



**Flarnie Mae Rosenbalm Sebastian**

**HICKORY**  
Flarnie Mae Rosenbalm Sebastian, 85, of Hickory, passed away Saturday, March 14, 2015, in Raleigh.

Born April 22, 1929, in Catawba County, she was the daughter of the late Lacy and Edna Rosenbalm.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Hoyle Cecil Sebastian Jr.

Mrs. Sebastian had retired from Distinction Leather. She was a loving mother, grandmother and a wonderful person who will be missed by all.

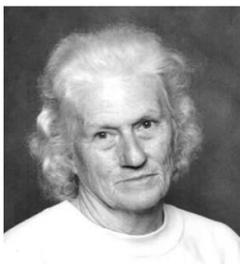
She is survived by her daughter, Lisa Ullman and husband, Charles of Fuquay-Varina; son, Kevin Sebastian of Hick-

ory; grandchildren, Rachel Ullman and Luke Ullman, both of Fuquay-Varina; brothers-in-law, Sheldon Sebastian and wife, Linda of Hickory, Tom Sebastian and wife, Annie of Booneville, Dean Sebastian of Hickory, Robert Sebastian and wife, Sheila of Newton; sisters-in-law, Betty Hendricks of Wilmington, Kate Morrison of Booneville; cousin and best friend, Ruby Bridges of Hickory; special friend, Farrell Hefner of Putnam Valley, N.Y.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, March 19, in the chapel at Bass-Smith Funeral Home, with the Rev. David Crump officiating. Burial will follow at Catawba Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends Wednesday evening, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., at the funeral home.

Bass-Smith Funeral Home in Hickory is serving the family of Flarnie Mae Rosenbalm Sebastian and online condolences may be sent to [www.bass-smithfuneralhome.com](http://www.bass-smithfuneralhome.com).



**Mary Ann Lail**

**VALE**  
Mary Ann Lail, 90, of Vale died Sunday, March 15, 2015, at her home.

Born July 22, 1924, she was the daughter of the late Franklin Andrew and Bessie Cantor Frazier. Mary was a loving mother and grandmother.

She is survived by four daughters, Helen Smith of Valdese, Oleta Elmore of Cat Square, Libby Helms and husband, Bobby of Lincolnton, Genny Lail of Hickory; three sons, William Lail of Vale, Max Lail and wife, Kathy of Lincolnton, Richard Lail and wife, Sharon of Virginia; a sister, Bervia Cooper

of Purlair; 14 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband of 28 years, James Leonard Lail; two sons, Thomas Lail, John Lail; three sisters, Cordelia Austin, Zeola Gould, Mayo Barlowe; and a brother Don Frazier.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at Hoyle Memorial Christian Fellowship Church, with William Kanupp officiating. Burial will follow at Hoyle Memorial Christian Fellowship Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Wednesday, March 18, at the church.

Please sign the online guestbook at [www.jenkinsfuneralhome.net](http://www.jenkinsfuneralhome.net). The Lail family has entrusted arrangements to Jenkins Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Newton, 828-464-1555.

## Beers

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But it is the unveiling of a happening so new it has never before graced the pages of this newspaper. In this battle of the brews, one heady champion will be crowned the Colossus of Cans, the Sultan of Suds — the Great Bam-Bultan.

This is March Brewness. Here's how it works: Beers included in the bracket were either

nominated by their respective brewers or chosen by a discerning committee at the newspaper. Each beer is seeded based on a definitely-scientific point system that was much like pulling names out of a hat. Then, those brews will pour in a head-to-head brawl that will leave both beers empty but only one beer standing.

The search for beers had to be expanded past the confines of our Catawba Valley to round out the 16-beer bracket. But rest assured, every

beer in the bracket calls the Tar Heel state home.

Judging, though, will be left up to the readers. The bracket goes live online after a committee of basketball people selected the NCAA tournament field.

It's a simple system: The beer with the most votes at the end of the round will move on.

So it's just like the other March Madness but without all those screaming fans and bothersome running.

