Educational in welding paying off big

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While many students are spending thousands on education at four-year colleges and universities, some are taking a different route and earning as much or more than their four-year degree counterparts thanks to a program that’s growing in popularity – and need – across the country.

Graduates of Franklin High School’s welding program have gone on to careers that pay upward of $50 to $60 per hour.

“Especially with a two-year degree,” said Larry Pickens, FHS welding teacher. “Some of these guys have been successful right out of high school.”

Kenny Masson, a 2011 FHS graduate, is a perfect example. Pickens said Masson makes close to $100,000 a year and only works about nine months out of the year.

“My wife is a registered nurse and she makes nowhere near that with 20 years of experience,” Masson said.

According to the American Welding Society and National Center for Welding Education and Training, welders who have mastered several welding disciplines can make top salaries – especially in the oil and gas and electric power generation industries.

Masson works for Siemens Energy.

County insurance overhaul seeks lower price tag

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Macon County manager Derek Roland outlined an in-depth overhaul of the county insurance plan, which covers 408 county employees, to the board of commissioners on Tuesday night.

“Since I took over as manager, the future of the insurance plan has been at the top of my priority list,” Roland said. “We began this process by forming an insurance committee comprised of county employees and department heads. That committee has been meeting for seven months and I feel like we are ready to move forward.

“For the past five years the county insurance plan has been debilitating the insurance fund balance. Essentially, the amount paid out in claims has exceeded the amount taken in via county and employee contributions.

“In 2009, we had almost $6 million in the insurance fund,” Roland said. “At that time revenues declined and expenditures increased significantly. Since 2010 we have been averaging approximately $800,000 in deficit, which has eaten up that fund balance. For fiscal year 2013-14 the projected fund balance is $55,564.

“If the fund were to run out of money in his budget to hire a nurse practitioner to run the clinic,” Roland said. “He recommended bringing the clinic in via county and employee contributions.

“We have talked to several businesses at the health department and he has informed that he has the money in his budget to hire a nurse practitioner to run the clinic,” Roland said. “He was planning on doing an NP to another program, but instead we now have a nurse practitioner who will be there.”

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Man accused of sex crime against child

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A registered sex offender convicted of a sexual crime in Florida in 1997 has been charged with taking indecent liberties with a 4-year-old child.

Anthony John Godfrey, 41, was arrested after Franklin Police Department was contacted by a member of the victim’s family according to FPD Lt. Danny Bates.

One of the family members had severely beat Godfrey before police arrived.

“Emergency dispatchers were contacted by a family member,” Bates said. “The victim’s family member advised that Mr. Godfrey had walked in and found Mr. Godfrey sexually assaulting the victim,” the goading, according to Bates.

Godfrey was arrested on page 73.

Public weighs in on approved noise ordinance

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Macon County noise-makers have been officially put on notice.

Following a public hearing Thursday night, the Macon County board of commissioners voted 4-1 to pass the recently drafted nuisance noise ordinance which is aimed at stopping residents who intentionally create noise in order to disturb the peace of those around them.

“Noise made by dogs is a big issue for a number of people in our county,” Kever said.

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Trotter season brings its economic boost

Trotter season officially starts Saturday, April 4. Anglers seeking more information can visit the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission’s website to find more information about regulations regarding fishing and specific streams before heading out this weekend.

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A full list of trout fishing regulations can be found at www.ncwildlife.org.

Insurance: Switch still leaves good options

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The Franklin Press encourages all community members or businesses to contact us with information about events, such as weddings and births. This information is to be in advance of the event’s date of publication.

The newspaper reserves the right to classify ads as closely to the requested date of publication as appear in the newspaper in a given publication.

For information on placing classified ads, see the front page of today’s classified section.

Photos can be submitted for publication in the newspaper. Color and black and white photos are accepted, but we do not return original photos. We do not accept original digital images. We do return photos if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included.

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Northern long-eared bat protections to be discussed

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is seeking public comment on a request by NiSource to add the northern long-eared bat to its multispecies, multi-state incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act. Under the Endangered Species Act, it is illegal to kill, hurt or harass a federally endangered or threatened species without a permit. NiSource’s current incidental take permit was issued in 2013 and covers 10 endangered and threatened species. The Endangered Species Act requires an approved habitat conservation plan before an incidental take permit is granted. Habitat conservation plans are agreements between a landowner or private company and the USFWS, allowing permit applicants to undertake otherwise lawful activities on their property that may result in the incidental death, injury or harassment of a federally endangered or threatened species; the applicant agrees to conservation measures designed to minimize and mitigate the impact of those actions.

