



Hall of Honor Inductees are shown left to right: Cindy Day for the late Lloyd Rash, Trilla Stallings Annas, Ken & Rita Church for Eric Church, Keith Smith, and Ross McNairy Tolbert

## CALDWELL COUNTY SCHOOLS *Hall of Honor Induction*

Caldwell County Schools inducted Trilla Stallings Annas, Eric Church, Keith Smith, Ross McNairy Tolbert, and Lloyd Monroe Rash (posthumous) into the Hall of Honor during a banquet held Monday, September 26th, at 6:00 pm in the JE Broyhill Civic Center.

Mrs. Annas, who graduated from Hudson High School, received recognition for her service to the residents of Caldwell County through her employment with the Department of Social Services and her volunteer work

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## HISTORY IN THE MAKING *COVID-19 - An Unwanted, Lingering Visitor*

According to the CDC Community Levels, Caldwell County remained in the high category on September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

Federal News: On August 31st, the U. S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) announced that it had given emergency use authorization (EUA) for the Moderna and Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine boosters formulated for the most recent COVID-19 variants. These bivalent vaccines also contain components that fight the original strain. They will also be known as "updated boosters." The Moderna brand may go to individuals who are 18 years of age and older. The Pfizer-BioNTech may be given to persons who are 12 years of age and older. Persons may receive the updated boosters two months after completing the first two doses of the Moderna or

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## HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION *Annual Meeting on October 11, 2022*

The Annual Meeting of the Granite Falls Historical Association, Inc. will be Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 7 p.m. in the Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum. The meeting will feature project updates, election of officers, and the appointment of an audit committee. Following the business session, there will be a slide presentation prepared by Linda Crowder showing photos made during the construction of Granite Falls Middle School since the groundbreaking on April 28, 2019. A ribbon cutting has been set for Tuesday, October 4, 2022, and she plans to video it

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Mayor Caryl Burns Welcomed Festival Attendees to the Festival on Main

## 12TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL ON MAIN *Welcome Back*

After a two year hiatus due to COVID protocols, the 12th Annual Granite Falls Merchants Association Festival on Main returned to Granite Falls on Saturday, September 17th from 2 until 8 p.m. Vendors sold various crafts and products including jewelry, home décor, soaps, and other items. Food vendors offered a variety of foods and beverages including hot dogs, hamburgers, Latino foods, kettle corn, funnel cakes, and snow cones. The Festival had a special section for kids with free bounce houses and a DARE program display.

Entertainment included the South Caldwell High ROTC, Chorus, and Band, The Sims Country Cloggers, Amy Whisnant Fitness Zumba and Pound,

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Pfizer vaccines or two months after receiving the original booster. The original vaccines called monovalent, will now only be used for children ages six months and up. The Pfizer-BioNTech monovalent vaccine may be given as a booster to children ages 5 to 11 at least five months after receiving their primary series.

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and The Night Move Band (R&B, Beach, Classic Rock, and Funk music). A video of the welcoming ceremony and performances by the South Caldwell High School Band and Chorus is on the Granite Falls (N. C.) History and Transportation Museum" Facebook page. The photos below show (from top down) South Main Street looking toward the town square, South Main Street looking away from the square, and Park Square looking toward the square.



Buses ready to roll at Granite Falls Middle School

## WAITING ON THE BUS? *There's an App for That*

Parents of students who ride Caldwell County School buses can now download an app on their phone, tablet, or computer that will give them the real-time GPS location of a particular vehicle. They will receive notification when their child's bus is expected to arrive and when a child has to ride a different bus. They can also see the location of the bus on a map. Parents should contact the school administrative office for instructions on downloading the *Here Comes the Bus*® app.

## SPOTLIGHT ON VETERANS *Granite Falls Honors our Military*

The Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum will honor U. S. Military Veterans with an exhibit at the museum during November. There will be a special section dedicated to memorabilia from the Vietnam Era. Persons willing to lend items from any time period for the display may contact Jeanne Whisnant, co-chair of the Granite Falls History Committee, by calling or texting (828) 320-3725. Items may be taken to the museum on Sundays between 2 and 4 p.m. or call Jeanne to make other arrangements.

The History Committee will host a public reception for veterans at the museum on Sunday, November 20, 2022 between 2 and 4 p.m. Persons who have lent memorabilia for the exhibit may pick them up when they leave.

The Town of Granite Falls will host a Veterans Day Ceremony on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at 10 a.m. at the recreation center on Pinewood Road. The public is invited to join this special salute to our military men and women.

The Granite Falls Veterans Memorial is open year round. It is located on the campus of the recreation center between the tennis courts and Philadelphia Lutheran Church alongside Pinewood Road.





