

‘Judge not lest ye be judged’

Magistrates play an important role

By ABIGAIL BLYTHE BATTON
Staff Correspondent

MURPHY – “Used to, we had an office at the jail; we had somebody on site all night,” Magistrate Judge Josh Postell said. “Now they do it through a video secured by the state.”

“It” refers to an arrested individual’s initial hearing. After a ride in the back seat of a law enforcement vehicle – and after processing, where fingerprinting and orange jumpsuits come into play – a suspect is granted an initial hearing before a magistrate judge.

This means if his services are required, Postell may hold court from his kitchen table at 3 in the morning.

“Once you are arrested, you have a right to an initial hearing without unnecessary delay,” he said. “That’s how it’s written in the N.C. Administrative Office of the Courts’ general statutes: ‘without unnecessary delay.’”

Initial hearing

The initial hearing is more like a fancy administrative



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Magistrate Judge Josh Postell welcomes the public to his office at the Cherokee County Courthouse in downtown Murphy.

46th annual Fall Festival



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Doug Rarden of Nature Spirit Drums demonstrates ones of his instruments during the 46th annual Fall Festival on Sunday at John C. Campbell Folk School.

‘Good to be together’

By JARED PUTNAM
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BRASSTOWN Colorful posters bearing the words “Good to be together” decorated the campus of John C. Campbell Folk School last weekend.

That theme, of course, nodded to the return of the 46th annual Fall Festival for the first time since 2019, following two years of cancellations due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

An estimated 10,000 patrons showed up to celebrate what amounted to a kind of grand reopening of the folk school’s Fall Festival, complete with a mix of offerings that included talented local artists, savory foods and live musical and dance performances.

Quilter Zak Foster, the inaugural artist in residence at the Olive’s Porch folk

school experience in downtown Murphy, came up with the festival’s tagline.

“That was the absolute perfect slogan for this Fall Festival,” said Anthony Perrone, marketing and communications director for the folk school. “The community needed it, we needed it to happen and it was just great that we all did come together. It was a perfect festival.”

Longtime festival-goer Molly Seaver, a Murphy native who has also lived in Clay County, agreed that it was good to be together with her community once again.

“I’ve been coming to the folk school since I was 16, started dancing here and used to volunteer here on the gates,” Seaver said Sunday. “I love it because this is family, this is coming home.”

“If you come here, these are people

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Festival-goers wait in line to order food near the Festival Barn on Sunday.

Casino starts \$275 million expansion

By JARED PUTNAM
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MURPHY – Only seven years after it opened, Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel has broken ground on a \$275 million expansion.

The project is expected to reach completion in 2024 and includes planned additions such as 25,000 square feet of expanded gaming

floor, a 296-room hotel tower, a 12,000 square-foot rooftop restaurant and more.

Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River completed its first expansion in 2017 with the Multi-tainment Center. General Manager Lumpy Lambert said this latest project will further enhance guests’ experience and boost the local economy.

“As an operator, you’re

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Queen of the Wildcats



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Andrews senior Emmalee Stillwell is crowned homecoming queen by last year’s winner, Mackenzie Stalcup, on Thursday at Hugh Hamilton Stadium. *Court photos, 12A.*

Queen of the Bulldogs



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Murphy High School senior Lochlan Rogers was named Homecoming Queen on Thursday night. Her sister, Torin Rogers, was Murphy’s queen last year. *Court photos, 12A.*

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ANDREWS

Oktoberfest set Saturday

The annual Andrews Oktoberfest is back from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday for a day filled with fun, food, music and entertainment.

Stop by and listen to some great live music from Struck by Lightning, The High Strangeness, Adrian Stover, George Asman & Friends and Sweet n Sourwood Honey.

More than 50 craft vendors will be displaying all kinds of handcrafted items in time for the holiday shopping season right along Main Street, and there will be plenty of food trucks on site as well. There will be picnic tables available for those who would like to sit and eat while enjoying the music.

Registration for the annual cornhole tournament starts at 11 a.m., and there is a \$10 fee to enter. There will be cash prizes for first, second and third places. The tournament starts at 2 p.m. If you're not in the game, you can always stop by and cheer for your favorite contestants.

Other contests for the day include the best Oktoberfest costume – by popular vote, a mug holding and best beard. There will also be a kid's zone, with plenty of things to do for the young ones and a fun photo booth.

Wrist bands are just \$5 for the beer and wine garden, which will include a chance to win a \$20 gift certificate from one of the beer or wine vendors. Don't forget to check out the leaves changing colors for the fall season.

This family friendly event, sponsored by the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, only comes around once a year. For details, visit www.visitandrewsnc.com.

MURPHY

Art Walk set Friday

The Valley River Arts Guild will present the Murphy Art Walk from 5-8 p.m. Friday, with dozens of arts and crafts vendors and musicians flocking to downtown to showcase their art, perform music and have a good time.

Everyone is invited to the free event. For details, call 360-3038 or visit [@valley-riverartsguild](https://www.facebook.com/valleyriverartsguild) on Facebook.

MURPHY

Visit Tasty Tuesday

Tasty Tuesday will be held at the L&N Depot, 4 Railroad St. downtown, from 5-8 p.m. Tuesday.

There will be food trucks and craft beer, with live music, tables and chairs in the depot. The event will be held, rain or shine, through



DEBBIE HOOPER/Contributing Photographer

This plane was showing off its smoke during the annual Welcome Home – A Tribute to All Who Served event on Sept. 24.

October. Everyone is welcome.

BRASSTOWN

Comment on bridge

The N.C. Department of Transportation is inviting the public to provide input on a proposed project to replace a bridge on Old U.S. 64 over the Hiwassee River.

This bridge in Cherokee County over the Hiwassee River is coming to the end of its lifespan and has been selected for replacement. The new bridge is a proposed 280-foot-long structure with three spans that feature 11-foot-wide lanes and 6-foot-wide shoulders. The project will cost about \$4.5 million.

Right of way is set to begin in fiscal year 2023 with construction the following fiscal year. Old U.S. 64 will be closed for the duration of the project, with traffic being detoured along U.S. 64 and Settawig Road.

An informal meeting scheduled Monday in the Brasstown Community Center was canceled. Residents may submit comments by mail to Zach Shuler, NC-DOT Division 14, 345 Toot Hollow Road, Bryson City, NC 28713, or email zshuler@ncdot.gov, through Monday.

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WILMINGTON

EVs going mainstream

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced Sept. 27 that North Carolina's Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Deployment Plan has been approved. Under the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program, N.C. is set to receive \$39.4 million over fiscal years 2022 and 2023.

Phase one will focus on the development of NEVI-compliant charging stations among the state's Alternative Fuel Corridors. For southeastern North Carolina, Interstate 40, Interstate 74 and U.S. 17 have been listed as AFCs.

The second phase of the plan, according to the release, will focus on community-based charging needs. The state hopes that improvements in this sector will improve public accessibility to charging stations and assist electric vehicle-related jobs.

In total, North Carolina expects about \$109 million will be needed over the course of five years to complete this project.

ROBBINSVILLE

Corridor K bidding let

Six companies were in the mix when the first round of Corridor K letting took place Aug. 16.

Just two pitches were received for the second segment – and for good reason: it is the most daunting task in the process. At an estimate of \$83,824,722.24, phase two of the Corridor K improvements in Graham County will cover 3,911 miles, from Beech Creek Road (N.C. 143) to ½-mile north of the Appalachian Trail crossing at Stecoah Gap.

The rugged terrain will



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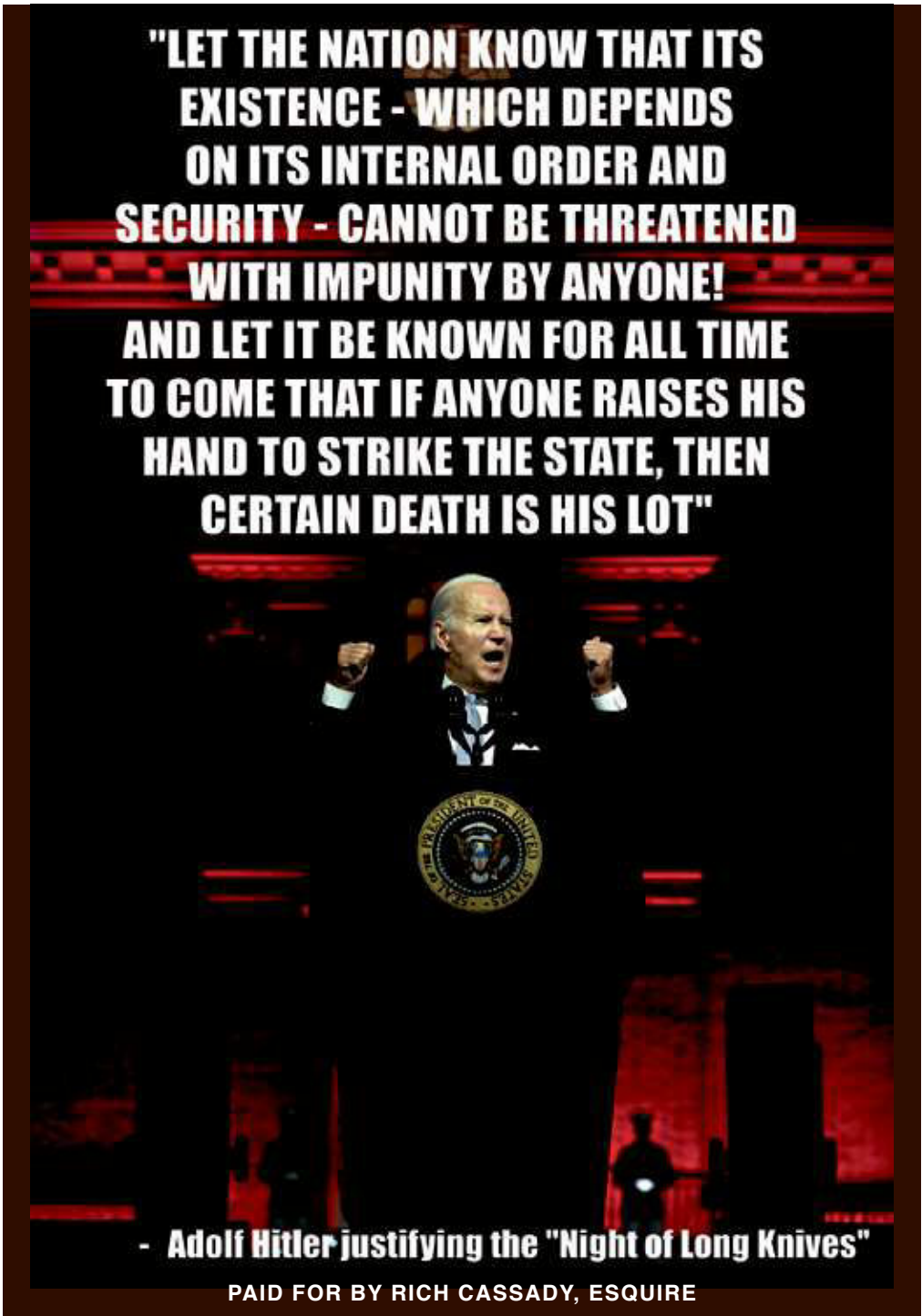
Classic military planes reflect both the brilliant blue sky and American patriotism on Sept. 24 at Western Carolina Regional Airport in Andrews.

be constructed by Sevierville, Tenn.-based Charles Blalock & Sons Inc., which beat out Wright Brothers Construction Co. Inc. of Charleston, Tenn. Charles Blalock & Sons Inc.'s bid was \$116,407,729.70 – or 38.9 percent above the estimate – with Wright Brothers' submitting a bid of \$130,012,832.96 – or 55.1 percent higher.

The bids were unsealed Sept. 20, by the N.C. Department of Transportation.

Phase two of the long-discussed improvements – first conceived during the Johnson Administration by the Appalachian Development Highway System, in 1965 – will ultimately improve draining, grading and paving along the nearly 4-mile strip of N.C. 143. A groundbreaking ceremony was held Monday at Robbinsville High School.

A 2019 report from the *Cherokee Scout* noted that *QUICK READS, page 3A*



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while the expansion would not fulfill the original vision of navigating through Tatham Gap to rejoin the four-lane U.S. 74, plans were moving forward. Improvements from Robbinsville to Andrews in Cherokee County – where Corridor K will connect with U.S. 74 – are unfunded and unclear on how they will proceed.

RALEIGH

Medicaid expansion

An obstacle to expanding Medicaid in North Carolina appears to be disappearing as the state’s association of hospitals is altering its stance on operating regulations. When the General Assembly returned to Raleigh on Tuesday, they have an opportunity to review a new proposal by the N.C. Healthcare Association. The proposed “Healthcare Access & Stabilization Program” includes reforming certificate-of-need regulations, an area Republican legislators and Democrat Gov. Roy Cooper wanted changed, won’t require any state funding and will provide the General Fund up to \$60 million as long as the federal government continues to provide its share of the funding. The NCHA proposal calls for health systems and hospitals to fund a majority of the state’s share of expenses for expanding Medicaid. It would cover about 600,000 people at an estimated cost of \$550 million per year. However, the NCHA also noted health-care organizations could possibly lose \$700 million from modifying CON laws on ambulatory surgery centers. The proposal also calls for legislators to repeal CON laws for psychiatric inpatient beds



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The annual Andrews Veterans Parade was revved up and ready to roll on the morning of Sept. 24, which was a special day in the Valley.

and chemical dependency beds. The Senate passed House Bill 149, called “Expanding Access to Healthcare,” but it’s being held up in negotiations between the House and Senate on Medicaid expansion. North Carolina could receive up to \$1.8 billion in federal funds for the additional Medicaid patients.

RALEIGH

State roads are deadly

Traffic deaths are on the rise in the United States, according to a recent report from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. An estimated 20,175 people were killed in motor vehicle crashes from January through June 2022, the most in the first half of any year since 2006. The latest increase in traffic fatalities comes as Americans are spending more time on the road. U.S. drivers traveled 43.2 billion more miles in the first half



LINDA HAGBERG/Clay County Progress

Cherokee County Veterans Services Officer Danna Pash, Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Sherry Raines, Bruno Coltri and John Bandy (from left) are on stage as Coltri and Pash present Raines and Bandy with a Sisters Who Serve shawl and a Quilt of Valor, respectively, on Sept. 24.

of this year compared to the same period last year. The recent increase in traffic fatalities is a continuation of a troubling long-term trend. Deaths on American roads rose for seven consecutive quarters, from mid 2020 to early 2022. A recent survey conducted by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety found that the trend is partially the result of rising

states. After adjusting for vehicle miles traveled, North Carolina has the 11th highest traffic fatality rate in the country, with 1.44 roadway deaths for every 100 million miles traveled. For context, there were an estimated 1.27 deaths per 100 million miles nationwide in the first half of the year.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT Public meetings

THIS WEEK
♦ **Cherokee County Tourism Development Authority** meets at 2 p.m. Monday in the Murphy Visitors Center, 20 Tennessee St.
♦ **Andrews Board of Aldermen** meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the Facilities Building, 85 Fourth St.

COMING SOON
♦ **Cherokee County**

Veteran Forces meets at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at the Cherokee County Courthouse, 75 Peachtree St. in downtown Murphy.
♦ **Cherokee County Board of Education** meets at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 13, at Central Office, 911 Andrews Road in Murphy.
♦ **Andrews ABC Board** meets at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Facilities Building, 85 Fourth St.
♦ **Cherokee County Board of Commissioners** meets at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the multi-purpose room of the Cherokee County Courthouse, 75 Peachtree St. in downtown Murphy.
♦ **Cherokee County Department of Social Services Board** meets at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 18, in the DSS conference room, 4800 U.S. 64 W. in Ranger.
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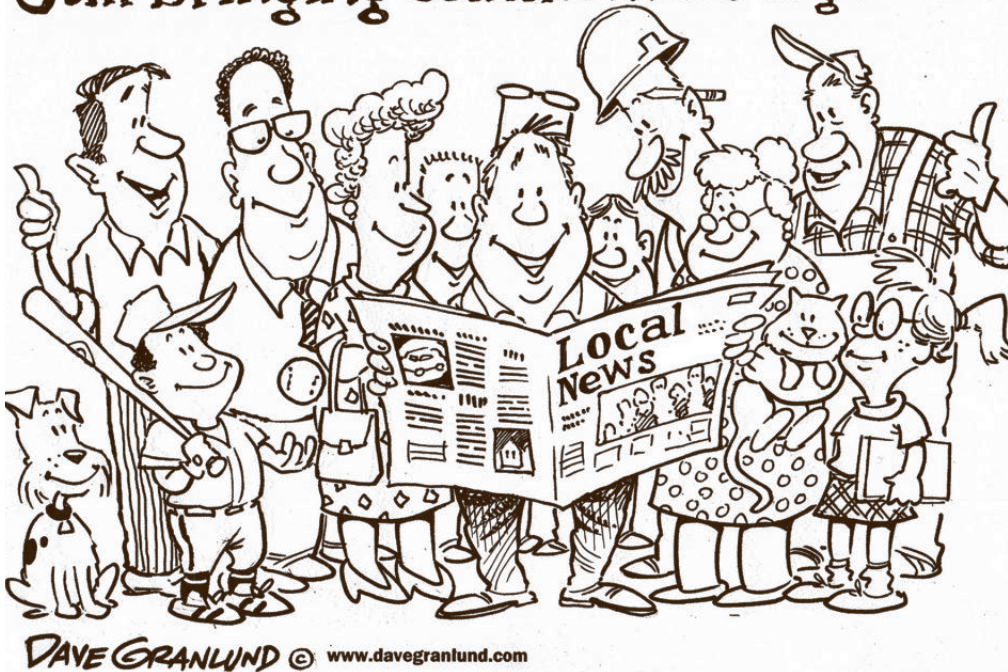
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YOUR VIEWS

Enforce dog barking laws

We are writing this letter because ourselves and members of our community have concerns about the apparent lack of enforcement of county ordinances. Specifically, Section 2, Part D, of the Cherokee County ordinances about noise caused by barking dogs. Our community has had an issue with this for several years. The noise comes from outside of our community close to us. It has had an extremely disruptive affect on our members quality of life. Loss of sleep at night causes distress and during the day our quiet mountain life is no longer here.

Many members have called upon the offenders to take care of the problem, which has had little affect. We have then taken the steps to address the problem by contacting local law enforcement, but this has resulted in little or no action being taken.

Understandably, county law enforcement deals with many other issues. However, the ordinance on the books, including threat of fines and or jail time, has never been enforced as far as we know. If enforcement is so difficult the ordinances should be amended or rescinded as soon as possible.

Our personal feelings with these issues are that, because they are not being dealt with, people will take these matters into their own hands. We are living in tense times in the world today, and people sometimes let a situation get out of control. More effort is needed by all of us to meet our communities needs.

The county commissioners and law enforcement need to get to the bottom of this problem of why these ordinances are not being enforced. We encourage any resident of Cherokee County with similar concerns to contact the proper authorities.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Zernicke Murphy

Aggravation at air show

I went to the air show on Sept. 24. The show was very good, and the way everything was set up seemed like it would have been fun, interesting and informative. There seemed to be lots of vendors along with food trucks, which I wish I could have enjoyed.

I had planned to be at the airport around 11 a.m. but was turned away by police on one end of the street leading to the airport and the fire department at the other end. I was instructed to go to the Kobe Express parking lot in Andrews and wait for a shuttle bus to take us to the airport.

We and hundreds of others waited 1½ hours for this bus that holds 9-12 people. Remember, there were hundreds of people in this parking lot. I finally got to the airport about 1:15 p.m.

When I got on the bus, there were still at least 100-plus people in Kobe’s parking lot waiting in line for the bus. When we arrived at the airport via the transport shuttle, there was plenty of room for more cars.

I understand that the Kobe parking lot was intended for overflow parking, but this was not the case. I never saw the parking lot at the airport full.

This was lately one of the best events in this area, but instead of being enjoyable, it was a major aggravation. This truly saddens me, as an event that should have been pleasurable for many turned out to be very frustrating, with many folks stating that they will not return next year.

Let’s hope the organizers learn from these mistakes.

Marcia Smith Murphy

Bill betrays U.S. workers

The August bill, dubbed the “Inflation Reduction Act,” passed by Democrats in Congress is a travesty because the bill betrays promises to support everyday hardworking Americans. The name is a contradiction.