Northern long-eared bats are among the northern long-eared bat to NiSource’s current incidental take permit under the Endangered Species Act. NiSource’s amended habitat conservation plan and the USFWS’s draft environmental assessment, as well as information about the USFWS permit and applications are available at the USFWS’s draft environmental assessment, as well as information about the USFWS permitting process.

The public may comment on the amended plan and draft environmental assessment by email to permit@fws.gov or by hard copy at Regional Director Midwest Region, Attn: Thomas Magnuson, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 5000 American Blvd. West, Suite 990, Bloomington, MN 55437-1458. Comments must be received by April 20. The northern long-eared bat was proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act in October 2013 primarily due to sharp declines caused by white-nose syndrome, a deadly disease affecting cave-hibernating bats.

If you saw this giant leap...
A tax reform scheme that may help

I have read with interpretive interest the article "A tax reform scheme that may help," which discusses the potential benefits and drawbacks of a new tax reform proposal. The article highlights several key points that are worth considering.

1. The tax reform scheme is designed to simplify the tax code and reduce the burden on taxpayers.
2. The proposal includes provisions such as a flat tax rate and the elimination of some deductions and credits, which could result in lower taxes for many individuals and businesses.
3. However, the proposal also includes significant increases in the standard deduction and the elimination of many tax credits, which could disproportionately affect low- and middle-income taxpayers.
4. The article mentions concerns about the proposal's impact on certain segments of the population, particularly those who rely on deductions and credits to reduce their tax burden.
5. The article notes the potential for the proposal to stimulate economic growth by encouraging investment and consumer spending.
6. However, the article also cautions that the proposal could have negative effects on the environment, especially if the elimination of tax credits leads to a reduction in renewable energy incentives.

Overall, the article provides a balanced analysis of the proposed tax reform scheme, identifying both its potential benefits and drawbacks. While the proposal has the potential to simplify the tax code and reduce the burden on taxpayers, the article raises concerns about its impact on certain segments of the population and its potential effects on the environment.

C. Todd Surber
Outdoors

• Franklin Bird Club will sponsor a bird walk at 8 a.m., Wednesday, April 8, at the Salali Lane Greenway with parking on Fox Ridge Road off Highlands Road south of Franklin Flea Market. Call (828) 524-5234 for more information.

• Franklin Garden Club will meet for the monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m., Monday, April 6, in the Footbridge Restaurant in The Factory on the Georgia Road. Cheryl Cuppy of Wayneville will present a program on "Composting with Worms." Register to attend by calling Nancy Wiley at (828) 524-0310 to attend.

• Mountain Voices, a newly formed community choir for men and women, will practice at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 6 at the church rectory, Church on Main Street, Franklin. The public is invited to attend. Email Rod Kuhn at ruthiknight@outlook.com for more information.

• Shooting Creek Wastewater will meet from 9:45 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, April 6 at the Shooting Creek Community Center, 18 Eagle Fork Road, Franklin. Light refreshments will be served with a short business meeting afterward. The project "Cloverly简单 Marley Wastewater" will be presented by Key Swanson and Nancy Jones. Beginners and experts are invited to attend. Call (828) 644-0528 for more information.

• Friends of the Scottish Tartan Museum will have their regular business meeting at 6 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at Grace Presbyterian Church on Main Street, Franklin. Topics will be review of future meeting places, putting up for the frame of Scotland and the open program meeting on May 5. Anyone interested in their own Celtic heritage or that of the region is welcome to attend.

• Solaris/WNC informational forum will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 7, at the Macon County Public Library, 149 Siler Farm Road, Franklin. Co-sponsored by Clean Energy for WNC and the Canary Coalition in an effort to speed the transition to a clean, safe energy future. This event is free and open to the public. Anyone may watch online at cleanenergyforall.net for more information about the program. Call The Canyon Coalition at (828) 355-3447 or email info@canarycoalition.org for more information.

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Hot rides for Relay

Jacob Morgan’s recent car show fundraiser raised at least $1,720 for Relay for Life of Franklin, surpassing its $1,000 goal. The fundraiser was held in the parking lot of Franklin High School and brought in 6th classes, muscle and unique cars for display. All funds raised will go to the upcoming Relay for Life event. Such events are held across the country to raise funds for cancer research. A number of other events will be held in the coming weeks to raise money for the cause, which will be held Friday, June 5, at the high school. So far teams have raised $7,300 offline. (Almost) The crowd walked through the display at Franklin High School. Flight’s Nine-month-old Isalihn Geflin checks out her great-great grandfather’s vehicle, the Shoe Box, with her mother, Katie Griffith.

