



Franklin High School held its Class of '23 graduation ceremony Saturday morning, June 3, on the football field. FHS principal Mickey Noe conferred diplomas on more than 200 seniors, with the help of assistant principals Blair King, Pam Roper and Christy Barnett. Superintendent Dr. Chris Baldwin presented the graduates. See page 14 for more on county graduations. Photo by Vickie Carpenter

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Town sets public hearing to discuss rezonings

Dan Finnerty – Contributing Writer

It's budget season in Franklin and the Town Council is in full deliberation mode for efforts to finalize and approve the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 (FY 23/24) budgetary obligations and responsibilities. Monday, June 5, the Town of Franklin council members gathered in the Town Hall board room to hold a public hearing for input on the proposed budget.

Additionally, a public hearing was also announced for Monday, July 3, to consider input on rezonings proposed by Town Planner Justin Setser. Also, departmental updates, presentations, and numerous introductions/recognitions took place.

After the call to order, Mayor Jack Horton welcomed Wastewater Treatment (WT) Plant Supervisor Jason Hopkins, who introduced new operator, Cody Cabe. Public

Works Director Bill Deal then introduced new Utility Maintenance Worker Rusty Cortopassi. Kyle Pocquette, water treatment plant supervisor, was also recognized by Deal for his work in the department.

The Council heard three presentations: One on the "Sowing the Seeds of the Future" sculpture, another from the Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy, and the last, an update on youth mental health.

The Macon County chaplains recognized a number of individuals for their work as first responders within the community. Bonnie Peggs and Danny Antoine each presented plaques that read, "Macon County Chaplains recognize this 1st Responder for their dedication and service to our community 2023." The three individuals receiving a plaque were

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Eli Kirkland, a Franklin Police Department K9 officer, as well as David Rush and Pete Haithcock, both with Franklin Fire and Rescue.

Marty Greeble, Mary Polanski, and Claire Suminski of the Women's History Trail committee provided an update on the Wesley Wofford sculpture that was being bronzed in Bastrop, Texas, and is now completed. An installation date in Franklin is still uncertain and will be dictated by the schedule of local site preparation. The sculpture will remain in Texas until the site on East Main Street, near the Nikwasi Mound, is prepared. Polanski did advise council members that on Monday, July 17, at 6:30 p.m. the Women's History Trail group will be conducting an informational session for the Cowee Arts and Heritage program. She also announced that public kickoff/unveiling will occur once the sculpture is brought to Franklin.

Blue Ridge Bartram Trail Conservancy Executive Director Brent Martin provided an update on current activities and requested permission to place trail identifier stickers or other markers along sidewalks for a new portion of the trail route that passes through Franklin. Implementation of the markers would begin at Big Bear Shelter on the Little Tennessee Greenway and end at Lazy Hiker Brewing Company. The Council agreed that Town Manager Amie Owens would work with Martin to determine the exact composition and location of the trail markers.

"We have new trail maps and we were optimistic and put the downtown route on them, hoping it would be incorporated," said Martin. A ribbon cutting for the new section of the trail was held June 7. Martin also emphasized that of the 112 total miles that comprise the Bartram Trail, 72 of them are located inside Macon County. He further revealed there is a long-term vision to extend the trail out to the Cowee area and hopefully, eventually, even to Tennessee.

Ten-year-old Gracie Parker has appeared a few times before the Town Council and Macon County Board of Commissioners. In support of the Us Kids youth bullying and mental health effort, she again addressed members and advised that around 100 people attended her mental health rally earlier this spring. Parker has also spoken at the Share Project in Waynesville and at the Rotary Club in Highlands. She thanked those who supported the event, bringing attention to youth mental health in Macon County and Franklin. In particular, Parker thanked North Carolina Senator Kevin Corbin, Mayor Horton, Franklin Police Chief Devin Holland, Macon County Commissioners Danny Antoine, Josh Young, and Gary Shields, as well as Union Academy Principal Dianne Cotton, and Emmanuel Perez for speaking at the rally.

A request was also put forth to the Council for the rally event to be permitted on an annual basis. April 30 or May 1 were posed as prospective dates for holding the rally each year. While no date specifically was assigned, the Council agreed to support the request, pending normal application submissions for events held within the town. In agreeing to allow the annual occurrence, Mayor Horton commented that, "if you want to keep this in the public eye and in the forefront, you need to remind people from time to time that this is an issue that will not go away."

David Rush, a member of the Franklin Fire Department,

was the sole speaker for the budget public session and requested that attention and support be provided within the next budget for fire department truck purchases. Rush has worked for the fire district for the past 43 years. He opined that department fire trucks are critical, and in some cases, old. With calls averaging 2,000 per year, they are also in constant demand and he stated to the Council that he felt updating the fleet was a necessary obligation of the town.

Town Planner Justin Setser presented a request for a public hearing, to be held Monday, July 3, as part of the monthly Town Council meeting. The purpose of the hearing is to allow citizens an opportunity to offer input in response to several proposed rezonings throughout town and extra-territorial jurisdiction. State law mandates that if more than 50 property owners are affected by rezoning efforts, citizens must be notified by mail of the hearing. Council member David Culpepper asked how Franklin residents were being notified about the rezoning. Setser stated that notifications will be mailed to property owners residing out of town. The Council voted on and approved the hearing.

Town Attorney John Henning Jr. also offered that "if there are more restrictive zonings that are going to be in play, I don't see any problem sending those folks notice, whether they live here or not.

"It's purely a legislative thing that you all [Town Council] decide when you're ready to do it and the hurdles to get over to be able to progress it, but you don't have to pass anything on July 3," he added.

"The first thing we want to do is get public input from the people who are directly affected by any change in their zone," said Horton. "The other thing to remember is the Planning Board is looking at this as a way to have an effect on the growth and development of the town."

Owens opened up a public hearing with a presentation on the FY 23/24 budget. While no speakers participated in the public hearing, Owens clarified aspects of the budget proposal package and reminded the Council of the new \$.33 per \$100 valuation and 95% collection rate for taxes. Additional highlighted items included a proposed 3% increase from the adopted water/sewer capital improvement program, and that no fund balance appropriation was required to balance the town budget, which is extremely rare, according to Owens.

For fire department funding, a district tax rate of \$.524 per \$100 valuation has been set by Macon County. And while the town met with county commissioners May 30 to request an increase in this rate; a decision is still to be determined. Related to this process, a special meeting was designated to



Macon County Chaplains recognized first responders at Monday's Town Council Meeting. Pictured are K9 Officer Eli Kirkland and Chaplain Bonnie Peggs.

be held Thursday, June 15, in order to respond accordingly, based on the commissioners decision on the requested tax increase at their June 13 meeting. The town has already budgeted use of \$300,000 from the FY 23/24 for capital purchases of two fire trucks.

Under new business, Town Finance Director Sarah Bishop delivered a budget amendment request in response to Governmental Accounting Standards Board-87 (GASB) standards rules. GASB is intended to promote financial reporting that provides useful information to taxpayers, public officials, investors, and others who use financial reports. GASB-87, in particular, focuses primarily on increasing usefulness of government financial statements by requiring reporting of certain lease liabilities, which currently are not reported. Under this guidance, all leases must be

reported as a capital lease

or financing lease. Bishop informed members on some burdens associated with GASB-87. "Because of the new standard, not only do we now budget to pay that expense each year, we also have to treat it as capital outlay - to treat it like a savings account, so to speak. This budget amendment will establish that liability." The amendment was approved unanimously by the Council.

Finally, the Council appointed/reappointed six individuals to the Tourism Development Authority (TDA), with three of the positions being three-year terms, running from June 5, 2023, to June 4, 2026. The other three positions are two-year terms and end June 4, 2025. Eleven applicants vied for the six position openings. After a five-minute recess for vote counting, members reconvened and announced the new (or refilled incumbent) positions as: Tim Crabtree, Josh Drake (both returning incumbent members), Hannah Edwards, Guy Gooder, Angela Martin, and Rob Reale. Who filled which two or three-year positions was not revealed at the meeting.

Council member Stacy Guffey presented an update from a meeting he and fellow council member Rita Salian attended on a potential substance abuse facility being developed and located in Franklin. A proposal for a facility to be privately built, owned and operated was presented and discussed. A group named Pyramid Health Care, who runs substance abuse facilities around the country, including North Carolina, is interested in locating a facility in Western North Carolina and have stated that Macon County is a logical place to locate the new facility. A proposed 140-bed facility to provide support to seven WNC counties is on the table. The organization is open to using some state funds, possibly construction-focused.

Another proposal included the same seven counties using opioid settlement money to reserve beds in the facility. Guffey stated, "I certainly think this will not fill the entire need in this area but man, that would be a great step. A main purpose of the meeting was to gather a consensus on whether people in Macon County and the Town of Franklin would be open to having such a facility located in their jurisdiction."

After the special-called meeting of June 15, the next Town of Franklin Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 3, at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall board room location.



Gracie Parker spoke for Us Kids and asked the Town Council for permission to hold a yearly rally.



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History revisited with Sand Town sign dedication at St. John's

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Although the Indian Removal Act of 1830, and the resulting Trail of Tears, is considered a stain on America's history, poignant and heroic occurrences and relationships resulted in at least some positives for the Macon County area. Nearly two centuries have passed, yet the North Carolina Trail of Tears Association (NCTOTA) – along with about 100 people attending – converged on the grounds of the tiny historic St. John's Episcopal Church in the Cartoogechaye community last Saturday, June 3, to place a sign indicating the Sand Town settlement.

According to Susan M. Abram, Ph.D., a history professor in Western Carolina University (WCU) and the NCTOTA president, this dedication is the first post-Indian Removal Act town site to be recognized and marked in Western North Carolina. She noted that when the forced removal began in the summer of 1838 by federal troops, at least 3,000 Cherokees from North Carolina were affected.

"The U.S. government had built forts and roads to accommodate the forced exodus of Cherokees. Troops funneled all North Carolina Cherokees through Fort Butler in present-day Murphy. From there, the Cherokees walked the Unicoi Turnpike through the gap to Fort Armistead at Tellico Plains, Tenn. Some Cherokee families, however, evaded the troops, hiding in the mountains or escaping to return to North Carolina. By then, their homesteads were no longer theirs, the state having sold the land. These Cherokees, from many different towns, found themselves homeless



Cherokee Chief Chuttahshotee and wife Cunstagih are buried on the grounds of St. John's Episcopal Church in the Cartoogechaye community. The chief and his wife were hidden by the Siler Family during the forced removal that began in the summer of 1838. The Silers deeded land to the couple so they would never be removed.



Photos by Vickie Carpenter

refugees. Throughout Western North Carolina, several white friends offered land where the Cherokees could reestablish themselves."

One of those areas was in the valley that extends currently on either side of Hwy. 64 in the Cartoogechaye community, en route to the Winding Stair pass and trailhead of the Appalachian Trail. In the 1800s, the area became known as Sand Town.

One of the main speakers at the June 3 event was St. John's Rector, Rev. Carl Southerland. Southerland is a direct descendant of the Siler family, who were pivotal in Cherokee relations in the early-to-mid 1800s. He explained the history and the significance

of the educational Sand Town sign.

"Mr. and Mrs. William Siler settled in this area in 1818 when it was Cherokee Indian country. Some 20 years later, when the government started removing the Cherokee from this land, the Silers hid an Indian couple, Chief Chuttahshotee and his wife Cunstagih [referred to by their English names as Jim and Sally Woodpecker], and then deeded them land so they would never be removed. Albert Siler, the son of William, had a special relationship with the chief. Albert taught the chief English and the chief taught Albert Cherokee. The chief died in 1878 and requested a white man's burial. Cunstagih died a natural death after saying to her son, "I am going with your father when the sun goes down." They were buried on land owned by the Silers [which is currently the grounds of the St. John's chapel]."

Albert and Joanna Siler were Rev. Southerland's great-great grandparents.

"My mother, Mary Slagle Southerland, grew up here and I grew up visiting family members and built a retirement home in 2008 on family land and started as reverend at St. John's in 2012. So, this event was very special for me. I've found it all very fascinating

... the people who lived together in Sand Town. There were some very positive relationships that occurred between some families [white and Cherokee]."