President Joe Biden and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi celebrated the Act at the same time the market was crashing. Contrary to Democrat Party claims by U.S. Sen. Joe Manchin (D-W.Va.) that this bill will:

- ◆ “Reduce inflation,” there is no credible evidence it would do so.
- ◆ “Displace dirtier products,” it subsidizes electric vehicles, which emit more pollution over their lifespans than normal cars.
- ◆ Will bring “good-paying energy and manufacturing jobs back to America,” it enriches green energy investors while neglecting workers and harming the manufacturing sector.
- ◆ “Lower energy costs,” it enacts a form of stealth spending to subsidize green products that are more costly than other options.
- ◆ Not raise taxes on “families and small businesses making less than \$400,000 a year,” it enacts hidden taxes that fall on Americans of all income groups.
- ◆ “Lower the cost of health insurance,” it makes taxpayers pick up the tab by forcing them to pay Obamacare subsidies for people with incomes above 400 percent of the poverty line.
- ◆ “Lower the cost” of prescription drugs, it simply shifts more of those costs onto working Americans.
- ◆ Ensure people “making less than \$400,000 and small

businesses will not be targeted” by the Internal Revenue Service “because they are already paying their taxes,” the bill allows the bulk of tax dodgers to continue cheating honest taxpayers.

Manchin’s release decries “the severe threat of inflation and the consequences of unprecedented domestic spending,” but this bill increases spending on a host of categories detailed above. Far from a course change, Democrats are voting for “taxing and spending” instead of mere “spending.”

Terry Payne Marble

Ready to vote for Democrats

I am so ready to vote. I am being a selfish voter. I will vote for those who:

- ◆ will honor the constitution and abide by its laws.
- ◆ will accept the outcome of our elections without violence.
- ◆ will protect my Social Security.
- ◆ will protect my Medicare.
- ◆ will raise taxes on the super rich instead of me.
- ◆ will protect my water.
- ◆ will help to make my air cleaner.
- ◆ will work on climate change.
- ◆ will continue to decrease unemployment.
- ◆ will continue to fix, maintain and further improve our infrastructure, such as highways and dams.
- ◆ will continue to work to get drug costs reasonable for all.
- ◆ will fight for women’s whole health care.
- ◆ will continue to pursue health care for all.
- ◆ will continue to help students pursue further education through college or trade schools without incurring lifelong debt.

Primarily, I hope that other voters consider the GOP’s plan of getting rid of our Social Security and Medicare when they vote.

If the GOP takes control of the Senate or House majority, we will be scrambling to find the means to take care of ourselves in our “golden” years. I know my children cannot afford to take care of me and my medical bills. Can yours?

There are lots of reasons to vote. Primarily, I am voting to save my Social Security and Medicare. I will vote Democrat down the ballot.

Diane Snyder Murphy

Distorting democracy

I read the advertisement that purports to be the words of the speech given by President Joe Biden in Philadelphia. I looked

up and listened to every word of the speech. There is absolutely no statement that refers to “if anyone raises his hand to strike the state, then certain death is his lot.”

Advertiser Richard Cassidy subtitles the speech as “Adolf Hitler justifying the ‘Night of Long Knives.’ ” This typifies the lengths to which those who oppose Biden and our democracy will go to distort the truth and encourage hate and division in our beloved America.

Priscilla Ridgell Murphy

Anger or rejoicing?

The Inflation Reduction Act’s New Energy Policies – can they benefit me?

The newly passed Inflation Reduction Act has proven very controversial. It has caused anger in some and rejoicing in others.

However, I think it behooves us all to take a closer look at its’ energy policies and see if it can help the average Georgian save money.

This bill will give tax incentives to develop clean energy, which will lower the average utility bill by about \$15/month by the year 2032. We will definitely have cleaner air, which will make us healthier and prevent thousands of premature deaths in Georgia alone.

There are incentives for weatherizing our houses and buying energy-efficient appliances and HVAC systems which will save even more money. Beginning next year, American made EVs with American batteries will be eligible for \$7,500 rebates for 10 years-saving a ton of gas money.

Adding everything together, the best estimates are that it will save the average American about \$1,200/year in total energy savings by 2032. Certainly people can question that figure, but it is in the right ball park.

The bill will incentivize American manufacturing, especially for EV and battery production and solar manufacturing and installation. Georgia is in a prime position to gain thousands of good paying jobs from EV and battery plants locating here and from the production of and installation of solar. It is estimated there will be a net increase of about 1.5 million new jobs in the U.S. as a result of the bill, with Georgia being among the states that will benefit the most.

Despite many problems, I think we can find many benefits for most of us in this bill. You can go to this website to find out which benefits you qualify for and how much you can save: <https://www.rewiringamerica.org/app/ira-calculator>.

Vernon Dixon Hiawassee, Ga.

MY VIEW

No good time for goodbyes

There’s a cemetery on my property. Not for humans, although that’s legal in North Carolina, and I did tell my wife I’d be perfectly fine with her just dragging me over there and saving a few bucks when it’s my time to go.

Copper the Labrador is over there, along with Spike the rat terrier and Bailey-Boo the Pomeranian. Milo and Snickers, our last cats due to my allergies, are also eternally watching over the place. Then there’s Slater the Beta fish, a baby duck, a hamster and maybe even a turtle.

It’s awash with memories, is what it is, as the Brown Barn doesn’t treat pets like animals – they’re family.

I got that from my Mom, who dedicated many years of her too-short life to helping rescue lost, forgotten and homeless pets, as well as raising money for spay and neuter programs. She was fearless and passionate, the kind of person who would knock loudly on a neighbor’s door if they had a dog tied up in the backyard without shelter when it was cold or raining.

Before Mom passed away, she had one last rescue in mind. My wife, Sharron, has always wanted a little lap dog and, since Bailey-Boo was only with us for a few months and we already had two others at home, a Pomeranian would be perfect. Lo and behold, one day friends who volunteered with Mom spotted The Dog Who Would Be Named Ruby aimlessly wandering among vehicles at a dangerous intersection in northwest Alabama.

They cleaned her up and posted information about her on pet message boards for two weeks without response. Many cuddles later, along with hundreds of dollars in grooming and veterinary bills, she became a member of the family.

Cherokee Scout readers were introduced to Ruby in my column on Sept. 21, 2016. She was the last gift from my Mom, which made her extra special. You might have seen her, too, as she was a regular presence with my wife around town.

One week ago today, my wife and I buried Ruby next to Spike in our pet cemetery. The veterinarian figured she was between 13 and 15 years old, and her body was just giving out. She was blind, going deaf, in the fifth stage of heart disease and couldn’t do anything by herself.

Yet my wife and I held out hope, as she carried Ruby around the house with her like a fluffy accessory. We didn’t

move any furniture so Ruby might be able to navigate. We looked for clues in her behavior to tell us what she wanted. And Sharron took her out to use the bathroom several times a day, including in the rain at 4 a.m.

If you knew nothing about my wife other than how she cared for Ruby over the last year, that would be more than enough for you to know that she’s an exceptional person.

But for all the four-legged family friends I’ve had over five-plus decades, I never had to set a date with a vet knowing it was the final walk. It always happened naturally, or we had to make a quick call due to medical circumstances.

Knowing days in advance exactly when something you love is going to die can really mess with your head – even when you know, without question, that it’s the right thing to do. I’d look at the clock and torture myself by thinking, “Ruby’s not going to be with us in 16 hours.” It also brought up a host of other emotions, as no one ever quits missing their Mom.

When the moment came, with God’s grace it was peaceful. Not gonna lie, it hurt like hell, but the expertise and compassion at Alpine Veterinary Center made it as bearable as possible. One minute she was eating, then riding in the car – her two favorite things in this world – and the next she was gone.

I have to believe Ruby crossed a Rainbow Bridge of sorts and was greeted by my Mom. I have to believe all souls with the capacity to love have a chance to live on. I have to believe that, because I refuse to believe I will never see them again.

Even when they’re just 5.7 pounds of furball.

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Ruby Tuesday

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Thanks for reading and responding.

- ◆ In order to allow for a wider range of perspectives, writers can only have one letter or guest column published per month.
- ◆ *The word limit for letters is 300 words; guest columns is 450 words, when approved.*
- ◆ Photos are encouraged, with proper identification of everyone shown.
- ◆ A signature, address and phone number must accompany all letters so we can confirm the writer’s identity. Only your name and city

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- ◆ **Deadline** for letters is noon Monday. However, all letters run first come-first served, unless there is a timeliness factor.
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- ◆ **Mail** letters to P.O. Box 190, Murphy, NC 28906.
- ◆ **Drop off** letters to 89 Sycamore St. in downtown Murphy.

When the pain overcomes the resistance

When King Ramses II finally released the Israelites, 400 years and 10 plagues later than they had hoped, they actually stayed in Egypt for nearly a month post emancipation. They were on the move, of course, because Pharaoh's army was in hot pursuit, despite their diplomatic immunity.

Sneaky politics is not an invention of the 21 century. The Israelites covered nearly 310 miles in Egypt before arriving at the Red Sea. This meant they had to walk an average of 10 hours per day.

Cleverly, they left their captivity at midnight because walking 10 hours a day under an Egyptian sun, with no sunscreen, would have been unbearable. Those camels didn't come with air conditioning, either. Once they finally reached the Red Sea, the freed slaves camped on its shore for eight days.

This was an odd choice given they could probably see dust clouds stirring up in their rearview mirrors from Ramses' army in full battle gear, riding in their version of the American Abrams M1A2 army tanks. It's unclear why Moses chose to wait for the Egyptian army to show up before pounding his staff into the water in one



From the Front Porch

Abigail Blythe Batton

of the Top 10 Showstoppers of the Bible.

By the way, it was Charlton Heston – as Moses in the movie *The Ten Commandments* – who smashed his staff into the water to part the sea. Moses' version was much less showy, as he was told to simply raise his staff above the water. Hollywood did a better job as far as drama goes; we prefer a reckless cowboy to a mild-mannered diplomat.

I've always been confused at Moses' decision to wait so long on that shoreline. There are disputes about how many Israelites left with Moses, but most agree to a 600,000 head count. So Moses had a lot of people counting on him – very likely pressuring him – and they were tired, dirty and hungry.

God wouldn't send manna and quail for another month or so, when they reached Elim. Can you imagine the anxiety Moses must have felt during those eight days? Tensions must have been high, with people urging

him to hurry up and make a plan out of the land that held them captive. And their lives depended on it, because the army would surely annihilate them.

They practically race-walked to the shore, surging with adrenaline and some serious post-traumatic stress disorder. When they finally reached the jumping-off place, Moses pulled a fast one by instructing them to unpack their gear and set up camp for what must have been the longest week of their lives.

God was in pretty constant contact with Moses at this time. If they had used cellphones, the kids would have called it a "blown up" situation. But even with their closeness, maybe Moses felt uncertain raising his walking stick above the water.

What if nothing happened? He would be humiliated in front of a pretty sizable audience. Maybe he needed the intense pressure of a raging army to make that final decision to leave.

Or perhaps he resisted God's plan because he didn't like the idea of thousands of Egyptian men perishing in the ocean when the invisible walls released the



Abigail Blythe Batton toasts the parting of the Red Sea with a Bloody Mary.

water. That's the downside of change; there is always a cost. But if I had been Moses, I would have waited those eight days, too.

They were leaving their home, and yes, aside from the 30 years they lived under the favor of Pharaoh Sesatris III – this was during the Potifer's wife-seduction-scandal, which landed Joseph in prison – the bulk of their time in Egypt was pretty awful. But, still, it was their home for centuries. Once they crossed the Red Sea, they would become homeless foreigners.

So, like Moses, I would want to take pause and reflect on who I was in my old life, then consider who I might become in the new

one, before I crossed that border into the wilderness. The Israelites lived on the lowest strata of Egyptian society, but they were still a part of something larger than themselves. The system sucked, yes, but there was a system. Once they crossed the border, it would be in a lonely Wild West.

I think that's the reason many choose to remain living in tepid to boiling water for eight days or years or decades. The pain becomes familiar enough that the thought of losing what we know in exchange for something we cannot know sanctions us to navigate a life lived in the subpar.

Many times during their 40 years of wilderness wan-

dering, the Israelites begged Moses to take them back to Egypt. They preferred slavery over freedom because they understood slavery – and freedom was terrifying.

Many of us have crossed the Cherokee County border from an old life in exchange for a new one. I am among them. I don't yet know if Murphy is my Mount Sinai or the Promised Land, but I do know that I am free here.

My journey was wretched, and many times I considered running back to the ruinous life I left behind. But courage breeds confidence, and I am now confident that I belong on this side of the shoreline.

It took some time, because mountain folks are cautious, but they have accepted me as a refugee. The Israelites eventually made it Canaan and found life there far sweeter, and immeasurably more meaningful, than the one they left behind. Like me, they persisted through lack of faith, fear of change and profound loss to find their way to home.

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Annual golf tournament pays for college scholarships

By JOSE ARIAS
Guest Columnist

The Bethel-Guidry College Scholarship Golf Tournament, sponsored by Good Shepherd Episcopal Church of Hayesville, took place Sept. 10 at the beautiful Mountain Harbour Golf Course. Despite the threat of rain, we played under cloudy skies and had a wonderful tournament.

The following won contests held before and during the tournament: Tony Weigold won the putting contest; longest drives were won by Seth McLamb (men) and AC Knight (ladies); Closest to Pin were Marvin Davenport (men) and Diana Azor (Ladies); and Low Score Foursome was won by Mike Smith, Dick Welton, Marvin Davenport and Ed Moore.

On behalf of all the schol-

arship winners we would like to thank everyone that participated either being volunteers, hole sponsors or playing in our tournament:

- ◆ Hole in one – co-sponsored by Jacky Jones and Kathy and Glenn Marcel.
 - ◆ Refreshment cart – Team Christensen.
 - ◆ Golfer continental breakfast – Mountain Streams Real Estate Inc.
 - ◆ Breakfast sandwiches donated by McDonald's of Hayesville.
 - ◆ Putting contest – Bethel Acquisitions LLC.
 - ◆ Lunch provided by The Holy Smokers
- Platinum: Glenn and Kathy Marcel, Moore Insurance, Senior Financial Group, Century 21 Scenic Realty, Wilson Group, Jacky Jones, Jacob and Signe Earhart, Glenn and Kathy Marcel, Bloom, Jorge and Diana Azor.



Mike Smith, Dick Welton, Marvin Davenport and Ed Moore (from left) were winners of the Low Score Foursome in the Bethel Guidry Scholarship Golf Tournament on Sept. 10, sponsored by Good Shepherd Episcopal Church in Hayesville.

- ◆ Gold – Dou and Jane Stuart, Andrew and Peggy Dickert.
- ◆ Silver – George's Paint and Hardware, Mountain Streams Real Estate, Julie Ledford DDS, PA, Rotary Club of Lake Chatuge, Susie Herbert, Catalyst Surety Partners, Mountain Valley Country Store, American

- Legion Hiawassee, VFW Hiawassee, Jean Miller, VFW Post 6812, Stacey and Julie Overlin, Turner Guidry and Georgia Bethel.
- ◆ Bronze: Mary Hedden, Tri-County Office Supply, Dr. Jason Shook, Robert Schneider, Dr. Russell Hughes, Club 66 Veterans and Associates, David Field,

the Rev. Dr. Bill Breedlove, Hometown Sleep Center, Mary's Southern Grill, Carl Patterson Flooring, Keep Me Posted, Union County Pet Hospital, Mary Stewart and Fred King, United Community Bank, Enrico's, Signs Fast, Hayesville Firestone, Nantahala Bank, West Tubing Co., Jim Redmond, Jackie Sellers, Gail Criss, Nature's Health & Body, Anejo's, Dove Profiles, Edward Jones, Sonja Silvers, Valla Kolman, Dudley Hall, Burch Insurance, TATA on Main Street, Berrong Barber Shop, Randy Brown, Jan Freeman, The Club Shoppe, Cantrell Body Shop, Clyde Taylor, Bill and Liz Hickok, Angelo's Restaurant, Young Harris College, Hiawassee Hometown Pharmacy, ReMax Hiawassee Realty, Pam Roman, Kanute Rarey, Kelly Williams, Lou and Barbara Lanwer Meyer,

Deborah Clark Teronde, David Gribble, David and Bev Larson, Jon and Meliss Czarnacki, American Legion Hayesville, Nantahala Bank, Robin and Mike McGrath, Tawanna and Ron Dutton, Brothers at Willow Ridge, Jose and Mili Arias, Harry Baughn, Hayesville High School, Joe and Elizabeth Rybicki, Robert and Janet Richardson, Epic, Mary Ackerly, Pat and Joy Fox, Rick Kirchberg and Lucy Oberle.

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The writer is a resident of Hayesville.

What do the Democrats mean by 'kill and confront?'

By RICH CASSADY, ESQ.
Guest Columnist

On Sept. 1, 2022, President Joe Biden declared MAGA Donald Trump supporters, estimated at 60-75 million Americans, to be threats to democracy and implied we are domestic terrorists. It was an invitation to violence against those Americans with different political views than he and his party hold.

That call for violence was echoed by U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-Hawaii) later when she issued her literal "call to arms" against all Americans who describe themselves as pro-life.

Last week U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan (D-Ohio), who is the Democrat U.S. Senate candidate, insisted that his party must "kill and confront" MAGA Trump supporters.

On Sunday, Sept. 18, 2022, in North Dakota, it happened. A man named Shannon Brandt ran down and killed an 18-year-old MAGA Trump supporter and admitted that such was his motivation for murder.

I have not read it reported that any Democrat, from Gov. Roy Cooper, Attorney General Josh Stein, U.S. Senate candidate Cheryl Beasley, U.S. congressional

candidate Jasmine Beach-Farrara or any other down-ballot Democrat has openly disavowed or even expressed disagreement with Biden's toxic speech or those of the others mentioned above. If, as expected, a "red-wave" sweeps the GOP, and more specifically MAGA Trump supporters into office, will the ruling party permit it?

Remember, the election is in November, but no one is sworn in until January.

In 1934, Adolf Hitler ordered the mass jailing and executions of his political rivals. It is known to history as "The Night of Long Knives." In justifying his act, Hitler gave a speech to the Reichstag in which he decreed:

"If anyone reproaches me and asks why I did not resort to the regular courts of justice, then all I can say is this. In this hour I was responsible for the fate of the German people, and thereby I became the supreme judge of the German people. I gave the order to shoot the ringleaders in this treason, and I further gave the order to cauterize down to the raw flesh the ulcers of this poisoning of the wells in our domestic life. Let the nation know that its existence – which depends on its internal order and security

– cannot be threatened with impunity by anyone. And let it be known for all time to come that if anyone raises his hand to strike the state,

then certain death is his lot."

Biden has declared 60-75 million Americans to be domestic terrorists. His supporters are now acting

on his toxic and dystopian vision. Will we hear a similar speech to justify his and his party's actions after the "red wave" threatens his

party's removal from power in January?

The writer is a resident of Franklin who also practices law in Cherokee County.

ONLINE POLL

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Did the Cherokee County Board of Education make the right decision in canceling all remaining volleyball games with one high school on student safety grounds?

- ☐ Yes. Our players were at a competitive disadvantage.
- ☐ No. The board based its decision more on politics.
- ☐ I'm not sure what to think about it yet.

Last week's results (as of Tuesday morning):
Should the State of North Carolina reimburse Cherokee County for all lawsuits concerning the Department of Social Services?
☐ Yes. DSS is a state department that didn't receive appropriate oversight – 57%.
☐ No. This is a county problem non-local taxpayers are not responsible for – 34%.
☐ I'm not sure what to think about it yet – 9%.

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Avery Kilpatrick

Avery Justin Kilpatrick

Avery Justin Kilpatrick, 39, of Andrews, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022.

Avery was born in Murphy to Winnie Gibby Kilpatrick and the late Elick Kilpatrick.

He was a lineman for MasTec Power.

Avery loved fishing and nature. He was a graduate of Nantahala High School and also attended Wahoo Baptist Church in Murrayville, Ga.

Avery is survived by his brothers, Eric Kilpatrick and wife Mallisa, and Andy Kilpatrick; his sisters, Margaret Coffey and husband Johnny, and Shirley Cutchaw and husband Lennie; and several nieces and nephews.

