves.

Remember when you used to pull into a service station and let someone else take care of everything from pumping gas to checking the fluids? Now that 9 out of 10 of us are pumping our own gas, vehicles aren't getting the kind of attention they used to get. Today's more complex import vehicles should receive regular preventative maintenance. Regular maintenance checkups (as well as non-warranty work) can be performed at independent shops.

We have worked hard for 40 years to establish one of the finest reputations in this area, and would like the opportunity to serve you. If your vehicle is due for service, call and we'll be happy to make you an appointment.

**FRANKLIN FOREIGN AUTOMOTIVE**  
**828-369-6111** 6247 Georgia Rd., Franklin, NC 28734

# MOTOWN DOWNTOWN

## With WestSound

Franklin's own  
 Gina Duke,  
 Michael Leyshon,  
 Randy and  
 Oscar Weston



**Saturday, Oct. 8**  
**7-9 PM** Street Dance,  
 Weather Permitting

**Franklin Town Square Gazebo**  
 Main Street at Iotla, Downtown Franklin

**Bring a chair. Come support town eateries and vendors.**

 **828-524-ARTS**  
 Email: [arts4all@dnet.net](mailto:arts4all@dnet.net)  
[artscouncilofmacon.org](http://artscouncilofmacon.org)



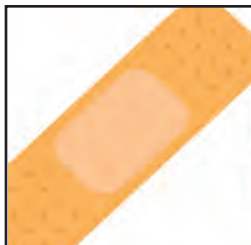

# Mountain High Music, Craft and Car Show this Saturday

The Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts invites the public to enjoy a day of live entertainment, crafts, classic cars food and more at the second annual Mountain High Music, Craft and Car Show. Outdoor entertainment, craft vendors and the car show are free admission and begin at 10 a.m. Food trucks and vendors will be on site and concessions will be available all day in the theatre lobby. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy the entire day in front of the outdoor stage while shopping unique, local made treasures and enjoying the nostalgia of classic automobiles. Presented in conjunction with the Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce.

The events for the day are as scheduled:

- 10 am - Craft/ Car Shows Open
- 11 a.m. - Korn Bread Kreek- Mountain Bluegrass
- 12:30p.m. - Scott Thompson, Classic Rock/ Country Solo
- 2 p.m. - A. Lee Edwards - Americana & Folk Music
- 5 p.m. - Craft & Car Shows Close
- 7:30 p.m. - The Isaacs, Dove Award-winning, Grammy nominated & Grand Ole Opry members (indoor event ticket required)

For tickets to see The Isaacs, or for more information, call (866)273-4615 or visit SmokyMountainArts.com.


**PROTECT YOURSELF!**

**Get your Flu Vaccine**

**Macon County Public Health Flu Clinic is Coming to you**

**Wednesday, October 12, 2022**  
**1:30 PM - 4:30 PM**

**Macon County Public Health**  
 Drive Thru 1830 Lakeside Dr, Franklin



- Please bring you insurance or Medicare/Medicaid card
- Wear a short sleeve shirt
- Stay in your vehicle and wear a mask if possible
- We accept cash and checks for co-pays

**High dose (recommended for those 65+) \$73**  
**Regular dose \$34**

**For more info call 828-349-2081**      **www.maconnc.org**



**2022 MACON COUNTY FARM BUREAU ANNUAL MEETING**

**Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> 6pm**

**Moss Valley Venue**  
 1145 PATTON ROAD, FRANKLIN, NC

**Meal (Beef, Chicken & all the fixins)**  
 Preceded by a brief business meeting

**GUEST SPEAKER: TBA**

• Live Music - TBA

**RSVP • 828-524-6147**

**FREE GIVEAWAYS**

511261



# PICKIN' ON THE SQUARE



**Free Entertainment Every Other Saturday!**

*Pickin' on the Square is fun, free entertainment most Saturday nights throughout the summer. Main entertainment starts at approximately 6:00 p.m.*

For more information call 828-524-2516 Donnie Clay - Coordinator



The weekend of October 15th is the last Pick'n of the 2022 year. We would like to thank all the entertainers that gave their talents for this year and all the security and the media folks that helped us. A special thanks to the town of Franklin for giving these concerts to you for free.

The weekend of October 15th the Dancing Bear Production presents Mr. Michael Reno Harrell; a popular singer, songwriter, and storyteller.

We start at 6:00 p.m. at the gazebo in downtown Franklin. These concerts are given to you by the town of Franklin, free, no admission. See ya there!!

Donnie Clay, Coordinator for Pickin' on the Square



**Fall Fun!**  
TABLETOP S'MORES KIT

**MOSSY ROCK**  
GIFTS • HOME DECOR • ACCESSORIES  
37 E Main Street • Franklin, NC  
828.369.1612

**Rusted Arrow Market**  
Farm House - Shabby Chic - Antiques  
828.421.0820

Hours: Tuesday - Friday 10am-5pm, Saturday 10am-3pm  
19 East Palmer Street • Franklin, NC  
(across from Wells Fargo Drive Thru Bank)

**Repeats**  
Upscale Consignment

NOW IN OUR 35<sup>TH</sup> YEAR! - AFTER HOURS APPOINTMENTS  
LADIES & CHILDRENS CLOTHING - SHOES & ACCESSORIES

(828)369-9600  
Mon.- Fri. 10AM-6PM • Sat. 10AM-3PM  
107 Highlands Rd., Franklin, NC

**REVERSIBLE JACKETS**

**DIVA'S ON MAIN**  
BOUTIQUE • JEWELRY • ACCESSORIES  
24 E. MAIN ST. • FRANKLIN, NC 828.369.7300

**YOUR NEXT CHAPTER AWAITS**

**NOVEL ESCAPE**  
Visit us in our new location on Main Street!  
across from Wells Fargo  
828-369-9059  
NEW/USED BOOKS & MORE Tues - Sat 10am to 5pm

**BAHÁ'Í FAITH**  
**LIGHT OF UNITY**

"He who is your Lord, the All-Merciful, cherisheth in His heart the desire of beholding the entire human race as one soul and one body."  
-- Bahá'u'llah

Weekly devotions and discussions in Franklin, open to all. Call 302-383-6835.  
1-800-228-6483 www.bahai.us  
Franklin • Murphy • Sylva • Waynesville

**THE ATTIC**  
*Antiques*  
Re-Imagined Vintage Finds & Ethnic Treasures

268 Palmer Street  
Franklin, NC (REAR)  
(828)349-2900

Decks & Additions Tractor Service  
Home Remodeling Driveway Repair  
Flooring Grading

**KZ CONSTRUCTION**  
828-283-0659  
BuildwithKZ@gmail.com

**NEW ITEMS ARRIVING WEEKLY!**

**BUTTERCUP'S TREASURES**  
Antiques • Collectibles  
Furniture • Kitchenware  
Jewelry • Tools • And Much More!

828-634-6142 7322 Georgia Rd, Franklin, NC  
HOURS Thursday - Saturday 10am-4pm

**7<sup>TH</sup> YEAR ANNIVERSARY!**

**BRYANT'S ANTIQUE MALL**  
Open: MON - SAT 10AM - 5:00PM  
SUN 11AM - 5:00PM  
71 E. MAIN ST. • FRANKLIN, NC  
(828) 524-0280

## The Legislative Review

N.C. Rep. Karl Gillespie



Karl Gillespie

In this week's edition of The Legislative Review, the focus is on the topic of salary and pay raises, as important aspects of North Carolina's budget.

### Salary and pay raise highlights in the state budget

- 6% average pay raise for state employees over the biennium.
- 9.1% average pay raise for teachers over the biennium.
- 5.7% increase in the starting salary for entry level teachers.
- 4% pay raise for non-certified school support staff or an increase to \$15/hour, whichever is higher.
- \$80 million for state agencies to provide targeted salary increases to attract and retain employees.
- Adds \$70 million to the state-funded teacher salary supplement for low-wealth counties (\$170 million total over the biennium).
- 4% one-time retiree supplement bonus over the biennium.

### Salary adjustments from the 2022 budget

The 2022 Appropriations Act appropriates an additional \$368.9 million in FY 2022-23 to augment the salary increases enacted in the 2021 Appropriations Act for State employees and State-funded local employees. When combined with the \$383.8 million in salary increases appropriated in the 2021 Appropriations Act for FY 2022-23, the total net appropriation for FY 2022-23 salary increases is \$752.7 million.

Most State employees and Community College employees receive a 3.5% across-the-board salary increase with the potential to receive additional salary increases from Labor Market Salary Reserve (LMSR) funds appropriated to their respective agency. The LMSR funds are equal to approximately 1% of the agency's respective salary base and are provided to allow agencies the discretion to target larger salary increases to priority positions. Employees in positions that either have a salary set in law or are paid on an experience-based salary schedule receive a 4.5% across-the-board salary increase but are ineligible for LMSR funded salary increases.

### Benefits adjustments

The 2022 Appropriations Act provides an allocation of \$36 million to the Retiree Supplement Reserve to

Continued on page 11

## Letters to the Editor

### Working to make elections secure, accessible and fair

It's election season again and while the thermometer is dropping, it feels like the temperature is rising. It is truly a blessing to live in a country where people are passionate about their government. As with the past several elections, emotions will run high.

We seem to be living through an era of high conflict, yet our founding documents talk of things like forming a more perfect union. Our original motto was E Pluribus Unum (one from many). We may not see eye-to-eye on a host of matters, but geography and fate demand that we find a way to live together in peace. In a nation where we are striving to become one out of the many, there inevitably will be friction. That's OK. None of us want to live in a world where everyone agrees on everything all the time.

But as we enter our season of democracy, I am asking you for help. As we go to vote this fall, I am asking for your patience, your grace, and your assistance to ensure that voting in elections remains the cornerstone of our democracy.

As Americans, we argue. We disagree about how high our taxes should be, or what should be taught in our schools. We are at odds over the proper role of government in our lives and how we can do best by our least fortunate citizens. Like you, I watch the news and see a vehement and dogged polarization creeping into every facet of our lives. A recent University of Chicago poll found that three out of four of us think that members of the other political party "are generally bullies who want to impose their beliefs on those who disagree." Nearly half of us feel like "strangers in our own country" and one out of every four of us has lost a friend over differing political views. Astonishingly, nearly one in four of us – Republicans and Democrats – believe it may "soon be necessary to take up arms" against our own government.

As election administrators our job is straightforward: to ensure that our elections are secure, accessible, and fair. The public servants who conduct elections, both at the state level and at each county, are highly trained and dedicated. They are committed to running elections impartially. You may have seen these folks in the grocery store or at church. They may live on your street. They work year-round to make sure we are ready for you to be able to cast your vote in local, state, and federal elections. With over 7 million registered voters and over 5.5 million votes cast in the last presidential election, making voting happen is no small task. During election season, our election professionals must train thousands more of your fellow citizens, representing both major parties, to work the polls. Everyone involved works impossibly long hours to make sure you can vote.

Because of the high level of conflict and polarization right now, those of us in the Election Administration community are worried. Some of us are Republicans, some are Democ-

rats, but all of us are Americans first. We want what you want. We want a thriving democracy where our differences are settled at the ballot box and where we can continue to seek that more perfect union. We will do our level best to make sure your voting experience is secure, accessible, and fair. In return, I hope that you will show up to vote and have faith in your neighbors and friends who are conducting the voting process.

Damon Circosta – N.C. State Board of Elections Chair

Email Letters to the Editor to  
maconcountynews@gmail.com

## Voter information for Nov. 8 General Election

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

Request forms at [www.maconnc.org](http://www.maconnc.org) or [www.ncsbe.gov](http://www.ncsbe.gov) or by calling (828)349-2034 or email [Macon.boe@ncsbe.gov](mailto: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](http://www.maconnc.org/elections).