Besides being an important event for the congregation at St. John's, the signage dedication was especially significant for descendants of the Woodpecker family, who attended the event, as well as for the national Trail of Tears Association (TOTA) and the NCTOTA.

Also in attendance was Amy West, a former Miss Cherokee, who presented the Cherokee anthem, as well as Jack Baker, president of the TOTA; Dr. Brett Riggs, distinguished Sequoyah professor at WCU; Dr. Tom Belt, a Cherokee elder and former coordinator of WCU's Cherokee Language Program; and, Will Chavez, a Remember the Removal (RTR) legacy rider and the assistant editor of the Cherokee Phoenix. RTR involves cyclists who train to journey the estimated 950 miles along the northern route of the Trail of Tears; the ride spans eight states and takes approximately three weeks.

The NCTOTA next plans to mark the Welch Farm and Snowbird post-Removal Cherokee communities in Cherokee and Graham counties, respectively.

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Around 100 people attended the dedication of the SandTown sign on June 3 at St. John's Episcopal Church, at which Rev. Carl Southerland relayed the history of the Siler Family.

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Grand Ole Opry 'huge bucket list' experience for local musicians

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

In early March, country music singer/songwriter and Sylva native John Morgan received a surprise video call from Grammy and American Country Music award winner Carrie Underwood. The stunned Morgan learned that he had been invited to perform at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tenn., May 19. And, although Morgan is lead singer as well as songwriter, he made sure that two band members, drummer Rob Ricotta and bassist Caleb Bates, who are also childhood friends, performed with him.

During the early March video call, Underwood encouraged Morgan, expressing, "I'm so excited for you. It is truly a magical place and I hope you have the best night."

According to Ricotta, it was certainly a "best night" for the three musicians, who have been friends since boyhood. Ricotta and Caleb grew up in Franklin, and they met Morgan through sports, church, and private Christian school-related activities. They gravitated to Nashville over the last few years and have been performing and touring together.

"For John to ask Caleb and me to perform with him at the Opry was a great honor," said Ricotta. "For all of us, it was a pretty amazing experience."

He shared that Morgan became somewhat emotional when first on stage as he looked out and realized the first few rows were occupied by family members, including all three musicians' parents, as well as friends and supporters from Macon and Jackson counties.

"It was pretty special. John had to take a minute to explain to the audience," said Ricotta. "There were so many people there supporting us that we pretty much took up the back stage afterwards."

"It was all kind of surreal," echoed Morgan. "Even the day leading up to it. I did a lot of interviews, and all of a sudden, it's showtime and we're on stage. It hit me all at once. I didn't know so many people would be there. I think half of Sylva



The John Morgan Band, featuring boyhood friend musicians from Franklin and Sylva, were invited to perform at the Grand Ole Opry on May 19. At left is the official sign made for them to park at the iconic 4,400 seat theater in Nashville, Tenn.

showed up. I actually got to see some people I haven't seen in a few years. It was awesome to have friends and family back home to come and support us ... made it even sweeter. And to have my Hailey and Willie there was just great."

He added, "Also, it was just great to have my guys, Rob and Caleb, up there on stage with me ... a full circle experience. You have dreams and set goals high, but you don't necessarily expect to achieve all of them. It's a huge bucket list opportunity. Any country music fan has such a respect of the Opry. I've watched Keith Whitley's last Opry performance on YouTube several times, and standing up there I just realized that several of my musical heroes had stood in the same spot. All the way around it was a cool night."

Marilyn Betts, a relative of John Morgan's who has driven the band's bus, commented about the Opry event, "John came across as the humble person he is. The guys got a great reaction from the crowd. They were one of the highlights of the night."

A highpoint was seeing Marty Stuart, a bluegrass and country music icon, who is prominent in Ken Burns' Country Music documentary series; Stuart has been one of Morgan's favorites for many years.

"It was pretty phenomenal," said Ricotta. "He was just walking through the backstage hall. When John first came to Nashville, he wore a t-shirt with Marty's picture on it and we would poke fun at him," quipped Ricotta. "And here we were seeing Marty Stuart at the Opry!"

Morgan also met musician Bobby Osborne, who he said, "I have always had a great respect for."

Ricotta said the audience at the sold-out venue sang along to many of the performances that day, including John Morgan's two recent releases performed: "Sorry Not Sorry," and "Friends Like That."

Starstruck to be included in the Grand Ole Opry, the three musicians took photographs of the official sign made for them to park, as well as with friends and family back stage.

Where they go from here

John Morgan and his band members are continuing to build their country music careers and presence in Nashville and beyond. Videos of their songs can be seen on social media, and music can be downloaded through various platforms.

"We have a lot of festivals booked this summer and will be on part of the tour with Ernest [Ernest Keith Smith, known by country stage name simply as Ernest], who is an up and coming guy. He asked us to come on tour with him. He leans towards old school country, which I love. I also just finished three new singles for the John Morgan Band, and we will put those out this year."

"This is one of those building years for us as a band," said Ricotta. "Performing at the Opry is one of the building blocks of our journey as musicians. If you would have told any of us we would be on stage at the Opry, or that all that has happened to us – including me getting married and John getting married and having children – we might not have believed you. We have a very special place in our hearts for where we came from, and the mountain music will always be special to us."

Ricotta noted that no matter with whom they have had the privilege to tour, such as country musicians Travis Tritt or Jason Aldean, they often "relax" afterwards by getting together and "picking bluegrass." He said, "It's been a very special language to us as musicians."

(For more about the three local country musicians, read the article titled "Three native sons impacting Nashville's Country music scene" in the Feb. 23, 2023, edition of *The Macon County News*.)



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Mountain Voices sets summer concert

Mountain Voices announces its upcoming summer concert which will be held on Thursday, June 22, beginning at 7 p.m., at First United Methodist Church, 66 Harrison Avenue, Franklin. This performance is free, and the public is invited to attend.

Mountain Voices was formed in 2015. A typical season includes summer and winter concerts as well as special performances at benefits throughout the year.

This year's musical selections include show tunes, pop music, gospel songs, patriotic numbers and "all that jazz." The chorus is under the direction of Beverly Barnett and is accompanied by Mary Pittman on piano as well as other local instrumentalists whose talents help complete the band.

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Bob Scott

Author Kingsbury coming to Franklin

New York Times Bestselling novelist Karen Kingsbury will be in Franklin on Saturday, June 17, at 1 p.m. at the Smoky Mountain Center for the Performing Arts. This special event is sponsored by the Smoky Mountain Pregnancy Care Center and 101.3 The Light FM. Tickets are available at SmokyPartners.com or by calling (828)349-3200.

Karen Kingsbury entertains and inspires her audiences as she talks about her journey to becoming a successful writer, her family and adoption story, and her experience becoming a focused Christian. The event is for everyone, but especially people who have enjoyed her books, aspiring writers, and those ready for a special time with a special author.

Kingsbury has written more than 70 books, with over 25 million in print. She is America's favorite inspirational storyteller, and several of her books have been the



Karen Kingsbury

subject of Hallmark movies. It was recently announced that Roma Downey and MGM Studios are developing a television series out of 22 of Kingsbury's Baxter Family books. Kingsbury is also an adjunct professor of writing at Liberty University. In 2001 she and her husband, Don, adopted three boys from Haiti, doubling their family in a matter of months. Today the couple has joined the ranks of empty nesters, living in Tennessee near five of their adult children.

Kingsbury is a sought-after speaker on issues of life, adoption, creative writing, and keeping faith in today's culture. A limited number of her books will be available for sale following the program. For more information about Karen Kingsbury, visit karenkingsbury.com.

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Macon Middle School takes Blue Ridge Conference Championships

Dan Finnerty – Sports Writer

While the 2022-23 school year is in the books, Macon Middle School athletes made their mark in the annals of MMS school history.

To Coach Craig Kurimay's knowledge, Macon Middle School's (MMS) golf team has never won the western division of the Blue Ridge Athletic Conference (BRAC) - nor have they placed in the conference playoffs previously. This year, both of those facts changed.

With his team comprised of four eighth graders (Nicco Abbate, Ryland Angel, Nolan Raby, and Michael Strange) and two sixth graders (Bryce Bradley, Reid Willis), Kurimay reached previously unmatched levels of success for MMS golf.

The BRAC is made up of two divisions with MMS, Canton, Waynesville, Bethel, Asheville Christian Academy (ACA), and Smoky Mountain comprising the western division. Six matches comprised the regular season in which MMS finished in first place with a cumulative 951 score, which put it 35 points better than Waynesville (986) and 42 points better than ACA's 993.

In the conference playoffs, the Panthers barely missed taking first, finishing with 382 points after two matches compared with winner Rugby Middle School, from the eastern BRAC division, which scored 380 to take the championship.

"After scoring their second highest, not good, score all year on day one, they were 13 shots out ... Showing grit, determination, and Panther Pride on day two, they 'clawed' back and scored their second lowest [less is more in golf] score all year and made up 11 shots," Kurimay said.

Regarding the outcome of the season, he added, "I'm most proud of numerous comments that parents from other schools made about these players' character, conduct, friendliness, and



Macon Middle School Golf team won the western division of the Blue Ridge Athletic Conference for the first time and was runner up in the conference playoffs.



At left, Bryce Bradley prepares to take a swing. Above, Michael Strange concentrates on form.

helpfulness toward each other and their competitors. I'm excited about the opportunity to build next year's team around such talented players as Bryce and Reid."

Baseball brings home first championship

Randy Phillips just finished his inaugural season as MMS baseball coach. After six years at Franklin High School working with the baseball team there as a position coach, he started coaching the middle school team this year. While he would probably be the last person to take credit for it, he led the team to an undefeated season. With a 14-4 win over the Rugby Raiders, Phillips capped a perfect season with the team and, as far as he knows, the first BRAC championship for MMS baseball in at least seven years.

Phillips listed his favorite memory of the season as when he was short of players for a period of time and his guys never quit.

"We had so many kids that stepped up and performed well," he said. "I think another positive was our defense was vastly improved ... and we didn't have too many multiple error games."

He also went on to note that "we outscored our opponents 252-54."

The coach pointed out that he is looking forward to next year as well, although he admitted it will be different.

"We will have a smaller group of experienced players coming back, but with those guys, and a solid group of young players coming up, it should be another good year."

Not to be outdone, the MMS girls' softball team won a championship of its own. By also defeating the Raiders, 11-1, the Lady Panthers avenged an earlier season loss to Rugby Middle School enroute to winning the BRAC title. Also in her first year, Coach Sarah Carpenter overcame the loss of many players from an undefeated 2022 season to orchestrate the second consecutive championship for MMS softball.

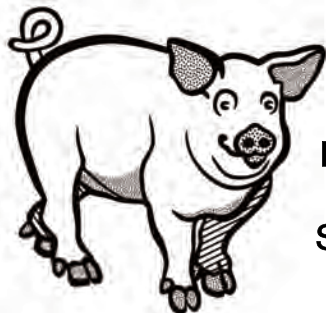
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What's new on the plateau

Patrick Taylor
Highlands Mayor

A furlong is a horse racing distance measurement of one-eighth of a mile. A typical horse race is a mile or eight furlongs. The North Carolina legislative procedures can be likened to a horse race, and this current session is in the last furlong of the race. The whips are out, and there is a mad rush to get budget bills over the finish line before adjournment. The race will probably be over in Raleigh sometime later this month or in early July.

Our legislative delegation has been in the front of the race trying to get legislation passed that will be beneficial for Western North Carolina and for the Town of Highlands. I appreciate having advocates for our community and regions like Sen. [Kevin] Corbin and Rep. [Carl] Gillespie.

Gillespie and Corbin have introduced legislation for funding the dredging of Mirror Lake. This project is long overdue and, if funded, will have a very positive impact on the Highlands watershed, which also includes the county. The Highlands Plateau is the originating source of groundwater for many in this area. We have our fingers crossed that it will cross the budget finish line and work can begin this coming fiscal year. Legislators are also working to secure funds for major upgrades to the Highlands water plant. The town continues to invest in the water system, but I hope state funds for water improvements can get over the finish line in Raleigh.