A funeral service was held at 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, at Townson-Rose Chapel of Andrews. Preachers Mark Stroud, John Dowdy and Coby Gilliland officiated. Burial was in Little Choga Cemetery in Nantahala. Pallbearers were Erick Kilpatrick, Ethan Kilpatrick, David Smith, Scott Morgan, Casey Collins and Kevin Baldwin.

The family received friends from 2-3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 2, prior to the funeral service.

You may send tributes to the family at www.townson-rose.com.

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Jo Ann Anderson

Jo Ann Anderson

Jo Ann Hughes Anderson, 82, of the Peachtree community in Murphy, passed away peacefully on the evening of Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022. She was surrounded by her five daughters and many grandchildren.

Jo Ann was born in Franklin on Feb. 23, 1940, into a large and loving family. In the 1950s, the family settled in the Peachtree community.

She married the love of her life in 1963, Jack Anderson. Together they had five daughters.

Jo Ann was a seamstress, gardener and talented artist. She was a dedicated member of Upper Peachtree Baptist Church, where she enjoyed singing in the church choir.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Jack Anderson; son-in-law, Roger Spiva; and siblings, Grady, Dee, Guy, Jack and Bill Hughes, Joyce Ramsey, Gladys McGaha and Mary Pugh.

Jo Ann is survived by

her daughters, Debbie Spiva (the late Roger Spiva), Donna Anderson (G.W. Hendrix), Pam Johnson (Mike Johnson), Kenny Jo McGrady (Micky McGrady) and Tracey Anderson (Mark Hicks); siblings, Stella Mae Adams, Bonnie Keasler, Johnny Hughes and Howard Hughes; 10 granddaughters, Alexa Spiva (Jonathan Weaver), Sheena Spiva, Rajun McCoy (Thomas Lodwick), Cody Hanley, Tiara Johnson (Danny Wilkins), Amber McGrady, Gena McGrady, Maggie McGrady, Darian Jones (Ben Flaws), McKena McCoy (Brannon McCoy); and 12 great-grandchildren, Trinity Garrett (Ryan Russell), Lindy Garrett, Logan Weaver, Aiden Weaver, Eli Farmer, Traven Mowery, Jacob Poe, Liam Hanley, Mila McCoy, Isaiah Wilkins, Nixon Puccio and Emma Flaws.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at the Townson-Rose Funeral Home Chapel in Murphy. The Rev. Derek Tilley will officiate. Burial will be in Valley River Baptist Church Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mike Johnson, Mickey McGrady, G.W. Hendrix, Jonathan Weaver, Mark Hicks and Brannon McCoy. Great-grandsons will serve as honorary pallbearers: Logan, Eli, Traven, Aiden, Jacob, Liam, Isaiah and Nixon.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at Townson-Rose Funeral Home in Murphy.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Valley River Baptist Church Cemetery, c/o Jean Phillips, P.O. Box 1189, Andrews, NC 28901.

You may send tributes to the Anderson family at www.townson-rose.com.

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William Anderson

William Anderson

William Henry Anderson, 84, of Brasstown, passed away Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

He served in the United States Army as a tank operator during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

William was a licensed electrician and licensed contractor/builder, working in construction his whole life. He also farmed, raised livestock and grew tobacco, strawberries and apples.

William served on the Soil and Water Board in Clay County for 13 years. He was a Christian of the Baptist faith, and a faithful deacon at Pinelog Baptist Church.

William was the son of the late Woodard Cline and Sucanna Mae (Willis) Anderson. He was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Anderson; and one brother, Kendall Anderson (Hubbie).

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Linda Chambers Anderson of Brasstown; one daughter, Kimberly Chastain and husband Lamar Chastain; two sons, Jimmy Anderson and wife Robin, and Chris An-

derson and wife Samantha; six grandchildren, Alexis Dockery and husband Tyler, Aaron Chastain, Calista Chastain, Tyler Anderson, Diana Anderson and Jonah Graves; four sisters, Charlene Ross of Brasstown, Faye Ramsey (Walter) of Dalton, Ga., Carolyn Dayton of Braselton, Ga., and Glenda Anderson (Rodney) of Hayesville; and one brother, David Anderson (Carolyn) of Brasstown; sister-in-law, Nancy Crooks (Alan); brother-in-law, Sheridan Chambers (Lynn), and brother-in-law Richard Chambers (Nancy); and many nieces and nephews. William also left behind two sweet Schnauzers, Tucker and Carter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Pinelog Baptist Church. The Revs. Lamar Chastain and Kevin Miller will be officiating. Inurnment will follow at Pinelog Baptist Church Cemetery. Friends and family may visit from 1-2 p.m. Service will immediately follow the visitation. Pallbearers will be Aaron Chastain, Tyler Anderson, Jonah Graves, David Owens, Jerry Leslie, Dale Fleming, Charlie Caldwell, Bill England and Max Reese. Nephews will be honorary pallbearers.

Memorials may be made to Pinelog Baptist Church Cemetery Fund in lieu of flowers to Pinelog Baptist Church, c/o David Owens, 65 Pinelog Baptist Church Road, Brasstown, NC 28902.

You may send tributes to the family at www.townson-rose.com.

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Jane Sneed Colvard

Jane Sneed Colvard, 92, of East Ridge, Tenn., and formerly of Murphy, passed away Friday, Sept. 16, 2022.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Neil Sneed of Murphy.

Survivors include Dan and Kathy Colvard of Cary, N.C., and David Colvard of Chattanooga, Tenn.; grandchildren, Sara Beland, Matthew Colvard, Danielle Colvard and Nick Colvard; and great-grandson, Rowan Beland.

Jane worked at Southern Bell Telephone Company in Murphy. Then she transferred to Chattanooga, Tenn., in the early 1950s. She later worked for the city of Chattanooga with family services.

She was a member of Jones Memorial United Methodist Church in East Ridge, Tenn. She also volunteered at Memorial Hospital for five years.

She never lost her love for her hometown of Murphy, where she will be laid to rest in Sunset Cemetery, Murphy, at a later date.



Frankie Hughes

Frankie Hughes

Frankie Ruth Carter Rogers Hughes, 89, of Murphy and Douglasville, Ga., passed away Wednesday, Sept. 28, 2022.

She was born in Cherokee County to the late Rufus Dockery and husband Carter on Aug. 20, 1933.

Frankie loved making a vegetable garden, crocheting, camping, and being with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles Dale Rogers and Bill Hughes; her brothers, Howard Carter, Henry Carter, Ross Carter; and her sister, Ruby Carter Collier.

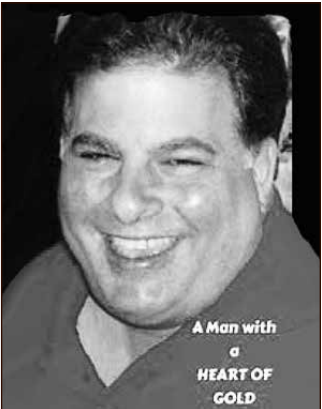
Frankie is survived by her daughters, Wanda Rogers Cantrell and Gale Rogers Smith Hall (Cliff Cantrell and Vernon Hall spouses respectively); her grandchildren, Branden and Megan Smith, Kendyl Smith, Kelly Griffin and Jeff Griffin; her great-grandchildren, Carter Smith, Sarah Smith, Meredith Griffin, Liam Frazier and Luke Griffin.

The family received friends from 5-7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30, at Whitley Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home, Douglasville, Ga.

A private family graveside service was held Saturday, Oct. 1, in the Rosehaven Cemetery.

Those who wish to express condolences or share a special memory may do so online at www.whitleygarner.com.

Arrangements were by Whitley-Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home, Douglasville, GA 30134, 770-942-4246.



Glenn Masone

Glenn Masone

Glenn Andrew Masone, 60, of Murphy, passed away Thursday, Sept. 22, 2022, at his home.

Glenn was born June 13, 1962, in Flushing, N.Y., to Daniel and Lois Masone.

Coming from Bradenton, Fla., he had made Murphy his home for the past 18 years.

Glenn was a master carpenter and a general contractor owning Glenn Masone Home Improvements. He enjoyed being near the water, boating, fishing and hiking. He liked listening to Classic Rock & Roll and Christian music. He was an excellent cook and enjoyed cooking for family, friends and church events, and spending time with family and friends.

Survivors include his wife, Darlene Masone; father, Daniel Masone; mother, Lois Stiepel Masone; brother, Don Masone; sisters-in-law, Ellen Larario (husband Joe) and Linda Lamb of Florida; brother-in-law, Edward J. Stevens of Colorado; aunts, Marjorie Diamond and Lynn Kelly (husband Larry) from New York; Viola Rauchbauer of Florida; cousin, Susan Cinquenani of Florida; nieces, Lisa Siegel (husband Cori Sr.), Katie Lamb and Jaci Lamb of Florida; Michelle Page (husband Mike) of Texas; Sydney Stevens of Colorado; Deana Fellows of New York, great-nieces, Joyce Siegel of Florida, Ellie Page of Texas; and great-nephew, Cori Siegel Jr.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, from Cochran Funeral Home Chapel with pastor Shep Calhoun officiating.

The family will receive friends from noon until the

service hour on Saturday, Oct. 8, at Cochran Funeral Home, Murphy.

Donations can be made to Valley River Humane Society, P.O. Box 658, Murphy, NC 28906 or Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House, 73 Blumenthal St., Murphy, NC 28906.

Cochran Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Glenn Andrew Masone.

You may send condolences to the family and sign the guest register at www.cochranfuneralhomes.com.

Lawrence Lindsey Jr.

Lawrence “Larry” A. Lindsey Jr., 68, of Andrews, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2022, after a seven-year battle with cancer.

Larry was born in Asheville to the late Rev. Lawrence A. and Ruth Lindsey.

After a short visit to Andrews 42 years ago, he fell in love with the mountains and its people.

He was employed by Larry’s Plumbing Company, Baker Furniture, Emerson at Peachtree and Munters.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his wife of 41 years, Debbie Lindsey; and brother-in-law, Frank Shuffler.

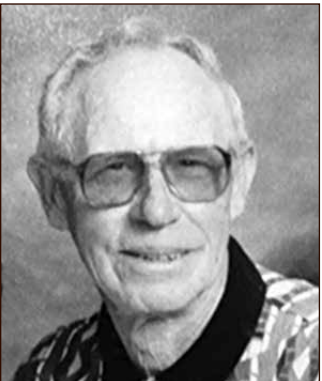
Larry is survived by a stepdaughter, Jennifer “Jenny” Brown; grandsons, Corey L. Brown of Mober, Mo., and Caleb Brown of Andrews; three sisters, Brenda Kuykendall and husband Doug of Spartanburg, S.C., Gail Dailey and husband Larry of Mills River, and Mary Shuffler of Candler; a brother, James G. “Jim” and wife Beth of Asheville; nieces, Jennifer Brooks, Chasity Case and Laura Lindsey; two great-nieces; and nephews, Darby Owenby, Travis Dailey and Ryan Lindsey.

Memorial service arrangements will be announced at a later date.

You may send tributes to the family at www.townson-rose.com.

Townson-Rose Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Henry Stalcup

Henry Stalcup

Henry Stalcup, 92, of Marble, went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022.

He was a native and lifetime resident of Cherokee County.

Henry joined the United States Navy and was stationed in Japan during the Korean War. He then joined the United States Air Force and worked on helicopters in Greenville, S.C.

Henry married the love of his life, Dorothy Solesbee Stalcup, on July 19, 1952.

He managed TransCarolina Concrete in Murphy for many years until it closed. Henry then worked in maintenance at Clifton Precision for over 20 years until retirement.

He was a member of Valleytown Baptist Church.

Henry loved to fish and was a member of Tri-County Bass Club. Henry also enjoyed gardening.

He was the son of the late Will and Blanche Moss Stalcup and his stepmother, Della Huskins Stalcup. He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Clyde, Ira and Charlie Stalcup.

Surviving are his wife of 70 years, Dorothy Solesbee Stalcup of Marble; one daughter, Teresa and husband David Raxter of Nantahala; three sons, Bobby Stalcup and wife Wanda of Murphy, Barry Stalcup and wife Sherry of Marble, and Brian Stalcup and wife Lynn of Clayton, Ga.; one brother, James Stalcup of Marble; 10 grandchildren, Jessica Rickett and husband Phillip, Jennifer Thompson and husband Trevor, Tera McKinney and husband Shane, Curtis Raxter and wife LeeAnna, Scott Stalcup and wife Brandy, Josh Stalcup and fiancée Lindsey, Michael Stalcup and wife Megan, Michelle Bell and husband Bryan, Brian Stalcup Jr., and wife Breanna, and Blake Stalcup; 22 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, in the chapel of Ivie Funeral Home in Andrews with the Revs. Mickey Stewart and Jim Beasley officiating. Interment will be in Mt. Zion Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. Pallbearers will be Scott Stalcup, Josh Stalcup, Michael Stalcup, Curtis Raxter, Brian Stalcup Jr., Blake Stalcup, Shane McKinney and Phillip Rickett. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4 in the chapel of Ivie Funeral Home, Andrews.

Ivie Funeral Home, Andrews, is in charge of arrangements.

An online guest register is available at www.iviefuneralhome.com.



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Cherokee County Arrest Report

The following people were booked through the Cherokee County Detention Center from Sept. 23 through Oct. 1, 2022, and federal law enforcement officers handled the cases. Those whose names appear should be presumed innocent unless proven guilty. To report criminal activity, citizens may call the automated tip line at 837-1344.

Charles Edward Brooks, Marble, 51, 9-23, injury to personal property.

Stephen Burl Curtis, Murphy, 24, 9-23, week-end.

Michael Paul Fishback, Murphy, 39, 9-23, shoplifting concealment of goods.

Christi Wynette Killian, Marble, 36, 9-23, violate domestic violence protection order.

Christopher Joseph Langer, Murphy, 37, 9-23, extradition/fugitive other state.

Derek Andrew Lewis, Murphy, 36, 9-23, driving while impaired.

Jake Burns Lyerly, Hendersonville, 34, 9-23, four counts failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Law & Order

FRIENDSHIP

Four officers on desk duty

Four officers have returned to work at the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office after an officer-involved fatal shooting.

“They’re back to work, but they’re not in an enforcement capacity until our internal (investigation) is finished,” Chief Deputy Chris Wood said Sept. 26. Joe Radford was shot and killed Sept. 10 after an incident that began with him firing shots into a neighbor’s home on Radford Road, he added.

Sheriff Derrick Palmer said Radford fled into the

Michael James Simpson, Blue Ridge, Ga., 42, 9-23, failure to appear on a misdemeanor, driving while impaired, fail to heed light or siren, reckless driving – wanton disregard.

Carmel Floyd Caldwell, Copperhill, Tenn., 53, 9-24, possess methamphetamine, extradition/fugitive other state.

John Allen Biggins, Surgonginsville, Tenn., 40, 9-26, holding for other agency.

Carol Lynn Bruce, Murphy, 64, 9-26, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

John Trampas Graham, Murphy, 50, 9-26, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Jeffery Charles Heid, Robbinsville, 51, 9-26, failure to appear on a felony, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Ricky Gene Ledford, Hayesville, 60, 9-26, failure to appear on a felony.

Ahmed Saeed Adam, Murphy, 29, 9-27, possess methamphetamine, possess drug paraphernalia, intoxicated and disruptive, resisting public officer.

Rachel Nicole Flem-

ing, Robbinsville, 34, 9-27, holding for other agency.

Rose Mary Ford, Lula, Ga., 30, 9-27, extradition/fugitive other state.

Delena Cristine Hawkins, Murphy, 53, 9-27, possess methamphetamine, two counts simple possession schedule VI controlled substance, simple possession schedule II controlled substance.

Michelle Renee Herper, Murphy, 43, 9-27, safe-keeping.

Christopher Dean Liberatore, Hamburg, N.Y., 24, 9-27, failure to appear on a felony, felony probation violation.

Eric Lynn Murphy, Murphy, 35, 9-27, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Kristen Kishon Nelson, Murphy, 27, 9-27, second-degree trespass.

Chloe Jahmarie O’connor, Hamton, Ga., 22, 9-27, resisting public officer, communicating threats.

Bryant Macquis Oglesby, Murphy, 52, 9-27, driving while impaired.

James Mitchell Peppers, Blue Ridge, Ga., 33, 9-27,

possess methamphetamine.

Henry Clifford Smith, Murphy, 62, 9-27, three counts failure to appear on a misdemeanor, resisting public officer.

Mark Alan Stasierowski, Andrews, 63, 9-27, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Dominick Paul Terrasi, Murphy, 21, 9-27, assault with physical injury law enforcement/probation/parole officer.

Tyrek Kadeem Ajahne Tyson, Covington, Ga., 21, 9-27, assault on a female.

Zachary Steven Koss, Clayton, Ga., 30, 9-28, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Samuel Ulysses Long, Atlanta, Ga., 27, 9-28, assault inflict serious injury.

Christopher Lloyd Phillips, Murphy, 33, 9-28, trafficking in methamphetamine, possess with intent to manufacture, sell. deliver methamphetamine, driving while license revoked not impaired revoked, possess drug paraphernalia.

Jordan Kaula Bateman, Andrews, 32, 9-29, two counts failure to appear on a

misdemeanor.

Michael Paul Fishback, Murphy, 40, 9-29, second-degree trespass.

Timothy Edward Gibbs, Morganton, Ga., 46, 9-29, failure to appear on a felony.

Matthew Lee Hogsed, Murphy, 39, 9-29, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Stephanie Nicolette Phillips, Marble, 44, 9-29, holding for other agency.

John Daniel Reece II, Murphy, 33, 9-29, possess schedule II controlled substance.

Richard Francis Stinchcomb, Andrews, 47, 9-29, conspire to sell methamphetamine, sell methamphetamine.

Breslin Drake Allen, Murphy, 27, 9-30, assault and battery, failure to appear on a felony.

Michael Christopher Ferguson, Topton, 39, 9-30, failure to appear on a felony.

Autumn Nicole Teesateskee, Murphy, 31, 9-30, nine counts obtain

property by false pretense, financial card theft, eight counts identity theft, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

Nickalas Cody Teesates-kee, Murphy, 34, 9-30, eight counts identity theft, nine counts obtain property by false pretense, financial card theft, extradition/fugitive other state.

Roberta Sue Gentle, Murphy, 71, 10-1, possess methamphetamine, rear lamps violation.

Waylon Eugene Radford, Murphy, 32, 10-1, breaking and/or entering, larceny after break/enter, possess/receive stolen property certain felony.

John Daniel Reece II, Murphy, 33, 10-1, failure to appear on a misdemeanor, second-degree trespass.

Levi Hill Stalcup, Andrews, 34, 10-1, failure to appear on a misdemeanor.

James Robert Wilson, Andrews, 59, 10-1, violate domestic violence protection order.

Alcohol change would ‘level playing field’

By JARED PUTNAM
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MURPHY – The town council will move forward with more discussions about the possibility of a “social district” where alcoholic beverages could be carried out of restaurants in open containers on downtown streets.

“We’ll get another meeting, a specially called meeting where we all get together and possibly meet with restaurant owners,” Mayor Tim Radford said Monday night. “We have to do our homework and make sure we don’t jump into something blindly, so I appreciate all the dialogue tonight.”

Council member Keisha Dockery raised the possibility of such a district during the town’s July meeting, patterning it after similar ventures recently adopted by other places within the state. Since then, Downtown Development Director Laura Lachance has had an opportunity to consult with other North Carolina Main Street communities that have implemented the measure.

“It puts the brick and mortar (restaurants) on a level playing field with brewers,” Lachance said. “Somebody who manufactures alcohol can participate in a beer garden or the Tasty Tuesdays event down at the (L&N) Depot, but you can’t have The Mason Bar participate in something like that because of their license. So, it would allow them to participate in special events.”

Members of the town council appeared more

hesitant about the proposal during the October meeting Monday night, after some expressed quick enthusiasm toward it during the July meeting. Town Manager Chad Simons offered perspective from nearby Sylva, which got its social district off the ground in April as part of a six-month test program.

“Knowing this was going to be a topic on the agenda, I did reach out to Sylva’s police chief,” Simons said. “I wanted his perspective on any increase in drunk and disorderly type of conduct, litter, etc., what they’ve seen.

“They actually put their social district in their CAD (Computer Aided Dispatch) system, so they can actually track in real time their calls associated with it. They compared it to 2019, and (there are) no increases whatsoever.”