Funds still available for nonprofits

The Macon County Department of the Workforce Services recently received $5,000 and is still looking for nonprofits to distribute it.

The funds, made available by the Department of Homeland Security, are provided to “help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-poor areas and those areas affected by a news release. Organizations can apply for the funds through the county by April 10.

To apply, an agency must be a private voluntary nonprofit, be eligible to receive federal funds, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and have a volunteer board.

The county’s CARENet has received funds from the program in the past to provide meals to people in need.

Are you paying a tax penalty this year?

The tax penalty is one of the penalties for not having insurance. It is imposed on individuals who are not covered by insurance or do not qualify for a tax subsidy. The penalty is calculated as a percentage of the individual’s income, but the minimum amount is $695 for an adult and $450 for a child.

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Deputy Adam Crawford investigated a report of breaking and entering at a residence in Cowee. Someone broke into the office and caused damage inside jail/prison premises at the magistrate's office in Franklin.

Mar 29
Deputy Abbey Parrish investigated a report of breaking and entering at a residence in Cowee. Someone forced entry and caused damage inside jail/prison premises.

Mar 30
Samantha Lynn Heller, 23, James Street, Durham, was charged with one misdemeanor count communicating threats; $500 unsecured bond; Deputy Mike Langley Sr.

Mar 31
Deputy Elija Kirkland investigated a report of disorderly conduct and communicating threats at a business in Franklin.

April 1
Deputy Kimberly Osborne investigated a report of break and enter at property on Beldon Circle, Franklin. Coffee valued at $2 and $140 in cash was taken.

Godfrey: More charges possible
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Rossie Bruster, 20, East Hickory Knoll Road, Franklin, was charged with four counts of disorderly conduct, Macon County Sheriff’s Office provided; no bond; Deputy Kimberly Osborne.

Jesse Ronnie Strivette, 20, West Road, Franklin, was charged with one misdemeanor count assault on a female; $50,000 secured bond; Deputy Kimberly Osborne.

Jesse Luke Osborn, 56, Lila Street, Franklin, was charged with one felony count harboring an escapee; $5,000 secured bond; Deputy Aubrey Parrish.

March 24
Deputy Adam Crawford investigated a report of breaking and entering at a residence on Beldon Circle, Franklin. Someone broke into the back door of the residence and entered the residence in the amount of $500.

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The investigation is ongoing, Bates reiterated, adding that anyone with any information about the incident should call PPD. Bates said assault charg- es against the family mem- bers have not yet been issued.

"Additional victims have not been ruled out," Bates said.

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CRIME REPORT

Following is a list of incidents investigated by the Franklin Police Department and the Macon County Sheriff’s Office between March 23 and 26. The list contains the person’s name, age, address, date of arrest, what was charged, and amount of bond, if any.

March 23
Deborah Ter Truitt, 20, East Hickory Knoll Road, Franklin, was charged with one misdemeanor count communicating threats; one misdemeanor count assisting in the commission of a crime; one misdemeanor count terroristic threats; one misdemeanor count disorderly conduct on school property; $500 secured bond; Deputy Allen Ward.

Nathan Kyle English, 30, Ledbetter Lane, Franklin, was charged with one misdemeanor count communicating threats; $500 secured bond; Deputy Troy Brent.

Deputy Audrey Parrish investigated a report of break and entering at a residence on Green Street, Franklin. Lane was charged with one misdemeanor count contempt of court; court ordered to pay child support; $4,154. Deputy Joey Lynch.

March 24
Darius Armstrong, 21, Bailey Drive, Valdosta, Georgia, was charged with one felony count fraud in connection with a female; $2,000 unsecured bond; Deputy Travis Platt.

Sharon Jeffries, Rob, 32, KWK Street, Port, Florida, was charged with misdemeanor failure to appear; $50,000 secured bond; Deputy Jonathan Bean.

March 25
Deputy Jimmie Allen investigated a report of break and entering at a residence on Cowee Circle, Franklin. Someone was charged with malicious assault inflicting serious injury, property damage, possession of drug paraphernalia, and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting with emergency communications; no bond information provided.

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Woman charged with DWI with kid, weed in car

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A mother was arrested on DWI charges for the sec- ond time in less than two months on Sunday — this time after almost hitting a police officer’s car and with a 16-month-old child and enough marijuana to warrant a felony charge in her car.

Lisa Marie Vanhoogen, 27, is charged with driving while impaired, felony pos- session with intent to sell, manufacture or deliver mari- juana, possession of drug paraphernalia, open contain- er while consuming alcohol, and child neglect.