## The March Brewness competition

» **Action Man Lager** — A Vienna (or amber) lager with a light copper color and light toasted malt aroma. Soft, elegant malt complexity is in the forefront with a firm enough hop bitterness to provide a balanced finish. ABV: 5.5 percent



» **Trail Maker Pale Ale** — An American pale ale showcasing American hops and American malted barley. It's refreshing, hoppy and a pale golden in color. Bready, toasty and a biscuit malt flavors supporting an aggressive citrusy American hop aroma and flavor. ABV: 6.5 percent



» **The Event Horizon** — An imperial stout aged in a variety of used oak bourbon barrels. The beer is dark and rich with bourbon flavors. ABV: 8.5 percent



» **Irish Walker** — An English-style barley wine with a full body, deep mahogany color and malty finish with a pronounced fruity quality. The beer is dry-hopped with a generous amount of English hops yielding a wonderfully spicy hop bouquet and flavor with less bitterness. ABV: 10 percent



» **ChocoNut Porter** — A small-batch porter has a strong coconut aroma, but gives way to subtle flavors of chocolate and almond. The beer has a smooth, sweet finish. ABV: 5 percent



» **Hoppalachia IPA** — The flagship IPA pours hazy orange-amber with a wispy head. The beer is brewed and dry-hopped with at least four different types of hops, giving it aromas of pine resin and tangerine and a full-bodied flavor profile of citrus, grapefruit, caramel and orange peel but with sturdy malt support. ABV: 6.7 percent



» **White Zombie** — An Belgian white ale brewed with unmalted wheat to create a light body and white sheen. Additions of coriander and orange peel give the beer a fruity and spicy character while the hops are subtle and lightly detected. ABV: 5.1 percent



» **Peanut Butter Jelly Time** — A light brown ale brewed from five different grains and then aged on raspberries and roasted peanuts. The beer has bread, fruit and nut flavors. ABV: 5.75 percent



» **Mountain Shadow Black IPA**

— Roasted barley malts used in stouts and porters give this black IPA a bold foundation and unique character. Magnum and Galena hops complement the deeply roasted grain bill resulting in a balanced ale with toasted nut and hop-centric flavors. ABV: 6.8 percent



» **Mountain Spring Blonde Ale**

— A blonde ale brewed with Pale 2-Row, Cata Malt and flaked barley, drinks smooth and finishes clean and fresh. Kettle hopping yields undertones of citrus and stone fruit, while the beer pours with a brilliant straw color and full, frothy head. ABV: 5.2 percent



» **People's Porter** — A classic, ruby-colored English-style porter with strong upfront notes of chocolate and toffee. The beer blends herbal hop flavor with just a hint of espresso. ABV: 5.8 percent



» **Hopyyum IPA** — Nutty malts lend a sweet base to copious additions of Simcoe hops that deliver a tangerine-y flavor. The beer finishes clean and dry. ABV: 6.3 percent



» **HBC Oatmeal Porter** — A robust porter that's black in color, very malty with hints of chocolate-roasted flavor and a well balance hop character. The addition of a judicious amount of flaked oatmeal gives the beer a smooth silky character. ABV: 5.9 percent



» **HBC Gaelic Ale** — A deep amber-colored American ale featuring a rich, malty body but with a complex hop flavor and aroma. The ale balances malty sweetness and delicate hop bitterness. ABV: 5.6 percent



» **GM Porter** — A dark, full-bodied British-style porter has a creamy, smooth mouthfeel and finishes with distinctive chocolate notes. ABV: 6 percent



» **GM ESB** — A malty English-style amber ale has rich toasted and caramel flavors. The blend of authentic British malts and hops creates a nutty aroma, full body and sweet finish. ABV: 5.5 percent



## Rotarian Idol event benefits education

**HICKORY** — On Saturday a near-capacity crowd at Lenoir-Rhyne University's P.E. Monroe auditorium greeted contestants competing in the Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory's sixth annual Rotarian Idol fundraiser for local educational initiatives.

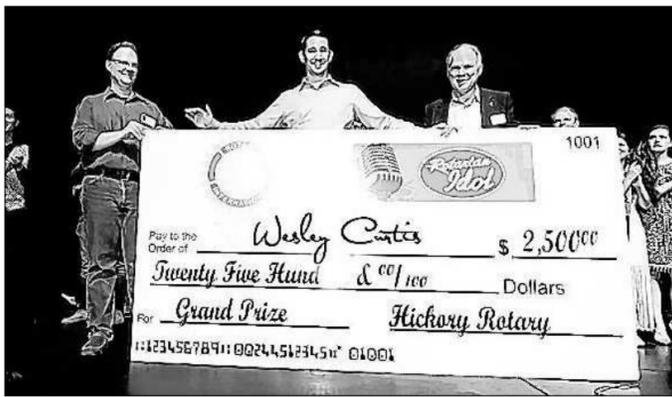
Auditions in January and February narrowed the field of contestants to 20 finalists competing for \$5,000 in total prize money.