The Macon County  
**NEWS**  
& Shopping Guide

26 West Main Street, Franklin, NC 28734  
(828) 369-6767 • FAX: 369-2700

[www.themaconcountynews.com](http://www.themaconcountynews.com)

Email: [maconcountynews@gmail.com](mailto:maconcountynews@gmail.com)

Deadline for display advertising is Friday at  
4 p.m. Classified deadline Monday, 3 p.m

**Betsey Gooder**  
Publisher /Advertising Director

**Teresa S. Tabor**, Editor

**Jay Baird**  
Advertising Representative

**Shana Bilbrey**      **Emily Hughes**  
Graphic Designer      Graphic Designer

**Vickie Carpenter**, Classifieds/Photographer

**Deena C. Bouknight**  
Contributing Writer

**Dan Finnerty**      **Diane Peltz**  
Contributing Writer      Contributing Writer

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

The publisher assumes no responsibility for errors or omissions of any advertisement or supplement beyond the actual cost of the advertisement or supplement. In no event shall publisher be liable for any consequential damages or any damages in excess of the cost of the advertisement or supplements. The Macon County News and Shopping Guide reserves the right not to accept an advertiser's order. Only publication of an advertisement shall constitute final acceptance of the advertiser's order. No brokering of advertising space or supplements will be accepted without prior approval of publisher. Third Class Mailing Privileges Authorized at Franklin, N.C. 28734

# What's new on the plateau

**Patrick Taylor**  
Highlands Mayor



Patrick Taylor

The town was spared the remnants of Tropical Storm Ian this past weekend. Earlier in the week town staff and I had worried that we might have very heavy rains and high winds in the 50 to 80 mph range. If that had occurred power lines would have most likely gone down.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, when we lose power, patience should be everyone's first level of response. Like with the past weekend our crews were on standby, and when the town did have a power outage on Sunday morning, they responded quickly to get it back on. We live in a mountainous forest with tremendous amounts of rain, snow and strong winds, so power outages are inevitable.

I have also emphasized that residents should not overburden the 911 emergency system with calls reporting outages as soon as they occur. Our electric department has one of the fastest response systems available. During inclement weather crews are on standby and in some instances actually staying in the buildings at the town yard.

Instead of calling 911, please call after hours (828) 526-4131 to report outages if power has been out for a long period of time. The 4131 number is the nonemergency dispatch number for Macon County. Dispatchers will then radio our crews and report the problem. During regular business hours please call town hall at (828) 526-2118 to report outages. Our staff also has radios in order to contact electrical crews.

This past year our staff researched and explored contracting with a second party provider to create an after-hours call center. Initial inquiries were very promising, but when it got to the level of implementation several problems were identified. The companies we contacted normally serve large systems and municipalities, and Highlands did not qualify for the scale these companies normally serve. We also discovered they insisted on package contracts where they would handle all utility billing, service requests and service issues.

Another big problem was the interface with our electric crews. We have to rely on radios in order to communicate over the extreme topography of Highlands. This challenge would be problematic if the call center was somewhere like Lincoln, Nebraska or Boise, Idaho. Since our town already offers a direct service for billing and requests, coupled with the communications challenges, the staff was hesitant to em-

# GILLESPIE

Continued from page 10

provide an additional 1.0% one-time supplement (bonus) in the fall of 2022 to State retirees. This supplement is in addition to the 3.0% one-time supplement provided for the fall of 2022 in the 2021 Appropriations Act, for a total supplement of 4.0%.

### Substantial Legislation 2021-2022

- SB105-2021 Appropriations Act, an act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments and other purposes.
- HB103-2022 Appropriations Act, an act to modify the current operations Appropriations Act of 2021 and to make other changes in the budget operations of the state.

### Let Us Know What You Think

Do you have a suggestion? Concerned about a particular issue? Contact my office and we will assist you in any way we can.

E-mail: Andrew.Bailey@ncleg.gov

Telephone: 919-733-5859

brace such an off-site system.

This is not to say we are giving up on the idea of an after-hours call center. Nevertheless, the staff is having to rethink how this system would function.

Also, I want to thank Representative Karl Gillespie and State Senator Kevin Corbin for being our guests at the Community Coffee this past Friday. They are both Macon Countians and are very knowledgeable and supportive of the Highlands community.

I also want to thank everyone who attended and participated in the question, answer and discussion session. While we may not agree on all issues, it is always good to see citizens coming together to discuss critical issues with their elected officials in a civil manner.

*The Macon County News letters page is a public forum open to a wide variety of opinions as a right guaranteed in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Letters are neither accepted nor rejected based on content. Letters must be signed and contact information provided. Views expressed are not necessarily reflective of the opinions of publisher, editor or staff. Writers are asked to refrain from personal attacks against individuals or businesses.*

**308 Depot St.  
Franklin, NC**  
(828) 524-2419 or  
(828) 524-3395

**Buy 1 Hour of  
HydroMassage  
Get 1 Hour  
FREE**

Must present coupon

— Visit Us Online —  
**TheMaconCountyNews.com**

**Have a Drinking Problem?  
We Can Help!**



Contact  
**ALCOHOLICS  
ANONYMOUS**  
(828)349-4357(HELP)  
[www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org)

**FRANKLIN LIONS CLUB**  
*Spaghetti Dinner*  
a Scholarship Fundraiser

**Friday, October 14th**  
**4:00 to 7:00pm**  
**Louisa Chapel Methodist Church**

**Cost: \$10 per person**  
*(includes spaghetti, salad, garlic toast, dessert and drink)*

**Eat In or Drive-Thru Carry-Out**  
*Tickets available from any  
Franklin Lions Club Member or at the Door!*



*Come Join Us!*



**33 Edgewood Ave., Franklin**  
Look for K Patterson's office!  
We're on the lower level  
so turn onto Edgewood Ave.

**Books, Records,  
& Gifts**

[cozyandcontentnc.com](http://cozyandcontentnc.com)  
Call/Text (828) 634-1119  
Hours: M-Sat 10-7, Sun 1-5

- Residential
- Commercial

**Heritage Garage Doors, Inc.**

Specializing in Custom Garage Doors  
and Automatic Openers

**Authorized Dealer**

**Steve Raby**                      **Office (828) 369-5014**  
**Owner**                              **Fax (828) 369-5013**

**Kaylee's Closet**

*Faithfully giving to  
foster families*

4462 Highlands Road, Franklin, NC • (828) 371-0992

- Replacement Windows
- Storm Windows
- Under Deck Roof Systems
- Mobile Home Roof Over
- Screen Rooms
- Sun & Vinyl Rooms
- Patios
- Awnings
- Carports
- Retractable Awnings
- Retractable Screens

**Bill's ALUMINUM PRODUCTS INC.** *Install yourself, or professional installation available*

(828) 524-8074 | 3791 Highlands Rd. • Franklin, NC

**OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK!**

**WHISTLE STOP DEPOT**

**ANTIQUES, SHOPS & RV PARK**



Located in the old Cullasaja School off the Highlands Rd.  
145 River Rd., Franklin, NC • (828) 349-1600 [whistlestopantiquesnc.com](http://whistlestopantiquesnc.com)

**FRANKLIN SIGNS AND BANNERS**

Banners  
Magnets  
Yard Signs  
Metal Signs  
Vinyl Lettering  
Custom Design  
& More

605 Highlands Rd | 828-524-3999  
[signsfranklin.com](http://signsfranklin.com) | [jennifer@signsfranklin.com](mailto:jennifer@signsfranklin.com)

**WEEKENDS ONLY THRU OCTOBER**

*A Stacked Catch Out Pond with Rainbow, Brook, Brown and even Golden Trout.*

• KID FRIENDLY! • WE HAVE FISHING RODS AND BAIT

We can clean your catch and pack on ice

**TELLICO TROUT FISHING**  
NO LICENSE, NO LIMIT

**828-349-9034**  
4175 Tellico Road  
Franklin, NC

**TELLICOTROUT.COM**

# FHS Panthers football, tennis tally wins

Dan Finnerty – Contributing Writer

The threat of Hurricane Ian moved Franklin High School's (FHS) football game vs. the Pisgah Black Bears to Thursday, Sept. 28, instead of Friday. The Panthers, coming off a disappointing 31-7 loss at Tuscola, prevailed 23-21 in a hard fought contest.

The FHS women's tennis team also had a match vs. East Henderson on the same day and ran their season record to 12-0 with 10 of the wins in conference. Coach Heather Bell, who has led the Lady Panthers for nine years, pointed out that "we are reaping the benefits of a middle school training program for the first time this year." Similar to an approach undertaken by the volleyball program several years back, Bell began to focus on building a program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls, resulting in greater familiarity and higher skill levels when entering their freshman year.

The varsity team is composed of 13 players: four freshmen, three sophomores, four juniors, and two seniors. In doubles play, Alyssa Smith (#1 seed) and Kate Phillips (#2 seed) remain undefeated at the #1 position while Abigail Angel (#3 seed), is 7-4 in singles play and 6-1 at the #2 po-



Above: Franklin High School Panthers football team takes the field Thursday for a game against the Pisgah Black Bears. The varsity game was played on Thursday due to the forecasted bad weather for Friday. Left: Daniel Riddle, #17, makes a successful kick during game against Pisgah. Below: Ty Handley, #15, pulls in a reception.



sition, and was recently recognized as the FHS September Athlete of the Month.

"Abigail is one of the hardest working players I have coached and pours her heart and soul into the sport," said Coach Bell. "Few will know what it is like to play with the passion she has. I could not be prouder of the competitor and person she has become."

With only two matches left before the conference tournament, hosted in Franklin



**Hunter's Automotive**

- Tires
- Radiators
- Brakes
- Air Conditioning
- Batteries
- Shocks
- Towing
- Motors Replaced

**Walter Hunter, Owner**  
584 Depot Street • Franklin, NC  
**(828) 369-2431**

**HIGHLANDER ROOFING SERVICES INC.** 828-524-7773 [highlandernc.com](http://highlandernc.com)

**Franklin, NC - Five Day Forecast**

THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON
77°/44°	75°/39°	67°/34°	69°/36°	71°/40°
5%	5%	10%	5%	5%

this year, the sky is the limit for Lady Panther tennis in 2022.

For Panther football, Ty Handley (#15) is proving to be a force to reckon with scoring three touchdowns and grabbing an impressive interception. Of FHS' 323 total yards, 252 came on the ground: from Handley 107 yards; Brayden Watts (#14) with 89 yards; and, quarterback Davis Anders (#12) with 56 yards.

All three senior players have factored significantly in the Panthers' success thus far this season. Sophomore kicker Daniel Riddle (#17) contributed to the scoring, making one field goal of 28 yards and two of three points after touchdown. He also totaled 156 yards in kickoffs.

Franklin's record is now 4-2 overall and 2-1 in conference. Homecoming is this Friday, Oct. 7, with the Panthers playing the North Henderson Knights, which are 2-4 overall and 0-3 in conference. The game starts at 7:30 p.m. in the Panther Pit.

Remaining on the schedule for the 2022 season is an away game against Smoky Mountain on Oct. 14; a home game against West Henderson on Oct. 21; and a home game against TC Roberson on Oct. 28. The first round of the state playoffs is set for Nov. 4 with teams and location to be determined.



Photos by Dan Finnerty



FHS Tennis Player Abigail Angel was named September Athlete of the Month.



Skies were clear and the stands were packed for the Panthers' second home game, where the band and cheerleaders generated enthusiasm for the players.

# EATING OUT

## YOUR GUIDE TO AREA DINING



### SEAFOOD EATERY

**NOW OPEN**

Delicious, Fresh Seafood!

LOCALLY OWNED

Open

WED - SAT  
4:00PM - 8:30PM

SUN  
12:00PM - 4:00PM

Check our Facebook page for weekly specials  
1505 Highlands Rd. • Franklin, NC 28734 • 828-634-4244



### Honeysuckle BAKEHOUSE

Everything made from scratch!