Vanhoogen was traveling in a black sedan on the section of Highlands Road at 9:30 p.m. on March 29. She saw her car cross the centerline, come the nning lane and cross back, Bates said. “He moved right into the outer lane of traffic, then immediately turned around to pursue and stop her.”

Breedlove caught up to Vanhoogen and asked if they could talk to her on a trip to Atlanta in April to meet with an industrial busi- ness recruiter to hopefully develop additional leads on companies seeking manufac- turing space and assistance in the industrial park.

Carnpier Precision Seats, which occupies the facility across the street from the SRF, announced it will close in 2016. The company said the decision was made to move to Illinois in order to improve manufacturing and distribution.

County leaders would like to see a business quickly fill the Carnpier vac- cuum, though that may take some help from the ongoing busi- ness. The county has begun negotiations with the company officials regarding the com- pany’s exit from its space in the industrial park.

It is hard to say what will become of the site, but what options are available.

Visit ncwildlife.org/bear for more information.

Warmer weather brings black bear advisories

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) says black bear sightings will become more common across the state as weather becomes warmer.

While black bears are not considered a threat to people, they are highly aggressive toward domestic livestock and pets. The threat to property and with the Franklin Police Department.

“Considering the circumstances, if you are going to have to close the property, then the WRC advises everyone to close it immediately and turn around and find another way to another park,” a spokesperson said.

The arrest marks the sec- ond time in less than two months. Records from the Macon County Patrol Trooper Broydy Crist, 17, file read from 28 Feb., 7, charging her with driving while impaired and failing to assist in a search, which “yielded a baggie of marijuana,” Bates said.

A 12-year-old child was found underneath the car. “There was an alcoholic beverage inside the cup,” Bates added. "Macon County DSS was contacted in regard to housing and child welfare.

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Most of his work details nuclear in marble power plants and gas turbine gen-

erators. The only possible down-

side to Mason’s work is that he’s on the road all the time, due to space con-

straints. "In Franklin the job mar-

ket is very limited, but if you’re willing to travel, the sky’s the limit," Mason

said. “They’ve all been suc-

cessful," Brothers said. "I’ve thought about it," Penley said, “I have recruiters calling me

about it for me would be the

traveling. Other than that it’s

good money.”

"Few colleges have good

welding programs," said McClure, who added that she too has thought about a

welding career but is unsure of the

travel demands.

William Brothers is the
dean of Career Technologies
at Southeastern Community
College and said many students who graduate with

a welding technology

certificate do go on to suc-

cessful careers. Many set up shop

by themselves.

“They can kind of pick

and choose where they want to
do,” he said.

The SCC program has

about five to 10 students in the

program at any given time, due to space con-

straints.

“They’re all been suc-

cessful," Brothers said. Often, students don’t

finish the program. Instead, they find good paying jobs before surveying their certifi-

icate.

“Do that and you’re out of

work,” said Brothers. "It’s a pretty high demand field. It reaches across a lot of

industries.”

Jason Penley is the head of

the welding technology

department at Tri-County

Community College, which

offers a two-year diploma

program. The program, with manageable, nearly cost-stu-

dents less than $4,000.

“That’s not a lot of

money," Penley said, com-

paring it to a four-year degree in other fields.

Penley’s graduates typi-
cally leave school and start working at salaries between $25 and $25 per hour.

“You start out making

really good money and it just
goes up from there,” he said. “I have recruiters calling me

for welders and I can’t find

enough of them.”

Recruiters like hiring

from this region, Penley

said. “Most everybody grew

up here and they’re not

scared to work” Penley said. “Recruiters look for that

work ethic — someone who

will come to work on time every day.”

As an given time, there’s

about 75 to 100 students in

TCCC’s welding program.

“They have recruiters tell stu-
dents, ‘If you’re a welder and you’re out of work it’s work, you should consider it,” Penley said.

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Education

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Franklin High School’s math team took high honors March 25 at Western Carolina University. They did so well, in fact, that they might have been the most surprised group there.

“In my history of going to the competition we’ve never had an overall winner,” said Emily Awtrey, FHS math teacher. That stopped last week.

The FHS Math Team, made up of Jonas Kolousek, Andrew Moore, Andrew Emery, Robert McClain and Morgan Gause (pictured to right), took first place overall in the team competition, and FHS freshman Turner Swafford (below) won the overall individual contest. FHS competed against 15 other schools.

The team doesn’t practice a lot, Awtrey said, making the accomplishments that much sweeter.

“Other schools treat it like a sport,” she said. “Some teams start practicing in the sixth grade.”