In the past several years I have worked with other officials to address the problem of large tractor trailer trucks getting stuck on the Gorge Road. Flashing warning lights have been installed and the size of the trailers permitted have been reduced from 50 feet to 30. While these measures have helped to some extent, more needs to be done. Gillespie has introduced a piece of legislation that will get the attention of truck companies. Currently, a violation on the Gorge Road is a fine of a few hundred dollars. Some companies pay the fine when cited and continue to repeatedly use the road. Gillespie's bill increases fines for repeat offenders. A second violation would be \$2,500 and the third or more would be \$5,000. If that bill passes the finish line it will get the attention of truck companies. A \$5,000 fine would negate any benefit of continuing to ignore the law by using the Gorge Road. The bill would also facilitate the truck companies to post on their GPS routing software a warning not to route drivers to the Gorge Road.

Sometimes problems can only be solved by working with the folks in Raleigh. On behalf of the town, I thank Rep. Gillespie and Sen. Corbin for their advocacy for the needs of Highlands. Let's cheer their efforts to the finish line. We could have a photo finish.



Patrick Taylor

Letters to the Editor

'Lies presented as facts' dispelled regarding AOC

Mr. Swift made accusations regarding AOC, the democratic representative from New York. I'm generally not a fan of AOC but it galls me to see lies presented as facts. Simple research would have found that AOC is a graduate of Boston University. She majored in international relations and economics and graduated cum laude. As to her supposed vast wealth, her financial disclosure filed in 2021 indicated assets of between \$3,003 and \$45,000 and includes her pension. She owes about \$15,000 in student debt.

Thank you.

S. Williams – Franklin, N.C.

America's collective intelligence is being tested

The United States is as divided and turbulent, our government disconnected and more dysfunctional than I can ever recall (including the Vietnam era), a 15-year span we managed to outlast (barely) and survive.

Now, with the whole world watching, allies and adversaries alike scrutinizing our every move, we face an entirely different kind of threat, one unlike any we've encountered in our history (or at least in my four-score years). This menace was created and now flourishes within our borders and (less you've forgotten - or never knew), English historian Arnold Toynbee (1889-1975) taught us that "19 of 21 notable civilizations have withered and died from within, not by conquest from without. With no bands playing and no flags waving, these civilizations decayed from within; it happened slowly and in the quiet and dead of night when no one was aware."

In our civilization, in our America, we have the choice to make ourselves aware, to know the score. It is my opinion that the former president, aligned with the present Speaker of the House and the House GOPers are betting big on the apathy, naivete, and the gullibility of an abundance of clueless Americans. They are testing America's collective intelligence, our firmness and our resolve, and expecting to find us deficient. When Trump declares, "I love the uneducated," he's not imparting a compliment, it's an insult. He likes (and needs) the easily-led multitudes in his pocket.

It will be interesting to see how Americans respond to the test. Will we remember that in a free society that subscribes to a democratic form of representative government within a Republic requires the participation, honesty, morality, sincerity and directness of all its citizens? I have long surmised that Benjamin Franklin was thinking similarly when he was approached by a woman who, following the Constitutional Convention, asked Franklin, "Mr. Franklin, what manner of government have you bequeathed us?" To which he replied, "A Republic, Madam, if you can keep it."

Well, we've kept it approximately two and a half centuries during which our resolve has been tested many times. Now we are under assault and being put to the test once again. I have lived under 15 presidents and served under six of them. Never in my lifetime has our government been in such disarray and so out-of-control. Never has law and order seemed so haphazard, weak and powerless or our system of checks and balances reduced to an apparition resembling an imaginary desert mirage.

The future of the United States, indeed our very independence and sovereignty are in jeopardy and in dire peril due primarily to the selfish acts of our own duly elected leaders in their never-ending pursuit of power, wealth and influence.

David L. Snell – Franklin, N.C.

Vote against M.A.G.A. ideology

In reading the January 6 Bipartisan Report one fact is hammered home: Most of the testimony used in the investigation/report came from elected and appointed Republicans. So, when Donald Trump rants about retribution surely most Republicans see the threat as what it is: an attack on Republicans who adhere to the rule of law as established in the Constitution.

The report lays out several ways Trump attempted (and still attempts) to undermine people's faith in democratic government by our written Constitution: 1. asking politicians not to certify the election, 2. asking them to de-certify, 3. attempting to empower pro-Trump electors, 4. asking, outright, for enough votes to win in Georgia, and 5. offering to use Trump campaign money to sway the election results in Georgia.

If none of the above worries you, you may knowingly or unknowingly be a member of the movement to take over America and re-shape it to benefit the upper-upper class. If you like the tax breaks Trump designed to benefit the wealthiest among us, you may be a member of that movement (M.A.G.A.) Trump bellows about frequently. If you believe that Citizens United was enacted to help the majority of voters rather than the wealthiest you may be a knowing or unknowing member of M.A.G.A.

Republicans, Independents and Democrats who are middle-class or lower must see the need to unite against M.A.G.A. ideology. Politicians must work to restore power to the people. It is too easy to adhere to old-school party affiliation as opposed to analyzing how legislative actions effect the man/woman on the street.

It is with some reluctance that I ask Republicans and Independents to consider voting away from party lines. But, surely, you realize that millions did in order for Joe Biden to garner over 81 million votes in 2020. We can continue that trend of support for the Rule of Law in 2024. Vote against M.A.G.A. ideology again.

Dave Waldrop – Webster, N.C.

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The Legislative Review

N.C. Rep. Karl Gillespie



Karl Gillespie

In this week's edition of The Legislative Review, the House considers the Senate's budget proposal, the 2023 Farm Act makes its way to the House, and more.

For the legislative week of May 22, 2023-May 26, 2023, the House began with a non-voting session Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, various committees met, including, House Health, House Commerce, and House Local Government. Tuesday's morning session was administrative in nature and no votes were taken.

On Wednesday, a morning caucus was held prior to the 10 a.m. voting session. Various legislation was considered, including:

- HB259, 2023 Appropriations Act, is an act to make base budget appropriations for current operations of state agencies, departments and institutions. The House voted unanimously to not concur with the Senate proposal of the budget. Therefore, conferees from the House and Senate will be appointed to begin the compromise negotiations.

- SJR220, Confirm Phil Baddour/Industrial Commission, is a joint resolution providing for the confirmation of Philip Baddour III, to the North Carolina Industrial Commission. The resolution passed with a unanimous vote of 108-0.

- SB465, Cities/Remove and Dispose of Abandoned Vessels, would expand authority over the removal and disposal of abandoned vessels from coastal counties to all counties and grant that same authority to cities. The bill passed with unanimous consent.

At 1 p.m., the House Agriculture Committee met and held a discussion only meeting on SB582, North Carolina Farm Act of 2023. Legislative business concluded for the week following Wednesday's afternoon committee meetings.

On Thursday, I attended a meeting back in the district with local officials and representatives from Pyramid Healthcare to gauge an interest in a possible substance abuse treatment facility for the area. The meeting proved

very productive with great turnout and participation.

Meeting with Pyramid Healthcare officials

The legislative week of May 29, 2023-June 2, 2023, began on Tuesday with an administrative, non-voting session at 9:30 a.m. Various committees met throughout the day, including: House Health, House Appropriations- Information Technology, and House Education, K-12.

On Wednesday, I met with two advocacy groups. The first was to discuss the NC Food Hub collaborative, which would provide funding to support the aggregation, distribution, and marketing of locally sourced food to customers. The second meeting was to discuss SB3, "NC Compassionate Care Act." SB3, which passed the NC Senate earlier this year, would "provide for the sale of cannabis and cannabis-infused products to qualified patients with a debilitating medical condition through a regulated medical cannabis supply system."

At 1 p.m., I attended the House Agriculture Committee where we voted on SB582, North Carolina Farm Act of 2023. SB582 would make various changes to the agricultural and wastewater laws of the State. SB582 is comprehensive and if you're interested, I encourage you to view the contents of the bill at the ncleg.gov website.

During the Agriculture Committee, I introduced an amendment to add the contents of HB426 (a bill that I introduced and which passed the House in early May), which would reduce burdensome regulations on our trout farmers, to the NC Farm Act of 2023. The amendment passed with strong bipartisan support. I voted in favor of SB582, and the bill passed committee. It has been referred to the Rules Committee.

Later that afternoon, session convened and we voted on several bills, including:

- SB100, Authorize Haw River State Trail, would authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to add the Haw River Trail to the State Parks System as a State trail. The bill passed, 118-0.

- SB291, QRIS/Star Rating System Reform, would extend the expiration date to hold harmless certain facilities when the Department of Health and Human Services resumes Environmental Rating Scale Assessments for Licensed Child Care facilities and to require the NC Child Care Commission to complete recommendations for star-rating system reform and report those recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Health and Human Services. The bill passed by a vote of 118-0.

- SB364, Nondiscrimination & Dignity in State

Work, would amend the state Human Resources Act to prohibit compelled speech when an individual seeks state government or community college employment, to demonstrate the General Assembly's intent that state and community college employees recognize the equality and rights of all persons, and to prohibit state government and community college workplaces from promoting certain concepts that are contrary to that intent. I voted in favor of the bill and it passed by a vote of 72-46.

On Thursday, I met with a representative from the North Carolina Symphony. I also met with a Senator to discuss the prospects of moving one of my bills through the Senate Transportation Committee. That bill, HB593, passed the House by a vote of 118-0.

At 10 a.m., the Appropriations Chairs and Area Appropriations Chairs (of which I am a Chair of Appropriations, AGNER) met to discuss area budget targets as we continue to finalize the General Assembly's final budget. Thursday's House session was non-voting, and the House concluded its legislative business for the week.



Did You Know?

Big news at one of our state's most popular attractions. The NC Zoo in Asheboro was able to build a new habitat for its baboons - one of the largest in the world. Also, a new baby giraffe was just born at the zoo. With funding from the voter-approved NC Connect bond package, the zoo has grown into one of the best and most family-friendly destinations in North Carolina.

Let us know what you think

Concerned about a particular issue? Contact us and we will assist you in any way we can. E-mail: Andrew.Bailey@ncleg.gov or telephone: 919-733-5859.

LETTERS

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We can do our part to take care of 'people's assets'

"This is the people's government, this is the people's county, and we must take care of the people's assets."

Those words were spoken by Commissioner John Shearl during the FY23-24 budget discussion of the Macon County Board of Commissioners' continued session on May 23, 2023.

This past Friday, Commissioner Shearl and his crew from J&J Lawn and Landscaping Co., cleaned and pressure-washed the monument on Rankin Square in downtown Franklin as a volunteer service to the public.

This is truly leading by example.

As noted by Mr. Shearl during the budget discussion, much of Macon County's structures and facilities are in dire need of maintenance and repair - some need much more attention than pressure washing.

Zachary Park in Highlands is one example.

Mr. Shearl said, "We just need to ... get a list of these

things and start taking care of these buildings and properties that the taxpayers of this county have built and paid for - they are in desperate need of maintenance."

During a brief conversation, Mr. Shearl mentioned that acts of volunteerism are common in Highlands, N.C.

Perhaps it's time for all of us to find out where we can do our part.

Macon County Republican Party

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Summer events planned to engage readers

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

At independent bookstore A Novel Escape in Franklin, owner Liz DeWandeler has planned some “novel” summer opportunities for patrons. One is an interactive experience aimed at enabling readers to pinpoint various reading genres. This event, titled “How to Choose More Books You Love,” takes place Thursday, June 15 at 6:30 p.m.

“We all wish that every book we read could be a five-star experience,” explained DeWandeler. “The free interactive workshop will guide you through exploring your own reading identity, which will help you branch out into new genres while being confident in your ability to choose the right books for you.”

She added that anyone who registers for the free workshop, and registration is required due to limited space, will be sent a “homework assignment” to be completed prior to the event. The information provided prior to the event will assist DeWandeler in providing the correct information to participants.

“Attendees are encouraged to bring their own dinner with them since this is an evening event. Seats are limited, but if the demand is there, we will repeat the class again in the fu-

ture,” she said.

Additionally, adults can participate in the bookstore’s “Grown-up Book-It Challenge” all summer. Readers can sign up in-store and get a special bookmark to track their reading.

“For every book read, they get a star and a small prize,” she said, “And, when they fill the bookmark (six total books) they will be entered to win a grand prize. This is our very popular summer reading program that is in its third year, and goes from June through the end of August.”



