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NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER 2022 *Exalt the Lord Who Has Established Us.*

The First Baptist Church of Granite Falls hosted the 71st Annual National Day of Prayer on Thursday, May 5th at noon on its front lawn. Rev. Roger Parker was the prayer leader/emcee for the service, which was sponsored by the Caldwell Baptist Association. Vickie Parker prayed for families, Lee Church prayed for churches, Charles Summerlin prayed for workplaces, Allen Norrod prayed for education, Stephen Owen prayed for the military, and Ashley Crouse prayed for government and for arts, media, and entertainment. At the end of the service, Allen Norrod led attendees in singing "Amazing Grace," and Jay Worsley gave the closing prayer.

Tablet II Editor Linda Crowder made a video of the event and posted it on Facebook under "Granite Falls (N. C.) History and Transportation Museum." The photos in this newsletter (pages 1 and 3) are still images taken from the video.



Roger Parker



DINING WITH THE DEMONS "Come on, ole Granite! Ole Granite High!"

Dining with the Demons, a reunion for former Granite Falls High School students and teachers, took place on Saturday, May 14th at the Caldwell County Fairgrounds on Hwy 321 in Lenoir. Established by the late George Keller (class of 1967) in 2014, DWTD had become an annual event until cancelled in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID. Organizers counted 99 persons present - about half the usual number.

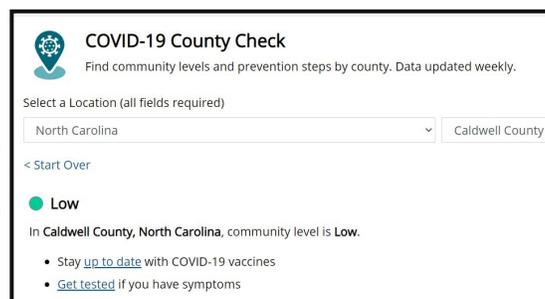
DWTD 2022 featured a pot luck lunch, drawings for cash prizes, and class photos. Two (2) prize winners received bricks from the 1950 "junior high" building that was demolished in 2021 as part of the building and renovation project at Granite Falls Middle School, the former site of Granite Falls High School. Blue Demons also recognized those who served in the U. S. Military. See more photos on page 3.

HISTORY IN THE MAKING Saying "Good-Bye" to COVID-19

COVID continued lingering during May 2022 in Caldwell County, but the community level remained low per CDC guidelines. The illustration on the right is a screenshot made of the website on May 21, 2022. As of May 19th, the CDC considered 75.81% of the counties in the United States to be low level, 14.98% were medium level, and 9.21% were high level.

Local Medical/Dental Practices: Some, but not all, medical and dental facilities in our area dropped mask mandates.

COVID Tests: On May 21st, the U. S. Government announced that residents could obtain a third set of 8 free COVID tests by ordering online (www.covid.gov/tests).



COVID-19 County Check
Find community levels and prevention steps by county. Data updated weekly.

Select a Location (all fields required)
North Carolina | Caldwell County

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Low
In Caldwell County, North Carolina, community level is Low.

- Stay [up to date](#) with COVID-19 vaccines
- [Get tested](#) if you have symptoms

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Vaccines: On May 19, 2022, the CDC announced that children ages 5 and older could have booster shots five (5) months after their first Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine. The agency also recommended that immunocompromised children ages 12 and up and adults 50 and older receive a second booster dose at least four (4) months after their first.

UPDATES **Granite Falls Historical Association**

The Association Board of Trustees held an informal work session on Tuesday, May 17th to look at ways to proceed with the mapping of Pinecrest Cemetery. After reviewing records already collected by Tommy High, they realized they could transfer his data to a map and not have to walk the entire cemetery. Jeanne Whisnant volunteered to obtain a copy of the map on file at the Register of Deeds office and have it enlarged. The next meeting to discuss the project will be Tuesday, June 21st at 2:45 p.m.