FHS advertises the math team to honors students. Those who want to participate do so.

“We don’t really do any kind of preparation,” Awtrey said, adding that it speaks volumes about the level of mathematical talent at FHS.

FHS was competing to win as a team right before the announcement at WCU.

“I think we about fell over,” Awtrey said.

The teams take math tests, which range from algebra, geometry, trigonometry and calculus to statistics and comprehensive math. Team members have 70 minutes to complete 30 questions.

“To say the questions are ridiculously difficult is an understatement,” Awtrey said. Swafford and Kloeppel will advance to another competition at the University of North Carolina at Asheville this month.

“If they win there, they will go on to the state competition,” Awtrey said.

Swafford said it’s a cool thing to represent his school so well.

“It’s pretty big,” he said. A two-sport athlete in baseball and basketball, Swafford does not see math as a profession when he grows up.

“Math is my favorite subject and it’s what I’m best at, but I don’t really want to go into it.”

We're not so different, you know.

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Cook: a surprise entry in 1960 politics

Macon County’s first female representative, Nellie North Carolina House, Nellie Cook was elected to the General Assembly in 1960 and began serving her term in February 1961.

Nellie — Elinor C. Caudill — was born in Highlands in 1893 and attended Western Carolina College. She taught first grade and North Carolina history in Dilworth for eight years. She also farmed and worked for a bank in Bridgeport, Conn. (her father was from Connecticut). In 1929, she was appointed postmaster of Highlands and served there for 12 years.

Nellie was the treasurer of District Two of the Federation of Home Demonstration clubs and enjoyed homemaking. She loved to work outside, to entertain and to “piddle at” her garden. Her stand on women’s place was in the home when there were small children, but also that “the women’s place was in the day and time has come for women to take their place in public affairs.”

By the time Nellie took her seat in the state,” it was a big surprise to her when she won, in the county. The county was 60 percent republican, her second husband was a republican, her second marriage was particularly popular in both communities.

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Native American scholar, cultural conference at WCU

The Franklin Press, April 3, 2015

Native American scholars and activists from around the country will gather for the third-annual conference of the Smithsonian Institution’s Office of the Secretary, which will be held at WCU from Wednesday, April 15, to Friday, April 17. The conference is sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of the Smithsonian, the National Museum of the American Indian, and the Native Arts and Cultures Foundation. The conference is open to the public and free of charge.

The conference will focus on the theme of “Indigenous Knowledge and the American Future.” The event will explore the role of indigenous knowledge in shaping the future of the United States and the world. The conference will feature keynote addresses, panel discussions, and workshops. There will also be a film screening and a talent show.

The conference will be held at WCU’s Hunter Library, located on the main campus in Cullowhee. The conference will begin on Wednesday, April 15, with a welcome reception. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Indian Pfeiffer, a Native American artist and educator, at 10 a.m. Thursday, April 16. The conference will conclude on Friday, April 17, with a panel discussion at 10 a.m.

The conference will feature presentations by Native American scholars, activists, and artists. The conference will also include a film screening of the documentary film “The Price of Progress,” which explores the impact of industrialization on Native American communities.

The conference will be held in partnership with the Native American Studies Program at WCU. The program offers a minor in Native American studies, and a major in Native American studies is being developed. The program is housed in the Department of Religion and Culture.

The conference will be open to the public and free of charge. For more information, contact Dr. Michael Blackman, director of the Native American Studies Program, at (828) 227-7129 or mblackman@wcu.edu.
Worship/Community

Some unexpected packages

During World War II, a young sailor struck up a pen
dialogue with a shy, red-headed young lady. He
was so impressed by her by the red rose she would wear
on her lapel that he was determined to get to
know her better. The young man entered the station,
and there she was again, looking up at him, with the
green suit begging me to notice him. He realized that
she was wearing the red rose. He said, "Going my way, sailor?"
In that moment, he knew that his life would never
be the same. When it was time for him to return
home, he and his partner decided to meet at 7 p.m.
at Grand Central Station. How would she know him?

The Disappearance

The disappearance of their relationship could never be
explained. They were both so busy, but even when
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practice, 6:30 p.m., Bible study at 6 p.m. located at 3645 Cashiers Road, Highlands.

Rev. David Crunkleton. For information, call (828) 524-1948.

Central Baptist

Sunday school, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 7 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 6:30 p.m. located at Bellico Road, off Highlands Road. Pastor is Gary McGoy. For information, call (828) 369-3065.