Early next month on July 5, is the Book Club at 6:30 p.m., with participants engaging in a round-table discussion of recent books read. Also in July the bookstore is sponsoring “Where’s Cowee Sam?” a month-long event that Main Street merchants will be participating in.

“Cowee Sam, created by the Suminski Family, will be hiding in Main Street stores to be found by families through the month of July. Families can get a map from A Novel Escape, locate Cowee Sam, get a stamp from the participating store, and then submit their completed ‘hunt’ to be entered to win a grand prize at the end of the month,” said DeWandeler.

More information about summer reading and book-related opportunities are available in the store or online.

Mainspring opportunities get back to nature

Deena C. Bouknight – Contributing Writer

Ideal temperatures and sunny days mean that the outdoors beckon, and Mainspring Conservation Trust has plenty of opportunities for locals and visitors to engage with nature.

Skye Cahoon, conservation outreach coordinator for Mainspring, pointed out that summer is important for a number of reasons.

“Community is such an essential part of the natural world: algae produce oxygen that animals breathe, fungi break down leaf litter and fertilize the soil, and tadpoles transform into frogs and carry nutrients from the water to the land,” she said. “We try to reflect that aspect of community in our events, either by connecting with each other – like the Mainspring Meanders hikes or Green Drinks mixers – or reciprocally connecting with nature, such as our upcoming plant rescue or Stewartia Walk.”



As a result, Mainspring has planned events and activities to interest people of all ages and with all types of interests and abilities. Two activities call attention to water creatures. On Saturday, June 10, at 10 a.m. is a moderate 3.5-mile hike in Panthertown; the goal is to look for aquatic life, such as salamanders, as well as enjoy waterfalls, an overlook, and more. A “Clean Water and Stream Buffer Class” is with Dr. Bill McLarney at Winding Stair Nursery on Saturday, June 24, at 9 a.m. Participants will learn how to improve amphibian habitat on private property.

“The diverse patchwork of our landscape – mountains and valleys, floodplains and forests – combined with the abundance of water produces the greatest salamander diversity in the world right in our backyards,” shared Cahoon. “Salamanders, with their delicate skin and shell-less eggs, crave

water like a plant craves sunlight. Some species do not even have lungs and rely on their skin and its watery veil to breathe.” She noted that the distinct and threatened hellbender, which exists in some local waterways, require (like salamanders and other species) “deep, damp leaf litter to hide in, sediment-free rocky river bottoms to hunt in, trees and other plants to shade them from the hot sun, and waterways free from harmful pollutants.”

Activity offerings by Mainspring educate the community regarding various creatures’ habitat requirements.

Additionally, on Friday, June 9, at 9 a.m. is “Turk’s Cap Lily Rescue Work Day,” which focuses on relocating native wildflowers impacted by one of Mainspring’s ongoing stream restoration projects.

On Friday, June 23, at 9 a.m. is a “Stewartia Walk” with naturalist Jack Johnston. He will lead a group on his annual expedition to view the showy Mountain Camellia (*Stewartia ovata*) flowers growing in the wild.

Mainspring Conservation Trust’s website provides detailed information, registration requirements, and future activities.



Scholarships bestowed upon seniors of FHS Class of 2023

Franklin High School held its annual Scholarship Night Thursday, May 18, at the FHS Fine Art Center handing out thousands of dollars in scholarships.

The following scholarships were awarded:

- A.B. Slagle Memorial Scholarship - Caden John Lemuel Wood
- Adelaide L. Brewer Memorial Scholarship - Ocean Elisabeth Anderson
- Angela Dawn Shope Memorial Scholarship - Estela Acevedo-Ruiz
- Appalachian Excellence Scholarship - Callie Rhianna Barnett
- Arthur Pitman Scholarship - Crystal Avilene Bohorquez-Rios
- Barbara McRae Scholarship (Folk Heritage) - Callie Morgan Roper
- Captain John G. Gardner, USMC, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Scholarship - Reese Emiline Ward
- Carolina Smokies Realtors Foundation, Inc. Scholarship - Kaylee Ann Price
- Carson-Newman University Compass Scholarship - Hannah-Lynn Marie Henshaw
- Carson-Newman University Dean's Scholarship - Hannah-Lynn Marie Henshaw
- Carson-Newman University Minister's Dependent Award - Hannah-Lynn Marie Henshaw
- Carson-Newman University Music Ensemble Scholarship - Hannah-Lynn Marie Henshaw
- Chick-Fil-A Leadership Scholarship - Isabella Si Qing Wilkins
- Civic Local Foundation Scholarship - Reese Emiline Ward
- Coach Dale Hough Memorial Scholarship - William Davis Anders, Israel Rhashawn Jackson, Taylor Katherine-Jean Moss, Benjamin Travis Waldroop, James Alan Wright II
- College Foundation of North Carolina Scholarship - Kadence Glorianna Watford
- Countryside Chevrolet Scholarship Rotary Club of Franklin - Andrea LeeAnn Terrell
- Darrin Eugene Taylor Memorial Scholarship - Callie Rhianna Barnett
- Dorothy Wertzler Memorial Scholarship - Jamison Carlyle Postell
- Duke University Grant - Taylor Katherine-Jean Moss
- Elaine and Robert Pyle Memorial Scholarship of Cowee Baptist Church - Tori Madison Ensley, Israel Rhashawn Jackson, Lily Marisa McGaha, William Tanner Welch
- First Citizens Bank Scholarship - Callie Rhianna Barnett, Christopher Logan Dyer, Tori Madison Ensley, Kirsten Michelle Keyes, Gavin Lee McConnell, Catherine Marie Rauers, Alyssa Nicole Smith, Andrea LeeAnn Terrell, Benjamin Travis Waldroop, Brayden Austin Watts, Caden John Lemuel Wood, James Alan Wright II, Renae Helen Younce
- Franklin Area Chamber of Commerce Community Enrichment Foundation Trade

Scholarship - Michelle Perez, Benjamin Travis Waldroop, Jasmine Valencia-Lopez, Renae Helen Younce

- Franklin FFA Alumni Tex Corbin Vocational Scholarship - Sarah Gracie Ledford, James Alan Wright II
- Franklin High School Band Boosters Scholarship - Callie Rhianna Barnett, Jacob Ethan Cabe
- Franklin High School Class of '61 Scholarship - Hannah Marie Smith, James Alan Wright II
- Franklin High School Class of '62 Scholarship - Brayden Austin Watts, Reese Emiline Ward
- Franklin High School Class of '72 Scholarship - Jacob Ethan Cabe
- Franklin High School Class of 1989 Scholarship - Taylor Katherine Moss, Benjamin Travis Waldroop, William Tanner Welch, James Alan Wright II
- Franklin Lions Club Scholarship - Israel Rhashawn Jackson
- Frederick L. Siler Scholarship - Bethany Jean Daniel, Kirsten Michelle Keyes, Catherine Marie Rauers, Callie Morgan Roper, James Alan Wright II
- Future Business Leaders of America Scholarship - MyKayla Ellis McClure, Michelle Perez, Alyssa Nicole Smith
- Future Leaders Scholarship - Hannah Grace Ludwig
- Georgia Nell McDonald Dunlap Memorial Scholarship - Madison Elizabeth Lowe
- Heffington Scholarship - Jamison Carlyle Postell
- Hickory Knoll Methodist Church Trade & Technical School Scholarship - Josh Aaron Gibson, Benjamin Travis Waldroop
- Highlands/Cashiers Board of Realtors Scholarship - Jamison Carlyle Postell
- JMS Cattlemen's Association Agriculture Scholarship - Alexis Kayliana O'Brien, Hannah Marie Smith
- John H. & Frances A. Killian Scholarship Fund - Reese Emiline Ward
- Junaluske Foundation Barrett-Bateman Scholarship - Callie Rhianna Barnett, Taylor Katherine-Jean Moss, James Alan Wright II
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- Nancy Carole Whittington Memorial Scholarship - Kirsten Michelle Keyes
- Nantahala Bank Scholarship - Brayden Austin Watts
- New Century Scholars - David Earl Campbell, Kaz Collins, Bethany Jean Daniel, Rebecca Faye Dooley, Ava Lynn May, Adalee Novella McGaha, Ingrid Itzel Mendoza, Elizabeth Grace Puckett, Hannah Marie Smith, Sophia Rose Waters
- North Carolina State Fair Youth Livestock Scholarship - Hannah Marie Smith
- North Carolina State Employees Credit Union "People Helping People" Scholarship - Clayton Michael Guynn, Callie Morgan Roper
- North Carolina State University Academic Enhancement Grant - Tori Madison Ensley
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- Pharaohs Club Scholarship - Benjamin Travis Waldroop
- Rotary Club of Franklin Scholarship - Callie Rhianna Barnett, Callie Morgan Roper, Reese Emiline Ward
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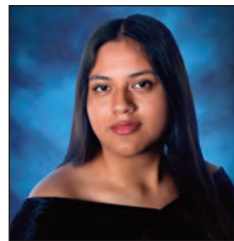
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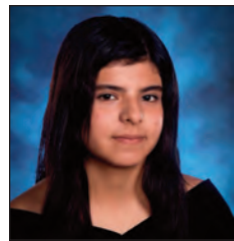
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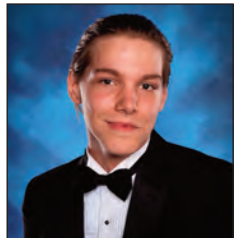
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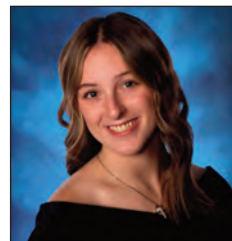
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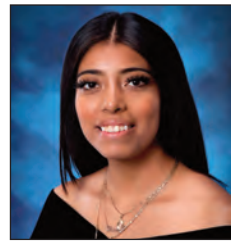
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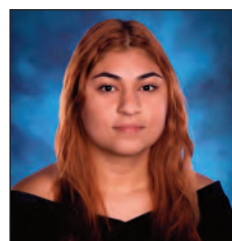
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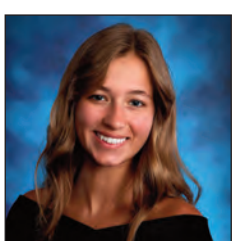
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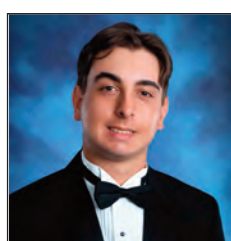
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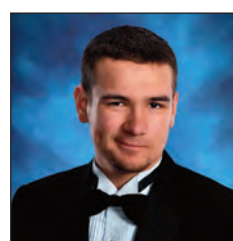
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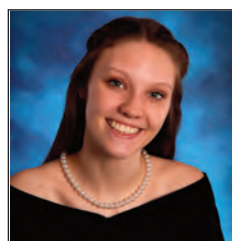
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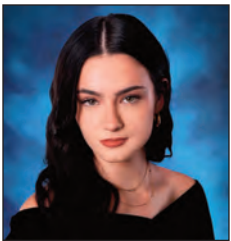
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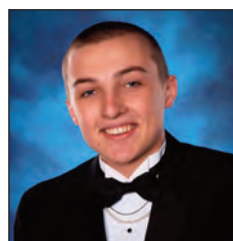
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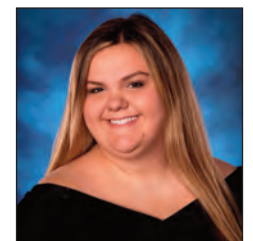
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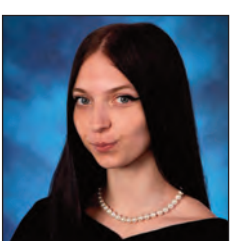
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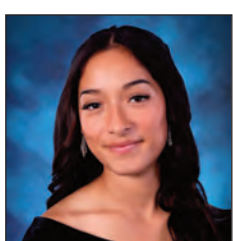
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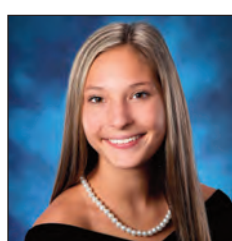
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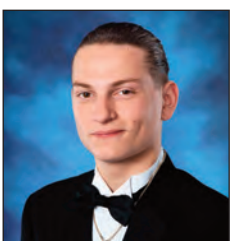
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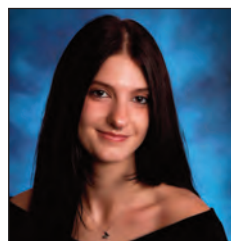
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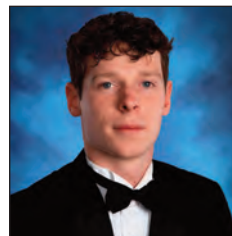
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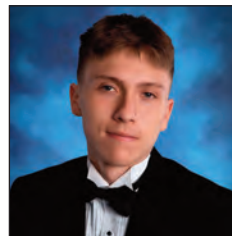
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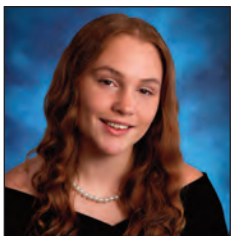
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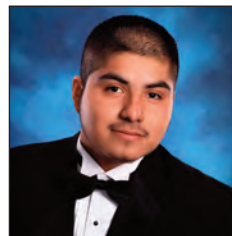
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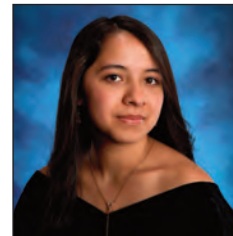
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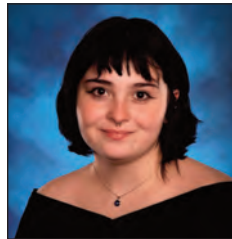
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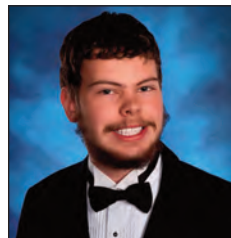
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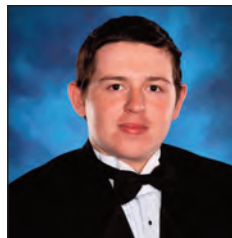
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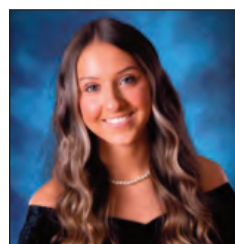
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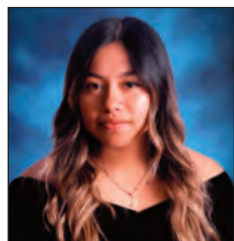
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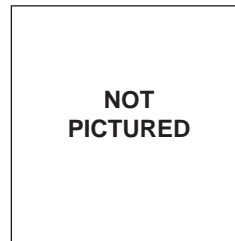
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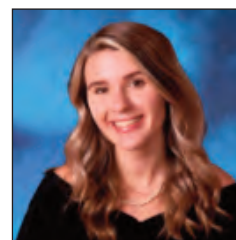
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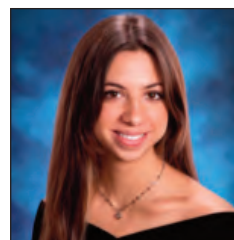
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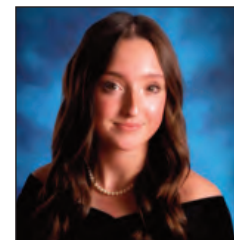
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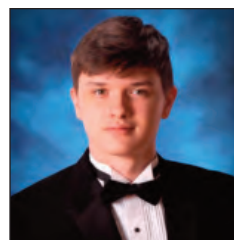
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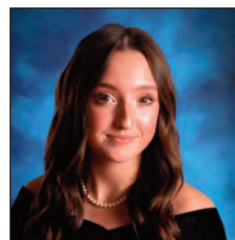
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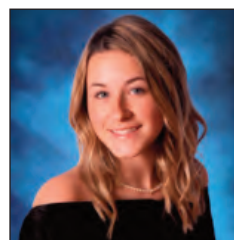
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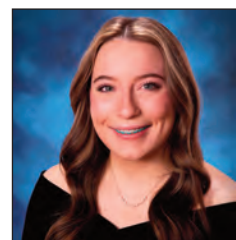
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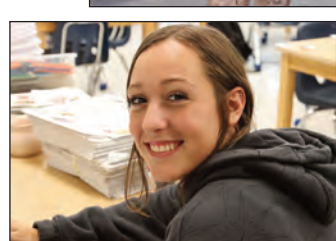
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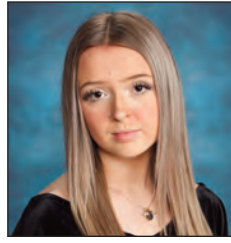
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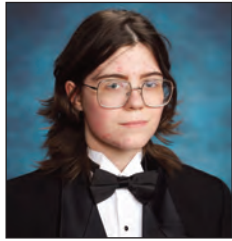
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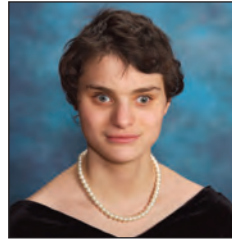
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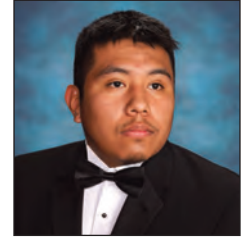
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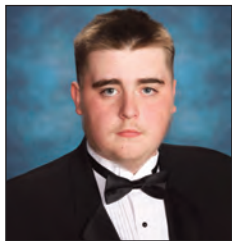
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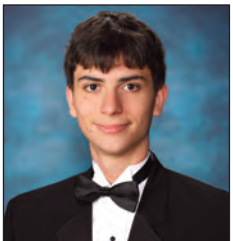
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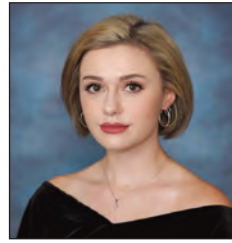
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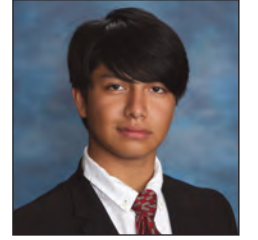
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Arrest Report