828.567.0064

28 E. MAIN STREET • FRANKLIN, NC  
Tues. Thurs. Fri. 8-5 • Wed. 8-4 • Sat. 10-3

NOW OPEN



THE WAIT IS OVER!  
WE ARE NOW OPEN

At Our New Location  
38 Palmer St Circle - Franklin, NC  
Downtown Beside The Old Ingles

Hours

Mon - Thurs 11am - 8pm  
Fri & Sat 11am - 9pm • Closed Sun

Delivery 828.369.9999



Saturday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> • 10am - ?

Bring in 6 non-perishable cans of food for any set of Curt Mangan strings installed!

292 NE Main St., Franklin, NC 28734 • (828) 369-7227



8AM-NOON EVERY SATURDAY

FRANKLIN

FARMERS TAILGATE MARKET



200 BLOCK EAST PALMER ST. • FRANKLIN, NC

## Mi Casa

MEXICAN RESTAURANT

10% off

with mention of this Ad!

NOW SERVING BREAKFAST

9am - 11am



788 East Main Street, Franklin NC  
Mexicanrestaurantfranklin.com

828-369-1580

# Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests September 24 - October 2. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



## Macon County Sheriff's Department

### September 27

Gerald Flint Taylor, was charged with assault inflicting serious bodily injury. Corporal James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

### September 28

Tonya Touvouli Lee, was charged with offense committed in jurisdiction. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Joseph Daniel Toneges, was charged with larceny and second degree trespass. Gabe D. Bingham made the arrest.

### September 29

Jonathan Mark Zimmerman, was charged with offenses committed in jurisdiction. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Marcus Brandall Dorsch, was charged with child support enforcement contempt. Costin Jiglaui made the arrest.

Jason Christian Watson, was charged with assault on a female and first degree trespass. Denver J. Elliott made the arrest.

Jose Antonio Contreras-Rios, was charged with failure to appear.

Abigail Faith Emberson, was charged with failure to appear for larceny, possession of stolen goods/property, resist/obstruct/delay law enforcement officer. Adrian L. Mace made the arrest.

Jordan Royce Miller, was charged with driving while im-

paired. Timothy B. Carter made the arrest.

### September 30

Travis James Gregg, was issued a true bill of indictment for felon, alter/steal/destroy criminal evidence and all other offenses. Matthew T. Breedlove made the arrest.

William Clinton Holt, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Corporal James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

### October 1

Matthew Winston Ivey, was charged with violate domestic violence protective order. William D. Stamey made the arrest.

Andrew Derek McCrackin, was charged with disturb human remains, accessory after the fact to first degree murder, conceal/fail to report death, destroy/conceal remains not natural death and conspiracy. Deputy Cody J. Howard made the arrest.

### October 2

Seth Jacob Price, was charged with weapon law violation and driving under the influence.

## Jackson County Sheriff's Department

### September 24

Shannon Dewayne Blanton, 40, of Galimore Bridge Rd., Cherokee, was charged with intoxicated and disruptive. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Ermelinda Montelango, 64, of Heath Trail, Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for larceny. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Cheyenne Barker Bradley, 27, of Cheek Circle Rd., Whittier, was charged with trespass enter/remain and communicating threats. No bond was set.

### September 25

Rachel Jewel White Urrutia, of Windbrook Lane, was charged with second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

Dylan James Gregg, 19, of Chipper Curve Rd., was

charged with misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Harvey Douglas Bumgarner, was charged with misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

### September 26

Shawna Sue McDowell, 30, of Green Valley Dr., Franklin, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$3,000 was set.

Hayden Luke Edwards, 20, of Trammell Ave., Canton, was charged with possession of marijuana up to 1/2 oz and resisting a public officer. No bond was set.

Christopher Rafael Bambino, 35, of Ulco Bluffs Dr., Franklin, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, simple possession of a schedule VI controlled substance and felony possession of a schedule VI controlled substance. No bond was set.

### September 28

Joseph Cain Luker, 24, of Touchstone Way, was charged with probation violation. A secured bond of \$20,000 was set.

Jeffery Lopez Irizarry, 44, of Wolfetown Rd., Cherokee, was charged with assault and battery. No bond was set.

### September 29

Elliott James Davis, 51, of Barkers Creek Rd., Whittier, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance on prison/jail premises, possession of methamphetamine, failure to appear for unsupervised probation violation of community service and carrying a concealed gun. A secured bond of \$10,500 was set.

### September 30

Benjamin Warren Friddle, 47, of Campfire Rd., Cullowhee, was charged with simple assault. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

Frank Edward Biddle, 36, of Numa Beverly Rd., Lexington, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. No bond was set.

### October 1

Matthew Jason Beam, 38, of Nations Creek Rd., Whittier, was charged with failure to appear for driving while impaired, driving while license revoked and child support purge.

Take care of the Earth



FRUSTRATED WITH LOW RATES ON YOUR CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSITS?

**4.5% interest rate**  
**GUARANTEED**

(Rates subject to change without notice)

- No up-front sales charges or fees!
- Tax deferred interest! • 100% of your deposits earn interest!

For more information call:  
**Jeff Cloer**  
Wayah Insurance Group  
295 E. Palmer St, Franklin, NC  
(828) 524-4442 ext. 237  
www.wayah.com

**WAYAH INSURANCE GROUP**  
Trust our Experience, Strength, and Service

Since 1997 **FAMILY AUTO CARE**

**Complete Auto Repair Shop**

Thank you to all of our customers for another successful year of business!

GOODYEAR U-HAUL ASE

Mon. - Fri. 8-5  
**(828) 369-2155**

976 E. Main St.  
Franklin, NC

VISA MasterCard DISCOVER

**NO CREDIT CARD FEES!**

**SEASON END CLEARANCE!**

**GRAVELY & ARIENS Zero Turn Mowers**

**LIMITED STOCK 0% Finance Available**

Hours: M-F 8AM-5PM Sat 8AM-12PM

**MACON RENTAL CO.**  
SINCE 1978

537 W. Main Street • Franklin, NC  
828-524-8911 • maconrentalco.com

**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.

**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.

**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](http://www.deathcafe.com).

**American Legion Macon Post 108 and American Legion Auxiliary Unit 108** will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 11, light dinner, 6 p.m., regular meetings 7 p.m., at the Post Home located at 614 W. Main St., Franklin. All members, military veterans and spouses are encouraged to attend. Come and bring a friend.

**Share the Journey Support Group for Caregivers** whose loved ones are experiencing memory loss will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 12 and 26, 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.

**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 Georgia & Nantahala. She will speak on "Japalachia" - Connections Between the Appalachian Trail and Japan's Shinetsu Trail, which was heavily modeled after the A.T. for its cooperative management system.

**Franklin Women's Club** will meet on Friday, Oct. 14, noon, at Fat Buddies Restaurant in Westgate Plaza. Guest speaker will be a representative from Angel Medical Center who will give an update on services now being provided at the new hospital. RSVP to Brenda Jacobs, at (828)421-0411. For more information, call Linda Ellison at (407)342-9654.

**Burningtown Baptist Church Community Fall Festival** will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15, from noon to 4 p.m. Family fun events will include hay rides, games, candy, food, music and the annual Chili Cook-off. The church is located at 446 Burningtown Baptist Church Rd. For more information, call (941)993-8744.

**M.S. Support Group of Macon County** will meet on Thursday, Oct. 20, at the Macon County Senior Center. For more information go to facebook MS Support Group of Macon County.

**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.

**Girl Scout Daisy and Brownie Volunteers** 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](mailto:dianepeltz1953@gmail.com)

**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 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.

**Historic TM Rickman Store** at 259 Cowee Creek Rd. is 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.

**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. On-line meeting information is available by visiting [www.aawnc80.org](http://www.aawnc80.org). To speak with a member of A.A., call (828)349-4357.

**Dorothy and John Crawford Senior Center** offers 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.

**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. Call (828)369-3716 or (828)371-5442.

**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. 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](mailto:cr@discover.church) for questions.

**CHURCH HAPPENINGS**

**First Alliance Church** is holding Sunday Service on Oct. 9, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School for all ages will be held at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Wayne Brandow will be giving the sermon. Elise Dailey will be performing special music. The church is located at 31 Promise Lane (off Womack, next door to Trimont Christian Academy).

**Union United Methodist Church** will celebrate Homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 9, beginning at 10 a.m. and ending with a covered dish meal. Pastor Don Moffitt is preaching and the White Sisters are singing. There will be time for sharing memories and history. Union is located at 3768 Georgia Road just above the Subway at Prentiss Bridge Road.

**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.

**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship** is an inclusive faith community that celebrates life in all its joy and mystery. Inspiring and sharing journeys of love, learning, justice, and hope. For information, call (828)342-0546.

**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.

**All Saints Episcopal Church, Franklin** Services are held Rite I, 8 a.m. without music and Rite II, 10:15 a.m. with music, every Sunday. First and third Sundays at St. Agnes Chapel, 66 Church St. and second and fourth Sundays at St. Cyprian's Chapel, 216 Roller Mill Rd. Sunday 10:15 a.m. services can be viewed live on the website: [www.allsaintsfranklin.org](http://www.allsaintsfranklin.org) and past Sundays can be viewed on YouTube search "All Saints Franklin".

**Olive Hill Church Services** are held on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Pastor is Keith McWhite. The church is located at 2389 Olive Hill Road.

**Lifespring Community Church** is holding Sunday services beginning at 10 a.m. Brian Lamb in the pastor. The church is located at the intersection of Cheek Road and Addington Bridge Road.

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

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

Email church calendar items to [maconcountynews@gmail.com](mailto:maconcountynews@gmail.com).

**SUDOKU ANSWERS FOR PG. 22**

5	2	7	6	9	1	8	3	4
9	3	1	8	4	7	5	2	6
8	4	9	3	2	5	6	7	1
8	9	5	7	2	3	4	6	1
1	6	4	7	5	8	3	9	2
3	8	2	4	9	6	1	5	7
9	7	5	6	8	4	2	1	3
4	1	3	5	7	2	6	8	9
5	4	8	1	3	9	7	4	6

**CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS FOR PG. 22**

S	C	A	M	R	P	M	Y	O	K	E
O	R	S	O	C	A	R	E	P	O	S
R	U	L	E	R	O	D	O	R	O	D
P	O	S	E	R	O	S	E	R	O	S
A	S	T	H	M	A	P	E	R	I	W
L	I	E	P	R	A	Y	E	R	F	E
B	E	A	D	Y	R	O	E	S	E	L
U	G	L	I	S	C	U	L	P	T	S
M	E	S	S	I	A	H	L	A	T	H
G	U	L	A	G	U	R	D	U	H	E
A	P	A	C	E	B	R	I	E	E	R
B	A	S	E	E	C	E	E	R	Y	E

## Motown music On the Square this Saturday

Motown on the Square, a free outdoor concert and street dance, will be presented Saturday, Oct. 8, 7 to 9 p.m., on Franklin's Town Square Gazebo, weather permitting.

Asheville-based WestSound Band, voted one of WNC's best soul bands, will perform favorite hits from the Motown era and beyond. All band members are talented, versatile, and seasoned performers. In addition to his career with WestSound, bandleader Randy Weston, keyboardist and vocalist, has played on cruise ships and on the hotel circuit as a solo and ensemble artist. Vocalist and Franklin native Gina Duke brings sensational sound, energy, and personality to the show. Oscar Weston, guitarist and vocalist, engages and delights the audience with his Marvin Gaye and Sam Cooke voice. And percussionist Michael Leyshon maintains the dynamite beat and sings lead and backup vocals. Over the years WestSound has performed at The Indiana Black Expo, Asheville's Goombay and BeleChere Festivals, and Franklin's Corn Fest, among others, and at clubs and for private functions throughout the region.

The gazebo is on the corner of Main and Iotla Streets, across from the Macon County Courthouse. Attendees should bring a lawn chair. This event is sponsored by the Arts Council; for details phone 828-524-ARTS or email arts4all@dnet.net.