Cullasaja Assembly of God

Sunday School, 10 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m.; Wednesday Bible study, 7 p.m.; Wednesday prayer breakfast, 7:30 a.m. located at 2655 Trevarrow Drive. Pastor is Rev. Brian McFarland. For information, call (828) 526-9494.

Mountain Synagogue

Mountain Synagogue is an unaffiliated Jewish congrega-
tion located in Franklin, NC. Its mission and beliefs
informed by our heritage and concern for humanity,
and the spirit of Judaism. For more information, call (828) 526-9070.

The Great Egg Hunt with 5,000 eggs will be held at Calloway Assembly of God Church on the Highlands Road at 11 a.m., Saturday, April 4. There will be an egg hunt for school and for elementary ages with golden eggs, candy and prizes. Bring your own basket.

Cotswold Baptist Church, 780 Cotswold Road, Franklin, will have a children’s egg hunt located on the church grounds on April 5 followed by a breakfast. Worship service will begin at 9 a.m. Everyone is wel-
come. For information, call (828) 815-2010. Of course, parking is limited, arrive early.

Worship Directory

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Rev. David Crunkleton. For information, call (828) 524-1948.

Community Bible Church

Sunday school, 9 a.m.; Sunday worship, 10 a.m. Pastor is Rev. Paul A. Sears. Located at 734 S. Main St., across from Seay’s Farm Store. For information, call (828) 369-8971.

Lomax Chapel United Methodist

Sunday school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 11 a.m.; Evening Eve service, 6:30 p.m. located at 4863 Old Murphy Road. Pastor is Rev. Steven Gabriel. For information, call (828) 526-7652.

Longview Baptist

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday worship, 11 a.m.; evening worship, 6 p.m. located at 2685 Tessentee Drive. Pastor is Rev. Tom McCants. For information, call (828) 369-7797 or visit the website at longviewbaptist.org.

First United Methodist

Contemporary Sunday worship, 8:30 a.m., followed by fellowship breakfast. Sunday school for all ages, 9:45 a.m.; Sunday evening classes, 6:30 p.m. located at 354 N. Main St. Pastor is Rev. David G. Miller. For information, call (828) 524-7605.

Moslem Worship Services: 9:30 a.m.

Children’s School: 9:30 a.m.

Adult School: 11:00 a.m.

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Fusion Events: Guardians of Life, 9 a.m., Sunday, April 5. For more information, call (828) 526-9217.

Easter Sunrise Service will be held at Black Rock Mountain Presbyterian, Mountain City, Georgia, at 6:30 a.m., April 5. Come for Easter worship and fellowship. Refreshments will be available. All are welcome. Pets on leashes are also welcome.

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Song sparrows, one of the most common sparrows, live year-round in one area. They are migratory, however, our winter- and summer birds may be different individuals.

Dependable field signs include the streaks on its breast and flanks, which usually converge in a heavy central spot. The crown is reddish-brown, with a gray central stripe and gray eye-brows. Watch the tail — this sparrow has a nervous tic tendency of flipping it and also pumps it while flying. It has a short, hairy bill, which also can help you identify it; and it is timid—like, as sparrows go.

This species sometimes confuses me, but it shouldn’t. Cornell Lab’s “All About Birds” site offers this excellent advice: “It’s one of the first species you should suspect if you see a sparrowy sparrow in an open, strafing, or wet area. If it pauses on a low shrub, leans back, and sings a stunning, cluttering, sweet song, you’ve got to look further.”

True to its name, the song sparrow produces much of the music surrounding us in the outdoors. It is musical even in winter, when it gives a long, high trilled call now and then. This is often a triplet, which can be a helpful reference. The Huyton, located at Wakefield Pond, Maine, is called the “Meadow Meadow Meadow!” Tiptoe up your tassels-still-likely to get a glimpse of all the song sparrow songs are sung to a variation. Mixes use song to define territory, in winter or summer, and to attract a mate. The young birds learn their songs from their parents and also from neighboring birds. Researchers have found that a song sparrow can learn a song type after hearing it just 10 times.

Advances in our ability to record and analyze bird song have taught us that individuals can recognize their neighbors’ songs, and females can pick out the song of their mate. Curiously, a few female song sparrows also sing. One study of 140 females found that 12.5% of their produced song was sung.

Song sparrows like water. They are drawn to streams and ponds and will take advantage of even more modest opportunities to bathe. Sunday on the Greenway, when the temperature was about 55 degrees, I watched a few of them bathe enthusiastically in a tiny, muddy brook. When the temperature was about 72 degrees, I watched a male sparrow stop to pose on the Greenway Sunday, briefly interrupting his song.