The Macon County Sheriff's Department, Franklin Police Department or Jackson County Sheriff's Department made the following arrests May 30 - June 4. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.



Macon County Sheriff's Department

May 30

Justin Michael Connell, 28, was charged with failure to appear. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

May 31

Bradford John Brandon Jr., 31, was charged with offenses committed in jurisdiction. Deputy E. Sands made the arrest.

June 1

Zachary Holder, 35, was charged with second degree trespass and misdemeanor stalking. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

Blake Corbin McDowell, 40, was charged with possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance, felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance, simple possession of a schedule IV controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Sergeant James E. Crawford made the arrest.

Calvin Dale Hurst, 41, was charged with second degree trespass and communicating threats. Sergeant James E. Crawford III made the arrest.

Gina Renee Breedlove, 42, was charged with out of state felony. Tristan Howard made the arrest.

June 2

Jose Alberto Fajardo-Maximo, 31, was charged with assault on a female, interfere with emergency communication and injury to personal property. Costin Jigla made the arrest.

Luther Stinnett IV, 29, was charged with possession of methamphetamine. Lt. Nick Lofthouse made the arrest.

June 3

Kaylan Jo Moore, 34, was charged with violate domestic violence protective order. Matthew D. Long made the arrest.

Franklin Police Department

May 31

Laura Surelle Henry, 50, was charged with felony larceny by employee. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

June 2

Charles Samuel Carpenter, 46, was charged with commu-

nicating threats. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

James Barton Smith, 52, was charged with possession of a stolen motor vehicle. R.S. Dula made the arrest.

June 4

Juan Perez-Gutierrez, 35, was charged with driving while impaired. Brandon D. Hooper made the arrest.

William Jason Woodard, 39, was charged with resist/obstruct/delay. Jonathan M. Lauffer made the arrest.

Jackson County Sheriff's Department

May 29

Jamie Lynn Case, 44, of Tuckasegee, was charged with assault on a female. No bond was set.

Moises Flores Juarez, 51, of Franklin, was charged with driving left of center, no operators license, failure to report accident and felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$500 was set.

May 30

Brian Dallas Brooks, 38, of Sylva, was charged with reckless driving with wanton disregard, resisting a public officer and possession of methamphetamine. A secured bond of \$10,000 was set.

May 31

Alexander Martinez Garcia, 27, of Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for misdemeanor larceny. A secured bond of \$8,000 was set.

David Adam Windseth, 37, of Webster, was charged with obtaining property by false pretense and identity theft. A secured bond of \$25,000 was set.

Christopher Allen Cornette, 43, of Sylva, was charged with abuse causing serious physical injury, indecent liberties with a child, sex act by sub parent/custodian and rape of a child under 15. A secured bond of \$585,000 was set.

Jonathan Allen Rattler, 33, of Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for speeding. No bond was set.

Kerry Hawk Otter, 37, of Cherokee, was charged with larceny after break and enter and breaking and entering. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Jose Guadalupe Pascual, 38, of Cherokee, was charged with driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$750 was set.

June 1

Edwin Antonio Romero, 43, of Sylva, was charged with open container alcohol violation, resisting a public officer, possession of drug paraphernalia, maintaining a vehicle/dwelling place for a controlled substance and possession with intent to manufacture/sell/deliver a schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$15,000 was set.

Sonia Margarita Reyes, 26, of Cherokee, was charged with open container alcohol violation and possession of drug paraphernalia. No bond was set.

Charles Edward Allen, 64, of Cherokee, was charged with possession of marijuana paraphernalia, possession of marijuana and carrying concealed weapon. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Christopher Nathan Stephens, 36, of Cullowhee, was charged with communicating threats and assault on a female. No bond was set.

Bobby Joe Conner, 24, of Whittier, was charged with failure to register sex offender and solicit child by computer. A \$300,000 bond was set.

Lucinda Faye Childers, 42, of Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for driving while license revoked. A secured bond of \$1,500 was set.

Trista May Best, 32, of Tuckasegee, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance. A secured bond of \$5,000 was set.

June 2

Fernando Esau-Alvarez Blanco, 21, of Glenville, was charged with violation of NCGS 14-269(C), carrying a concealed gun and indictment of possession of a firearm by a felon. A secured bond of \$200,000 was set.

Lisa Renee Toineeta, 57, of Cherokee, was charged with no liability insurance. No bond was set.

James Wesley Wooten, 41, of Sylva, was charged with domestic violence protective order violation. No bond was set.

Kenith James Scott, 48, of Franklin, was charged with communicating threats, assault by pointing a gun and fugitive extradition warrant for out of state. No bond was set.

Andrew Henry, 46, of Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for first degree trespass enter and remain.

Adam Joe Rayfield, 44, of Cherokee, was charged with failure to appear for intoxicated and disruptive and felony possession of a schedule II controlled substance.

Richard MacDale Mills, 53, of Sylva, was charged with misdemeanor child abuse and assault on a female. No bond was set.

Krystal Leeanne Long, 38, of Hendersonville, was charged with speeding, location of TV in vehicle and driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. A secured bond of \$2,000 was set.

Thomas Kelly Myers, 52, of Cherokee, was charged with carrying a concealed weapon, failure to wear seat belt for front seat, allow unlicensed to drive and passenger flee accident with property damage. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Kristy Ann Nations, 30, of Cherokee, was charged with expired/no inspection, failure to wear seat belt for driver, drive left of center, expired registration card/tag, hit/run leave the scene for property damage and driving while license revoked not impaired revocation. An unsecured bond of \$2,500 was set.

Jamie Dean Burch, 46, of Sylva, was charged with possession of stolen firearm. An unsecured bond of \$5,000 was set.

June 3

Eugene Kelly Langley, 49, of Cashiers, was charged with second degree trespass. A secured bond of \$1,000 was set.

June 4

Randall Eugene Fowler, 57, of Glenville, was charged with assault on a female and simple assault. No bond was set.

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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; allergies in the family; and any specialty items needed, like diapers, etc. Pick up is at Bethel UMC, 81 Bethel Church Road, off Highlands Road.