## Fiber artist featured at library in October



A maker of quilts, quilted clothing and appliqued or embroidered wall hangings, fiber artist Betty Cabe's work has been featured in several exhibits and in the *American Quilter Magazine*. A grant from the North Carolina Arts Council inspired Cabe to look for a new form of art and she discovered quilting. Quilting, an art form that has been around since the 15th century, is described as the art of making decorative designs of narrow strips of paper. It is a simple process to roll, shape and glue the paper, but then adhering them to a board is where the creative process begins.

Cabe has only been a quilter a little over a year but has mastered the art. Her original designs of traditional flowers and birds are combined with photography, linen fabric, and collaged backgrounds.

Cabe's unique works will be on display at the Macon County Public Library during the month of October. A reception for the artist will be held on Oct. 8, at the library from 2 to 4 p.m. The library is located at 149 Siler Farm Road.



## YOUR LOCAL LENDING TEAM



**Missy Norton**  
NMLS#816135  
828.306.2141

**Josh Owens**  
NMLS#506645  
828.306.2160

**Crystal Crupi**  
NMLS#509124  
828.306.2112



- Local Expertise
- Personal Service
- Experienced
- Dependable

NantahalaBank.com



**Peace of Mind in the Mountains**  
HomeWatch and Home Maintenance Services for Seasonal/Absentee Homeowners.  
Proudly serving the communities of Franklin, Lake Nantahala, Highlands, Cashiers and Lake Glenville



Loretta Peake Newton still believes that personal care and attention to your property is what you want.



828-421-4744

MountainHomeMinders@gmail.com  
MountainHomeMinders.com





# Deaths & Funerals

## Virginia Pearl Dills Dowdle

Virginia Pearl Dills Dowdle, 88, of Otto, N.C., passed away on Monday, Sept. 26, 2022, after a period of declining health.

Born on June 7, 1934, to the late Alex and Neta (Bell) Dills, she spent her 88 years living in sight of all the houses she called home. When she was a year old, she began attending church at Coweeta Baptist Church with her family, where she would later teach Sunday School and was proud to be the oldest living member for the most consecutive years. She graduated from Franklin High School in 1953 and during her early years, she worked at People's on Main. Shortly after graduating, she married her husband, Shirley, and they were married for 55 years before he passed away in 2012. She was a strong and independent woman and was quite literally the definition of a "Jill of all trades." She enjoyed doing projects around the home, including building, laying rock, crafting, keeping a vegetable and flower garden and canning and preserving the fruits of her labor. She was also a talented seamstress, making clothing for friends and family, stuffed toys and quilts and she crocheted and knitted. She loved her family more than anything but had a great love for animals as well, especially birds, chickens, geese and her special needs dog, Jack. All while keeping a home and raising a family, she was an entrepreneur and started the Cloth Shop and Otto Auction-Mini Mall. One could say that she lived a very successful and fulfilling life after accomplishing so much but, at the age of 54, she went back to college and in 1988 she graduated from Southwestern Community College's Basic Law Enforcement Training program. She worked under three sheriffs and was an invaluable part of the law enforcement community for 21 years. Through her strong faith and dedication, she was an instrumental part in starting her grandson, Nathan, in the ministry and singing. Many years and miles were spent taking him places to sing, something she was very proud of. She was a loving and dedicated wife, mother and grandmother and was very proud of her daughter and each of her grandchildren. Although she stayed busy, she spent many summers in Hiwassee where she enjoyed relaxing and rocking on the porch, looking out over the lake. She will be missed immeasurably by her family and friends and remembered for the love she gave, unconditionally.

She is survived by her daughter and loyal caregiver, Regina Lawrence and husband David; her beloved grandchildren, Nathan Parrish and wife Sarah of Panama City, Fla., Kane Parrish and girlfriend Sonja Williams of Knoxville, Tenn., and Rheanna Parrish; nieces, Robin Fields and Jayne Anderson; and many extended family and friends.

Funeral services will be held Sunday, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m., at Coweeta Baptist Church. Rev. Davis Hooper and Rev. Keith Ashe will officiate. Burial will be in the Coweeta Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 2-3 p.m., prior to the service, at Coweeta Baptist Church.

Pallbearers will be David Lawrence, Kane Parrish, Richard Davis, Roy Chastain, Kenny Chastain, Toby Bateman and Ronnie Cannon. Serving as Honorary Pallbearers will be Patricia McKay, Jayne Anderson, Robin Fields, Melissa Ziegler, Sonja Williams and Norma Norton, her best friend of over 20 years who cannot attend.

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



Virginia Pearl Dowdle

## Judith Ann Hughes

Judith Ann Hughes, 81, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. She was born April 13, 1941, in Cincinnati, Ohio, to the late William Coolidge and Dorothea Forthman Coolidge. She was a member of several societies, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution, the Mayflower Society, and the Soule Kindred Society. She was a nursing educator at Southwestern Community College until retirement. After retirement she enjoyed traveling and genealogy. She was of the Methodist faith and a member of Hickory Knoll Methodist Church.

She is survived by her son, Robert Hughes (Vivian) of Franklin; her daughter, Tara Doster (Joe) of Franklin; grandchildren, Tyler Hughes, Tucker Hughes, Debbie Hunter, Tommy Ammons, Cassie Doster, and Carrie Whitton; great grandchildren, Emily Hunter, Cayden Hunter, and Payton Seymour. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Hughes.

A Celebration of Life was held Saturday, Oct. 1, at Clarks Chapel United Methodist Church with Revs. Janet Green and Vic Green officiating.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Hughes family. Online condolences can be made at [www.bryant-grantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryant-grantfuneralhome.com).



Judith Ann Hughes

## Michael Meher Sr.

Michael Meher Sr., 55, went to his heavenly home, Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022. He was born June 6, 1967, in Newport Beach, Calif. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Nicole DiElmo Meher; his mother, Jacqueline M. Meher (Mayo); his father, William G. Meher Sr.; and his brother-in-law, Brett Snyder (Kate).

He is survived by two sons, Michael (Rhonda), and Nicholas; a granddaughter, Serenity; a brother, Bill Meher; two sisters, Kate Meher and Jen O'Donnell (Pat); and many nieces, nephews, friends and family.

He was an EMT, small engine repair man and a volunteer fireman. He was a happy, loving man who loved his family and his friends very much, and he loved riding his motorcycle. We are going to miss you Dad, Bro, Uncle Ogre, Jersey Boy.

A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, Oct. 15, at 11 a.m. at Franklin Christian Church, formerly First Christian Church of Franklin, 156 Belleview Park Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Meher family. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryant-grantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryant-grantfuneralhome.com).



Michael Meher Sr.

## Nellie Mae 'Nini' Donaldson Cagle

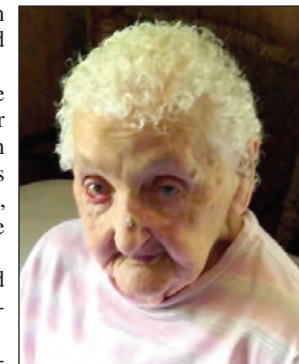
Nellie Mae "Nini" Donaldson Cagle, 99, of Sylva, N.C., passed away on Friday, Sept. 30, 2022.

Born in Mountain City, Ga., she was the daughter of the late Oscar and Virginia Smith Donaldson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Ancel Cagle Sr.; son, Ancel Cagle Jr.; three brothers, and one sister.

She was of the Baptist faith and had worked in the kitchen at Brit-thaven in Franklin and in Clyde. She is survived by two daughters, Darlene Cagle Fisher (Dwight) of Sylva, and Nelda Cagle Sorrells (Allen) of Morganton; three granddaughters, Misty Cogdill (Bill) of Sylva, Martie Madson (Chad) of Canton, and Britt Fisher of Sylva; one grandson, Josh Sorrells (Crystal) of Glen Alpine; 13 great grandchildren; one great great grandchild; and many nieces and nephews.

No services are planned at this time. Online condolences can be made at [www.maconfuneralhome.com](http://www.maconfuneralhome.com).

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Nellie Mae Cagle

## William 'Kent' Southard

William "Kent" Southard, 75, of Morganton, N.C., went home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022.

Born in Lake County, Florida, on Dec. 9, 1946, he was the son of the late Gordon William Southard and Katie Tallent Southard. He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Vietnam War, served as a NC State Trooper, and retired as a Lieutenant with NC Dept. of Corrections - IMPACT West. He enjoyed doing anything outside and demonstrated his love and reverence for God through his special love for animals and nature.

He is survived by his wife, Sharon Ward Southard; sons, Sgt. Jamie Hastings, NCSHP, and wife, Crystal, and CH (MAJ) Jason Southard, USA and wife, Angela; grandchildren, Tyler Hastings, Paige Southard Hollandsworth and husband SSgt. Nathan Hollandsworth, USAF, and 2nd Lt. Ryan Southard, USA; great-granddaughter, Everly Hollandsworth; brother, Jack Southard and wife, Connie, of Bryson City, N.C.; and the mother of his children, Kay Saulmon.

A funeral was held Saturday, Sept. 10, at West Lenoir Baptist Church with Pastor Rick Safriet officiating. A private graveside service was held at the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with military honors provided by the NC National Guard and the Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #43, 2779 DAV Avenue, Morganton, NC 28655.

Sossoman Funeral Home and Crematory Center is assisting the family with the arrangements.



William 'Kent' Southard

## CORNERSTONE MEMORIALS

**DOYLE YORK, Owner**  
*Located at Rabun Flea Market*  
 (706) 746-2548  
 (706) 746-9977  
*Please Call For Appointment*  
 (706) 746-2837  
 134 Market Circle • Rabun Gap, GA 30568



### Moffitt Family

FUNERAL CARE

**David Moffitt**  
OWNER/FUNERAL DIRECTOR

## Because Funeral Care Shouldn't Cost So Much

828-634-1966

668 Highlands Road • Franklin, NC



## Deaths & Funerals

### Ernie Wilson

Ernie Wilson, 85, beloved husband, father, family member and friend, passed away on Friday, Sept. 23, 2022.

His story started in Lumberport, W.Va., born to Madaline and Wiley "Ern" Wilson, homemaker, and coal miner. He was oldest brother to Jerry, Alan, and cousin Steve, all of whom offered his parents laughter and woes, as is the way of boys.

He met the love of his life, Lael, in those West Virginia mountains, and they had recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. He braved a church revival, walked miles across a mountain to see her, and survived her dad's moonshine test. He bragged to all that he had gotten the best the mountains had to offer when he found Lael. Their story was a romance, as they never let a day go by without saying they loved each other.

He joined the Navy and proudly served as a Corpsman/Medic on the USS Piedmont from 1954-57. He attended Fairmont State College in West Virginia and put his teaching degree to work in Miamisburg, Ohio, and then moved to Bradenton, Fla., to pursue the outdoor life he loved. He taught and enhanced the lives of students at Samoset Elementary, Bradenton Middle, and as a Dean at Sugg Middle School until retiring in 1994. He developed life-long friendships with coworkers throughout that chapter of his life.

He and Lael provided a truly loving home filled with countless laughs, adventures, and opportunities to their daughter, Terri. They readily welcomed their son-in-law, Ed Mutell, into their hearts in 1985; though, as loving dads will do, Ernie asked Terri at the head of the church aisle at the wedding if she "was sure she wanted to get married." He later claimed he was carrying on a family tradition, as Lael's dad hadn't made things easy for him. He gifted Lael with two loving fur-babies (dogs), Bella and Cassie, greeting them daily with "who loves you," and enjoyed telling people his "wife had twins on her 80th birthday."

He was an avid fisherman, member and officer of the River Rats Bass Club for many years, a golfer who shot his age multiple times, and a sports enthusiast. If you could play it, he would join you. He enjoyed making arts and crafts for family and friends, which were expressions of his love and care. He became a seasonal visitor to Franklin, N.C., after having helped build a family vacation home, to further share his life with family and friends. He and Lael loved traveling, whether camping, cruising, or touring. They visited many countries either joining or making friends along the way.