Photo of Linda Crowder by Jeanne Whisnant

Trustees also heard a report from Linda Crowder and Jeanne Whisnant about the Baird Cemetery, which had become overgrown with small trees and vines. The owner recently gave the Historical Association her permission to clean it up. Joel Kaufman began the process by spraying weed killer. Then on May 12th, Joel, Jeanne, and

Linda began removing the weeds and cutting down the trees. Members will hold another work day in the near future to complete the project.

In other business, GFHA trustees decided to cancel the "practice" tea party planned for May 21st. Not only did some of the planners have scheduling conflicts, but they realized it would be better to wait until the two cemetery projects no longer competed for their free time. The tea party will stay on the agenda for future consideration.

At the Museum

The Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum will feature vintage clothing during the month of June. Items will include apparel for women, men, and children.

On July 17th, the History Committee will celebrate the birth of Andrew Baird by serving cupcakes and drinks to museum visitors between 2 and 4 pm. Born in New Jersey on July 18, 1762, he made his way to North Carolina and applied for a land grant on December 11,

1792 so he could set up an iron forge on Gunpowder Creek using the power of the falls that gave our town its name. Baird purchased additional land that would include all of Granite Falls, most of Grace Chapel, and part of Rhodhiss. His former home, now the Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum, is open on Sundays (except holiday weekends) from 2 until 4 p.m. and at other times by appointment.

Caldwell County Schools Hall of Honor

Caldwell County Schools will induct new members into its Hall of Honor on Monday, September 26, 2022. The deadline for submitting a nomination for the 2022 Class is Friday, July 1, 2022. For more information about qualifications and the nominating process, go to www.caldwellcountyschools.com. On the home page, click on "Community" and from there click on "CCS Hall of Honor."



Left to right: Dinah Whisnant, Kathryn Carter, Allison Gentry, Kierra Enloe (store manager), Dr. Caryl Burns (Mayor of Granite Falls), Wendy Perry (store owner), Lisa Starnes (Caldwell Chamber of Commerce), Allison Furr, Lea Perez, Katrina Furr, and Bryan Moore (President/CEO Caldwell Chamber of Commerce)

C321 RIBBON CUTTING and Ten Year Anniversary

Cottage 321 celebrated its tenth anniversary on Friday, May 13, 2022 by changing its name to C321 and moving to 5 North Main Street in Granite Falls. At the same time, the former location (3729 Hickory Blvd.) became Cottage 321 Vintiques. C321 is a boutique selling fashionable women's apparel, shoes, baby items, and accessories. Cottage 321 Vintiques (a new word combining vintage and antique) will feature unique furniture, jewelry, home décor, and other items for sale by local craftsmen and collectors. The owner of both businesses is Wendy Perry.

The Caldwell Chamber of Commerce held the ribbon cutting. Dr. Caryl B. Burns, Mayor of Granite Falls, welcomed the business to the downtown area. A video of the opening ceremony is on Facebook under the museum's Facebook page "Granite Falls (N. C.) History and Transportation Museum."

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Prayer Warriors



Vickie Parker - Family



Lee Church - Churches



Charles Summerlin - Business



Allen Norrod - Education



Stephen Owen - Military



Ashley Crouse - Government,
Arts, Media, & Entertainment



Jay Worsley - Closing Prayer

**“TO THEE OLD GRANITE HIGH SCHOOL, THY PRAISES WE’LL EVER SING!
*We’ll Hold Thy Standards Throughout Life and Keep Thy Honor Clean.”***



Class of 1948



The 1950s



Class of 1960



Class of 1974



Class of 1975



Class of 1977

GRANITE FALLS MIDDLE SCHOOL ON MAY 1, 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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For more information about the Granite Falls Historical Association, Inc and the Granite Falls History and Transportation Museum, go to the website - www.granitefallshistorymuseum.org or the Facebook page under “Granite Falls (N. C.) History and Transportation Museum.”