Start Your Recovery.org is a groundbreaking website developed by bringing together experts in substance misuse treatment from leading nonprofit, academic, and government institutions. Through this resource, the community can find local support and treatment options; hear stories from individuals with similar life experiences; and learn about recognizing and dealing with substance misuse.

The Franklin High School Graduating Class of 1968 will hold its 55th reunion at the Holly Springs Community Center, Sept. 23, from 2 to 6 p.m. RSVP to Conley Shope (828)371-7558 or (828)349-9759.

Thursday Painters meet every Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Uptown Gallery located at 30 East Main in Franklin. All skill levels are welcome. Free to the public. Bring your project, supplies and a bag lunch. For more information, call (828)349-4607 or 28734pm@gmail.com

Historic Rickman Store is open Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at 259 Cowee Creek Rd. Built in 1895 the store is full of historical information, displays. Music jams begin at noon. Limited parking with additional parking available at Cowee School Arts and Heritage Center a short walking distance.

Nantahala Hiking Club will meet Thursday, June 8, at 6 p.m., at the Macon County Public Library. Jen Seymour is an avid international hiker and will share one of her eight children's publications guaranteed to inspire and excite. She's a gear expert, blogger and nutrition advocate. The library is located at 148 Siler Farm Road, Franklin. For more information, call (828)524-3600.

'**Growing Dahlias**' presentation by **Allen Haas** will be held on Friday, June 9, 11 a.m., at the Environmental Resource Center, 1624 Lakeside Drive (next to the Landfill) in Franklin. Presented by the Macon County Master Gardeners Association. Public is welcome.

Clarks Chapel Community Club Development Meeting will be held on June 12, 7 p.m., with bingo and light snacks.

Share the Journey Support Group for Caregivers whose loved ones are experiencing memory loss will meet on Wednesday, June 14, and 21, 2 p.m., at First Presbyterian Church, 26 Church St. Enter the church from the parking lot, come through the double red doors in the courtyard and follow the signs. For more information, call (828)524-3119.

American Red Cross Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, June 15, 12:30 to 5 p.m., First Baptist Church, 69 Iotla Street, Franklin. Type O blood donors are especially needed. Download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit RedCrossBlood.org or call (800)733-2767 to schedule a time to give.

Heartland Band Old Time Gospel Singing will be held on Friday, June 16, 6 to 8 p.m., at West Franklin Church, located on Sloan Rd., next to the Forest Service Office. All are welcome.

Men's Challenge of the Smokies will have its next graduation on Saturday, June 17, at 10 a.m., at the center at 336 Living Hope Way, Franklin, with a reception following. For more info, call 828-524-2157. To learn more about the program visit www.livinghopeway.com or on Facebook - Men's Challenge of the Smokies.

Styrofoam Recycling Event Sunday, June 25, 1 to 5 p.m., at 86 Mark Watson Park. Save and bring all of your clean styrofoam to be condensed. Styrofoam is a type of plastic that cannot be broken down. When taken to a landfill it can remain there for 500 years or more. For more information or if interested in participating, call (828)476-0334.

International Cultural Exchange Services (ICES) seeks host families for the 2023/24 School Year. Students are 15-18 years old and from Europe, Asia and South America. Students have their own health insurance and money to pay for their expenses. Family application process includes completing online application, reference checks, background checks and a home visit interview. Families can host for a full school year or semester program and do not need to have children or teens in their homes. Ongoing Support is provided to the family and student throughout the student's stay. For more information, call Donna Bell (828)421-8843; or email dbell@icesusa.org; or www.icesusa.org.

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.

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

Macon Chips, Franklin's Wood Carving Club meets on Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Macon County Public Library and on Thursdays, 6 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)349-6109.

Uptown Gallery Children and Adult Art Classes and Workshops in acrylic, watercolor, acrylic paint pouring, encaustic, precious metal clay and glass fusing. Free painting in the classroom Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. All skill levels and mediums are welcome. Participants are responsible for their own project and a bag lunch. Membership meeting second Sunday of the month at 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 30 E. Main St. in Franklin. For more information, call (828)349-4607.

A.A. Meetings Franklin Alcoholics Anonymous "Open Meetings" are for anyone who thinks they may have a drinking problem or is interested in the A.A. recovery program. In person meetings with Covid 19 preventive measures are held on Tuesday, 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., Monday, noon, Tuesday, 8 a.m., and Thursday, noon at St. Agnes Episcopal Church on 66 Church St., and Wednesday, 7 p.m., at St. Cyprians Episcopal Church, 216 Roller Mill Rd. Online Meeting information is available by visiting www.aawnc80.org. or to speak with a member of A.A. call (828)349-4357.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

Spiritual Light Center on Sunday, June 11, at 11 a.m., Donna Corso will be speaking on "Inspired to Inspire." Yoga with Ashley Mondays at 6 p.m., free and open to all. Spiritual discussion group on Thursdays at 3 p.m., in the fellowship hall. The church is located at 80 Heritage Hollow Dr., behind the Gazebo Restaurant. For more information or to stream services go to SpiritualLightCenter.com.

Newman Chapel Baptist Church at 60 Mulberry Road, Otto will hold Vacation Bible School Sunday, June 11, through Wednesday, June 14, 5 to 8 p.m. A light meal will be served starting at 5 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church holds services as follows, Sunday School 10 a.m., morning worship Service 11 a.m., Wednesday 7 p.m.

Resurrection Lutheran Church (LCMS) invites you to worship with them in the Sanctuary beginning at 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship with light refreshments in the fellowship hall. Adult Bible class begins at 9:15 a.m. The church is located at 38 Wayah Street, Franklin.

East Franklin Baptist Church holds Sunday School at 10 a.m., Worship service 11 a.m. Prayer meeting is Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

Son Rise International Ministries Christian Fellowship Services are held on Friday evenings at 7 p.m.; Wednesday ladies prayer and Bible Study from 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.

First Pentecost Church Sunday Services are Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Worship 10:30 a.m., Bible study Thursday, 7 p.m., 164 Iotla Church Rd., Pastor Luke Bateman.

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

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

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Deaths & Funerals

Laura Jean Calhoun Ellis John Jeffers

Laura Jean Calhoun Ellis John Jeffers, 86, of Sapphire, N.C., passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by loved ones on June 1, 2023.

She was born in Oak Park, Ill., to the late Richard Adams and Mary Wagner Calhoun. She is preceded in death by her parents; brother, Dick Calhoun; her former husband Paul Robin John; son, Daniel Brian Ellis; daughter, Lynn Ellis Naretti; cousin, Gary Dorn; mother-in-law, Lucille Jeffers; and brother-in-law, Dale Jeffers.



Laura Jean Jeffers

She was a cheerleader in her younger years, and one night after a rival football game, she joined the then unknown, Burt Reynolds on a date to the A&W Drive-In. She attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, sketching portraits of her teachers and classmates, instead of taking notes, which became her life's passion. Her time at the easel spanned over 60 years, making an indelible mark on the world.

She married her longtime friend, Earl "Jeff" Jeffers, married in 1993, and built a home and studio in the North Carolina mountains. Her talents were recognized by countless awards such as the Highlands Art League's People's Choice Award 1996, 1999, 2006, and 2007.

She is survived by her husband of 30 years, Earl Wayne Jeffers, Ph.D., of Sapphire, N.C.; three of her five children, Scott Ashley Ellis (Sue) of Winter Park, Fla.; Gary Michael Ellis of Orlando, Fla.; Jodi John Pippin (Chuck) of Asheville, N.C.; her brother, Thomas Barry Calhoun of Conroe, Texas; her sister-in-law, Patricia Glass Calhoun of Naples, Fla.; her daughter-in-law Maria Ellis of Longwood, Fla.; her son-in-law, Mark Naretti of Long Island City, N.Y.; her children by marriage, Wesley Jeffers (Lisa) of Panama City Beach, Fla.; Jacqueline Jeffers Phillips (Steve) of Conroe, Texas; Libby Jeffers Fennwald (Joe) of St. Louis, Mo.; her former husband, Peyton Brian Ellis (Jeanne) of Orlando, Fla.; as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins, whom she loved very much.

Left to cherish her memory her memory and forever emulate the lively spirit of their "Grammy" are her grandchildren and grandchildren by marriage.

Her family would like to thank all who loved and cared for Laura; family, friends, neighbors, leaders and congregants of Cashiers United Methodist Church, nurses, doctors, social workers and music therapists at Four Seasons Hospice care, and all who are lucky enough to be reminded of her through her artwork.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday, July 22, at Cashiers United Methodist Church. She is now resting unhindered by the physical, consumed by heavenly light.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to Four Seasons Hospice Foundation at <https://fourseasonsfdn.org/ways-to-give/give-today/>; designation: Angel Fund; or to The North Carolina Arboretum Society at <https://www.ncarboretum.org/donate-now/>; designation: Honor/Memorial.

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



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Leonard Jones

Leonard Jones, 89, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

Born in Jacksonville, Fla., he was the son of the late John Colon and Alice Powers Jones. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Paul Jones; and three siblings, Colon, Kenneth, and Elsie.

He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired as Postmaster with 40 years of service with the U.S. Postal Service. He was a wood craftsman and enjoyed working on Intarsia ship models. He was a member of Prentiss Church of God.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Charlene Beck Jones; son, Scott Jones (Lisa) of Plant City, Fla.; daughter, Stacey Khork (James) of Mulberry, Fla.; sister, Alice Bodenan of Conyers, Ga.; eight grandchildren, Joey Jones, David Jones, Caleb Jones, Emily Hannon, Michelle Jones, Mark Jones, Taylor Berry and Zachary Berry; three great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Funeral service was held Monday, June 5, in the chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Rev. JD Woodside officiating Burial was in the Addington Cemetery. Military honors were provided by VFW Post 108 and American Legion Post 7339.

Online condolences at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Leonard Jones

Leslie Lynn Crane Scudder

Leslie Lynn Crane Scudder, 62, of Franklin, N.C., passed away on Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

Born in Charlotte, N.C., she was the daughter of the late Don and Carolyn Lewis Crane. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Terry Scudder, and two siblings, Don Crane, and Susan Ivey Crane.

She was a registered nurse and loved by all who knew her. She enjoyed arts and crafts, gardening, antiquing, planting flowers and going to the beach. She loved spending time with all her grandchildren and her beloved dog, "Lady Bird."

She is survived by her longtime companion, Keith Cowart; children, Matthew Reeves, Brian Reeves, Morgan Cowart, Jessie Cowart, and Adam Scudder; two sisters, Sherry Teta, and Janet Norwood; one brother, Kevin Swenson; and seven grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other extended family members.

The funeral service was held Monday, June 5, at Macon Funeral Home with Rev. Terry Dixon officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the March of Dimes.

Online condolences can be left at www.maconfuneralhome.com.
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Leslie Lynn Scudder

Rosemary Anne (Sewell) Hubble

Exciting, interesting, and unconventional, Rosemary Anne (Sewell) Hubble, 84, from Franklin, N.C., died on Friday, May 26, 2023.

She was mother to Christopher (Julie) Hubble, West Lebanon, N.H.; Caroline Hubble, Franklin; grandparent to Jackson and Margaret Hubble; former wife of Kenneth Hubble, Winter Park, Fla.; and sister to John Sewell, United Kingdom.

Always up for an adventure, she loved traveling, had a passion for gardening, and served as a Hospice nurse for decades. She received her nursing degree from Guy's Nursing School at King's College in London, England in the 1950s. In the early 1960s she immigrated to the United States and started raising children while working as a nurse. As an ambassador of end-of-life care, she spent 35 years working for Hospice, and managed the Pediatric Advanced Comfort Care Team at Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City, Mo.

Upon receiving her MDiv from Berkeley's Pacific School of Religion, she authored her first book titled "Conversations on the Dung Heap: Reflections on Job," Liturgical Press, 1998. While living in the mountains of North Carolina, she was the doula caregiver for all the Savannah and Egyptian Mau mother cats and kittens at Kaluah Ridge Farm and Cattery. During this time, she also finished her final book titled "Suck It Up, Buttercup (And Live); Life Lived, Death Observed" which will be available in the near future. For updates on the book's publication, visit <https://www.kaluahridge.com/rosemarysupcoming-book>

She left her mark by creating beautiful gardens wherever she lived, which included Minnesota, Arizona, Florida, California, Kansas, and North Carolina. Of the many places she visited, she was moved by her time in Israel, Thailand, Jamaica, China, South Africa, Turkey, Alaska, and Mexico.