Such a district is still a relatively new approach by towns within North Carolina. The move was made possible after a bill allow-

Palmer said authorities do not have a motive as to why Radford shot at neighbors or deputies, but said his agency had “a history with this particular subject on similar incidents in the past.”

CLEVELAND, Ga. Murphy man hurt in wreck

Two men were injured when they were ejected from an SUV that crashed southwest of Cleveland. Georgia troopers charged the driver with DUI, according to nowhabersham.com

According to the state patrol’s preliminary investigation, Jimmy Adrian Byron Alexander Pruitt, 21, of Cleveland, was driving a

Toyota 4Runner north on Asbury Mill Road on the afternoon of Sept. 19 when he ran off the road. The vehicle traveled onto the west shoulder of the roadway and struck several trees.

Jeremy Ryan Goddard, 24, of Murphy, N.C., and Ishmen Mandingo Dorsey, 23, of Sautee Nacoochee, were both thrown from the vehicle. Pruitt was also injured, but initially refused treatment on the scene. He was taken to a hospital for treatment after being placed under arrest.

In addition to DUI, troopers charged Pruitt with failure to maintain lane and two counts of serious injury by vehicle, nowhabersham.com reported.

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Cherokee County
NORTH CAROLINA

Town hopes to draw thousands for rail tours

By ABIGAIL BLYTHE BATTON
Staff Correspondent

ANDREWS – The “small town with a big heart” is fast becoming the little darling of Cherokee County.

On Saturday, the mountain town will host their annual Oktoberfest, which brings in visitors from across the tri-state area to enjoy the craft vendors, the entertainment and the spirited drinks. But this year is special.

Nola Cooper, executive director of the Andrews Chamber of Commerce, is thrilled to announce the grand opening of Andrews Valley Rail Tours during Oktoberfest.

“I’ve done some research,” Cooper said, “and I believe we will have the only bike rail venue in the State of North Carolina.”

The Andrews Valley Rail Tours had an unlikely beginning. Judy and Jack Roberson retired and moved to a pretty home in Arkansas. Roberson worked for

47 years as general manager over the Central Railroad of Peru in South America.

“I worked all those years with the railroad,” Jack said, “and we thought we were going to retire.”

He said they weren’t settled in for a full two weeks before he knew it wouldn’t work for them.

“It was a beautiful home,” Jack said with a laugh, “but I’m not a sitter. My dad’s 88 and still rides a horse, so it’s hard for me to sit still.”

He and Judy discussed their options, and decided to open a business that ran passenger rail carts along unused track. They started their post-career career in Blue Ridge, Ga., successfully running their carts and rail bikes for nearly seven years.

It was during their time there that they wandered over to Andrews and fell in love with the town.

“It is so quaint here,” Judy said. “When we saw the beauty out there; it’s just so unique.”



ABIGAIL BLYTHE BATTON/Staff Correspondent

Judy and Jack Roberson ride along with Andrews Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Nola Cooper in anticipation of the grand opening of their Andrews Valley Rail Tours at 10 a.m. Saturday from the depot platform.

Jack had his eye on the Smokey Mountain Railroad with all its outdoor splendor.

“The track [we lease] has seven bridges, spectacular views and 1,000-foot tunnel,” he said.

Despite their love for the outdoors and the railroads,

one of the driving forces in opening their company was their love for each other.

“This way,” Jack explained, “we can work together.”

However, the pair doesn’t consider running a commercial 20-mile rail tour work.

“We have lots of fun,” Judy

said. “We get be outdoors and meet so many fun people.”

The route itself will start from the Andrews’ train depot and ride out through the Valley River Tunnel, where the train will stop for 30 minutes, allowing their guests to disembark and enjoy the vistas, bridges and perhaps a picnic lunch. Cooper has big plans for Andrews’ downtown eateries to get involved.

“They could sell boxed lunches to the passengers to eat at the tunnel,” she said.

The tunnel, hand carved in 1894, is the showpiece for the tour. Eventually, the couple hopes to add a waterfall into the tour. Their rail bikes will be ready by spring.

For now, they will operate a rail cart that seats 32, in addition to four seats on the rail pulling machine, where children ages 4 and older might like to sit. The cart pokes along the rails at a safe 8 mph, where it will cross the Valley River several

times, allowing passengers to enjoy the sites and take scenic photos.

Judy rides along for safety purposes, but added that she “is very happy to take photos for people wanting their entire group in the picture.”

It’s inaugural trip pulls out of the depot at 10 a.m. Saturday. Andrews Valley River Tours will run two trains a day, with the second leaving the station at 1 p.m. Tickets cost \$39.99 and can be purchased at their website.

As is customary for train travel, they will also sell tickets at the depot. Due to safety concerns, children ages 3 and younger are not permitted on the train.

Cooper said she has been hearing whispers about Andrews’ new feature.

“I’ve heard some gossiping about it; we can’t wait,” she said. “The community is ready for something new.”

A cleanup day was held Tuesday. For details, visit andrewsvalleyrailtours.com or call 557-4021.



JARED PUTNAM/editor@cherokeescout.com

Ron Lambright points at one of the colorful posters for the 46th annual Fall Festival on Sunday afternoon at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown.

Festival: ‘This is our people’ here

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that are just down the road (from places like) Hayesville. I love that this is our people, that’s my favorite thing about this.”

The two-day event featured ideal fall weather with partly cloudy skies and a high temperature just under 70 degrees Sunday, just days after festival organizers feared storm remnants from Hurricane Ian would cancel the event for a third straight year.

Instead, a mix of warm sun and cool breeze set the stage as scents from kettle corn and funnel cakes wafted through the air. The family atmosphere was filled with toddlers teetering along in front of their families, or being carried on a parent’s shoulders, and plenty of four-legged, furry friends came along for the festivities.

“We were waiting and we were so unsure it was going to happen,” Perrone said. “Later in the week, when we saw the storm shift, it was a blessing, for sure.”

“It turned out to be great, the weather was perfect. With vendors, we did have quite a few cancellations due to the storm.”

About 150-175 vendors still set up shop at the festival. Crafts available for purchase included unique birdhouses, tie-dye apparel, various figurines, musical instruments and much more. Performers ranged from Brass-town Morris Dancers to the Folk School

Cloggers, and musical acts such as Evie Laden and Keith Terry.

While the event holds a strong appeal for local artists and faithful patrons like Seaver, it also seemed to draw a fair number of newcomers this year.

Lindsey and Stacey Warren, residents of Rabun County, Ga., brought their golden retriever, Scooby-Doo, and mixed-breed, Rae, along with them for their first venture into the Fall Festival.

“We’ve read about it, and we’ve looked at different classes that we’d like to take,” Lindsey said. “So we thought this would be a good opportunity to do both, to go to the fair and see what they’re making there,” Stacey added.

Lindsey said he was interested in photography and iron work, while Stacey said she was drawn to basket-weaving, pie-making and dance.

The event also featured new blood among its vendors. Carrie Keohane, originally from Fort Myers, Fla., set up a booth featuring her fused glass creations.

“We just moved up in December, and I’d always heard about this,” she said. “We’ve had a cabin in Andrews for 35 years, but we were never here at the beginning of October.

“It’s been great, there are a lot of people at this. I’ll do this next year.”

Casino: More amenities and jobs

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trying to think about the guest experience,” Lambert said. “When we built this project in 2015, it was only \$110 million. ... We didn’t have some of the amenities that this project will introduce.”

Harrah’s expansion will also create more than 2,500 construction jobs and add more than 100 operational positions upon opening. The company has about 1,000 employees today at the local casino and hotel.

“We anticipate being somewhere in the neighborhood of (adding) 125 to 150, maybe 175,” Lambert said. “We say 100 because some of those positions, we’ll have some part-time positions. With a 10-table poker room, that’s 50-60 employees just learning the poker room side.”

Harrah’s expansion will provide 400 new slot machines – a 50 percent increase over the current offerings – along with 12 additional gaming tables and a 10-table World Series of Poker poker room. The new hotel

tower will feature an indoor pool and fitness center, and its 296 rooms will double the current capacity. A 9,600 square-foot full-service spa and salon is also included.

Lambert said Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River has been especially beneficial to guests coming from Chattanooga, Tenn. However, Harrah’s is also seeing a growing customer base from even farther away.

“Atlanta is still our biggest feeder market, followed closely by Chattanooga,” Lambert said. “Whenever we were at Cherokee, before this project, Chattanooga was always a challenging market to get because literally that customer had to go through two gorges – three hours and two gorges.

“Now it’s 90 minutes and a nice little ride, so we’ve had great success from the Chattanooga market. ... We’re fortunate to be where we are in the Southeast because some of those outer markets, we’re seeing some higher visitations from as far out as Nashville, a three- or four-hour radius.”

Magistrate: Contribute to society

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affair. There is no jury or courtroom posturing. The defendant will hear his charges and make a plea.

The judge has three duties at this initial hearing: he will decide on bail, set the terms of release and pick a court date for the actual trial. However, the magistrate has been called into service before this initial hearing. An arresting officer must have probable cause to make the arrest, and for this he will need a judge.

“We issues lay warrants,” Postell said. “The officer will explain the circumstances, and then it’s my job to find if they do have probable cause.”

This where the cards are stacked against the accused. The magistrate only hears the officer’s side of the situation, meaning the suspect isn’t allowed to offer counter points or even evidence that may contradict the officer’s version. In fact, even at the initial hearing – when he is face to face with the judge – the defendant is not permitted to argue his side of the story.

It takes three people for an arrest – a suspect, an officer and a judge – and until there’s an actual criminal trial in front of a District Court judge, the suspect has no opportunity to plead his innocence. All conversations remain between the officer and court official, and if the officer presents a compelling argument, the judge orders the arrest.

Postell sees this part of his job as “the defendant’s first defense. If an officer can’t produce any evidence, I don’t sign the arrest warrant.”

Bond decisions

The magistrate holds authority over a bond release.

“Let’s say John Doe has been arrested 46 times in last 10 years,” Postell said. “I base bond on the classification of the charges, and then consider if he is a risk to the community or a flight risk.”

Magistrates see many repeating offenders. “I know some people by their middle name,” Postell said with a laugh.

If the magistrate offers bail, the defendant has three recourses – he can pay cash, offer a real estate bond (lien on a mortgage) or use the services of a bail bondsman.

Sometimes a magistrate will allow the defendant freedom until trial without a bond. They base this decision on the classification of the crime and the defendant’s history.

“If a defendant has never been arrested before, or if they don’t meet the danger to society qualification – say they stole a lip-stick from Walmart – there is no reason for me to hold them on a bond,” Postell said. “I just can’t justify holding them.”

There are occasions when a police officer will call the judge to order by a loud bang on his front door.

“We’re on duty 24/7, 365 days a year,” Postell said.

Cherokee County retains four magistrates, who rotate in 72-hour shifts. When officers show up at a magistrate’s door, they are usually looking for a signature on a search warrant.

Holding court

However, not all magistrates’ duties center on criminal arrests.

“We oversee civil lawsuits, torte and summary ejection (eviction),” Postell said. “In court, we often work as mediators or even counselors.”

The courtroom itself is disarming. The floor plan doesn’t deviate much from a *Law & Order* episode.



ABIGAIL BLYTHE BATTON/Staff Correspondent

Magistrate Judge Josh Postell holds court in downtown Murphy.

The judge sits behind an elevated bench in the front. There are two tables with two chairs each on either side of the courtroom. The right side is reserved for the plaintiff or injured party, while the defendant sits at left.

There is a modest gallery with wooden pews, the kind found in older churches, and the whole room is lit by rows of fluorescent lights. The judge, plaintiff and defendant have microphones at their disposal.

“The defendant can choose to have the proceedings recorded,” Postell said.

Depending on his roster for the day, the magistrate may call a bailiff into service.

“It can get pretty contentious in here,” Postell said with a laugh.

However, judges do have a behavior modification tool at their disposal. “I can hold someone in contempt for up to 30 days in jail,” he added.

Becoming a magistrate

According to Administrative Office of the Courts statutes, a judge candidate must have “at least eight years’ experience as the clerk of superior court in a county of this state or shall have a four-year degree from an accredited senior institution of higher education or shall have a two-year associate degree and four years of work experience in a related field, including teaching, social services, law enforcement, arbitration or mediation, the court system or counseling.” Postell’s work experience was in education.

After a lengthy screening process, judicial candidates are shipped off to Magistrate School at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill’s School of Government, where they are trained through classroom work and mock trials. Once they graduate, remain under the direct supervision of the chief District Court judge.

“If somebody doesn’t like how I’m doing my job,” Postell said, “they can make a complaint with the clerk of court, and that will go up to the chief.”

But it’s not easy to have a sitting magistrate fired.

“You can get fired for dereliction of duty, but to meet that criteria you’d have to do something serious, like accept a bribe,” Postell said.

Rewards of service

When asked about the rewards of serving as a magistrate, Postell said with another laugh, “Well, it’s not the salary.”

Indeed, an average North Carolina magistrate’s salary ranges from \$42,000 annually for entry level and caps out in the \$68,000-a-year range. Postell considers his position one of community service.

“I get to assist the wrongfully accused and take criminals off the street,” he said.

There are dangers inherent in the position. As Postell put it, “I make people of questionable character upset.”

But for Postell and the other three Cherokee County magistrates, the benefits outweigh the risks. Postell sees his career as a vocation, saying, “I’m doing my part to contribute to society.”

Small-town girl has big dreams for future

BY ANNKEE QUINONES-BELIAN
Staff Correspondent

MURPHY
Ever Templeton is a local young lady to keep an eye on. At just 17 years old, she is quickly going places.
Templeton is a senior at Tri-County Early College High School in Peachtree, and she is also working toward an associate's degree in fine arts. Although her classes keep her busy, she still makes time to pursue her dreams of art and photography. She also enjoys auto mechanics.
Templeton's love for art began when she was very young, as her father was artistic.
"I guess I developed it

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from him," she said.
The drawings she likes doing the most are abstract people and faces but she enjoys drawing architectural structures as well.
Templeton listens to music and podcasts while creating her works. She can be critical of herself.
"I get stressed out when it doesn't turn out exactly the way I want it," she said,
"because I'm a bit of a perfectionist."
Templeton draws for herself – not others.
"I don't like sharing my work with a lot of people," she said. "I'm not very out there, and I don't sell it or do anything because I don't want other people to influence the way I do things."
"I want it to be my own thing. I don't want to do



ANNKEE QUINONES-BELIAN/
Staff Correspondent
Ever Templeton sketches a picture of the statue, "Goddess of Victory Venus," that's at a museum in Paris.
my work for other people because I feel that ruins it for me."

Her work is on display at Tri-County Community College in Peachtree. At some point, she would like to do a public art piece for downtown.
Templeton doesn't have much time or desire to play around on computers, as her other interests include photography, videography and the automotive industry. She purchased her first car before she could even drive by herself.
Her father went with her in search of a vehicle. She bought a 1984 Porsche 944. It ran rough and had plenty of other issues.
A friend of hers had a place to work on the project car, along with all the tools required, and with his guidance she learned some auto mechanics. Together, the two would bring the Porsche back to a functional state. She did much of the work and proudly drives it today.
Templeton's interest in photography has already started to pay off, as she received a pair of boots at no charge from Redwing after doing a photo shoot for them. She has also done photography for BMW, although she considers herself an apprentice at this time.
Templeton works at Rare Bird Emporium with her parents, Pay and Kate, who own the gift store, donut and coffee shop on Andrews Road. She calls herself a barista who sometimes "manages" the establishment.
Her future dreams include going to art school, travel and, with high hopes, taking studio classes in Italy.

This Week in Local History

In this week's archives of the Cherokee Scout and Andrews Journal:
10 years ago – Oct. 3, 2012, *Scout*: The group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals once again was trying to stop the Possum Drop on New Year's Eve in Brasstown. This time, the animal rights group sued the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission over organizer Clay Logan's trapping of an opossum for the annual event. *Update*: A state law was later approved making all possum hunts legal during that time period, but the event shut down a few years ago anyway – with PETA fighting the Possum Drop all the way to its end.
♦ The Hiwassee Dam Volunteer Fire Department was approved to add rescue services, such as extracting people trapped inside vehicles after accidents.
♦ *Cherokee Scout* columnist Wally Avett wrote about how there was a whole lot of vote buying during past elections in Cherokee County, which included alcohol and folding money.

♦ The *Scout's* series on local communities highlighted Bellview, where some businesses found success on the highway to Blairsville, Ga.
Oct. 4, 2012, *Journal*: An early morning fire destroyed a mobile home in Marble. "The cause is going to be undetermined because there's nothing left," Valleytown Fire Chief Steve Bias said.
♦ Ray Frazier, a board member with the Andrews Volunteer Fire Department, questioned whether the Valleytown Volunteer Fire Department should also operate a rescue squad.
25 years ago – Oct. 1, 1997, *Scout*: An autopsy on 5-year-old Jacob Krause of Bellview led to the arrest of his caretaker – David Clinton England, 25, of Murphy, who was charged with second-degree murder.
♦ Alex Bryant, 18, and Ryan O'Keefe, 16, facing murder charges in the death of Cherokee County pawn shop owner Daniel Green, were formally charged with the shooting death. The state was seeking the death penalty against Bryant, but
O'Keefe was a juvenile.
♦ The Shields family of Ranger was named the Mountain Region Conservation Farm Family of the Year by the N.C. Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts. *Update*: The Shields family still operates the local dairy farm.
Oct. 2, 1997, *Journal*: Nord Davis Jr., who was well known as head of the patriotic group Northport Teams, died from cancer at age 65. He was buried on private property off of Flying Colors Drive in Andrews.
♦ Andrews' newly hired water and sewer clerk decided she didn't want to move from Asheville after all, so the board of aldermen hired local resident Jamie Simpson instead.
50 years ago – Oct. 5, 1972, *Scout*: A Haywood County insurance salesman became the first traffic fatality of the year when his car plunged down a bank and crashed into a tree between Marble and Murphy.
♦ Clay County started construction of a new jail, with local vocational stu-

dents helping along the way.
♦ John Boring was selected by the Cherokee County Democratic Party to fill the unexpired term of the late Commissioner W.T. Moore.
Oct. 3, 1972, *Journal*: Glennson "Dude" Hardin was out on a \$2,000 bond after being charged with several felony counts following a raid of his home and property on Beaver Creek. About 50 pounds of unharvested marijuana was discovered in the raid. *Update*: Many locals say "Dude" was the most feared man in town.
♦ A very hot, smoky fire damaged both the Andrews Florist Shop and adjoining Ledford Cleaners on Main Street in Andrews. Quick repairs were made, and only one customer's clothing was ruined.
– Publisher David Brown



This is the front page of the Oct. 7, 1932, edition of the Cherokee Scout, which was 90 years ago this week.

WRITE IN JEANA CONLEY



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Fundraiser helps save lives of local law enforcement officers

MURPHY – Ballistic vests are a big tool used in helping to keep law enforcement officers safe in the line of duty. They are an expensive item to provide.

The Bikes, Brews & BBQ fundraiser to help raise money for those vests, was held on Sept. 17 and many folks came out to help support the effort. The event was organized by “Sig,” the secretary of Nam Knights, Appalachian Chapter, motorcycle club.

Chris Poston, also known as Sig, was a former K-9 handler. When asked how this fundraiser came about, he said, “We like to do several events a year. We raise money for different things and give it away. I wanted to raise money toward the K-9 unit.”

“We contacted the Cherokee County Sheriff’s Office and the K-9 unit. They had lost a dog last year and needed some assistance with some equipment. They said they needed two ballistic vests for two new dogs. I said no problem, we’re gonna do an event.”

The day’s festivities included plenty of eats and drinks from Buck Bald Brewing and Smoky Mountain BBQ. Live music was provided by Bill Vespasian, as folks were gathered around and appeared to be enjoying the entertainment.

There were also a couple of raffles to help raise money for the ballistic vests. Harrah’s Cherokee Valley River Casino & Hotel donated a one-night stay, dinner for two and breakfast the following morning toward the cause.

Both the sheriff’s office and Andrews Police Department had their K-9 units out.

Megan Selby wanted to be



Photos by BILL BELIAN/Contributing Photographer
Dennis Dore and his K-9 partner receive a ballistics vest each as a donation from Michael Foreman with Point Blank Enterprises.



Everyone, including different motorcycle clubs, came together to support the cause.

a chef when she was a little girl. She ended up being an officer for the Town of Andrews and loves her job.