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and include photos in the slide presentation.

Association trustees made the plans for the Annual Meeting during a business session on September 13, 2022. At the same meeting, Linda Crowder reported that she has updated the chronological history of Granite Falls through August 2022 in preparation for inclusion in *Etched in Granite, Volume II*, the update to the town's history written in 1999, when the town celebrated its 100th anniversary. The Association plans to publish the update in 2024 when the town turns 125 years old. *Volume II* will also include a section featuring special memories about our town and the people who have lived here. Jeanne Whisnant has been interviewing local residents, and Linda Crowder has been accepting written articles. Persons wishing to include information in the new history book may call Linda Crowder (828-396-1066) or send an email to [ldrcrowder@gmail.com](mailto:ldrcrowder@gmail.com).

Trustees are still working on a plan to map Pinecrest Cemetery by comparing data collected by Tommy High with information recorded by Chris Newsom. Once the comparison is complete, volunteers will only have to research discrepancies.

Joel Kaufman reported that he is still maintaining the Baird Cemetery on behalf of the Association. He plans to get an estimate for repairing the fence and report at the next meeting. If anyone has the ability to help Joel with this project, please let Linda Crowder know.

Board members also discussed possible candidates to run for office and/or serve as an appointed trustee. They want to encourage more members to take part in decision making. Members may nominate candidates during the annual meeting. The meeting is open to the public, and new members are welcome to attend. Trustees will serve refreshments.

The Granite Falls Historical Association, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the

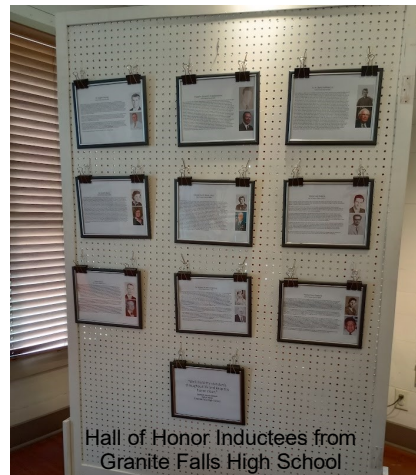
history of Granite Falls and the surrounding area. Dues are \$12.00 for individuals, \$18.00 for families, and \$25.00 for organizations. Membership runs from November 1st through October 31st.

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with numerous civic and charity organizations. Mr. Church, a native of Granite Falls and a graduate of South Caldwell High School, is an award winning country music star and songwriter. He and his wife, Katherine, "give back" through their 501(c)3 nonprofit charity called Chief Cares Fund. Mr. Smith, a graduate of Hudson High School, had a successful career in music and drama before answering the call to serve his local community in music and performing arts as a teacher, director, actor, and playwright. Mr. Tolbert, a graduate of Lenoir High School, was a member of the renown LHS Band, the United States Military Band at West Point, and the New York Philharmonic. Mr. Rash, a graduate of Lenoir High School, was an executive in the furniture industry and a local civic and political leader in Caldwell County.

Since the Hall of Honor recognition began in 2003, there have been 96 inductees (including the class of 2022). The Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum has set up an exhibit (see photo below) to honor the nine (9) who attended Granite Falls High School. They are Dr. Vaughn Starnes (2003); Brigadier General F. P. Bodenheimer, Army National Guard (2005); Dr. Caryl B. Burns (2007); A.W. (Bert) Huffman, Jr.; (2007); Colonel Rex R. Kiziah, USAF (2008); Walter Lee Roberts (2011); Chief Warrant Officer Danny Jaynes, U. S. Army (retired) (2013); Dr. William N. (Bill) Corpening (2015); and Thomas Evan Capshaw (2020).

Candidates for the Hall of Honor must be graduates of a Caldwell County School (with exceptions for some persons who received a post-secondary degree or a diploma from the N. C. School of Arts or the N. C. School of Mathematics and Science), be of exemplary character and reputation, and have made significant



contributions to his/her profession and / or community.

Instructions and forms for nominating candidates are on the Caldwell County Schools website. The deadline to nominate someone for next year is July 1, 2023.



# GRANITE FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

## *"We'll Pray to Keep Thy Portals Wide for All Posterity"*



*Tablet II* is a publication of the Granite Falls Historical Association, Inc. The purpose of the publication is to provide members with news and information about the Association along with articles and photos of historical interest. The purpose of the Association is to preserve and interpret the history/heritage of Granite Falls and Southern Caldwell County by historical preservation, publications, active museum and historical site programs, public meetings, and various activities related to these programs.

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