*When it's over, I want to say: all my life
I was a bride married to amazement.
I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.*

*When it's over, I don't want to wonder
if I have made of my life something particular, and real.
I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened,
or full of argument.*

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

—Mary Oliver © 1992 by Mary Oliver,
from *New & Selected Poems*: Vol 1. Beacon Press, Boston.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Rosemary's memory to Savannah Cat Rescue at <http://svrescue.com/donate-to-savannah-cat-rescue/>; or Four Season's Hospice at <https://fourseasonsfdn.org/>. She also requested a tree be planted in her memory.

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Elizabeth Smith Deal

Elizabeth Smith Deal, 74, died unexpectedly on June 2, 2023, at her home in Franklin, N.C. Liz (or Yaya, as she was affectionately called by her grandchildren) was born on Jan. 23, 1949, in Bremerton, Wash., to the late Kathleen Goode Kallan and the late James Carlos Smith Jr. She grew up in Grosse Pointe, Mich., and Weston, Mass.

She graduated from Dana Hall in Wellesley, Mass., in 1966. She briefly attended Hollins University in Salem, Va., before becoming a mother to her children Kristen and Jamie. In 1981, she graduated from the University of South Carolina with a B.S. in Nursing. She worked for many years in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit of Richland Memorial Hospital in Columbia, S.C. She also spent several years as a psychiatric nurse at a private facility. After her retirement, she volunteered as a hospice caregiver.

She was an avid lover of dogs and horses. She began horseback riding at age 12 at the Grosse Pointe Hunt Club and was an accomplished equestrienne in her youth. As an adult she owned several horses – Capo de Capo, Sebastian and Lucy – and enjoyed riding at the stables of Rosemary Landrum in Columbia.

She had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed her travels across the globe with friends and family. She was always planning her next adventure. She loved being near the coast and recently had spent considerable time at her home at Folly Beach, S.C.

Known for her quick wit and intellect, she was an excellent card player and enjoyed playing bridge with friends throughout her life. She was also keen to teach her grandchildren card games and would play with them for hours. She was happiest when she was surrounded by family, friends, and her four-pawed buddy, Hank.

She is survived by her beloved partner, Eric Jon Moberg, of Franklin; her daughter, Kristen Britt Connor and husband Christopher Ware Connor, of Richmond, Va.; her son, James Laurent Britt Jr., of Charleston, S.C.; her stepson, Roger Bancroft Deal and wife, LaVone Elizabeth Simmons, of Atlanta, Ga.; her daughter-in-law, Nina Fields Britt of Charleston; grandchildren, Ian Mitchell Connor of Raleigh, N.C., Griffin Britt Connor of Richmond and James Hunter Britt of Charleston; brother, James Carlos Smith III and wife Lise Ecuyer Smith, of Charlotte, N.C.; sister, Susan Porter Ludwig and husband Roger William Ludwig Jr., of Bridgeport, Conn.; nephews, James Carlos Smith IV of Charlotte, Matthew Scott Smith and wife Kelly Heath Smith, of Raleigh and John Brittin Eustis and wife Amy Goins Eustis, of Charlotte. She is also survived by Gregory Wesley Moberg, his wife, Stephanie and stepdaughter, Tara of Franklin, and Eric Jon Moberg Jr., of Asheville, N.C.

She was predeceased by her husband of 28 years, Roger Wiley Deal of Columbia, and her nephew, Tucker Scott Ludwig, of Bridgeport, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Feeding America or your favorite charity.

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

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



Elizabeth Smith Deal

Trudy Ann Snipes

Trudy Ann Snipes, 77, of Franklin, N.C., went home to be with Jesus on Monday, May 1, 2023.

She was the daughter of the late William and Bessie Thomas Burton. She was preceded in death by her parents, son, Lyle Snipes; daughter, Marilyn Snipes Kepple; and sister, Ruby Jean Hall. She was a member of Grace Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband, Ballard; children, Laura Hall of Edgewater, Fla., Clayton Snipes (Susan) of Franklin; and a special niece, Brenda Lee Mann; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was held Friday, May 5, at Woodlawn Cemetery with Rev. Frank Rodriguez officiating.

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

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Trudy Ann Snipes

Steven 'Larry' Hurst

Steven "Larry" Hurst, 67, of Franklin, N.C., passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

He was born to the late Iredale and Birdell Lowe Hurst in Macon County, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by his parents; his siblings, Fred Hurst, Lyndon Hurst, and Irene Dowdle. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church. He enjoyed the mountains, outdoors, fishing, and had to always be moving.

He is survived by his special friend, Victoria McCurdy of Franklin; brother, Danny Hurst of Atlanta, Ga.; sisters, Sue Thompson of Franklin, Bea McCracken of Dallas, Ga., Freda Pressley, of Waynesville, N.C., and Barbara Post of Austell, Ga.; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life was held Wednesday, June 7, in the Chapel of Macon Funeral Home with Randy Rogers officiating. Burial was in the Liberty Baptist Church cemetery.

Online condolences at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Steven 'Larry' Hurst

Patricia 'Pat' Grace Zane

Patricia "Pat" Grace Zane, 64, of Franklin, N.C., passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones, on May 28, 2023.

She was born on Feb. 16, 1959, in East Rockaway, Long Island, to the late Gerald and Frances Shea. She loved the mountains and the serenity which they brought her. She loved crossword puzzles, was a huge animal lover, and dog owner for most all of her life. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends, and her three animals, dogs, Chewie and Boomer; and cat, Mitty.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, Richard Zane; two brothers, Gerald Shea (wife, Maryann), Robert Shea (wife, Barbara); niece, Emily Shea, and nephew, Andrew Shea.

A graveside service was held Friday, June 2, at Woodlawn Cemetery with Rev. Steve Reeves officiating.

Online condolences at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

Macon Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.



Patricia Grace Zane

Back to School Angels looking for sponsors

In August, Macon Program for Progress (MPP) Head Start will transition 55 children into kindergarten classrooms. Back to School Angels furnishes Head Start children transitioning into kindergarten a new backpack filled with school supplies. Of the 55, 26 families applied to include 26 transitioning children, and if funds allow, their 25 siblings. If funds are still available after these children, support to Macon County Schools can continue.

If you are an individual, a business, or a community group looking for a summer project, the Back to School Angels committee wants to hear from you. Sponsors can make a tax-deductible monetary donation to purchase supplies, set up a Back to School Angels campaign at your business and collect school supplies, or donate a filled backpack appropriate for a child age kindergarten up to fourth grade.

Back to School Angels provides each child with: a free regular sized backpack, a set of headphones, a pencil box, #2 pencils and erasers, safety scissors, 24 count Crayola crayons, glue sticks, one subject spiral notebook (wide ruled), Crayola colored markers, 2-pocket folder, 1 inch three ring binders with a clear protection slip on the front, index cards, facial tissues, Clorox wipes, paper towels, and composition notebooks (wide rule). Sibling backpacks will be based on a generic teacher classroom supply list.

Deadline for all donations is Friday, June 30, at 5 p.m. If you would like to be a sponsor, contact Felicia Roberts at (828)524-4471 or at froberts@mppnhc.org.

Kindergarten List

- 1 - Headphone
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- 1 - One-inch 3-ring binder (clear slip front)
- 10-12 - glue sticks
- 1 - Tissue box
- 1 - Clorox wipes
- 1 - Scissors
- 1 - Index cards
- 2 - Pink erasers
- 1 - Pack of pencils
- 1 - Markers
- 1 - Three ring pocket folder
- 1 - Blanket or towel

Roundtable hosts program on Civil War along the Mississippi River on Monday, June 12

The Western NC Civil War Round Table continues its 2023 series of programs on Monday, June 12, at 7 p.m. with Neil P. Chatelain. The program will take place at the Haywood County Public Library in Waynesville at 678 S. Haywood St. It is free and open to the public.

The program will discuss the early-war effort by Confederate officials to build a riverine naval force to maintain control of the Mississippi River Valley. Chatelain will discuss the failure of this effort and subsequent Union successes at controlling the river that ran straight through the rebellious states.

Neil P. Chatelain is a historian specializing in naval aspects of the US Civil War. He is an adjunct professor of history at Lone Star College-North Harris and an educator at Carl Wunsch Sr. High School in Spring, Texas. He spent nine years in the US Navy, deploying around the world and earning a surface warfare officer designation. He has a MA in history from the University of Louisiana-Monroe and a MEd in history and social studies from the University of Houston.

The WNC Civil War Round Table meetings will continue on July 10, as Judkin Browning will present "An Environmental History of the Civil War." Curtis L. Older will speak on Fox's Gap and the Battle of South Mountain on August 14. More information on these and other future programs can be found at <http://wnccwrt.com>.



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Kyle Busch converts pole position into NASCAR Cup win at WWT Raceway

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MADISON, Ill.—Kyle Busch collected his 63rd NASCAR Cup Series victory on Sunday at World Wide Technology Raceway, but the driver of the No. 8 Richard Childress Racing Chevrolet had to work hard for the first-place money.

Busch, the pole winner, survived five restarts in the last 40 laps of the Enjoy Illinois 300 and beat Denny Hamlin to the finish line by .517 seconds after Bubba Wallace's broken brake rotor caused the 11th caution on Lap 236 and sent the race to overtime.

The victory was Busch's first at the 1.25-mile track and the third in his debut season with RCR. It was a home game for his crew chief, Randall Burnett, who grew up in Fenton, Mo., and had family in attendance on Sunday.

"That was pretty awesome," Busch exulted after he climbed from his car. "Man, to sit on the pole, lead a lot of laps and have my guys do such a great job today was pretty phenomenal for us. Great for RCR. Just win, baby! Thanks to Team Chevy, appreciate (sponsor) 3Chi..."

"We're going to have a great time with this one. This one is pretty cool."

Busch led five times for 121 laps, including the last 60. Neither Hamlin nor third-place finisher Joey Logano—winner of the inaugural Gateway race last year—led a single circuit.

Kyle Larson parlayed a two-tire call on Lap 178 into improved track position and a fourth-place finish. Martin Truex was fifth, followed by Ryan Blaney, Daniel Suarez, William Byron, Michael McDowell and Kevin Harvick.

Blaney led 83 laps and Byron 30. Byron pitted from the lead on Lap 178 but fell to fourth with an uncharacteristically slow stop and faded in traffic after the subsequent Lap 184 restart.

Corey LaJoie finished 21st in a substitute role for Chase Elliott, who was serving a one-race suspension for wrecking Hamlin in Monday's Coca-Cola 600 at Charlotte.

Subbing for LaJoie in his usual ride—the No. 7 Spire Motorsports Chevrolet—Carson Hocevar started 26th and gained 10 spots with an impressive drive through the field before a brake rotor failure on Lap 90 knocked him out of the race.

Hocevar was running 16th and chasing Austin Dillon for position when the right front rotor broke into pieces. The No. 7 Camaro made jarring contact with the Turn 1 wall to cause the fourth caution of the race, which was delayed for two hours with just seven laps complete because of lightning in the area.

"I thought it was great," said Hocevar, who was racing a Cup car for the first time. "I had a blast. Just so thankful for



Kyle Busch, driver of the #8 3CHI Chevrolet, celebrates with RCR team owner and NASCAR Hall of Famer, Richard Childress and wife, Samantha Busch in victory lane after winning the NASCAR Cup Series Enjoy Illinois 300 at WWT Raceway on June 04, 2023 in Madison, Ill. Photo by Jonathan Bachman/Getty Images



good on the money stop with about 60 to go. We are going to have to wait (for) another (race) to get that 50th (win)."

Overtime pass propels Cole Custer to road course win in Portland

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Taking advantage of a melee in Turn 1 after an overtime restart, Cole Custer held off charging Justin Allgaier to win Saturday's Pacific Office Automation 147 NASCAR Xfinity Series race at Portland International Raceway.

After a Lap 73 caution for debris on the track, Allgaier held the lead for the overtime restart on Lap 76. Restarting behind Allgaier, Parker Kligerman steered to the inside and charged the first corner, carrying Allgaier wide and knocking second place Sheldon Creed, the pole winner, off the track.