He could not have written the last page of his story any better – a beautiful day fishing with friends and a quick painless ending. He had a smile, sense of humor and welcoming manner which endeared him to anyone he met. He shared his love and laughter in equally generous measures.

He is joining his parents, brother Jerry, cousin Steve, and multiple friends and family in the next chapter and we are sure he is putting together a "game night" where the food and drink will be plentiful, and the laughter will ring.

He will be honored with a memorial at Palma Sola Presbyterian Church in Bradenton, with interment in the National Cemetery in Sarasota to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you honor his commitment to children with donations to KIDS Place, kidsplace-cac.org, PO Box 693, Franklin, NC, 28744, so that the next generation of stories can be as meaningful as his was.

Announcement courtesy of Bryant-Grant Funeral Home.



Ernie Wilson

### Patricia Jane 'Pat' Childers Reid Safko

Patricia Jane "Pat" Childers Reid Safko, 91, passed from this life Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022. A lifelong resident of Franklin, N.C., she was born Aug. 16, 1931, to the late Herman Lee Childers and Josephine Snyder Childers. She was predeceased by her husband of 25 years, George Reid Jr., and later in life, husband Paul Safko; a sister, Mildred Childers Cunningham; and brothers, Robert Bruce Childers and Carrol Lee Childers.

One of seven children, she grew up in a large extended family, with caring aunts and uncles and numerous wonderful cousins. She followed a long-standing family tradition of helping others, as a gentle server of God's love among friends, family, and coworkers. She was a fine cook and gracious hostess, and her home served as the welcoming hub for visiting family for many years. She also enjoyed her church community at the First Baptist and United Methodist churches and her career as a bookkeeper.

She is well known for caring meticulously for the home and property she and her husband George "Junior" Reid built together more than 50 years ago. She loved yard work especially and continued assiduously mowing and flower gardening throughout her 91 years. Her generosity and dedication to home, family, and friends, have been a blessing to all who knew her.

She is survived by her son, Robert George Reid (Debbie); two beloved grandsons, Trevor and Evan Reid, of Andrews, N.C.; a brother, David Paul Childers of Lake City, Fla.; two sisters, Barbara Childers Simmons of Houston, Texas, and Kathryn Childers Teem of Waynesville, N.C.; and many loving nephews and nieces. A memorial service was held at 2:00pm Wednesday October 5, 2022 at Bryant Grant Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Beam officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Visitation will be from 12:00pm-2:00pm prior to the service at Bryant Grant Funeral Home.

Bryant Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the Safko family. Online condolences may be made at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com)

### Edward J. Taylor

Edward J. Taylor, 84, of Otto, N.C., passed away Monday, Sept. 19, 2022. He was born May 31, 1938, in Rabun County, Georgia to the late Jim and Cleo McConnell Taylor.

He had worked as a supervisor for a Rock Quarry and was a member of Newman Chapel Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jeanette Taylor of the home; son, Michael Taylor (Mary) of Raleigh, N.C.; granddaughter, Evan Taylor of Raleigh; sisters, Barbara Woodall, and Beatrice Welch, both of Rabun Gap, Ga.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ellis Taylor and Ernest Taylor; and a sister, Betty English.

A funeral service was held Thursday, Sept. 22, at Newman Chapel Baptist Church, with Rev. Dennis Ledford officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Pallbearers were Ricky Taylor, Jason Rogers, Josh Estes, Carl Blackburn, Kyle Brown, and C. J. Rogers.

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

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



Patricia Jane Safko

### Paula Inez Champion Burt

Paula Inez Champion Burt, 83, of Franklin, N.C., formerly of Lake City, Fla., passed away on Saturday, Sept. 24, 2022.

Born in Durham, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Paul Elton Champion and the late Alice Inez Ferrell Murrhee. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two grandsons, Johnathan Tuttle, and Andrew Cowan.

She was a gifted organist. She enjoyed sharing her talent with different Christian churches and the local VA in Lake City. She could often be found decorating the local VA for special occasions in her spare time.

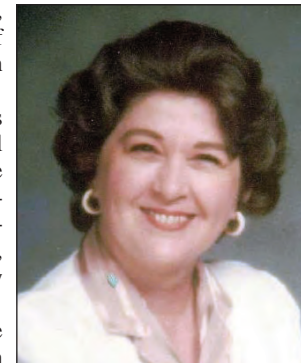
She is survived by her husband of 46 years, Glenn Leslie Burt Sr.; her children, Linda Joyce Cowan (William) of Franklin, N.C., Donna Lynn Bullington (Douglas) of Mooresville, N.C., Lynda Lee Felix of Deland, Fla., Timothy Lynn Burt (Marcy) of Bethel Park, Pa., and Glenn Leslie Burt Jr (Doreen) of Hialeah, Fla.; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

A celebration of life was held on Saturday, Oct. 1, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Pastor Toby Pope officiating. A brief reception followed at Macon Funeral Home.

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

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Paula Inez Burt

### Jerry Curtis 'Curt' Green

Jerry Curtis "Curt" Green, 54, of Franklin, N.C., passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

He was an Environmental Safety Manager and loved people. He was a member of Louisa Chapel Methodist Church. He loved racing, outdoors, hunting, hiking, sports, and enjoyed working. He always had a smile and most of the time a hug for everyone. He will be remembered for always having a passion for working.

He was the son of Jerry Green and Patricia Carpenter Green and the late Susan Martin. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his son, David Green.

He is survived by his parents, Jerry and Patricia Green; his loving wife, Darlene Anthony Green; daughter, Samantha Green of Franklin; brother, Leshar Green of Franklin; sister, Tina Hughes (Chuck) of Travelers Rest, S.C.; stepbrother, Donnie D. Stiles of Winston Salem, N.C.; one grandchild, Aleah Hopkins of Florida, and two nieces, Savannah Scott Green and Dakota Hughes.

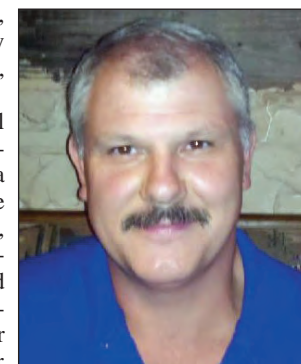
Funeral service will be held Saturday, Oct. 8, at 3 p.m., in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home. Family will receive friends 2 to 3 p.m., one hour prior to the service. Revs. Randy Campbell and David Green will officiate. Burial will be in the Louisa Chapel Methodist Church Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Roger "Jazz" Phillips, Todd McGaha, Andrew Robertson, Mark Berry, Bud Elliott, Billy Ledford, John Murdock II, Mike Henry, Howell Downs, Rodney Watts, and Russell Dalrymple.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Shriners Children's Hospital; <https://lovetotherescue.org/>; or St Jude's Hospital, [https://www.stjude.org/donate/pm.html?sc\\_dcm](https://www.stjude.org/donate/pm.html?sc_dcm).

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Jerry Curtis Green



Edward J. Taylor



# Deaths & Funerals

## Shirley Anne McPherson

Shirley Anne Elliott McPherson, known as Sam by family and friends, was born on Oct. 23, 1935, in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, to Annie Marie Johns Elliott and Eric Robert Elliott. She passed from this life on Sept. 20, 2022.

She was reared in Oshawa, Ontario, and graduated from the Oshawa Collegiate and Vocational Institute. During high school she was a junior competitive figure skater and a long board high diver.

After graduation she worked for and was a spokesmodel for General Motors-Canada and volunteered as a leader in Brownie Scouts.

Later, she worked as a flight attendant with Eastern Airlines in Miami, Fla., and in Atlanta, Ga., where she met the love of her life, Capt. Charles "Charlie" Earl McPherson Jr. They married in College Park, Ga., and lived in Laguna Beach, Calif., and in New York, N.Y., prior to settling into her dream home in Newnan, Ga., at Bridlewood Morgans.

She was very civic minded and led an active and fulfilling life during her time in her beloved Newnan. In addition to raising Morgan horses on their farm and showing them nationally, she also raised and cared for a multitude of animals ranging from a llama to exotic birds. She acquired her nickname, "Sam," during her tenure as Director of Arts and Culture for Peachtree City, Ga. Additionally, she was a decades-long member and former president of Newnan Driftwood Garden Club, Senior Warden of St. Paul's Episcopal Church and an active member of Eastern Airlines Pilots Wives Bridge Club. Professionally, she was a successful Realtor for more than 20 years and retired as a Lifetime Million Dollar Member of the Coweta County Board of Realtors upon which time she moved to the mountains of Western North Carolina in Highlands, N.C., to be close to both of her sons.

Of all her accomplishments, she will be most remembered for being a loving wife to Charlie, wonderful mother to both her boys, a fun Nana and a cherished friend to so many. She never entered a room without a smile and open arms. Her love for entertaining, her gracious hospitality, and her sincere ability to make every person she ever met feel special will be a part of her legacy.

Left with many wonderful memories are her sons, Charles "Chuck" Earl McPherson III, (Dawn Hill McPherson) of Apex, N.C., and Jamie Elliott McPherson (George "Tra" Lloyd Raines III) of Highlands; along with her grandchildren, Chase Hill McPherson and Cole Reynolds McPherson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Barbara June Elliott Loreno.

A private celebration of life will be held later in Newnan.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cashiers Highlands Humane Society; <https://www.chhumanesociety.org>.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

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



Shirley Anne McPherson

## Susan (Su`) Dean Tate Sanders

Susan (Su`) Dean Tate Sanders, 63, a beloved wife, daughter and sister passed away Sept. 21, 2022. She was born Aug. 30, 1959, in Miami, Fla. She is preceded in death by her father, James C. Tate; her brother, Craig F. Tate; and aunt, Dot Dickerson.

She worked in the restaurant business for more than 40 years and was affectionately referred to as "the Queen of Tough Love." She loved what she did and became the work mom for many of her team members. She encouraged her team to follow their dreams and work hard to reach their goals. She always had a smile and a "welcome to work" attitude because she loved what she did and wanted work to be a happy and fun place to be. Regardless of challenges, she lived life to the fullest. She loved her family, friends and fur babies with passion and heart. All who knew her will remember her unforgettable smile and laugh that warmed the soul. She was loved and will be missed by so many. Fly high sweet Su` until we see you again. "Right!"

She is survived by her loving husband, Larry Edward Sanders; her mother, Peggy Farabee Tate and partner, John Gayman; two brothers, Scott (Vicky) Tate and Steven Tate; nieces, Taylor, Michelle, and Nicole; two nephews, Brian and Cody; cousin, Emily; and her fur babies, Tiger, Missy, and Jack Jack.

A celebration of life was held Saturday, Oct. 1, at Bryant-Grant funeral home.

On behalf of her love for people and animals, donations may be made to the Hospice House Foundation of WNC at PO Box 815, Franklin, NC 28744; or Appalachian Animal Rescue Center at 851 Lake Emory Road, Franklin, NC 28734.

Bryant-Grant Funeral Home and Crematory is serving the family. Online condolence at [www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com](http://www.bryantgrantfuneralhome.com).



Susan Dean Sanders

## Fred Jerry Jenkins

Despite being born on Nov. 14, 1950, Fred Jerry Jenkins always insisted he was 29 years old. He lived a blessed life, stuck to his story, and passed on Oct. 4, 2022.

He was a wonderful dad, granddad, and great-granddad. He absolutely adored and spoiled his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a hard worker who thought things through and used his knowledge and intellect to decide the best approach in solving problems or completing projects. He had an excellent reputation as a noted carpenter for over fifty years.