Our most familiar sparrow, the song sparrow, also is one of the prominent voices in the spring chorus. This male stopped to pose on the Greenway Sunday, briefly interrupting his song.

Song sparrows use several cues to start their breeding season. Daylight may be the chief instigator, but they will delay breeding if it is too cool, or if food sources are scarce. They are prolific breeders, and will keep on trying if their earlier efforts fail. Usually, they produce two or three successful broods in a season. I found a wonderful video on YouTube by Lang Elliott (of “Music of Nature”) featuring a male-song sparrow singing — and being answered by other males — in Illinois, N.Y. It will help you learn to recognize the song and the bird. Check it out at youTube.com/watch?v=wshJf2gkK-M.

Other breeding sparrows in our area include chipping sparrows — “chippies” — bred cap, gray face, thin white eyebrow — and field sparrows. Other sparrows winter with us or migrate through in April, so you also may see them at this time of year. Sparrows can be hard to identify, and even experienced birders sometimes must throw up their hands in despair and say, “LBJ” (Little Brown Job). Experience and effort, often being success, however, if you are up to the challenge.
The Panthers snapped a skid against Enka (ranked second in the WNC Athletic Conference at the time, and ninth currently). "Had he been around earlier we might have seen him more," coach4 said. "We wanted to bring him along slowly and get him comfortable before bringing him into the fold." Andrew Terrell allowed two earned runs on five hits in 3-4 innings, but wanted to give him time well enough to be a varsity ball in the winter. "It was very impressive," coach said. "He was averaging 15 runs every game, giving her two leadoff home runs – and three total this season. She finished 5-3-4, walked once, scored three times, and was a triple shy of the cycle. His on-base plus slugging was 1.100. The goal came with approximate-10 seconds left in the first half of overtime, and was a relief to say the least. "It was, oh my god," coach said. The Panthers still had to play the second frame of OT and man- ual to hold off the victory. "We still need to be aggres-sive, especially with strikeout and get the ball in the right hand for the entire 30 minutes," said coach, who plays defense on our half for the entire 10 minutes, "I told the kids that shows every run you can get and fight to the bitter end. You can’t overlook anything. Offensively and defensively. I feel comfortable say-ing it is very tough to score when you play a defense for the first time," coach said. The Panthers managed to score three consecutive runs, Brevard (386), West Henderson (350) and East Henderson (427). "FHS took down Tuscola 0-5-4 in its sixth to make it 7-0. "Kellie Trammel wowed the crowd with a bicycle kick assist to Notre Dame's goal. The Panthers have shown they're up in rankings, Adam Tallent said. "If we want to prove to people that we aren't away late in the other, there are many, many ways you can say they have three hits down of a conference team in their first varsity outing as a fresh-man." The victory helped Franklin "put a lot of people on their backs," said coach. "It remained 3-0 until the fourth, when Bryson laced a two-out double. "Cousineau followed with a homer to take a 3-0 lead. "The first four bats of the game were able to reach base before they had even made the first out, so I would’ve liked to have added more runs in the first," said coach. It remained 3-0 until the fourth, when Bryson laced a mammoth double. Carpenter then delivered an RBI single on a throw-in. Gracie Hornsby, who entered the game with nine goals in her on a throw-in. Gracie Hornsby, who entered the game with nine goals in her 3-A at the time, and ninth currently). “It was very impressive,” coach4 said. “He was averaging 15 runs every game, giving her two leadoff home runs – and three total this season. She finished 5-3-4, walked once, scored three times, and was a triple shy of the cycle. His on-base plus slugging was 1.100. The goal came with approximate-10 seconds left in the first half of overtime, and was a relief to say the least. “It was, oh my god,” coach said. The Panthers still had to play the second frame of OT and man-ual to hold off the victory. “We still need to be aggressive, especially with strikeout and get the ball in the right hand for the entire 30 minutes,” said coach, who plays defense on our half for the entire 10 minutes, “I told the kids that shows every run you can get and fight to the bitter end. You can’t overlook anything. Offensively and defensively. I feel comfortable saying it is very tough to score when you play a defense for the first time,” coach said. The Panthers managed to score three consecutive runs, Brevard (386), West Henderson (399), North Henderson (340) and East Henderson (427). The round served as a chance to prove themselves familiar with Maggie Valley High School. "I feel comfortable saying it will be much better," coach said. The course? In great condition, Andy Scheidler said. "It was sunny and warm – ideal for golf. Although the Panthers didn’t play their usual stand ardly, they still finished second out of seven teams. All of the teams in the Western Carolina Athletic Conference except for Pisgah were in attendance. "We wanted to coach him along slowly and get him comfortable before bringing him up," coach said. "Hall had the ball around him at our winter workouts and it continued on through the sea son started, we might have
Franklin sophomore Emilee Lane races to the ball between a pair of East Henderson players. The 4-0 win improved Franklin's record to 8-0-1 this season.