She came out to the event on her day off with her K-9, Kiera. Selby did a demonstration with her four-legged partner, showing just how vital a K-9 is in assisting law

enforcement officers.

Kiera demonstrated a vehicle search for drugs. She went around the Jeep and sat down when she found the hidden drugs. The “meth” that was used in the simulation was scientifically created synthetic dope – not the real thing.



Bill Vespasian entertained the crowd with plenty of good music.

“I love being a part of it. I think this is awesome to have someone local organize something to raise the funds for the equipment we need as well as the donated items. I’s great,” Selby said.

Dennis Dore has been a deputy with the sheriff’s office for four years and is also a K-9 handler.

“We have a war on drugs here in Cherokee County, and law enforcement with a K-9 unit is an integral part of combating that drug problem,” he said. “The fact that somebody took that initiative to help support and protect us with vests for both me and the K-9 is huge for us.”

The two ballistics vests were donated by Michael Foreman with Point Blank Enterprises, a body armor company out of Pompano Beach, Fla.

Foreman was a police officer for 30 years and a K-9 handler himself.

“When I saw they were doing this event, we wanted to support law enforcement as we do every day. We’re very proud of our officers who protect us,” he said. “They’re in more harm

today than they ever were potentially. We’re so proud to participate and make a donation.”

The two vests that were donated were measured specifically to the deputy and

his K-9. The donation from Foreman was valued at about \$3,000.

“This makes us feel wonderful. We all owe it, to pay it forward. The Nam Knights organized this first-class job. We support the sheriff’s office, and we’re in the business to save lives. That’s what we’re committed to,” he said.

Bikers, cops, locals and visitors all came out and everyone seemed to appreciate the efforts put forth to get the needed equipment for local law officers. The weather was bright and sunny, helping make the event even more enjoyable.

Sig and Nam Knights, Appalachian Chapter, have a philanthropy component to their club. They plan to do more fundraisers that benefit K-9s and those who deploy them in the line of service.

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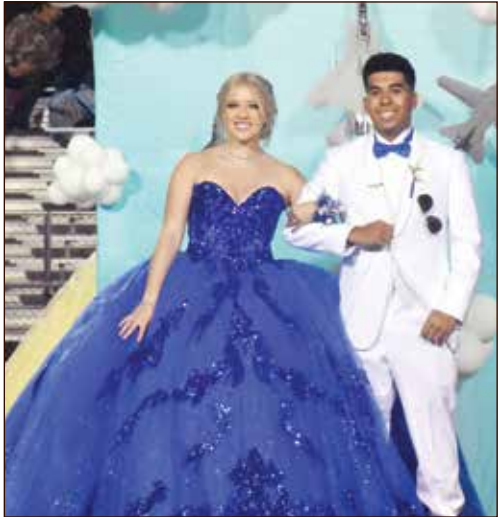
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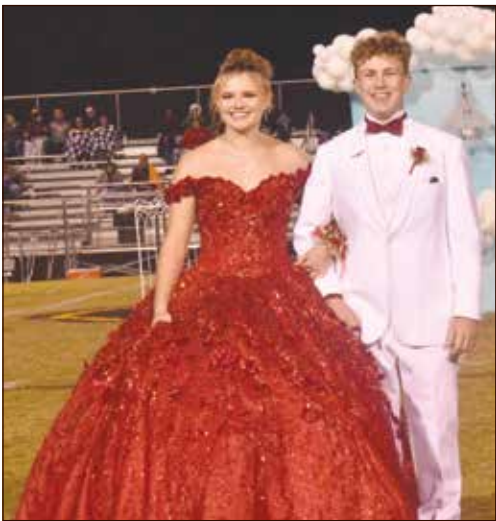
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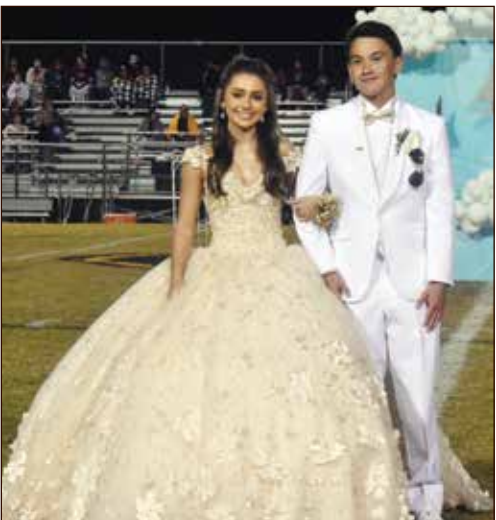
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Andrews High School Homecoming Court



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Escort: Bryan McDonald (father)



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Escort: Tim Wood (father)



Junior Brianna Downs
Escort: John Downs (father)



Junior AnaKaren Medina
Escort: Rafael Medina (father)



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Escort: Scott Selby (father)



Junior Gracee Skeens
Escort: Jeff Baskerville (father)



Sophomore Kylie Donaldson
Escort: Jamie Donaldson (father)



Sophomore Beth Shook
Escort: Phillip Moore (father)



Freshman Kaiya Ellis
Escort: James Ellis (father)

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Bulldogs bash Braves in homecoming game

By JUSTIN FITZGERALD
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MURPHY – The Bulldog were ready from the opening kickoff. After Cherokee’s Kaden Trantham let the opening kick roll to the 1 yard line, he was immediately swarmed by Murphy defenders.

A Braves three-and-out followed, Murphy answered with a touchdown and the rout was on. Moving the game up a day due to potential inclement weather had no effect on the Bulldogs, who dominated Cherokee in a 49-14 win Thursday night.

“It was an unorthodox week,” Murphy head coach Joseph Watson said. “This team

has faced a lot of different adversity, a lot of different challenges, a lot of different things. Moving it up a day and being ready to play, it’s a testament to overcome things, and we’re proud of them for that.”

Against a Braves team that needed to win up front and establish the run to compete, Murphy (4-2 overall, 1-0 Smoky Mountain Conference) didn’t let that happen. Cherokee’s (1-5, 0-1) Tso Smith and Chase Calhoun combined for just 93 yards on 25 carries, while Bulldogs had 287 on the ground and 146 through the air.

Junior Hunter Stalcup was the star of the show with 247 yards of offense and five

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JUSTIN FITZGERALD/sports@cherokeescout.com

The Bulldogs’ defense gave Cherokee little room to run in their 49-14 win over the Braves on Thursday night.

Cats SWAT Jackets to reach 6-0

By JARED PUTNAM
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ANDREWS – If the first half of Thursday night’s game raised any questions about the Wildcats having a second-straight midseason slump, those concerns were likely squashed after halftime.

Andrews shook off a sluggish start by outscoring Hayesville 36-0 in the second half, cruising to a 50-7 win at Hugh Hamilton Stadium. The Wildcats remained undefeated, improving to 6-0 overall for the first time since 1964.

The victory not only served as homecoming and the Smoky Mountain Conference opener for Andrews, it was also a rare Thursday night contest scheduled to get ahead of the possibility of storm remnants from Hurricane Ian.

Running back Austin Martin did the bulk of the scoring damage, rushing for 112 yards on 16 carries and punching in the Wildcats’ first four touchdowns. The senior said team leaders addressed the first-half sloppiness during halftime.

“There was some leadership step up,” Martin said. “A few players got onto each other. It happens, it’s football and we came out and stepped up.”

Head coach James Phillips said his team looked rusty coming off of its bye week, but he agreed that the players largely addressed the issue on their own at halftime.

“Our kids were kind of half-cocked, it seemed like, and our execution was sloppy, coverage stuff and our tackling,” Phillips said. “We didn’t have to say much at halftime as

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Andrews’ Austin Martin (5) and Isaac Weaver (7) celebrate a touchdown during homecoming Thursday night at Hugh Hamilton Stadium.

Lady Wildcats swept by Hayesville squad

By JUSTIN FITZGERALD
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ANDREWS – It was a tough night for Andrews volleyball on Sept. 27, as the Lady Wildcats were swept by Hayesville (25-11, 25-20, 25-5).

Hayesville (10-6, 2-3 Big Smoky Mountain Conference) presented a tough matchup for Andrews (2-12, 0-5) because of their size, but the Lady Wildcats didn’t help themselves either in the first or third sets. Head coach Shanna Mustin has been working with her team on confidence all year, and didn’t see enough Tuesday.

“Once they start making a mistake, they can’t find their way out of a rotation, then they just get stuck,” Mustin said. “And so, of course, we practice a lot coming from behind, and what that looks

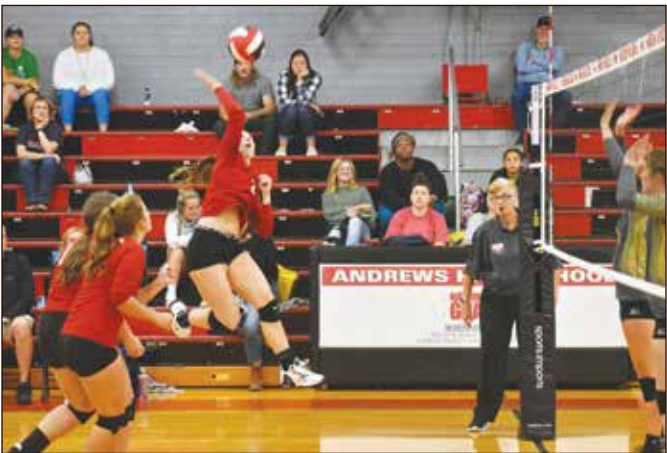
like and if we get stuck these are our options against different defenses. But it just comes down to whether or not they put it together in game.”

Some of those rotation issues started in the first set. Andrews jumped out to a 5-3 lead to start the match, only for the Lady Jackets to go on a 10-0 run and never trail in the set again.

The second set went better, with Andrews having 16-14 and 17-16 leads before Hayesville went on a 5-0 run and didn’t trail again in the set. The Lady Wildcats got production from outside hitters Kylie Donaldson and Beth Shook, but didn’t have enough to put the Lady Jackets away.

After a good second set, Mustin thought her team had momentum going

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Andrews Beth Shook tries to hit the ball over the net during the Lady Wildcats’ 3-0 loss to Hayesville on Sept. 27.

Lady Dogs top Jackets again on volleyball court



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Murphy’s Maddison Seabolt rises up to hit the ball during the Lady Bulldogs’ 3-1 win over Hayesville on Sept. 28.

By JUSTIN FITZGERALD
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MURPHY – When Murphy and Hayesville met on Aug. 30, the Lady Bulldogs prevailed in a four-set match, with three of the four sets being four points or closer.

Through almost two sets in the rematch on Sept. 28, the Lady Jackets looked to have the upper hand. They were more cohesive, had more energy and the Lady Bulldogs couldn’t string together points.

Hayesville took the first set 28-26, and Murphy scrapped out a second set win before having a somewhat easier time in the final two sets of another four-set win (26-28, 26-24, 25-19, 25-19).

“A couple of mistakes and non-communication in the first two games really kind of set us back,” Lady Bulldogs head coach Jordan Lovingood said. “Once we cleaned that up and started hitting the ball, we were really in our groove.”

Both teams looked best when they were hitting, and Hayesville provided some matchup problems as one

“Once we cleaned that up and started hitting the ball, we were really in our groove.”

– Jordan Lovingood

of the bigger teams in the conference. Murphy (15-4 overall, 4-2 Big Smoky Mountain Conference) was able to execute better in the later sets, once again led by Liv Payne and Maddison Seabolt, who each finished with 17 kills. Payne also set the tone defensively, flying all over the court to make plays.

“I’m so proud of the way she plays,” Lovingood said of Payne.

“Not only that, she’s just mentally tough on the court. She’s our person out there who’s the voice of reason, and at times we heavily rely on her. She comes through for us most of the time.”

The Lady Bulldogs couldn’t get in a groove early, only scoring three points in a row once in the first set. Hayesville (10-7, 2-4) couldn’t string together points, either, and Murphy still had set point at 25-24

in the set before the Lady Jackets rallied to win it.

Hayesville carried that into the second set, leading 9-4 before Murphy slowly crawled back and took a 15-14 lead. The remainder of the set was back and forth, with the Lady Bulldogs scoring the last two points to take it.

Seabolt gave them the lead with a kill, then an impressive hustle play from Cali Rumpf got the ball over the net before it was misplayed by a Lady Jacket.

Murphy methodically built the lead over Hayesville in the next set, jumping ahead 20-13. Hayesville had an answer with a 5-1 run before the Lady Bulldogs scored four of the last five points to close out the set.

The Lady Jackets started to tire in the fourth set, and Payne and Seabolt continued to pound the ball into the Hayesville side. Murphy led 23-11 in the set before Lovingood put some reserves in that made the final score closer.

Despite having some key players miss a few games due to minor injuries, the

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Murphy, Tri-County boys soccer meet for first time

By JUSTIN FITZGERALD
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MURPHY – It’s not often history is made on David Gentry Field at Bob Hendrix Memorial Stadium. But that happened on Sept. 26, when Tri-County Early College and Murphy met in boys soccer for the first time.

“It’s the most encouraging thing I’ve seen since being involved with soccer here,” Bulldogs head coach Justin Butler said. “To see them having a team, to see our rec leagues getting better, to see all of this, it’s encouraging for what we need for soccer in this region of the state.”

While Murphy (3-5-1, 2-3-1 Smoky Mountain Conference) has a boys team again this year after a one-year hiatus, this is the first year the Jaguars (0-3, 0-3) have ever had a boys soccer team. Andrews also has a soccer team this year for the first time since 2017.

“The more teams there are, the more field time the more kids get to play,” Tri-County head coach Jeff Parker said.

Parker, who was previously an assistant coach under Butler for two seasons, also has

experience with soccer culture after living in Germany for seven years. Both his sons played the games starting when they were 3 years old.

Parker has an excellent and speedy mid-fielder in Domenic Calascione, but most of Tri-County’s players have never played before. The goal is to get them experience and enjoy the game.

“I want them to have fun more than anything else,” Parker said. “I tell them that before every game, never quit. Other than that, all we can do is practice and get better.”

The game was lopsided, with Murphy winning 9-0 and ending with 3:54 to go in mercy rule. The Bulldogs dominated the run of play for most of the game, with freshman Samuel Lewis recording a hat trick and four other players scoring goals. Tri-County still had its opportunities in the second half and both teams continued to press and look for chances until the final whistle.

“When they know each other and everything, emotion is higher in a good way,” Butler said. “It makes everybody play better and everybody play harder. And that’s what both teams did.”



JUSTIN FITZGERALD/sports@cherokeescout.com
Tri-County’s Domenic Calascione (left) and Murphy’s Tyler Payne (right) battle for the ball during the Bulldogs’ 9-0 win over the Jaguars on Sept. 26.

Cross Country Results

Hiwassee Dam Eagles Meet			
Sept. 28, 2022			
McNabb Farm,			
Hiwassee Dam			
GIRLS			
1. Swimmer, Cherokee	20:03	1. Salinas, Andrews	17:55
2. Krieger, Hayesville	23:17	2. Bark, Cherokee	17:59
16. Trigueros, Tri-County	29:20	4. Hyde, Hiwassee Dam	18:25
17. Davis, Andrews	30:26	5. Russell, Hiwassee Dam	18:26
18. Tran, Tri-County	30:55	9. Mustin, Andrews	19:22
20. Crocker, Tri-County	31:26	17. Harbin, Hiwassee Dam	20:45
23. Diaz-Menchu, Tri-County	31:52	24. Penland, Hiwassee Dam	21:43
25. Taylor, Hiwassee Dam	32:06	26. McCoy, Nantahala	21:44
		28. T. Taylor, Hiwassee Dam	22:06
		44. S. Clevez, Tri-County	24:52
		45. McMahan, Nantahala	25:04
		47. Garate, Nantahala	25:47
		48. A. Clevez, Tri-County	26:00
		50. Carver, Nantahala	28:38
		51. Bryant, Nantahala	31:10
Points			
1. Hayesville	15	Points	
BOYS			
		1. Cherokee	26
		2. Hiwassee Dam	59

Sports Shorts

CHEROKEE COUNTY Youth hoops signups set

It’s almost youth basketball season in Cherokee County. Signups for Murphy youth basketball will be held 6-7:30 p.m. today and 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday for kids in first through sixth grades. Andrews will hold their signups today and October 12 from 5:30-6:30 p.m. and October 15 from 12-2 p.m. for kids in second through sixth grade.

Teams with more than 15 players may be subject to tryouts. The cost is \$50 per child, and additional siblings are \$25 each. Please bring a copy of your child’s birth certificate as well as a current sports physical.

Hiwassee Dam’s signup dates have passed, but if you were unable to attend you can contact Amy Brendle at (828)-516-8111 to get the necessary paperwork.

HAYESVILLE Charity golf on Saturday

Registration for the United Way of Clay and Cherokee Counties Charity Golf Tournament is underway.

The event will take place Saturday at the Mountain Harbor Golf Club. Funds from the event will go to numerous local agencies that help those who need it.

The event costs \$400 for a team of four players, with

\$600 going to the first-place winner, \$400 to second place and \$300 to third place. Check-in time will at 8 a.m., with tee time at 9 a.m.

RALEIGH Baby squirrel sightings up

Gray squirrels are raising their second brood of the year, and the NC Wildlife Resources Commission is recommending to look out for falling nests as its hurricane seasons. Storms that produce high winds and heavy rain as well as tree-cutting and trimming activity, can lead to young squirrels or the nests falling out of perches.

The commission tends to receive an influx of reports from citizens who want to help, but they are recommending contacting licensed wildlife rehabilitators, who can be found on the commission’s website.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Today
Soccer: Cherokee at Tri-County, 6 p.m.
Murphy at Swain County, 6 p.m.
Cross country: Currahee Classic in Robbinsville, 4 p.m.
Thursday
Soccer: Highlands at Andrews, 6 p.m.
Volleyball: Nantahala at Highlands, 5 p.m.
Swain County at Murphy, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Robbinsville, 6 p.m.

Friday
Football: Swain County at Andrews, 7:30 p.m.
Murphy at Hayesville, 7:30 p.m.
Cherokee at Robbinsville, 7:30 p.m.
Monday
Soccer: Cherokee at Murphy, 6 p.m.
Andrews at Tri-County, 6 p.m.
Tuesday
Volleyball: Nantahala at Blue Ridge, 5 p.m.
Murphy at Andrews, 6 p.m.

SPORTS RESULTS

Sept. 27
Volleyball: Hayesville 3, Andrews 0 (25-11, 25-20, 25-5)
Blue Ridge 3, Hiwassee Dam 0 (25-18, 25-11, 25-16)
Sept 28
Soccer: Swain County 7, Tri-County 0
Volleyball: Murphy 3, Hayesville 1 (26-28, 26-24, 25-19, 25-19)
Swain County 3, Andrews 0 (25-17, 25-11, 25-13)
Sept. 29
Football: Andrews 50, Hayesville 7
Murphy 49, Cherokee 14
Robbinsville 24, Swain 16
Volleyball: Nantahala at Summit
Oct. 3
Soccer: Murphy 6 Andrews 1
Tri-County 1 Swain 10
Volleyball: Union County, Ga., 3 Hiwassee Dam Nantahala 0 Victory Christian 3 (25-16, 24-14, 25-16)
Compiled by Sports Writer Justin Fitzgerald.

Bulldogs: Must ‘stay physical’

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touchdowns. He has 15 TDs through the first six games this season.

“The line was playing great,” Stalcup said. “Every touchdown I had, it was a wide open hole every time. It’s all thanks to them.”

Stalcup’s first touchdown came on a three-yard reception from Cole Laney, taking advantage of short field after the drive started at the Braves’ 33 yard line. The drive took longer than it should have due to penalties, which was the only big issue of the night for Murphy, which committed 10 penalties for 75 yards.

After another Braves three-and-out, the Bulldogs went 88 yards, with Stalcup finding the end zone again on a 12-yard touchdown run and 14-0 lead with 10:25 to go in the second quarter. Murphy thought it had another touchdown on a Laney deep ball to Cameron Grooms with about three minutes to go in the quarter, but it was called back due to holding.

Laney was intercepted on the next play, but the Bulldogs’ defense forced a punt. Then he found Grooms again on another long pass for a 65-yard touchdown.

“We kind of got that coverage we were anticipating,” Watson said, “and I think it could’ve been an even bigger night if we had caught a couple balls.

“Cole did an outstanding job of doing what we asked him to do.”