From the inside lane, Custer shot into the lead through Turn 1.

Allgaier negotiated the barriers in the Turn 1 chicane and retained second place, and though he got to Custer's bumper on the final lap, he couldn't make a clean pass for the win. Custer won the drag race to the finish line by .142 seconds to score his first victory of the season in the No. 00 Stewart-Haas Racing Ford.

"I was just trying not to make mistakes," Custer said of the final restart. "I did the exact same thing (that Kligerman did). I saw him drive in so deep, and I did the same thing two restarts ago."

"Man, I'm just so happy. I've never won a road-course race before. I've been so close so many times, and it's just so awesome to win this... I'm pumped for the rest of the year. We've got fast cars."

Custer, who won the second stage in a drag race against John Hunter Nemechek, led five laps to claim his 11th career

the opportunity. I don't have a job for next year. I know Al Niece and Cody Efav want me to run for them (in the NASCAR CRAFTSMAN Truck Series), and I will forever run a race or however many.

"But man, I'm just so thankful that (Spire) gave me the opportunity—the opportunity to drive an Xfinity car (on Monday at Charlotte) and now driving a Cup car. I was running 16th... just so surreal for the first time ever. I thought we were going to have a good day and be in a good spot for the No. 7 Chevy team. Hopefully, that call for a Cup ride isn't the only one I get in my life."

Brake rotors weren't an issue confined to Hocevar's car. Tyler Reddick slammed the outside wall after his right front rotor exploded on Lap 175. On Lap 198, the same fate befell Noah Gragson, who took the hardest hit of all when his No. 42 Chevy slid up the track into the fence in Turn 1.

Bubba Wallace had the same issue with five laps left in regulation, and his contact with the Turn 1 wall set up the final two-lap run to the finish in overtime.

Hamlin felt the lightning delay played against him and the No. 11 Joe Gibbs Racing team.

"Yeah, I thought we were super dialed in if it was 95 degrees like it was supposed to be, (but) with those delays, it kind of took away from the advantage I thought that we had," Hamlin said.

"I'm proud of this whole Sport Clips Toyota team—pit crew did a phenomenal job keeping us in it and doing really



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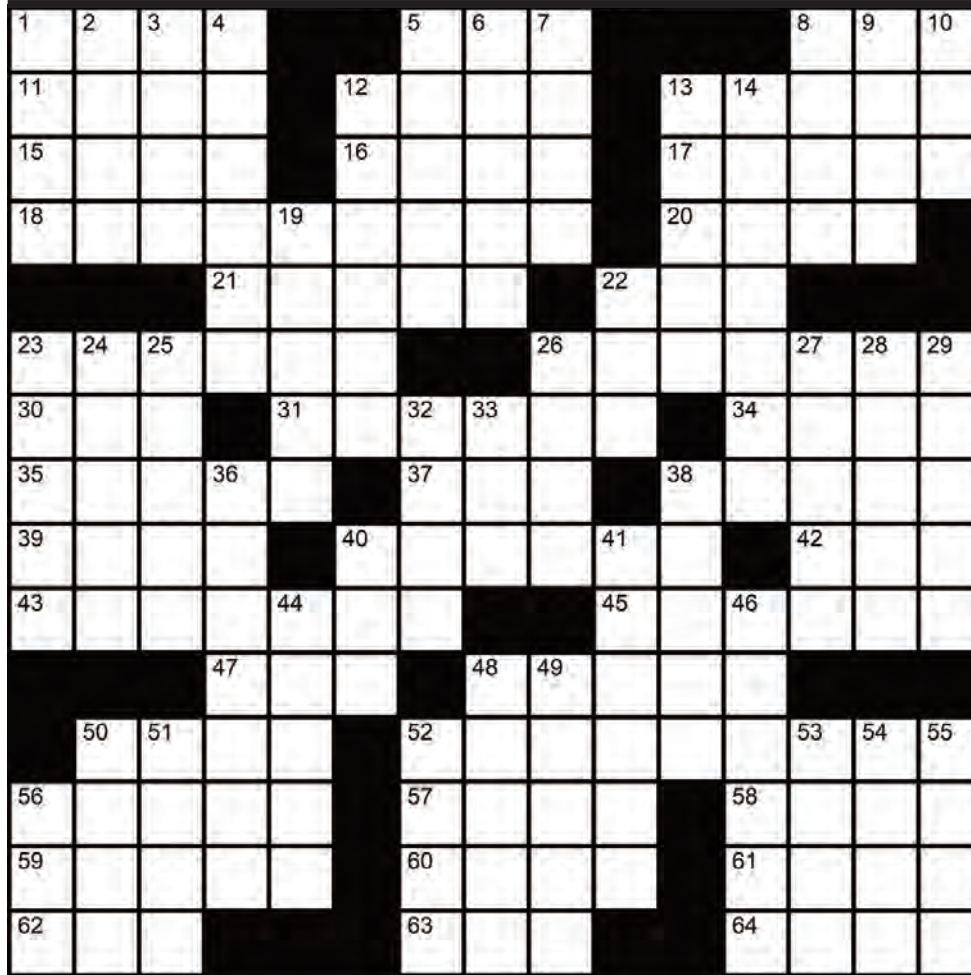
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ACROSS

- 1. Mother Earth, to Ancient Greeks
- 5. Barrel, unit
- 8. Foot the bill
- 11. Quiet time
- 12. Nemo's forgetful friend
- 13. Horace's poem
- 15. One thing on a list
- 16. Ophthalmologist's check-up, e.g.
- 17. Range of hills in England, pl.
- 18. *Ticket booth (2 words)
- 20. "Odyssey," e.g.
- 21. Biased perspective
- 22. Azog or Bolg in Tolkien's *Moria*
- 23. *Siskel or Ebert
- 26. To the degree
- 30. Brick and mortar carrier
- 31. Governing authority
- 34. Key component of a loan
- 35. Highly skilled
- 37. E in CE or BCE
- 38. "_____ a high note"
- 39. End of the line
- 40. Like certain yellowish hair color
- 42. Compass bearing
- 43. Ambled
- 45. Warhol or Samberg, formally
- 47. Churchill's sign
- 48. Anna Wintour's magazine
- 50. "Heat of the Moment" band
- 52. *Like some seats
- 56. More slippery
- 57. Initial bet in poker
- 58. Popular dunking cookie
- 59. "Little ____ fact"



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 - 61. *Sentimental movie, or ____-jerker
 - 62. Literary "even"
 - 63. *Shooting location
 - 64. ESPN award
- DOWN**
- 1. Not intellectually deep
 - 2. ____pilot
 - 3. Holly family
 - 4. *Kate Hudson's "____ Famous" (2000)
 - 5. Put someone in a bind (2 words)
 - 6. Modified leaf
 - 7. Tick-born disease
 - 8. Ralph Lauren's inspiration
 - 9. Puts two and two together
 - 10. "Owner of a Lonely Heart" band
 - 12. Vandalize
 - 13. Pitchers
 - 14. *Tub contents
 - 19. Behave like a coquette
 - 22. Comes before first Mississippi
 - 23. Bracelet add-on
 - 24. Barrel racing meet
 - 25. Think tank output, pl.
 - 26. *Widescreen cinematography abbreviation
 - 27. Dimmer, e.g.
 - 28. Do penance
 - 29. Re-establish
 - 32. Neuter
 - 33. Investment option
 - 36. *Movie ad
 - 38. Boredom
 - 40. *Upcharge for an online ticket purchase, e.g.
 - 41. Aerie baby
 - 44. Pine
 - 46. Indicate
 - 48. *Movie theater, e.g.
 - 49. Set of eight
 - 50. Teenager's breakout
 - 51. Land of Israel
 - 52. X-ray units
 - 53. Wraths
 - 54. Type of tide
 - 55. *Like a bloody horror movie
 - 56. Short of Isaac

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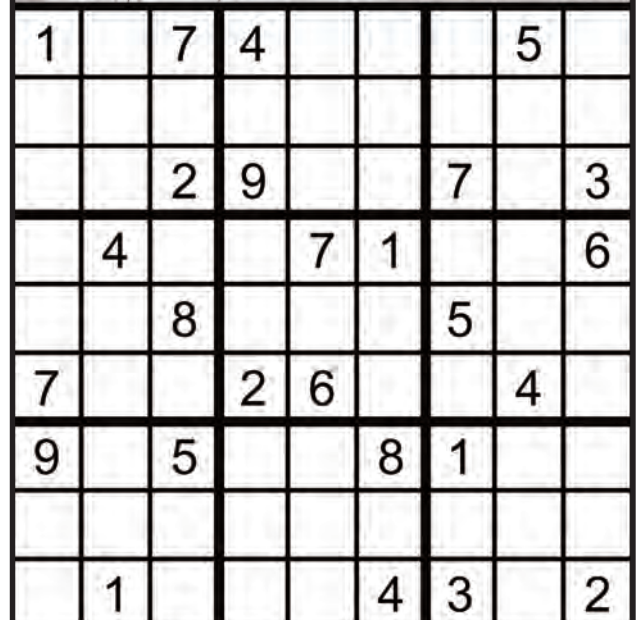
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2021	Chevrolet	Corvette	5,792
2020	Chevrolet	Bolt	17,845
2020	Chevrolet	Equinox AWD	47,233
2019	Chevrolet	Equinox LS AWD	64,233
2019	GMC	Acadia	17,045
2019	Dodge	Journey	80,887
2018	Hyundia	Elantra	51,067
2018	Toyota	Camry XSE	71,178
2017	GMC	Acadia	80,692
2016	Mini Cooper		57,659

SUVS

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	MILES
2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe	257
2023	Chevrolet	Tahoe Z71	14,662
2023	Honda	CRV AWD	8,584
2023	Hyundia	Sante Fe	14,470
2022	Chevrolet	Tahoe 4x4	16,410
2022	Ford	Bronco	1,315
2022	Ford	Explorer XLT	26,999
2022	Jeep	Wrangler Sahara Unlimited	10,539

2022	Kia	EV6 GT	3,251
2021	Ford	Bronco Badlands AWD	1,237
2021	Cadillac	XT6 AWD	23,121
2021	GMC	Yukon XL	53,356
2021	Hyudia	Palisade AWD	64,073
2021	Jeep	Cherokee Trailhawk	29,056
2021	Jeep	Wrangler Sport	8,094
2021	Subaru	Ascent AWD	28,045
2020	Acura	MDX AWD	46,606
2020	Ford	Explorer	31,399
2020	Jeep	Wrangler Rubicon Unlimited	24,249
2020	Kia	Telluride	19,480
2019	Chevrolet	Trax LT AWD	18,211
2019	Chrysler	Pacifica Touring L	91,992
2018	Chevrolet	Equinox LT	23,569
2018	Jeep	Compass 4x4	61,613
2017	Jeep	Cherokee	61,870
2017	Subaru	Crosstek	99,022
2016	Jeep	Renegade 4x4	98,259
2014	Kia	Sorento SX-L	93,532

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2022	Chevrolet	1500 Custom 4x4	289
2022	Chevrolet	2500 LTZ	4,635
2022	Chevrolet	2500 HD	5,114

2022	GMC	Sierra	11,577
2022	Hyundia	Sante Cruz Ltd	2,682
2022	Nissan	Frontier Pro 4x	7,859
2022	Nissan	Titan Pro 4x	1,729
2022	Toyota	Tacoma TRD	12,056
2021	Chevrolet	1500 4x4	10,243
2021	Chevrolet	1500 RST	34,026
2021	Chevrolet	Colorado ZR-2	10,842
2021	Chevrolet	LT Trailboss	34,069
2021	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500	5,822
2021	Chevrolet	Trailboss Crew	22,256
2021	Ford	F-150 SuperCrew Cab	32,251
2020	Chevrolet	1500 RST	90,498
2020	Chevrolet	Colorado ZR-2	36,463
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 High Country	22,601
2020	Chevrolet	Silverado 1500 RST	90,498
2020	GMC	Sierra SLT	21,064
2020	Toyota	Tacoma Predator	42,773
2020	Toyota	Tacoma SR	12,448
2019	Chevrolet	Trailboss LT	44,594
2018	GMC	Sierra Reg Cab	94,092
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