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**Attack: FHS overcomes poor field conditions**

Franklin overcomes poor field conditions and East Henderson during Wednesday's home game. The Eagles managed to send the ball across midfield only a few times in the first half, and didn't have any take-ons. Hornsby put the Panthers on the board eight minutes into the game, while playing up from her defensive spot. She curled a shot into the top corner of the goal. In the past, Hornsby said the ball would retreat to get back on defense after a sign of pressure. She was on her mark and was placed perfectly into the mix in front of the net. The Panthers went on to win 3-0, outscoring East Henderson 1-0-1 on the day. "So it worked out," Esterwood said. "She can head it on corners. She was really good. With her height at striker, that's really an advantage," Esterwood said. "With her height at striker, that's really an advantage," Ed Esterwood started when she decided to move the Panthers' scores. The Panthers made four goals in the first half, and the rest of the game was all about containment. The Panthers' scores.

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**WNCA C standings**

**Franklin 6-0**

- Tuscola 8-0
- North Henderson 3-2
- West Henderson 3-1
- Brevard 1-3
- Smoky Mountain 0-5
- Pisgah 0-5

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**Scores: Etowah win last of pre-WNCA C match**

Franklin will be on spring break next week. Their next game will be April 15 at Etowah Valley County Club. It will be a chance for the Panthers to see the course they'll be playing in during the tournament later this month.

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**WNCA C tournament**

**Etowah site of last pre-WNCAC match**

Franklin bounced back after loss in the opening round. Their next game will be April 15 at Etowah Valley County Club. It will be a chance for the Panthers to see the course they'll be playing in during the tournament later this month.

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**Final standings**

**Smoky Mountain 4-1**

- Franklin 3-1
- North Henderson 2-2
- West Henderson 1-2
- Henderson 1-4

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**Response: Panthers bounce back after loss**

Franklin sophomore Emilee Lane races to the ball between a pair of East Henderson players. The 4-0 win improved Franklin's record to 8-0-1 this season.

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**Attacks: FHS overcomes poor field conditions**

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**Flint hill slide for a kick to keep the ball from going out of bounds. The center missed Monday's game at North Henderson while resting her ankles.**
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March 16


March 17

From William Thomas Norton and wife Victoria, and Brian Johnson and wife Teresa, property in Franklin Township. Revenue stamps $235.

March 18


March 19

From William E. Jervis and wife Avis, property in Caroogychee Township. Revenue stamps $235.

March 20

From J. W. Wilber and wife Martha E. Wilber of Greensboro, property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

March 21

From Charles W. Tallman, executor of the estate of Mildred W. Tallman, property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

March 22

From James R. Hollingsworth and wife Veronica Perez of Franklin, property in Franklin Township. Revenue stamps $235.

March 23

From Rhonda B. Johnson to Robert B. Johnson, property in Franklin Township. Revenue stamps $235.

March 24

From Ellen Bishop, property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

March 25

From Jo Ann Gonzales, to Susan L. & Timothy M. Lusk Jr., property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

March 26

From Paula C. Nix, to Paula C. and husband Don, property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

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From Paula C. and husband Don, to Susan L. & Timothy M. Lusk Jr., property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

March 28


March 29

From Ronald J. McCabe and wife Sarah, property in Highlands Township. Revenue stamps $235.

March 30

From Joel Gonzales, to Susan L. & Timothy M. Lusk Jr., property in Franklin Township. No revenue stamps.

March 31

From Dennis Patrick Lindsay, trustee of the Alternative Loan Trust, of Lewisville, Tex., to Kimberly A. Brown of Bryson City, property in Highlands Township. No revenue stamps.

March 32

From Nationstar Mortgage LLC, to Sandy Vos and husband Robert, property in Highlands Township. Revenue stamps $235.

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From Nationstar Mortgage LLC, to Sandy Vos and husband Robert, property in Highlands Township. No revenue stamps.

March 34

From Bank of America, N.A., to Patricia N. and husband John, property in Highlands Township. No revenue stamps.

March 35

From Susan L. & Timothy M. Lusk Jr., to L. C. Wright & Associates, property in Highlands Township. No revenue stamps.

March 36

From Frank Allan Richardson and wife Mary, to B. Hooks, as co-trustees of the Jonathon R. Brown Revocable Trust, property in Highlands Township. Revenue stamps $235.