He loved to raise a garden, and he was good at it. His vegetables were enjoyed by friends and neighbors who were always welcome at his "community garden." Other favorite pastimes were fishing in mountain streams whenever he had the opportunity, or horseback riding. His pets, old or young, large or small, were dear to him, and he doted on his cats, Queeny and Fluffy, as well as his dogs, Buddha and Cricket; and, if he was listening to music you could be sure it was old time country.

His survivors include his life partner of 42 years, Vickie Patton; his children, Annie Jenkins, Jerry Kenneth Jenkins, Brandy Jenkins, and Angel Jenkins; three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and siblings, Annie Mae Cincineras, Ray Jenkins, Carlos Jenkins, and Rick Jenkins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harley and Ruby Garland Jenkins along with his brothers, Tom, Joe, and Troy Jenkins.

No public services are planned.

Moffitt Family Funeral Care is honored to serve the family.

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



Fred Jerry Jenkins

## Patricia Anne Sox Alewine

Patricia Anne Sox Alewine, 83, of Franklin, N.C., joined her husband in heaven on Sept. 29, 2022. She was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and sister.

She was born in Lexington, S.C., on Sept. 14, 1939, to William Henry Sox and Annie Lou Harmon Sox. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Roger Wayne Alewine Sr.; and brothers, Ray Sox and Jim Sox.

She graduated from Lexington High School in 1957. She worked as an administrative assistant for attorneys in Lexington, and then in Simpsonville, S.C. She later worked at Mars Hill College in the finance office. After moving to Franklin in 1980, she worked at People's Department Store. When she and Roger moved to Gulfport in 1985, she worked as an administrative assistant to the president of Whitney Bank. She and her husband retired back to Franklin in 2016 where she and her daughter, Lindy, purchased a quilt shop. She took care of the payroll for their business. She loved meeting people at the shop and made many sweet friends. She will be missed by many.

She was a beloved mother to daughter Lindy Blanton (Jerry) of Franklin, and son Wayne Alewine (DeAnn) of Gulfport, Miss. She was "Annie" to her five grandchildren, Tyler Blanton (April) of Sylva, N.C., Ryland Alewine of Gulfport, Logan Blanton (Rebekah) of Franklin, Savannah Alewine of Gulfport and Skylar Alewine of Gulfport; two great granddaughters, Charlotte Alewine of Gulfport and Camilla Fisher of Sylva; her brother, Frank Sox; and several nieces and nephews. She adored her family.

Visitation will be at Macon Funeral Home on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10 to 11 a.m. A service will follow in the chapel at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Patricia Anne Alewine

## Thomas Edwards Seay

Thomas Edwards Seay, 58, of Franklinton passed away Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022, at his home after a courageous battle with ALS.

He was born in Bluefield, W.Va., on June 13, 1964, to Carroll Joseph Seay and Cheryl Louise Harry.

He served with the United States Air Force for several years. He was a member of Durham Masonic Lodge #687 and was a Master Mason, Amaran Shriner and also a member of the Sir Walter Gun Club. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed riding his Harley. He received a Bachelors degree from Western Carolina University in Electronic Engineering. He had a 23-year career with Frontier Communications.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, Oct. 6, 2022 at Eakes Funeral Home in Creedmoor at 2 p.m. Burial will be private at Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery in Franklin, N.C.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia Pence Seay; two daughters, Ashley Smith (Brandon), Alysha Powell (Chris); one son, David J. Seay; four grandchildren, Conner Smith, Bryce Smith, Sophie Powell and Ellie Powell; one brother, David A. Seay (Fonda); his parents, Carroll Seay and Cheri Lambert; his mother and father-in-law, Waymon and Patty Pence; one brother-in-law, Tom Pence; nieces, Abi Wood, Autumn Wood and Emma Seay; nephews, Tanner Seay and TJ Pence; great-niece, Junie; aunts/uncles, Larry Seay, Jimmy and Ginger Seay, Bob and Lori Harry; and several cousins. He was preceded in death by his sister, Lucy Wood and a brother, Robbie Seay.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, Oct. 6, from 1 to 2 p.m. at Eakes Funeral Home in Creedmoor.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the following organizations in Tom's honor: <https://www.iamals.org>; <https://www.teamgleason.org>

Macon Funeral Home is handling local arrangements.



Thomas Edwards Seay




- Commercial & Residential
- Licensed & Insured
- Remodeling
- Repair

Providing Exceptional Quality, Professionalism & Value for Over 30 Years!

DIRK SPIER

GA 706-970-9036
NC 828-371-7035

## Chase Elliott grabs thrilling Talladega victory, advances in NASCAR Cup Series playoffs

Holly Cain – NASCAR Wire Service

TALLADEGA, Ala. – Always the unquestionable fan favorite at NASCAR's famed Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway, Georgia-native Chase Elliott made a last-lap pass to claim the NASCAR Cup Series YellaWood 500 victory Sunday afternoon – having to better one of his best friends, Ryan Blaney, to earn the first automatic bid into the next round of the 2022 NASCAR Cup Series Playoffs.

With a lap to go, Elliott pulled his No. 9 Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet from the bottom lane to the top lane and got a huge push from behind by Petty GMS Racing driver Erik Jones – the momentum enough to edge fellow Playoff competitor Blaney by a slight .046-second at the line and give him a chance to hoist his series-best fifth trophy of the season; 18th of his seven-year NASCAR Cup Series career.

"Moments like that, you have to really cherish and you guys are what makes this special to me," Elliott, 26, told the cheering fans. "So, thank you sincerely, I really appreciate it."

"It was a wild last couple laps. I wasn't super crazy about being on the bottom and fortunately I got just clear enough off of [Turn] 2 to slide up in front of Erik [Jones] and he gave me some great shoves, obviously a Team Chevy partner there. Just had a good enough run to get out front and then was able to stay far enough in front of Ryan [Blaney] at the line to get it done.

"These things are so so hard to win, you gotta enjoy them and just appreciate everyone's effort today."

Former Daytona 500 winner Michael McDowell was third, followed by two more Playoff drivers, Trackhouse Racing's Ross Chastain and Joe Gibbs Racing's Denny Hamlin.

Chastain and Stewart-Haas Racing's Aric Almirola led the most laps on the day – each out front 36 laps – in an afternoon that featured the most lead changes of the season (57) set by 17 different drivers.

Although it was a typically dramatic superspeedway ending, the action was tame by Talladega standards. Only one of the six caution periods was for a multi-car accident. Two were scheduled "stage breaks" and the other two for single car incidents. The final caution - which set up the two-lap shootout ending – came for Daniel Hemric's stalled car on pit road.

That bunched up the field again and ultimately positioned Elliott (who restarted on the inside of the third row) to make his run forward. Blaney, who led 31 laps in the No. 12 Penske Racing Ford, had been trading the lead with Jones in the laps immediately before that final caution flag.

"I thought about it," Blaney said, of making a different move for the lead. "The second lane was kind of the strongest, definitely the second half of the race. And I thought about (throwing a block on Elliott) but when you go to the middle without a Ford or teammate behind you, the chances of getting split are so high.

"As much as I trust Chase, I don't trust him enough for him not to take me three-wide and leave me in the middle so I chose to stay down in front of (fellow Ford driver) Michael (McDowell). He was awesome at pushing me on the last restart and giving me great shots. Just a little bit too late."

It was a big boost for Elliott, who had a rough outing last week in the opening race of this Playoff round in Texas. Elliott crashed and finished 32nd and came into Talladega ranked eighth – after earning a regular season championship and leading the standings for a season-best 23 weeks prior to Sunday.

The opening four 2022 Playoff races have been won by non-Playoff drivers – an unprecedented occurrence. So Elliott's advancement to the next round is the first "automatic" move by



Chase Elliott, driver of the #9 NAPA Auto Parts Chevrolet, takes the checkered flag to win the NASCAR Cup Series YellaWood 500 at Talladega Superspeedway on Oct. 2, 2022 in Talladega, Ala.

Photos by Sean Gardner/Getty Images



a Playoff-eligible driver.

Beyond Elliott, Blaney now leads the points standings – 32 points ahead of Sunoco Rookie of the Year candidate Austin Cindric in ninth place with the top eight drivers advancing to the Round of 8 next Playoff round.

Chastain is ranked third, followed by Hamlin and Penske Racing's Joey Logano, who finished 27th on Sunday. Reigning NASCAR Cup Series champion, Hendrick Motorsports' driver Kyle Larson – who finished 18th at Talladega – is ranked sixth in the standings, followed by Trackhouse Racing's Daniel Suarez and Stewart-Haas Racing's Chase Briscoe in that final eighth place position. Cindric is tied with Briscoe in points. William Byron (-11), Christopher Bell (-33) and Alex Bowman (-54) complete the current Playoff 12.

The Hendrick Motorsports driver Bowman did not race this week as he is recovering from concussion-like symptoms after an accident in Texas last week. Team owner Rick Hendrick said Bowman would be re-examined by doctors this week in hopes of getting clearance to return to competition.

The next race, the Bank of America ROVAL 400, is Sunday at the Charlotte Motor Speedway ROVAL – the final road course event of the season. Larson is the defending race winner. Blaney won the inaugural race at the Charlotte ROVAL and Elliott is a two-time winner there as well (2019 and 2020).

AJ Allmendinger earns elusive superspeedway win, advances TALLADEGA, Ala. – Three times A.J. Allmendinger has led

the white flag lap on a superspeedway track and not been able to lead that next lap to earn the big trophy.

On Saturday, the veteran waited and pulled ahead of the field in the final feet coming to the Sparks 300 checkered flag at Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway and edged 19-year old Sam Mayer by .015-second – about three feet - in a photo finish to earn his first NASCAR Xfinity Series win at NASCAR's biggest track.

It marked the regular season champ Allmendinger's fourth victory in the No. 16 Kaulig Racing Chevrolet this season and first ever at a superspeedway venue. Most importantly, the win - coming in the second race of the opening round of the Playoffs - is an automatic ticket to the next round of Xfinity Series Playoff competition.

"Let's goooooo," an absolutely elated Allmendinger screamed into the grandstands after climbing out of his car and accepting the checkered flag at the iconic track.

"Gosh, we've been so close to winning one (superspeedway race) and I feel like I keep giving them away. Thought I might have given it away. I'm still learning ... But honestly, all credit to (Kaulig teammate) Landon Cassill.

"He kept shoving me. He stuck with me. That's what is great about Kaulig Racing, when you have teammates like Landon and Daniel (Hemric) that you know wherever you go, they'll go with you. So thank you Landon.

"Man, I just wanted to win a superspeedway and finally got it," added a grinning Allmendinger, who now claims 14 career Xfinity Series victories.

Cassill finished third, followed by Ryan Sieg and JR Motorsports driver Josh Berry – all Playoff contenders. Parker Kligerman was sixth, followed by Playoff drivers Ty Gibbs, Daniel Hemric, Brandon Jones and Noah Gragson.

It marked quite the comeback for Gibbs, who qualified on the front row, but was involved in the only on-track yellow flag for an incident on the afternoon. The Joe Gibbs Racing driver's No. 54 Toyota was tagged from behind by Justin Allgaier while racing in a tight pack up front only three laps into the 113-lap

race. Gibbs spun out but was remarkably untouched by any other car.

A quick pit stop and impressive pit strategy later, Gibbs was running around the Top-10 in the closing laps of the race and managed to recover to that seventh place final effort.

Gragson, driver of the No. 9 JR Motorsports Chevrolet, was looking to become the first driver in NASCAR Xfinity Series history to win five consecutive races and was running among the Top-3 with 10 laps to go.

His ultimate move forward for the win in the closing laps was blocked finishing 10th. Although just short of that historic victory nod, he had already earned his automatic ticket to the Playoffs second round by virtue of his victory last week at Texas (his seventh on the season and fourth in a row).

Polesitter and series rookie Austin Hill, who swept the two stage wins and for the second straight race led the most laps – 60 on Saturday – also dropped out of the lead group in the waning laps to the checkered flag. He finished 14th.