Saturday's finalists were Mark Bodnar, Cristin Cartwright, Matthew Cook, Josh Costello, Wesley Curtis, Michael Donnelly, Autumn Garcia, Hannah Griffin, Linda Hagen, Amanda Harren, Ariana Harren, Krystal Heflinge, Benjamin James, Jordan Kirby, Phuong McKinney, Kendra Norwood, Marcus Phillips, Stephanie Priola, Savannah Spencer and Lauren Wasmund.

This year's crop of talented contestants entertained the crowd for nearly two hours. Three judges — John Coffey, LaKeisha Ross and Nathan Hefner — were faced with the task of selecting three prize winners from the 20 contestants who performed.

While the judges deliberated, the crowd was entertained by local singer, songwriter and musician Ulysses Long, who was among the 48 finalists in the seventh season of NBC's hit show, "America's Got Talent."

Deliberations complete, the prize winners were announced and presented checks by Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory president David Moore and Rotarian Idol chair Sandi



**Wesley Curtis is named winner of the grand prize.**

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First prize of \$2,500 was awarded to Wesley Curtis. The second-place check for \$1,500 went to Benjamin James and the third-place prize of \$500 was presented to Savannah Spencer. Josh Costello also received a check for \$500 as the winner of the "Audience Favorite" vote.

The real winner again was education. In five previous Rotarian Idol competitions, Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory has raised \$302,000 for local education initiatives and this year's fundraiser is expected to raise an additional \$70,000.

All proceeds raised go toward scholarships for area students, Hickory City Schools Teacher of the Year awards, and other local educational initiatives in Catawba County, as well as other Rotary International humanitarian efforts.

Event proceeds also support Ca-

tawba County's Partnership for Children Dolly Parton's Imagination Library program which provides children who live in Catawba County one free book in the mail each month until their fifth birthday.

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory has contributed \$87,000 to the Imagination Library making the purchase of 43,500 books possible.

Thursday Rotary Club of Hickory acknowledges this year's title sponsor Lenoir-Rhyne University. Other major sponsors included Catawba Valley Medical Center, Charter TV, FOCUS Newspaper, Graystone Eye, Hickory Daily Record, KICKS 103.3 FM, Sign Systems, WBTV Channel 3 in Charlotte and WHKY TV Channel 14 in Hickory.

Hal Rowe, local radio personality, was master of ceremonies. Rose Mary Cheek of Rose Mary Cheek Photography documented the event.



ROBERT C. REED/HICKORY DAILY RECORD

**The Food Lion store on Wilksboro Boulevard was the scene of a shooting Sunday morning. William "Bill" Mudd Jr. is accused of shooting Food Lion store manager Michael Keller several times. Keller was airlifted to Carolina Medical Center.**

## Shooting

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sweepstakes and one misdemeanor count of gambling in 2013 in Hudson.

Officials said the suspect confronted Keller when he arrived at Food Lion on Sunday morning just before 7 a.m. Keller suffered five wounds to the lower half of his body, officials said.

Lenoir Chief of Police R. Scott Brown said some Food Lion employees witnessed the incident and are cooperating with the police. Brown emphasized the incident had nothing to do with Food Lion, other than its location. Brown said the incident was "domestic related."

Investigators are still try-

ing to determine whether all five wounds came from gunshots, Brown said.

Officials said the victim is in stable condition. One of Keller's relatives said he got out of surgery Monday for wounds on his leg.

The victim's relative was shocked to hear Keller was shot.

"It's shocking because he is such a good guy. He was raised in a good, religious, honest family," the relative said. "He is hard-working. He is very helpful. He has lots of friends."

The relative said Keller, 50, started working at Food Lion when he was about 15 years old.

The relative said Keller worked there except for brief stints working for another supermarket and for his cousin.