The offense continued to roll in the second half, with Stalcup breaking free for a 55-yard touchdown on the first offensive play in the third quarter. After Cherokee was stopped on fourth down, Stalcup took a handoff on third-and-28 from the Braves’ 35 yard line and crossed the goal line for the fourth time and a 35-0 lead with 5:05 to go in the third quarter.

The Braves would finally get on the board after Chase Calhoun caught a short pass and broke a few tackles on his way to an 86-yard touchdown with 3:22 to go in the third, but Stalcup would score his fifth and final touchdown of the night on a 10-yard catch and run on the first play of the fourth quarter.

Calhoun would score again on a one-yard run after a long kick return, and Will Shore wrapped up the scoring with his first varsity touchdown on a 16-yard run with 2:20 to go.

The last two weeks, Murphy has been ready to get after it and taken care of business. Some players appear to be settling into new roles on both sides of the ball, and that should help moving forward. The Bulldogs travel to Hayesville (4-2, 0-1) next week, a team they have won 15 straight games against by an average of 41.7 points per game.

“We need to stay physical,” senior Mason Thrasher said, “and play like we’ve been playing.”

Cats: ‘It’ll be a ball game’ Friday

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coaches – I mean, the kids knew. The captains asked me going up there if they could have about five minutes with the team by themselves, and they took care of it.”

The Wildcats tallied 486 total yards of offense, including 398 yards on the ground, while holding the Yellow Jackets (4-2, 0-1) to just 159 total yards. Like Martin, Isaac Weaver also topped the century mark with 101 rushing yards and a touchdown on 10 carries, while Eli Aguilar barely fell short with 97 yards on 14 carries.

Weaver played the game with a cast on his right hand after suffering a broken bone earlier in the season.

“He just got that club yesterday,” Phillips said. “He’s a fierce competitor.”

Andrews lost three games in a row last season after a 5-0 start, but the team avoided a similar roadblock Thursday. The Wildcats scored the final 43 points of the game after allowing the Yellow Jackets to tie the score, 7-7 early in the second quarter. Andrews reclaimed the lead, 14-7, with just over three minutes to go before halftime on Martin’s second touchdown run.

Martin gave the Wildcats some needed breathing room early in the third quarter when he bounced right for a 17-yard touchdown, capping an eight play, 75-yard drive that made the score 21-7.

“It’s great blocking, that’s all,” Martin

said. “Give all the props to the linemen, I wouldn’t be here running the ball if it wasn’t for them.”

Barely two minutes later, Hayesville muffed a punt attempt on the snap and the punter kicked it out the back of the end zone for a safety to avoid a defensive touchdown that increased the Wildcats’ lead to 23-7. Andrews began the ensuing series with great position at Hayesville’s 34-yard line following the free kick.

Martin finished that drive with his final score on a 12-yard touchdown run that put the Wildcats comfortably ahead, 30-7, with 5:55 remaining in the period.

Andrews tried an unsuccessful onside attempt on the ensuing kickoff, but it didn’t matter. The Yellow Jackets fumbled the ball back to the Wildcats on their first play of the drive, which eventually led to a short touchdown run by quarterback Donovan Bateman with 3:53 left in the third quarter.

Weaver later added a two-yard touchdown run, and Samuel Preston capped off the scoring with a 49-yard scamper to the end zone with 7:12 to play. Andrews will host Swain County (3-3, 0-1) this Friday night.

“Last year we got too confident, we thought we were going to go up against Swain and just beat them because we were 5-0 already,” Martin said. “If we play like the first half, we won’t be Swain. If we play like the second half, it’ll be a ball game.”

Swept: ‘We got stuck in rotation’

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into the third set, though it went more like the first. Hayesville led jumped out to a 12-3 lead, and Andrews only scored two

more points before the Lady Jackets finished off the sweep.

“When we play aggressive good things happen,” Mustin said. “It just seemed like in

set three we got stuck in our second rotation and couldn’t get out. In their mind, they just could not come back from that.”

Lady Dogs: Learn to be adaptable

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Lady Bulldogs look like they found a good top six against Hayesville in Payne, Seabolt, Rumfelt, setter Addie Johnson and Riley and Julia Dockery. That could help this week, when Murphy hosts Robbinsville (12-5, 5-1) and Swain County (11-6, 3-3), the only two

conference teams to beat them this season. The game against the Lady Knights took place after the *Cherokee Scout’s* press time Tuesday.

“You have to be adaptable to the situation,” Lovingood said. “Whenever it’s time to play, you have to show up to play.”



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Tips on tracking your ancestors in America

So, in one record you find your ancestral family in Virginia and then you discover they have moved to Mississippi. There is always a reason why a family chooses to move somewhere. Here are some things to consider that might help you explain why they moved.

Take a look at the location where you find them, as opposed to where their parents lived before them. If it is in the same town, you know they probably stayed there because of close family ties. If it is somewhere far away, figure out why they struck out on their own to a place that was unfamiliar to them.

Did they have any relatives who moved there before them? There might have been job opportunities or open farming land available inexpensively, and the whole family might have eventually moved there in small groups, following the ones who led the way.

If they are living somewhere on their own, or just with their spouse and children, away from other family members, there has to be a compelling reason why. Did the spouse's family move there first? If not, what was going on in the area at the time they moved



Finding Your Roots

Larry Van Horn

there? What was going on in the place from which they moved? Maybe they were Revolutionary War soldiers who were granted bounty land for their service but had to move to a faraway location to farm and keep it.

Did your ancestors arrive during a time of large numbers of immigrants? If they were immigrants, they may have gone far inland, toward the west, in search of fertile farming lands. Others would move to where their family who came before them moved. That is how we got large communities of Norwegians in Minnesota and Irish in Pennsylvania.

Look into the history of the European settlement of the area where you discover any given ancestor. The written history of how and why the area was settled by Europeans may explain why your ancestor went there. Look at state and county history books for more information on the settlement of the area you're investigating. FamilySearch has an excel-

lent library for this type of resource.

The history of the area may also explain why some families settled there for a while and then moved on to other places. You could discover why people arrived when they did, and where they may have gone when they left if you're not sure. You might even learn what routes your ancestors took when they left a place, especially if you know where they were going.

Look at the towns along these routes and look for records there. You may find records of marriages, deaths and births for your ancestors in unusual places that you didn't know they ever spent any time. However, lots of important life events happened while moving long distances for our pioneer and colonial ancestors. If you know someone was born in a place their family did not live, learning what route they took when they moved may explain it.

Larry Van Horn is a family historian and genealogy instructor/lecturer. Send comments to him by email at familyhistorian@frontier.com; or mail to P.O. Box 297, Brasstown, NC 28902.

Pets of the Week

Valley River Humane Society

Miss Kitty is an adult, spayed, domestic medium-haired female. She is current on all vaccines and preventatives. Miss Kitty ended up in our care when her human had to go into alternative care. She is a lovebug. Miss Kitty's favorite thing is meeting new humans. She enjoys purring when being greeted, catnip and warm fuzzy blankets. Miss Kitty also likes playing peek-a-boo and spa days.

Trish is a young adult spayed female shorty. She is current on all vaccines and preventatives. Trish really enjoyed the Pet Celebration, as she was featured there. Trish likes belly rubs, milk bones and smiling.

Valley River Humane Society thanks everyone who helped make Pet Celebration a success, from Celebration of Pets Foundation for putting on the event, to the volunteers that helped organize, setup, breakdown and everything in between. A special thank you to all who went to show support, donated and just had a good



Miss Kitty



Trish

time.

VRHS is in desperate need of bath towels and canned dog food. As always we appreciate all the responses to our cries for help.

A reminder: VRHS bingo night is the first Tuesday of each month at The Ballroom in downtown Murphy. Doors open at 5:45 p.m., and seating is limited. All proceeds benefit the shelter.

Valley River Humane Society is a no kill/non profit shelter serving Cherokee, Clay and Graham and counties. Its primary mission is to reduce the number of homeless animals in our community by the promotion of spay and neutering, and the adoption of homeless

animals into safe and loving homes.

VRHS is open to appointments to adopt/foster our animals. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated. Call 837-2304.

The animal shelter is located at 7450 U.S. 19 in Marble. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For details, call 837-2304.

Thrift store: 1160 U.S. 64 in Murphy. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Call 837-6137 for details.

Donations are the lifeblood of the shelter and may be made to VRHS, P.O. Box 658, Murphy, NC 28906 or online at www.valleyriverhumanesociety.org.

Day Planner

Deadline for submission of items for the community calendar is 3 p.m. Friday. Items received after that time will be set for the appropriate calendar the following week. For a complete calendar listing, see cherokeescout.com.

♦ **Mountain Lakes Board** of Realtors is having its second annual Sock Drive. Donations of new, unworn socks for men, women and children are needed. Boxes may be found at the following locations: Appalachian Land, Remax Mountain, Exit Realty, Poltrock Team Office, BIG Realty, Mountain Lakes Board Office, all in Murphy; Old Town Brokers, Andrews; Sonja Silvers Realty, Hayesville; and Cherokee Realty, Robbinsville. Donations will support the following organizations: HAVEN Children's Advocacy Center, Hurlburt-Johnson Friendship House, Church Mouse Ministries in Robbinsville, Reach of Clay County, Reach of Cherokee County and Appalachian Angels. For details, go by the Mountain Lakes Board Office, 93 Tennessee St., Murphy; call 837-5297; or

email.staff@mtnlakesbor.com.

Oct. 8
Members and classmates of the Hayesville High School Class of 1966 are invited to get together for a class reunion at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, at Shiloh Stables, Shooting Creek, 148 Shepherd Drive in Hayesville.

Tri-State Model Railroaders will host the third of this year's four Mineral Bluff Ride the Rails events Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9, at the historic Depot in Mineral Bluff. A donation of \$15 for adults ages 18-up is requested. Youth 0-17 are free. For details, see their Facebook page, the website at www.tsmri.org and click the Ride the Rails tab, email tsmri@yahoo.com or call 423-299-4913.

Oct. 9
The public is invited to join the Tri-County Democratic Women at 1 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 9, for a fall picnic outdoors. Bring family and friends and a favorite potluck dish for some old fashioned fun at the Clay County Recreation Park, Site No. 3, Lake Chatuge

on Clay County Recreation Road in Hayesville. RSVP by text or call 980-297-2270.

Oct. 12
Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild will meet Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the community room of the Shooting Creek Volunteer Firehouse. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. with refreshments at 9:45 a.m. The public is welcome. Visit the group's website shootingcreekbaskets.com for a list of materials along with information about upcoming projects, basket suppliers and directions to the meeting.

Oct. 14
The Martins Creek Community Center at 4605 Martins Creek Road will have a clean-up day from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. Two projects will be tackled on this day – outside landscape and indoors deep cleaning of the entrance hall. To volunteer or for details, just go to the community center or call Judy Perez at 813-310-2267; Adelle Weiss at 410-490-4308; or Val Davis at 954-298-0570.



Patricia Neubert, Brenda Tominovich and Leslie Wagner (from left) show some of the options to make Nantucket baskets and demonstrate how to apply the Cherry rim.

Learn to make a Nantucket style vase at guild's meeting

SHOOTING CREEK – Shooting Creek Basket Weavers Guild invites the public to its meeting Wednesday, Oct. 12, in the community room of the Shooting Creek Volunteer Firehouse. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. with refreshments at 9:45 a.m.

Newer members will be introduced to the Nantucket style of basket in a vase which can be made in a variety of twill patterns and colors.

Watchmen stationed on

lightships guarding the shoals off Nantucket Island created the unique design of Nantucket baskets in the 1850s. They cut grooves into the edge of the solid wood cores used in the bottoms and lids to hold wood staves. Today, newer materials are used in these labor-intensive designs including dyed cane, waxed linen and decorative rims and bases.

Patricia Neubert has more than 20 years experience making and teaching

Nantucket baskets. Several rims, bases and glass vases used as molds are still available.

For most projects, weavers are responsible to bring their own materials. The guild supplies some materials and has additional books and patterns to loan.

Visit the group's website shootingcreekbaskets.com for a list of materials along with information about upcoming projects, basket suppliers and directions to the meeting.

Martins Creek Community Center looking for members, volunteers

MARTINS CREEK – The Martins Creek Community Center at 4605 Martins Creek Road has been a part of the Martins Creek area for decades, supporting the community through faithful volunteers.

The center is available to rent for reunions, yard sales, gatherings, and many other local functions.

The public is invited to follow its upcoming events and join in the fun. It's a great way to meet members and neighbors.

New members and volunteers are needed to actively pull up their sleeves and lend a hand in lots of ways.

Ways to help Martins Creek Community grow:

- ♦ Like and share the Martin's Creek Community Center group on Facebook.
- ♦ Look for the community center on Next Door App.
- ♦ Lend a hand on clean-up day, from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14. Two projects will be tackled on this day – outside landscape and indoors deep cleaning of the entrance hall.

For details, call Judy Perez at 813-310-2267; Adelle Weiss at 410-490-4308; or Val Davis at 954-298-0570.

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Who’s the real Holmes? To find out the details, come see the production coming up in October. The cast of characters includes (from left in front) Jon David Jordan, David Layfield, (standing from left) Connor Kelley, Ryan Hunter, Joshua Inglima, Ashley Elver, Lamar Barber and (not pictured) Chad Von Dette.

Will the real Sherlock Holmes please stand?

BY SANDY BENSON
Contributing Writer

HAYESVILLE – The old TV game show, To Tell the Truth, doesn’t have a thing on the latest thriller at the Peacock Performing Arts Center. Jeffrey Hatcher’s *Holmes and Watson* is the ultimate mystery with a complicated plot and crazy twists.

Three years after the mysterious death of the famous detective, his assistant Dr. Watson receives a telegram suggesting Holmes may actually be alive. Three men, each claiming to be Holmes, have been committed to a remote asylum off the coast of Scotland. Now, Watson must discover if any of them is the real Sherlock Holmes.

Peacock regulars Ryan Hunter and Joshua Inglima of Hayesville and newcomer Connor Kelley of Young Harris, Ga., play the three madmen. All wthree are pretty cagey about their parts and plot details.

“Tackling a role that is so well known by so many and making it your own is quite a challenge,” Hunter said. “But who doesn’t like a good caper? Especially on a bagel with lox.”

Kelley added, “There’s something naturally appealing about the idea of a character we’re all so thoroughly familiar with, especially one that stands on as high a pedestal as Holmes, and watching them fall.”

Fall? He wouldn’t elaborate. And Inglima

just said, “As to the nature of my role, the matter must be kept in the strictest confidence.”

Mr. Watson is played by 30-year Peacock veteran David Layfield of Murphy. “I like this show because of its incredible plot, but all the lines are a big challenge.”

It’s Ashley Elver’s second Peacock performance, and her first as a dramatic character, The Matron.

“This is new territory in many respects, and I’m still learning,” she said. “Connecting with the circumstances and emotions in the scene, understanding the story and my character enough to make it real, even some of the physical ‘stunts’ I have to pull off are stretching me, and I love it.”

Hayesville’s Chad Von Dette is brand new to the stage. He plays dual roles, one speaking and one pantomiming. “My biggest challenge is learning where to place myself on the stage so everyone in the audience is able to see.”

Also acting in this production are Jon Jordan as Dr. Evans and Lamar Barber as The Orderly.

Holmes and Watson performances are Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 7-9 and Oct. 14-16; Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m.

All other details may be found on the website at thepeacocknc.org or by calling the office at 828-389-ARTS, Ext. 1.

The writer is with the Peacock Performing Arts Center.

Spotlight of Events

Deadline for submission of items for the arts and entertainment calendar is 3 p.m. Friday. For a complete calendar listing, see cherokeescout.com.

The Institute for Continuing Learning at Young Harris (Ga.) College will offer 25 courses for the Fall term starting in October. There are 14 courses with limited seating so early registration is advised. The ICL Bulletin and course announcements are posted on the iclyhc.org website. Visit www.iclyhc.org for registration and detailed course information or email icl@yhc.edu.

Oct. 7

First Friday Art Walk will be held from 5-8 p.m. Friday in downtown Murphy. There will be arts and crafts all over town, plus music, food, shopping and more. Special this month is a Kid’s Project table in front of the MAC. Call The Murphy Art Center, or the MAC, for details at 828-360-3038.

Opening reception for Olive’s Porch Artist in Residence Bonnie Lenneman will be held from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Olive’s Porch in downtown Murphy. Lenneman is an herbalist, forager, cook, wildcrafter, gardener and curious human living in Brasstown. Come by to say hello and learn more about her plans for the fall. For details, visit https://olivesporch.org/pages/events or call 837-1885.

Evie Ladin and Keith Terry will throw down original folk songs and deep interpretations of old

songs with the kinetic thrill of percussive dance at 7 p.m. Friday, rain or shine, at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown. A donation of \$5-10 per adult is suggested for most events, but all are welcome regardless of contribution. Call at 1-800-FOLK-SCH (1-800-365-5724) to learn more.

The Peacock Performing Arts Center in Hayesville will present this year’s final play, *Holmes and Watson*, a Jeffrey Hatcher mystery, at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Oct. 7-8 and Oct. 14-15; and 2 p.m. matinees Sunday, Oct. 9 and Oct. 16. For details, see the website thepeacocknc.org or call the office at 828-389-ARTS, Ext. 1.

Oct. 8

Coffee with the Poets and Writers will feature poet and columnist Mary Ricketson at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Moss Memorial Library, 26 Anderson St. in Hayesville. The event, sponsored by North Carolina Writers’ Network West, is free and open to the public. An open mic will follow the presentation. Bring a poem or short prose piece, from 2-3 minutes, to participate. For details, email Joan Howard at joanhoward121@gmail.com.

A “Pinch Pot Monster” class will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon Saturday at The MAC. Class fee is \$10. For details, visit the Murphy Arts Center in downtown, call 828-360-3038 or visit www.valleyriverarts.com.

Murphy Art Center will offer the class, “Dogwood Fall Leaves in Water-

color,” from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the MAC in downtown Murphy. This is a regular class, suitable for adults or other ages if indicated. No experience is needed. For details or to register, stop by the MAC or call 828-360-3038.

Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association will host this year’s Fall Arts in the Park Festival Saturday and Sunday in Blue Ridge, Ga. For details, visit the webpage www.blueridgearts.net or call the Arts Association at 706-632-2144.

Oct. 9

The Brasstown Concert Association will welcome the Ensemble Schumann to Keith House at 2 p.m. Sunday on the campus of John C. Campbell Folk School. For tickets and more details, write to BCA at P.O. Box 105, Brasstown, NC 28902; call a BCA Board member at 389-4210 or 835-6470, or email brasstownconcertnews@gmail.com.

Oct. 12

“Preschool Art Exploration Hour” will be held from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Murphy Art Center, 33 Valley River Avenue in downtown Murphy. This is a MACkey Mouse Art Club class suitable for kids ages 3-5. A parent or guardian must stay. Each child should bring a painting smock or large old T-shirt. Parents should dress accordingly. For details or to register, stop by The MAC or call 828-360-3038.

Oct. 14

North Georgia poet, essayist, novelist and educator Dana Wildsmith will be

Ride the Rails events planned at Mineral Bluff depot Oct. 8-9

MINERAL BLUFF, GA. – Tri-State Model Railroaders will host the third of this year’s four Mineral Bluff Ride the Rails events Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 8-9.

Join them for an exciting and scenic 5-mile ride behind restored open air railroad motor cars, sometimes referred to as speeders, traveling on the former Louisville and Nashville Railroad’s Murphy Branch. Heading westward from the restored historic depot participants will travel across the iron bridge over the Toccoa River, ascend the grade out of the river valley to Murphy Junction and then return.

A donation of \$15 for adults ages 18 up is requested. Youths 0-17 are free.

These motor car rides will operate from noon-4 p.m. each day, with each trip lasting 35-40 minutes. Parking is free.

At the depot, participants will have the unique opportunity to propel down the track on a replica of an old-time hand pump car. A donation of \$2 per person/per trip is requested. There’ll also be a special for children – ride the miniature 7½ gauge hand car for free.

The depot will be open for visitors to see the interior of the oldest public building in Fannin County, Ga., and how it has been

restored.

The funds raised during this event will be used to maintain the depot and continue construction of the large HO Model Railroad layout inside the depot, which now, with the newly constructed second level, depicts the route of the Louisville and Nashville Railroad’s “Old Line” as it ran between Etowah, Tenn., and Marietta, Ga., through Copperhill, Tenn., and Blue Ridge and Ellijay, Ga., along with the branch through Mineral Bluff to Murphy.