With Allmendinger and Gragson having earned automatic bids in ton the next round of the Playoffs, Gibbs (-21) and Hill (-27) are ranked third and fourth in the standings, followed by Berry, Allgaier - who finished 15th Saturday – Mayer and Sieg in that eighth and final transfer position.

Defending series champion Hemric (-6), Brandon Jones (-10), Riley Herbst (-10) and Jeremy Clements (-47) are ranked ninth through 12th heading into the final race of this Playoff round.

**Matt DiBenedetto wins at Talladega, his first career NASCAR National Series win**

TALLADEGA, Ala. - It took a lot of last lap gumption on the Talladega (Ala.) Superspeedway high banks and an official "race finish review" afterward, but longtime competitor Matt DiBenedetto earned his first NASCAR national series race victory in Saturday's Chevy Silverado 250 NASCAR Camping World Truck Series race.

Because the race ended under caution, NASCAR officials reviewed video to determine who was leading when an accident froze the field coming to the checkered flag. Ultimately, it marked the first and only lap the former NASCAR Cup Series driver DiBenedetto



AJ Allmendinger, driver of the #16 Action Industries Chevrolet, celebrates in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Xfinity Series Sparks 300 at Talladega Superspeedway on Oct. 1, 2022 in Talladega, Ala.

had ever led in the truck series – and it delivered his first trophy.

NASCAR Camping World Truck Series championship competitor Ben Rhodes was scored runner-up with young rookie – and Alabama native – Bret Holmes in third place.

It marked the fifth consecutive Talladega truck race that the winner led only the last lap.

"Oh man, it's been such a long time coming," said the 31-year old Californian DiBenedetto, who recently renewed his contract with the No. 25 Rackley WAR Chevrolet team. "I'm so thankful."

It was a typically competitive afternoon at Talladega – with 11 leaders and 25 lead changes in the 95-lap race – only to end with a dramatic push for the checkered flag in a green-white-checkered overtime finish.

The 25-year old Holmes – the 2020 ARCA Menards Series champion - led the white flag lap and thought he was ahead when the final yellow and checkered flags waved and pulled up to the trophy stand, where DiBenedetto later pulled alongside.

Ryan Preece and Playoff driver Christian Eckes rounded out the Top-5. Hailie Deegan earned a career best sixth-place finish. Chase Purdy, Colby Howard, Parker Kligerman and

Tyler Ankrum rounded out the Top-10.

Jordan Anderson, who emerged from a fiery single-truck crash on Lap 19, was transported to a local hospital where he was reported awake and alert.

As for the Playoffs, only Rhodes and Eckes finished among the Top-10. With Ty Majeski's win at Bristol, he is the only driver to have already secured a position in the Championship 4.

Chandler Smith was 14th, Zane Smith, 17th and Stewart Friesen was 20th. Majeski finished 23rd and polesitter John Hunter Nemechek – who won Stage 1 – was 24th.

The Playoff standings continue to be very tight beyond Majeski. Chandler Smith holds a

12-point edge on Zane Smith with reigning series champion Ben Rhodes in fourth position, 27 points behind Chandler Smith.

Eckes and Friesen are both three points behind Rhodes. Nemechek is five points from the cutoff line and Grant Enfinger, who was involved in an accident on Saturday afternoon is now 26 points behind Rhodes.

The final Playoff race to decide which four drivers advance to the series Championship will be Oct. 22 at Homestead-Miami Speedway (1 p.m. ET, FS1, MRN, SiriusXM NASCAR Radio). The trucks last raced at the South Florida track in June, 2020 where Kyle Busch earned his third series win at the track.

**NOW LEASING!**

# Holly Haven

APARTMENT COMMUNITY



- Spacious 2 bedroom home, 904 sq. ft. of living area – largest 2br in the area
- Spacious 3 bedroom home, 1,235 sq. ft. of living area – largest 3br in the area
- Breakfast Bar & separate Dining Area
- Private Patio or Balcony with Additional Storage
- Washer & Dryer Connections in each unit PLUS Laundry Facilities On-site
- Playground & Basketball Court
- Picnic Area with Grills
- Car Wash Area
- Community Building for Resident Functions
- Computer Center for Residents
- Covered Mail Outlet Area
- Professional Management & 24 Hr. Emergency Maintenance

**55 White Pine Circle • Franklin, NC**  
**(828) 369-0444 Office • (828) 369-2968 Fax • HollyHaven@epmsites.com**  
*Professionally Managed by Excel Property Management, Inc.*




**D&L BODY SHOP**  
 COLLISION REPAIR SPECIALISTS  
 SINCE 1974

Choose trained repair professionals.  
 Because safety matters.

**828-524-8080**  
 121 Phillips Street  
 Franklin, NC



**Black Bear Paving & Construction, Inc.**  
**(828) 349-3390**



**PAVING: RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL**  
 GRADING & ROAD REPAIR • EXCAVATING  
 LAND CLEARING • WATER & SEWER

**6456 Sylva Hwy., Franklin, NC 28734**

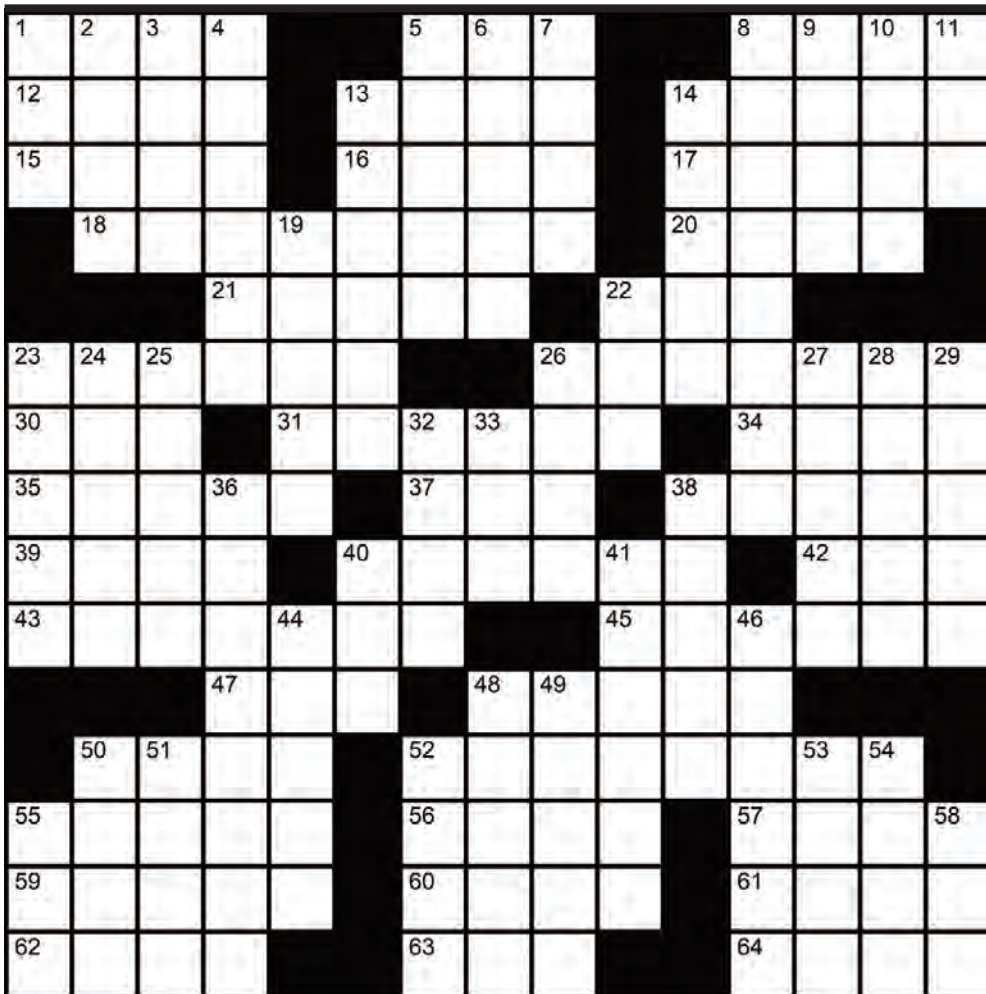
# CROSSWORD PUZZLE ANSWERS ON PG. 15

## STATEPOINT CROSSWORD

THEME: FINISH THE LYRICS

### ACROSS

1. Fake deal
5. Dashboard acronym
8. Oxen connector
12. Guesstimate phrase (2 words)
13. Give a darn
14. Exhibitionist
15. It's OTAN in French
16. Carbon monoxide lacks this
17. Geometry class prop
18. \*Lou Reed: "She says, "Hey babe, take a walk on the \_\_\_\_\_"
20. European "curtain"
21. Mustangs, e.g.
22. Campaign pro
23. Cause of wheezing
26. Men's Colonial head-gear
30. Fib
31. \*Bon Jovi: "Take my hand, we'll make it I swear. Woah, livin' on a \_\_\_\_\_"
34. The only thing to fear?
35. Small and round, eyes description
37. Future fish
38. Alabama civil rights site
39. Tangelo
40. Shape clay, e.g.
42. James Corden's network
43. Awaited deliverer
45. Same as lathees
47. 0 meridian acronym
48. World-weary
50. Prefix with legal
52. \*Aerosmith: "Sing with me, sing for the year. Sing for the \_\_\_\_\_"
55. Siberian prison





## BRING EVERYTHING YOU LOVE TOGETHER!

**Blazing Fast Internet!**  
ADD TO YOUR PACKAGE FOR ONLY **\$19.99**\*/mo. where available

**2-YEAR TV PRICE GUARANTEE** | **\$69.99** MO. for 12 Mos. | America's Top 120 Package | **190 CHANNELS** Including Local Channels!

**CALL TODAY - For \$100 Gift Card** Promo Code: DISH100

**1-888-416-7103** Offer ends 11/9/22. 

All offers require credit qualification. 24 month commitment with early termination fee and activation. Prices include Hopper Duo for qualifying customers. Hopper or Hopper 3. \$35/mo. more. Upload fees may apply based on credit qualifications.

© StatePoint Media

- |   |   |   |  |
|---|---|---|--|
| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>56. Pakistani language</li> <li>57. *Dionne Warwick: "I think I'm going out of my _____"</li> <li>59. Rapidly</li> <li>60. Cheese app</li> <li>61. "Cogito, _____ sum"</li> <li>62. Diamond's corner</li> <li>63. European Economic Community</li> <li>64. Whiskey grain, pl.</li> </ol> | <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. *Kansas: "Carry on, my wayward _____"</li> <li>2. "Stick in one's _____"</li> <li>3. Italian wine region</li> <li>4. Dough</li> <li>5. *The Buggles: "Video killed the _____"</li> <li>6. Cattle controls</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. BÈbÈ's mother</li> <li>8. *Elton John: "And it seems to me you lived _____"</li> <li>9. Capital of Norway</li> <li>10. Hiking sandals brand</li> <li>11. Mess up</li> <li>13. Show's other star</li> <li>14. Rap sheet listing</li> <li>19. Negative house description</li> <li>22. p in #5 Across</li> <li>23. Michael Jackson's "Thriller", e.g.</li> <li>24. Military blockade</li> <li>25. Bluish greens</li> <li>26. Banana leftover</li> <li>27. _____'s, grape jelly brand</li> <li>28. Many iambs</li> <li>29. *Guns N' Roses: "Take me down to the paradise city where the _____"</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>32. St. Louis tourist attraction</li> <li>33. *ABBA: "Waterloo - knowing my fate is to be with _____"</li> <li>36. *Queen: "You got mud on your face, you big _____"</li> <li>38. Hiding place</li> <li>40. Aptitude test acronym</li> <li>41. Black Death</li> <li>44. Picture</li> <li>46. Restraint</li> <li>48. Ballet rail</li> <li>49. Playful</li> <li>50. Immature butterfly</li> <li>51. Unfortunately, exclamation</li> <li>52. Jiffy's grease</li> <li>53. Spooky</li> <li>54. Uncontrollable anger</li> <li>55. Loquacious person's gift</li> <li>58. Not don'ts</li> </ol> |
|---|---|---|--|