It’s their way of preserving the rich heritage of railroading’s contribution to the growth of this region, and educating future generations about the important role railroads play in the nation’s growth and progress.

Adult memberships, which include spouses and all family children under 18, are available. Ask the greeter inside the depot for an application. For details, see their Facebook page, the website at www.tsmri.org and click the Ride the Rails tab, email tsmri@yahoo.com or call 423-299-4913.

The host Tri-State Model Railroaders are grateful for the cooperation of the Georgia DOT and Georgia Northeastern Railroad/Blue Ridge Scenic Railway in this event.

Mystery answers the question, ‘What happened 40 years ago?’

BY WENDY PAIGE
Contributing Writer

Author Lauren Denton has prepared *A Place to Land* for two sisters in Sugar Bend, Ala., which was scheduled to hit the stands earlier this week on Oct. 4.

Violet and Trudy Figg experienced something 40 years ago that robbed Trudy of her voice and double-downed on Violet’s promise to her mother to take care of Trudy.

Together the 60-something sisters run an art shop that displays Trudy’s art using found items, most gathered from the river. She communicates with people through notes.

Violet’s interest lies with the birds of the area, which she monitors, and teaches

others how to track the bird population as well.

Keeping her sister safe after the event 40 years ago pushes Violet to cast aside her own chance for a loving relationship with a local police officer.

Enter Maya, an 18-year-old graduate of foster care just looking for a place to land. A flyer about an art festival that she sees in a gas station draws her to Sugar Bend, and she soon becomes part of the sisters’ lives as she works with Trudy on art to sell in their store, Two Sisters.

Everything seems to be going swimmingly until an old boat surfaces one night in the Little River, and as the past starts to unravel into the present, old secrets

are slipping out.

What happened 40 years ago that is tied to the mystery of the boat and its owner?

Laura Denton centers her books in her home state of Alabama. She usually writes stories about women’s journeys toward “truth and love, hope and healing,” and this time she adds a mystery into the mix.

She lives with her husband and two daughters near Birmingham, Ala.

Wendy Wiseman Paige retired to Marble in August 2018, having taught English and been a licensed librarian in Indiana. She is a member of the board of trustees for the Nantahala Regional Library. Email comments to her at wendyupaige@gmail.com.

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RESOLUTION OF THE CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

On September 7, 2022 the Cherokee County Board of Elections met at the board of elections office, Murphy, North Carolina and adopted the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Cherokee County Board of Elections that:

1. The Cherokee County Board of Elections shall meet at 2:00 PM on Election Day, Tuesday, **November 8, 2022** at the Board of Elections Office at **40 Peachtree St, Murphy, NC 28906**, to count absentee ballots.
2. Any voter of the county may attend this meeting and observe the count.
3. The results of the absentee ballot count will not be announced before the close of polls on that day.

Gary Kilpatrick, *Chairman*
Cherokee County Board of Elections

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION CHEROKEE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide general election will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

One-stop early voting will be held at the following location from Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Saturday, November 5, 2022:

Cherokee County Board of Elections office: 40 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC 28906

Weekday voting during this time period will be Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. The only Saturday voting will take place on November 5, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning September 9, 2022. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at votebymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by the board of elections. The request must be received through the website or by the Cherokee County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. November 1, 2022.

In the general election, voters will select candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, N.C. General Assembly, state and local judges, district attorney, and county offices.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence.

Questions? Call the Cherokee County Board of Elections Office at 828-837-6670 or send an email to CCBOE@cherokeecounty-nc.gov.

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A senior team of gymnasts from Denmark, GYS87, will perform in the Festival Barn at John C. Campbell Folk School at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

Senior gymnasts team coming to Brasstown

BRASSTOWN – John C. Campbell Folk School will welcome GYS87, a senior team of gymnasts from Denmark, for an exceptional performance in the festival barn on campus at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

GYS87 is part of a long gymnastics tradition in Denmark. Primarily a non-competitive group pastime, gymnastics is the biggest sport in the country, with more than 300,000 participants country-wide. It’s a family affair. The children join with mom or dad as soon as they can walk, and people continue the sport into their 80s.

GYS87, as the name implies, was formed in 1987 and has been going strong ever since. The team members come from all kinds of backgrounds but share a common passion for gymnastics.

The team often goes abroad during the

summer. In 2023, they plan to be a part of the World Gymnastrada in Amsterdam, Holland.

John C. Campbell Folk School was founded on the Danish model of a folkehøjskole, or “folk high school,” and gymnastics were a core part of its early curriculum, thanks to Georg Bidstrup, an instructor and later the executive director from 1952-67. Folk school officials are thrilled to host GYS87, excellent practitioners of a non-competitive tradition with deep ties to the roots of the folk school.

A \$5-10 donation is suggested per adult for the event, but all are welcome. Masks are not required.

Visit the folk school website for full details at <https://www.folkschool.org/events-calendar/danish-seniors-gys87-performance-and-rhythmic-exercises>.

Ladin, Terry concert Friday at folk school Festival Barn

By T-CLAW CRAWFORD
Contributing Writer

BRASSTOWN – Join us from 7-8 p.m. Friday, rain or shine, in John C. Campbell Folk School’s Festival Barn for a fun family friendly show outside with dancer, musician and body percussionists Evie Ladin and Keith Terry.

Innovative musicians/dancers with a quirky neo-trad soul, Oakland, Calif.-based Evie Ladin and Keith Terry throw down original folk songs and deep interpretations of old songs, with the kinetic thrill of percussive dance.

For more details, visit <https://evieladin.com/projects/evie-ladin-keith-terry/>.



Evie Ladin and Keith Terry will throw down original folk songs and deep interpretations of old songs with the kinetic thrill of percussive dance at 7 p.m. Friday at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown.

Ladin sings and plays infectious clawhammer banjo, while Terry is an expert percussionist. It was Appalachian string band music pared to the absolute minimum of accompaniment but packed with an orchestra’s worth of rhythm – Music City Roots, Nashville.

A prolific singer-songwriter, percussive dancer and square dance caller, the polyrhythmic heat of Evie’s clawhammer banjo has been heard from A Prairie Home Companion to Celtic Connections, Lincoln Center to Hardly Strictly Bluegrass.

Born and raised on Southern music, from inner city Baltimore to Oakland, she has taken home ribbons at string band contests and won awards for albums.

She can write, she can sing, and she pulls back from the saccharine brink

with wit – a sharp intelligence – Grant Alden, No Depression.

Trained as a jazz drummer, Terry brings tonal percussion to stand-up bass, is a renowned percussionist/rhythm dancer, the founder of the International Body Music Festival, and a collaborator with a host of inventive performers from Bobby McFerrin, Tex Williams and Robin Williams, to Turtle Island Quartet and Bill Irwin.

Terry in action is like visiting an anatomical carnival, where hands, feet, fingers, engage in a musical ballet – *Wall Street Journal*.

Our Friday Night Concerts, featuring some of the finest regional and national acts performing roots music, return to the Folk School’s Festival Barn. We’ll have standard seating, along with

a family focused social area of picnic tables in the back. You’re welcome to bring your dinner, card games, sewing project, or set up on the grass and let your kids play.

A donation of \$5-10 per adult is suggested for most events, but all are welcome regardless of contribution.

The folk school is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, and any funds raised support traditional arts and help with equitable pay for our performers.

Want to get involved? We’re always looking for volunteers to help with our events and programs. Give us a call at 1-800-FOLK-SCH (1-800-365-5724) to learn more.

The writer is music and dance events coordinator at John C. Campbell Folk School.

Get a new library card today

Hello all. I hope everyone is enjoying the oncoming fall. Autumn is my favorite time of year. I look forward to warm sweaters, cups of tea and what I call “reading weather.” I thought I would encourage everyone to make sure you have a valid library card so that you, too, are ready for reading weather.

Back in February of this year, our libraries switched to the N.C. Cardinal system. We now enjoy statewide resource sharing with all libraries within the N.C. Cardinal system.

The switch to Cardinal required all patrons to



Live the Library Life
Beth Rollins

receive a new library card. If you have not already done so or need to get a card for the first time, it’s easy to do. Just bring your picture I.D., or driver’s license and a piece of mail showing your name and local address. It’s a quick process to issue the card once you have provided these two pieces of identification. To make the process even easier, you can pre-register online at nantahala.nccardinal.org.

Then bring your identification and mail in to the library to finish the process and receive your library card.

To obtain a card for a child, the parent must have a card in good standing. The child’s card is then linked to the parent’s and the parent assumes responsibility for items checked out on the child’s card. There is no required age for a child to receive a card but we suggest that they be old enough to write their own name.

Beth Rollins is librarian assistant at the Murphy library. Call 837-2417.

Wildsmith featured speaker at Writer’s Night Out next Friday

North Georgia poet, essayist, novelist and educator Dana Wildsmith will be the featured speaker at Writers’ Night Out at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 14.

Wildsmith’s writing has its roots in the earth of the 125-year-old farm she works to keep alive, as documented in her collection of poems, *One Good Hand*. She also published a collection of essays *Back to Abnormal: Surviving With An Old Farm in the New South*, which she describes as an environmental memoir.

In addition to an ex-

tensive body of published works, Wildsmith teaches creative writing and held residencies at the Hambidge Center, Lillian E. Smith Center, Grand Canyon National Park and Everglades National Park.

Her most recent book, *One Light*, follows the journey of her mother, Grace, down dementia’s rocky road, and a forthcoming book *With Access to Tools* explores the role of tools in our lives: traditional farm tools, tools of the digital age, and cerebral tools such as patience and memory.

More details about her

work and life can be found on her website at www.danawildsmith.com.

Writers’ Night Out is an opportunity for local authors, poets and anyone interested in literature to gather for an evening of discussion and sharing. It is currently held over Zoom.

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God, show me a miracle – yet He already has

A young lady had been waiting for her date to pick her up. She was dressed up and waiting patiently. However, by the time he was an hour late she figured she had been stood up. So, she took off her makeup, put on her pajamas, gathered all the junk food in the pantry and sat down to watch TV with the dog. As her favorite show was just coming on, the doorbell rang. It was him. He said, “I’m two hours late, and you’re still not ready?”



God’s Word is Truth

Roy Goodlet

This may not be the best parallel, but let’s say the young man represents Jesus, and we are the young lady. We patiently are waiting until the day Jesus returns, and some of us decide to scrap the facts and signs Jesus has presented us with, and instead we decide to seek some other signs that might work.

What did we do? Maybe we sought the advice of a psychic. Are psychics ever right in their answers? Somehow they might possibly get some right, but can they get them all right? No. But let me give you the facts about someone who has and will. Dr. Peter Stoner, Professor Emeritus of Science at Westmon College, expressed it like this. If just seven of these 108 prophecies of the Messiah in the Bible were fulfilled in the

life of one person, the probability or chance would be 1 in 1017. That is 1 in 100,000,000,000,000,000. The chances of you winning the lottery are much, much greater. Dr. Stone said that would be the same as covering the state of Texas two feet deep with silver dollars, marking one the coins, mixing them all up, blind folding a person and giving them one chance to pick up the right coin. Let me ask you again, “How many fulfilled proph-

ecies do we need to prove Jesus is the Messiah?” How many do you need? The facts are laid out in front of you. Do you need any more signs or wonders? A crusty old man went into the bank and asked for \$250 in ones and fives. As the line behind him grew, the teller counted out the money and passed it over to the old man. The old man said, “I believe I’ll count that myself.” As the line stretched out the door, he slowly counted the money

a second time. “Well,” said the teller when he finished, “it’s all there, isn’t it?” “Yes,” answered the old man, “but just barely.” Well, the fact is, it was either there or it wasn’t, and the fact is Jesus is our Savior or He isn’t. I believe He is. What about you? Roy Goodlet is a retired minister of the Christian church, and a member of Murphy Church of Christ. Email him at royfcc@yahoo.com.

God’s condemning view of sin shown throughout Scriptures

“The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him” (Ezekiel 18:20). While man makes so little of sin, we learn from the Bible that God makes much of sin and its consequences. Some look at sin as an illusion or a religious fantasy. Others look at sin as being the invention of some lunatic. It is denied by some,

joked about by others and still others make it an object for laughter. Also, in the view of sin there are those who believe in sin but continue in it with very little thought of its consequences. Looking further into the Bible as to what God says about sin, we learn some interesting words that speak to what God thinks of sin, yours and mine. The Bible tells us that sin is an act of transgression or overstepping God’s holy law. We read from 1 John 3:4 these words, “Whosoever committeth sin transgress-



From the Study

Eddis Dockery

eth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.” Let us look at one more verse found in Romans 3:23: “For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.” Here we learn this has to do with coming short of the glory of God. “All that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto

the Lord” (Deuteronomy 25:16). Sin is an evil force that we are confronted with every day. We can never escape from it in this life. The Bible makes it very clear we overcome it by the power of the Holy Spirit. We hear the hissing of the serpent daily as the devil attempts his deceptive tactics. Look at how sin is viewed in today’s culture. We read from Galatians 5:19-21 God’s view: “Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness,

lascivious, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.” How damning sin really is from God’s viewpoint, but what are your thoughts and practices? There is hope through Christ Jesus and forgiveness of sin. Eddis Dockery is pastor

of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, 3170 Boiling Springs Road, Murphy, NC 28906, or call 837-9463.

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Josiah Renews the Covenant
II Kings 23; II Chronicles 34-35

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Fund Commission has supported the mountain region throughout major changes in agriculture, ensuring farmers continue farming. Applicants must contact their Cooperative Extension agents by Friday, Oct. 14, to set up an appointment to discuss their projects. Applications are available at www.wncagoptions.org or at local Cooperative Extension centers. Extension agents remain a resource for farmers throughout the year as they complete their projects. Since 2004, WNC AgOptions has distributed

more than \$3.5 million to farmers in western North Carolina who are diversifying their operations. Over the years, AgOptions recipients have used their grant awards to strengthen their farm businesses, making them better positioned to face unexpected challenges, such as the pandemic and recent weather-related disasters. WNC AgOptions offers grants to farmers in the following counties/units: Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga and Yancey counties, as well as the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians. Local applicants were encouraged to participate in an information session Sept. 2 at Konehete Park in Murphy. Representatives from the WNC AgOptions program were present to discuss the program, go over the 2023 application and timeline, plus answer questions. To find out more, visit the WNC Agricultural Options website at www.wncagoptions.org, N.C. Cooperative Extension

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Church Bulletin

Deadline to submit entries for the Church Bulletin is 3 p.m. Friday. Entries received after that time will be set for the following week. For a complete calendar listing, see cherokeescout.com.

Oct. 6
First United Methodist Church's new ministry Soul Table provides a free lunch in the fellowship hall, which is in the lower level of the education building, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., on the first Thursday of each month at the church building, 73 Valley River Ave. in downtown Murphy.

For details, call Cobby Barfield at 828-557-2433.

Oct. 9
Mike Davis will lead services starting at 10:30 a.m. Sunday in the sanctuary of Unity Church of the Mountains, 2309 Murphy Highway in Blairsville, Ga., and also viewed on Facebook. For directions or complete details about the church and its ministries, call 706-781-3393 or visit unitychurchofthemountains.org.

Oct. 10
There will be a tent revival Monday through Saturday, Oct. 10-15, at 5196

Old Highway 64 W. in the Shooting Creek community in Hayesville. Services will begin at 7:30 p.m. nightly. Speakers will include Chris and Jess Enloe, Hank Conner, Grant Colis and others. There will be special singing each service. For details, call 828-371-7404.

Oct. 15
Upper Peachtree Baptist Church will be having a singing at 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. Turning Home from Sylva will be the featured singers. Pastor Derek Tilley and the church family invite everyone to attend.

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Three heavy hitters featured at Songwriter Showcase 39

By JIM KUMAS
Contributing writer

HAYESVILLE – Join Rob Tiger and his friends, Daniel Kimbro, Sam Lewis and Grace Pettis, at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 22, at the Peacock, 301 Church St., for an evening of “Singers telling stories, the best music you’ll hear this year.”

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Daniel Kimbro is a two time, Grammy nominated bassist with 22 years of stage and studio experience. This will be the first time in almost 40 shows we have had a writer that played the stand-up bass along with an electric bass. It will be a new and exciting experience for all of us.

Grace Pettis epitomizes the term singer/songwriter. Her voice is both powerful and beautiful, and she uses it like a fine arts painter to color and craft her songs. *American Songwriter Magazine* wrote “As a decorated songwriter, Pettis blurs the lines between country, Americana, and folk. Her soulful delivery of calculated lyric lines helps her tell stories for all generations.” Her songs have been recorded by many esteemed artists, including Sara Hickman and Ruthie Foster.

Grace explains, “The songs that ring the truest often come from my own feelings and

memories. People need upbeat songs they can dance to, but they need sad songs, too. Hard songs. The songs that are the hardest and most painful to write seem to be the most healing. I write from wherever I happen to be. If I’m happy, I write a happy song. If I’m sad, I write a sad song. If the world is on fire, so are my songs.”

Sam Lewis has collaborated with everyone from Leon Russell to The Wood Brothers. Chris Stapleton dubbed him “a modern Townes Van Zandt.” He’s often labeled with some form of the word “soulful” – some have even compared his voice to molasses. Lewis’ style meets at a juncture of many different genres, however, he’s discovered what most musicians spend lifetimes working for; the place where feel-good music meets vital social commentary.

Your host Rob Tiger spends hours finding just the right people to put together for this series, and he has outdone himself this time.

Get tickets online at www.thepeacocknc.org, stop by the box office in person or call us at 828-389-ARTS, Ext 1.

You may visit our official ticket outlet, Tiger’s Department Store on the square in downtown.

See you there.

The writer is president of the Peacock Performing Arts Center.

Ricketson to speak at Coffee

By JOAN M. HOWARD
Contributing Writer

HAYESVILLE – Coffee With the Poets and Writers will feature poet and columnist Mary Ricketson at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 12, at Moss Memorial



Library in downtown.

The event is free and open to the public. An open mic will follow presentation. Bring a poem or short prose piece of about three minutes to participate.

Coffee With the Poets and Writers is sponsored by North Carolina Writers’ Network West, which also includes writers in Towns, Fannin, Union and Rabun counties in Georgia.

Ricketson lives in Murphy, works as a mental health counselor and a blueberry farmer. Her poems reflect the healing power of nature, surrounding mountains as midwife for her words.

Her published collections

are *I Hear the River Call My Name*, *Hanging Dog Creek*, *Shade and Shelter*, *Mississippi: The Story of Luke and Marian*, *Keeping in Place* and *Lira*, *Poems of a Woodland Woman*. Her forthcoming book is *Precious the Mule*.

She writes a monthly column, Woman to Woman, for Murphy’s weekly newspaper, the *Cherokee Scout*.

Her career in the helping professions since 1970 started as a social worker for the state of Texas. In North Carolina, she was on the original staff of Industrial Opportunities Inc., a sheltered workshop, developing an innovative training and work opportunity for adults with developmental disabilities. Later she led a three-county community focus group to study domestic violence and sexual assault, culminating in the founding of REACH, emergency and ongoing services to abused women.

She earned a Master’s degree in counseling from Western Carolina University in 1979, having traveled after work, five years of night classes,

one or two a semester.

She has been a therapist of individuals and families since 1978, and since 1987 in private practice as a mental health counselor in Murphy.

Mary has a grown son and says, “If I could choose only one thing to repeat in my wonderful life, I would be a mother, happy for the privilege to give life, to keep the circle going.”

She also writes that, “For a long time when I was growing up, I would write to keep from having to talk, I stuttered so severely. Eventually I stopped writing and made myself talk, following whatever determination I could muster. Now I write to see what nature has to say to me.”

Coffee With the Poets and Writers meets every second Wednesday from June until December. Masks are optional. Do not park in the book store parking lot.

For details, contact joanhoward121@gmail.com.

Joan Howard is a member of N.C. Writers’ Network – West. Email her at joanhoward121@gmail.com.



Gregg Powell with Cherokee County Builders explains the cabinet-making process to Hidden Mountain Brilliance homeschool students during their visit on Sept. 23.

Homeschoolers study career exploration, visit businesses

Local homeschool group Hidden Mountain Brilliance aims to provide students with as many outings as possible while also educating the students.

Hidden Mountain Brilliance most recently began career exploration field trips, where some local businesses opened their doors to students to teach them about what they do.

The group toured Cherokee County Builders on Sept. 23, where students were shown step by step what it takes to make cabinets of different varieties.

Gregg Powell agreed to give the tour and

educated the students on each machine used, what its purpose is and how it takes different machines to create a cabinet. The students were also educated on different varieties of wood used to make cabinets.

The students of Hidden Mountain Brilliance thank Cherokee County Builders and all businesses they toured during career exploration for helping them better understand a variety of career choices.

Anyone living in the community and who are currently homeschooling or will be soon may join Hidden Mountain Brilliance on Facebook.

Peachtree students of month for September



Every month, students at Peachtree Elementary School are nominated by their teachers who exhibit kindness, academic excellence, attend school regularly, support each other, and follow school rules. Students nominated for September are: kindergarten, Emery Hewett and Kevin Leatherwood; first, Layla Lingerfelt and Naomii Williams; second, Kinley Roberts; third, Emma Kindy and Madison Sawvell; fourth, Skylar Kilian; and fifth, Jackson Pope. Shown are (from left to right), Emma Kindy, Kevin Leatherwood, Kinley Roberts, Skylar Kilian, Layla Lingerfelt, Madison Sawvell, Emery Hewett, Jackson Pope and Naomii Williams.

Crossword

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- CLUES ACROSS
1. Bay Area humorist

5. Hurt

10. Icelandic poems

14. A taro corn

15. Metaphorical use of a word

16. It fears the hammer

17. Excessively quaint (British)

18. Laid-back California county

19. Cook in a microwave oven

20. Not late

22. Go from one place to another

23. Peoples living in the Congo

24. Popular pasta

27. Available engine power (abbr.)

30. Popular musician Charles

31. Angry

32. Spelling is one type

35. One who makes a living

37. Indicates location

38. Imperial Chinese dynasty

39. Small water buffaloes

40. Hungarian city

41. Fabric

42. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea

43. Precursor to the EU

44. Philly footballers

45. Female sibling

46. “When Harry Met Sally” actress

47. Magnetic tape of high quality

48. Insecticide

49. Apparatus to record and transmit

52. Some is considered “dog”

55. Israeli city __ Aviv

56. Fencing sword

60. Ottoman military title

61. Wise people

63. Cold wind

64. Popular type of shoe

65. Administrative district

66. A way to reveal

67. Cooked meat cut into small pieces

68. Actress Zellweger

69. Romanian city

- CLUES DOWN
1. Small town in Portugal

2. Site of famed Ethiopian battle

3. German river

4. Christmas carols

5. Cash machine

6. Rough and uneven

7. Rumanian round dance

8. Widespread occurrence of disease
9. A place to relax
10. Feeling of listlessness
11. Coat or smear a substance
12. Wild mango
13. Brews
21. Belgian city
23. Confined condition (abbr.)
25. Swiss river
26. Small amount
27. Part of buildings
28. Vietnamese capital
29. Sailboats
32. Shelter
33. Terminated
34. Discharge
36. Snag
37. Partner to cheese
38. A container for coffee
40. Spend time dully
41. Satisfies
43. Snakelike fish
44. Consume
46. Type of student
47. Erase
49. Instruct
50. Girl’s given name
51. Jewish spiritual leader
52. “To __ his own”
53. North-central Indian city
54. Greek alphabet characters
57. Weapon
58. Amounts of time
59. American Nobel physicist vital to MRIs
61. Soviet Socialist Republic
62. Witness

Last week’s answers.

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Brenda Kay Ledford (seated) – a local author, poet and blogger – is the special guest of students in Dorothy Hansen’s English class at North Georgia Technical College.

Ledford guest speaker at North Georgia Technical College class

BLAIRSVILLE, GA. – Award-winning author, poet and blogger Brenda Kay Ledford read her poetry and prose in Dorothy Hansen’s English class at North Georgia Technical College’s Blairsville campus on Sept. 26.

Ledford read short stories from the Old Mountain Press anthologies *OOPS! and Old Tales*. She also shared poetry from her book, *Blanche*, *Poems of a Blue Ridge Woman*, released by Redhawk Publications in 2021.

A retired educator, Ledford is a member of Georgia Poetry Society, Mountain Writer’s Club, Byron Herbert Reece Society,

North Carolina Writer’s Network, and listed with A Directory of American Poets and Fiction Writers. Her work has appeared in many journals, including “Reach of Song” “Town Creek Poetry,” “Appalachian Heritage,” “Our State” and 50 Old Mountain Press anthologies.

She’s received the “Marquis Who’s Who Lifetime Achievement Award for Writing,” “The Paul Green Award” 13 times, and the “Children’s Book Award” in 2021 for her children’s picture book, *The Singing Convention*, from N.C. Society of Historians. Ledford’s books are available at www.amazon.com.

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- **Carpenter Helper (Multiple)** – Qualla Housing Services – Housing (L4 \$25,261 - \$31,581)
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ed by Harold J. Kahler to Title Source, Inc., Trustee(s), which was dated November 30, 2006 and recorded on December 29, 2006 in Book 01266 at Page 0980, Cherokee County Registry, North Carolina. Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on October 11, 2022 at 02:00 PM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Cherokee County, North Carolina, to wit: Being Lot No. 68, containing 0.40 acre, in Peachtree Estates Subdivision said tract or parcel of land being more particularly described according to a plat of survey by C. R. Auvil, Registered Land Surveyor, said plat being recorded in Plat Cabinet A, Slide 42, in the Office of the Cherokee County Register of Deeds, the same plat being herewith incorporated by reference for more certain description. BEGINNING in the centerline of an access road at the corner of Lot 69 and runs with said access road South 59-21 West 150.00 feet to a corner common to Lots 68 and 67 in the line of Lot 66; thence with a line common to Lot 67 and 68 North 11-30 East 240.90 feet to a point; thence South 53-33 East 122.60 feet to the corner of Lot 69; thence with the line of Lot 69 South 11-30 West 91.30 feet to the centerline of said access road the point and place of Beginning, containing 0.40 acre, more or less. TOGETHER WITH a right-of-way and easement over subdivision access roads from said lot above described to State Road #1535 for the purposes of ingress, egress and regress to and from said lot to the state road. SUBJECT TO those subdivision restrictive covenants as recorded in Book 387, Page 133, Cherokee County Registry. TOGETHER WITH a non-exclusive, perpetual right-of-way and easement to obtain water for domestic purposes from such water source as may be designated by Peachtree Development Corporation, its heirs and/or assigns. SUBJECT TO a non-exclusive, perpetual right-of-way and easement to lay and maintain a pipeline for the conveyance of water to the above-described lot from such water source as may be designated by Peachtree Development Corporation, its heirs and/or assigns to other subdivision lots over and along that portion of the above-described lot as lies within the boundaries of all subdivision roads and streets. That all subdivision roads and streets as shown on the subdivision plat are 30 feet in width, 15 feet each side of the centerline. This property is subject to an annual maintenance assessment to Peachtree Development Corporation, its successors and assigns in interest in the amount of \$5.00 per month as described in deed recorded in Book 539, Page 54, Cherokee County Registry. THIS PROPERTY IS CONVEYED SUBJECT TO the water agreement as recorded in Deed Book 906, Page 167, Cherokee County, North Carolina Registry. FOR SOURCE OF TITLE reference Deed Book 906, Page 164 Cherokee County, North Carolina Registry. Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record. Said property is commonly known as 216 Crestview Way, Murphy, NC 28906. A Certified Check ONLY (no

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personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED. Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are All Lawful Heirs of Harold J. Kahler. An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS § 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination. If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy. Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC Substitute Trustee Brock & Scott, PLLC Attorneys for Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC 5431 Oleander Drive Suite 200 Wilmington, NC 28403

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PHONE: (910) 392-4988 FAX: (910) 392-8587 File No.: 22-00650-FC01 (725795)

Notice of Service

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 22 Cvs 351 NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY Cherokee County, A Body Politic and Corporate vs. Joyce B. Taylor, Unknown Spouse of Joyce B. Taylor, Champion Realty Corporation, United Community Bank, Lienholder TO: Joyce B. Taylor, Unknown Spouse of Joyce B. Taylor, Champion Realty Corporation, United Community Bank, Lienholder Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes owing to Cherokee County on your interest in the property described as follows: Being all of Tract 103, Fall Branch Estates, as per plat thereof recorded in Plat Cabinet D, Slide 112, Cherokee County Registry, to which reference is made for a more perfect description. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and matters of survey. Also being identified as Parcel ID# 5502 00 43 1980 000, Cherokee County Tax Office Address: Scottie Mtn. Circle Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claims and interests that you may have in the property, to have a commissioner appointed to sell the Property and to deliver to the purchaser a deed to said real estate in fee simple, free and clear of all encumbrances, and that the interests and equities of redemption of the Defendants in the property be forever barred and foreclosed. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 8, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This day of September 22, 2022. E. Lauren Watson Hubbard Attorney for Plaintiff Capital Center 82 Patton Avenue, Suite 500 Asheville, North Carolina 28801

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and control of Peirce Cole Phillips, and sole permanent legal and physical custody and control of Peirce Cole Phillips. You are required to enter a defense to the lawsuit on or before November 14, 2022. If you fail to present a defense within the time required, the Plaintiff will apply for relief to the Court. Holly S. Christy 21 Peachtree Street Murphy, NC 28906 This is the 5th day of October 2022. (727948)

Notice of Service

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 22 Cvs 315 NORTH CAROLINA CHEROKEE COUNTY Cherokee County, A Body Politic and Corporate vs. Sally Edwards, a/k/a Sally A. Greenman, Unknown Spouse of Sally Edwards TO: Sally Edwards, a/k/a Sally A. Greenman, Unknown Spouse of Sally Edwards Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes owing to Cherokee County on your interest in the property described as follows: Being that certain tract or parcel of land containing 2.88 acres, more or less, in Shoal Creek Township, Cherokee County, North Carolina as shown on that certain plat of survey prepared by W.W. Land Surveying, PC, entitled "TALMADGE R. JOHNSON" dated April 29th, 2010 and as more particularly described as follows: BEGINNING at an iron rod set at the Southwestern most corner of said parcel corner common to Talmadge R. Johnson (DB 591 PG 100); thence running with the boundary line common to Talmadge R. Johnson (DB 591 PG 100) N 21-55 W 529.51

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feet to an iron rod set, N 71-53 E 254.23 feet to an iron rod set, N 71-53 E 12.61 feet to a point in or near the centerline of an existing nine (9') foot soil road (private); thence N 29-08 W 89.30 feet to an iron rod found at the end of road and corner common to Frederick Dean Webb and wife, Rhonda Jean Webb (DB 1373 PG 436); thence running with the boundary line common to Frederick Dean Webb and wife, Rhonda Jean Webb (DB 1373 PG 436) S 41-50 E 34.59 feet to a point in or near the centerline of an existing nine (9') foot wide gravel road (private) and S 41-50 E 188.93 feet to an iron rod feet at fence corner and S 41-36 E 17.83 feet to a planted stone found corner common to Twin Mountain, LLC (DB 936 PG 68); thence running with the boundary line common to Twin Mountain, LLC (DB 936 PG 68) and with the meanders of ridge, S 09-26 W 81.86 feet to an iron rod set center of fenceline and ridge, S 14-01 W 96.27 feet to an iron rod set center of fenceline and ridge, S 15-21 W 67.90 feet to a point in center of fence, S 13-15 W 60.06 feet to a point in center of fence, S 13-35 W 50.74 feet to a point in center of fence and S 12-08 W 122.15 feet to an iron rod center of fenceline and ridge, S 85-19 W 34.01 feet to a point in or near the centerline of an existing nine (9') foot gravel road (private) and S 85-19 W 33.61 feet to the point and place of BEGINNING, containing 2.88 acres, more or less. Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and matters of survey. Also being identified as Parcel ID# 4541-00-73-7198-000, Cherokee County Tax Office. Address: (4541-00-73-7198-000) Sunny Point Road Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claims and interests that you may have in the property, to have a commis-

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sioner appointed to sell the Property and to deliver to the purchaser a deed to said real estate in fee simple, free and clear of all encumbrances, and that the interests and equities of redemption of the Defendants in the property be forever barred and foreclosed. You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 1, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This day of September 13, 2022. E. Lauren Watson Hubbard Attorney for Plaintiff Capital Center 82 Patton Avenue, Suite 500 Asheville, North Carolina 28801 (828) 252-8010

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www.lockerfox.com and will end on or after 12:45 PM EST on 10/17/2022. (728369)

Opportunity to Comment on the Crossover Project
The Nantahala National Forest, Cheoah/ Tusquitee Ranger District, is preparing an environmental assessment for the Crossover Project. Management activities are proposed for National Forest System lands on the Cheoah/Tusquitee Ranger District in southern Graham County and northern Cherokee County. Consistent with direction set forth in the Land and Resource Management Plan for the Nantahala and Pisgah National Forests, the proposed project is designed to improve or maintain wildlife habitat, species diversity, soil and water resources, and forest health through vegetation management and other treatments. This project is subject to the predecisional objection process at 36 CFR §218 Subparts A and B. The Crossover Project Environmental Assessment (EA) is available online by clicking the "Projects" link under "Managing the Land" at:fs.usda.gov/nfsnc. The EA and supporting documentation are also available for re-

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view at the Cheoah Ranger District office in Robbinsville, NC. Additional information regarding this project or activity can be obtained from Jason Farmer, Cheoah Ranger District, 1070 Massey Branch Road, Robbinsville, NC 28771, 828-479-6431. How to Comment and Time-frame
The opportunity to comment ends 30 days following the date of publication of the legal notice in The Cherokee Scout. Only those who submit timely and specific written comments per §218.2 regarding the proposed project or activity during a public comment period established by the responsible official are eligible to file an objection §218.24(b)(6). For issues to be raised in objections, they must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity and attributed to the objector. The publication date of the legal notice in the newspaper of record is the exclusive means for calculating the time to submit written comments on a proposed project or activity. The time period for the opportunity to comment on a proposed project or activity to be documented with an environ-

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mental assessment shall not be extended. It is the responsibility of all individuals and organizations to ensure that their comments are received in a timely manner. Written comments must be submitted to: Andrew Gaston, District Ranger, Cheoah/ Tusquitee Ranger District, 123 Woodland Drive, Murphy, NC, 28906; (828) 837-5152 or (828) 837-8510 (fax). Hand-delivered comments may be submitted by appointment. Electronic comments must be submitted in a format such as an email message, plain text (.txt), rich text format (.rtf), or Word (.doc, .docx) to https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=56347. For objection eligibility, each individual or representative from each entity submitting timely and specific written comments regarding the proposed project or activity must either sign the comments or verify identity upon request §218.24(b)(8). (728595)

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BETTY ANN BEST
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BETTY ANN BEST, deceased, of Cherokee County, State of North

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Carolina, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the following address: P.O. Box 714, Murphy, NC 28906, on or before the 30th day of December, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment. This 21st day of September, 2022.
Lucy E. Best, Executor
Julie G Walker
Attorney for the Estate and Registered Process Agent
39 Hiwassee Street
P.O. Box 714
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-6178
(725779)

NORTH CAROLINA
CHEROKEE COUNTY
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK
FILE NO. 22-E-248
CREDITOR'S NOTICE
In the Matter of the Estate of: BEVERLY J. RUBLE, deceased.
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of BEVERLY J. RUBLE, deceased, late of Cherokee County, State of

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North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present such claims to the undersigned at Heidi Rose Moore, 340 Roberts Road, Murphy, North Carolina 28906 on or before the 21st day of December, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment. This the 21st day of September, 2022.
Heidi Rose Moore
Executor of the Estate of
BEVERLY J. RUBLE, deceased.
340 Roberts Road
Murphy, NC 28906
Charles W. McHan, Jr.,
Attorney for the Estate
84 Valley River Ave.
P.O. Box 463
Murphy, North Carolina 28906
828-837-6393
(725981)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
I, Tonya McKim, having qualified as the Ancillary Executrix of the Estate of Donald J. Reynolds deceased, Estate File number 22-E-264, of Cherokee County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Donald J. Reynolds, to exhibit them to the undersigned attorney at the address below, on or before January 10th, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.
This the 3rd day of October, 2022.
TONYA McKIM,
Ancillary Executrix
Larry G. Simonds, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Stricker Law Firm, PLLC
102 Hiwassee Street
Murphy, NC 28906
(728592)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
I, Dena Ann Garner, having qualified as the Administrator of the Estate of Eric Bryan Lowe deceased, Estate File number 22-E-259, of Cherokee County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Eric Bryan Lowe, to exhibit them to the undersigned attorney at the address below, on or before January 10th, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All per-

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sons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 28th day of September, 2022.

DENA ANN GARNER, Administrator

Larry G. Simonds, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Stricker Law Firm, PLLC
102 Hiwassee Street
Murphy, NC 28906
(727941)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF GERALD RAY ADAMS

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of Gerald Ray Adams, deceased, late of Cherokee County, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the following address: c/o Mitchell K. Brewer, P.O. Box 596, Murphy, NC, 28906 on or before the 28th day of December, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment.

This 28th day of September, 2022.

Marie Adams Collins, Administrator CTA of the Estate of Gerald Ray Adams

Mitchell K. Brewer
Attorney for the Estate
Mitchell K. Brewer, PLLC
P.O. Box 596
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-2178
(727122)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Jack Dixon Postell, deceased, late of Cherokee County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned Executor on or before January 7, 2023 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of September, 2022.

Glenda Jane Passmore Postell, Executor
c/o M. Ellen Davis
Post Office Drawer 1269
Andrews, North Carolina 28901
(727968)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JAMES HARVEY COPE, SR.

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of James Harvey Cope, Sr., deceased, late of Cherokee County, State of North Carolina, this

is to notify all persons having claims against the estate or said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the following address: Kathy Jo Cope, c/o James L. Blomeley, Post Office Box 666, Murphy, North Carolina 28906 on or before the 29 day of December, 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment.

This the 28 day of September, 2022.

James L. Blomeley, Jr.
Attorney for Kathy Jo Cope
Administrator of the Estate of James Harvey Cope, Sr.
File No.: 22-E-257
(726868)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF JOSEPHINE PIERCE WHYBREW

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of JOSEPHINE PIERCE WHYBREW, deceased, late of Cherokee County, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the following address: P.O. Box 714, Murphy, NC 28906, on or before the 10th day of January, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery.

All persons indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment.

This 5th day of October, 2022.

Kathryn Whybrew Roberts
Administrator of the Estate of Josephine Pierce Whybrew, deceased.

Walker Law Firm
P.O. Box 714
Murphy, NC 28906
(828) 837-6178
(728043)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

I, Russell Kurpan, having qualified as the Ancillary Administrator of the Estate of Judy K. Kurpan deceased, Estate File number 22-E-263, of Cherokee County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Judy K. Kurpan, to exhibit them to the undersigned attorney at the address below, on or before January 10th, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of October, 2022.

RUSSELL KURPAN,

Ancillary Administrator

Larry G. Simonds, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Stricker Law Firm, PLLC
102 Hiwassee Street
Murphy, NC 28906
(728523)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHEROKEE

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Margaret Ann Vanderlaan (aka M. Ann Vanderlaan) deceased, of Cherokee County, NC, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned's attorney, Susan L. Hunt, PC, 501 Simpson Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, on or before December 27, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 28th day of September 2022.

Paul Zachary Vanderlaan
8146 Rob Roy Drive
Summerfield, NC 27358

Susan L. Hunt
Susan L. Hunt, PC
501 Simpson Street
Greensboro, NC 27401
(726980)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

I, Bruce Michael Moore, having qualified as the Executor of the Estate of Rosemary A. Moore deceased, Estate File number 22-E-209, of Cherokee County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of Rosemary A. Moore, to exhibit them to the undersigned attorney at the address below, on or before January 2nd, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of September, 2022.

BRUCE MICHAEL MOORE, Executor

Larry G. Simonds, Jr.
Attorney at Law
Stricker Law Firm, PLLC
102 Hiwassee Street
(726881)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF THOMAS NEAL HIERS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Neal Hiers, deceased, late of Cherokee County, North Carolina, this is to notify all per-

sons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the following address on or before 28 December 2022, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

Gerald R. Collins, Jr.
PO Box 740
Murphy, NC 28906
All persons indebted to said decedent will please make immediate payment.
This the 12th day of September, 2022.

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