## HAULING

- DIRT
- GRAVEL
- MULCH



**Otto • Dillard Franklin**

**(828) 371-2432**



**AWARDS & ENGRAVING  
IMPRINTED APPAREL  
SIGNS**

gooderorders@gmail.com    Guy & Alicia Gooder  
1021 East Main St. • Franklin, NC    828-349-4097

# Classifieds

## \$8.00 20 words or less

Each additional word is 25¢  
Deadline is Mondays at 3 pm

The Macon County  
**NEWS**  
& Shopping Guide

26 W. Main St. • Franklin, NC 28734  
maconcountynews@gmail.com  
**(828) 369-6767**

## SUDOKU ANSWERS ON PG. 15

Call today and receive a **FREE SHOWER PACKAGE PLUS \$1600 OFF**

**SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB** 1-855-576-5653

With purchase of a new Safe Step Walk-in Tub. Not applicable with any previous walk-in tub purchase. Offer available while supplies last. No cash value. Must present offer at time of purchase. CSLB 1082165. NSCB 0082999. 0083445

	4				1			
			2	7		3		
		2		8	6		7	
				9			8	3
		3				4		
8	9			1				
	7		5	2		9		
		5		4	8			
			1					2

© StatePoint Media  
**Fill in the blank squares in the grid, making sure that every row, column and 3-by-3 box includes all digits 1 through 9.**

# The Classifieds

## Community Fundraisers

**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.

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS** Mega Sale with Partial Proceeds going to CF, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8 & 14-15, 8am-4pm Daily. Asbury Church Located at 81 Firehouse Rd., in Otto, NC across from the Otto Fire Department. Items Include: Halloween Decorations & Supplies, Fall & Home Decor, Pet Supplies, Furniture, Gas Logs Set and So Much More! Numerous Items Only \$1. We would appreciate your support.

**SENIOR GAMES FLEA** Market, Sat., Oct. 8, 8am-1pm, at the Community Building. For more information on booth \$20. call Karen or Cody (813)382-0700, (828)349-2093.

**APPALACHIAN ANIMAL RESCUE** Thrift Store, Open Tuesday thru Saturday, 9am-4pm, 1521 Old Murphy Rd., (828)369-3046.

**HABITAT RE-STORE** 56 W Palmer St., Franklin. Furniture, Lighting, Plumbing, Building Materials, Doors & Windows, Appliances & More! (828)524-5273. Sylva Re-Store, 1315 W. Main St. (828)586-1800. Hours for both Stores Mon./Wed./Fri./Sat. 10-4pm.

**REACH FOR BARGAINS** in Heritage Hollow, open Tuesday-Friday, 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-4pm, Benefits Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault in Macon County. Information call (828)369-2040.

## Misc. For Sale

**B & M MILITARY SURPLUS** MRE'S Military Boots, Clothing, Rain Gear, Cold Weather Gear, Sleeping Bags, Vests, Packs, Bags, Field Gear, G.I. 5 gallon Gas/Water Cans! We Buy, Trade all Types Clothes, Field Gear, W/C Poncho Liner, Woobie. Open Monday-Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-5, 329 Bennett Ridge Rd. Franklin, (828)349-3140. bandmsurplus@gmail.com

**LG (LIFE'S GOOD)** Range 30 in 5 burner, self cleaning, Free standing easy care stainless steel. Has Air Fry. Purchased from Lowe's, never installed. Call or text (828)369-7807. Price negotiable. Must sell.

**BUYING WILD GINSENG** Every Day 1pm-9pm. Best Price Paid. Large Amounts Welcome. Call Ricky Teem (828)371-1802 or (828)524-7748.

## Services

**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.

**MASONRY SERVICES** Block, Rock, Cultured Stone, Stucco, Also Painting, New Construction, Repairs, 30 Years Experience, (828)200-4478.

**GREENTHUMB LAWN SERVICES** Do you need Fall Cleanup? Lawn Maintenance, Landscaping, Handyman Services. 18 Years Experience. Call (828)421-8847.

**NEW CREATIONS** Landscaping LLC. Landscaping Projects, Cleanup, Annual Color, Mulch, Pine Straw, Aerating, Fertilizing, Hardscapes, Steps, Retaining Walls, Grading, Gravel, Design, Grounds Maintenance and Much More! Licensed & Insured, Free Estimates (828)524-6959.

**CAROLINA PAINTING & Remodeling**, Pressure Washing, Painting, Home Repairs, 28 Years Experience in WNC. Cell (828)371-9754.

**GUTTER & DOWNSPOUT** Cleaning and Repair. New Installation, Leaf Guards. No Job Too Small, Free Estimates. Call Rick Hall (828)371-3566.

**CLEANING PACKING ORGANIZING & Other Household Services.** Vacation Rental Cleaning. Great References. Mountain Area Property Services (828)550-4585.

**STALLSWORTH PAINTING** Interior/Exterior, Pressure Washing, Handyman, 35 Years Experience. Insured. Cell (239)860-0117, home (828)332-4382.

**HALL'S WINDOW** Cleaning 25 Years Experience, Insured, Great References, Call (828)369-9662.

**MELTON'S ROOFING** Gutter Cleaning and Chimney Sweeping. Give Us a Call at cell# (828)421-6712 With All Your Roof and Gutter Needs.

**FRANKLIN OTTER WASH** Exterior Pressure Washing, our goal is to keep your property happy and healthy! For any questions call (828)200-5298 We're happy to help.

**PROFESSIONAL KNIFE** and scissor sharpening Mon-Sat. Kitchen Sink Inc. 72 E. Main Street, Franklin (828)524-2956.

**DAVID CHEEK'S WELL PUMPS** Sales Service & Installation of Pumps and Iron Removal Systems. For All Your Water Needs. (828)369-5176.

**SHUTTLE CAR** Service to Airports, Bus & Train. (305)216-7234 or (954)650-3851.

**HANDYMAN HOME REPAIRS** Carpentry, Pressure Washing, Gutter Cleaning, Decks, Drywall, Painting, Electrical/Plumbing, Repairs of any kind. 40 Years, Fast/Reasonable/Reliable. (828)332-7247.

**DIESCHER ELECTRIC** Professional service. Reasonable rates. NC Licensed and fully insured. 20+ years experience. (845)807-1326.

**GRADING, FINISH GRADING** Hydroseed, Driveways, Roads, Hauling, Land Clearing, Chipper. Install Septic Systems, Retaining Walls, Rock Work, Boulders, Patio, Perez. (828)524-8650, (828)347-6793 Excellent References.

**CRANE BROS. WELL** Drilling, 6" Drilled Wells for Farms Homes and Industries, Free Estimates. 248 Crane Circle, Franklin. (828)524-4976.

## Help Wanted

**HOME CARE PARTNERS** Want a flexible work schedule with benefits? Mon-Fri. No nights or weekends. Full and Part-time positions. Help someone remain independent in their home rather than be institutionalized. A lot of people need a little help and you could be that someone who cares. Up to \$12.50 per hour. Call Home Care Partners (828)586-1570 or (828)507-6065. Applications available at 525 Mineral Springs Drive, Sylva.

**CASHIERS COLOR CENTER** IS looking to hire a full-time individual to assist in the paint department. Duties will include mixing paint, assisting customers with color selections and sundry items, stocking shelves and daily cleaning. Must be able to lift 50 pounds. This individual must be dependable, self-motivated, have great customer service skills and be willing to learn. We will offer on-the-job training, so experience is not necessary. For more information, call Derek Taylor @ (828)200-9226, or stop by Cashiers Color Center to fill out an application.

## Real Estate

**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.

## Garage & Yard Sales

**DOWNSIZING** household stuff Furniture, craft supplies, tools, windows, farm gate, welder, wood lathe, small Microsoft Computer, roofing tin sheets, All items must go. Make offers. Friday and Saturday October 7 & 8. 8am-until, Rain or Shine. 685 Peeks Creek Rd. Franklin at the bottom of Highlands mountains just off HWY 64 east

**CYSTIC FIBROSIS** Mega Sale with Partial Proceeds going to CF, Friday-Saturday, Oct. 7-8 & 14-15, 8am-4pm Daily. Asbury Church Located at 81 Firehouse Rd., in Otto, NC across from the Otto Fire Department. Items Include: Halloween Decorations & Supplies, Fall & Home Decor, Pet Supplies, Furniture, Gas Logs Set and So Much More! Numerous Items Only \$1. We would appreciate your support.

**SENIOR GAMES FLEA** Market, Sat., Oct. 8, 8am-1pm, at the Community Building. For more information on booth \$20. call Karen or Cody (813)382-0700, (828)349-2093.

**HUGE MULTI-FAMILY** Indoor Yard Sale Friday, 8am-1pm, and 4pm to 7pm; Saturday, 8am-1pm. Household items, home decor, furniture, kids' stuff, clothes for entire family. Something for everyone. Coon Club Building, Wide Horizon Drive. No early birds.

**TWO FAMILY** 293 Belle Dowdle Rd., Saturday, 8-2, Some Furniture, Fishing Equipment, Dyson Vacuum Household Items. (828)200-1338.

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE** Several Houses, Friday, Oct 7, 9am-2pm, Saturday, Oct. 8, 8am-12-noon, 441 North, Brendle Rd. No Early Birds.

## Animals

**STANDARD & TINY TOY** Poodle Puppies, Current Health Records, CKC Registered, Beautiful Curly Pups. \$500-\$800. Franklin. (828)349-3334.

**VOLUNTEERS & DOG WALKERS** Needed at Macon County Animal Services. 18 years and older. Call Debbie (941)266-7084.

## Rentals

**SPACIOUS 3BR/2.5BA** Townhouse, Available, Fireplace, Close In \$1600/monthly. Text (828)347-2345.

# Let Us SELL YOUR RV

WE CONSIGN ALL TYPES



**80% SOLD IN 2021**

**Anglin** RV • TRUCK & TRAILER  
In Otto since 1998

828-349-4500  
9957 Georgia Road  
Otto, NC

**AHS FLOORING**  
828-788-0627  
HARDWOOD • LAMINATE  
WATERPROOF VINYL PLANK  
★★★★★ Google rating

**James Ruiz Painting**  
FRANKLIN, NC • INSURED • FREE ESTIMATES  
COMMERCIAL • RESIDENTIAL • SERVING ALL OF WNC  
FRANCISCO RUIZ | 828-332-7099

**Felix's Tree Expert, LLC**  
For All Your Tree Needs!

- Complete Tree Removal
- Stump Grinding
- Firewood Delivery/Mulch

Accepting All Major Credit Cards

Insured & Reliable • Call Us Today for FREE ESTIMATES  
**(828) 200-1052**  
TreeServiceFranklinNC.com



# SMOKY MOUNTAIN CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

*Franklin*  
By the River - Down the Hill

## Mountain High Music, Craft, & Car Show



Car Show 10am  
Craft Show 10am  
All Day Outdoor Entertainment



Kornbread Creek



Scott Thompson



A. Lee Edwards



SPECIAL EVENING TICKETED EVENT

## THE ISAACS

7:30 PM

OCTOBER 8



# Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

© Disney

OCTOBER 28, 29, NOVEMBER 4, 5, 11, 12

## SCOTT THOMPSON CHRISTMAS BACK HOME



DECEMBER 9

UPCOMING SHOWS:

### ONE CHRISTMAS NIGHT IN MEMPHIS

PRESLEY • PERKINS • LEWIS • CASH



DECEMBER 9



LIVE ON STAGE

DECEMBER 16, 17

1028 Georgia Rd • Franklin, NC • Local 828.524.1598 • Toll Free 866.273.4615

[SmokyMountainArts.com](http://SmokyMountainArts.com)

