



The Randall family and friends make use of their quilt making frame in 1970

Museum receives donation for new quilt making exhibit

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Lyn Randall, a resident of Washington, has donated a quilt making frame to the Washington Museum on behalf of her mother, Jo Rider Randall.

Having grown up in Washington, Lyn Randall said she had read of the museum's effort to expand their collections and their request for more artifacts. Randall then delivered the quilting frame to Stefanie Macchia, the museum's director and curator. Randall added that the quilting frame was handmade by the late Russell Slaton, a resident of Wilkes County.

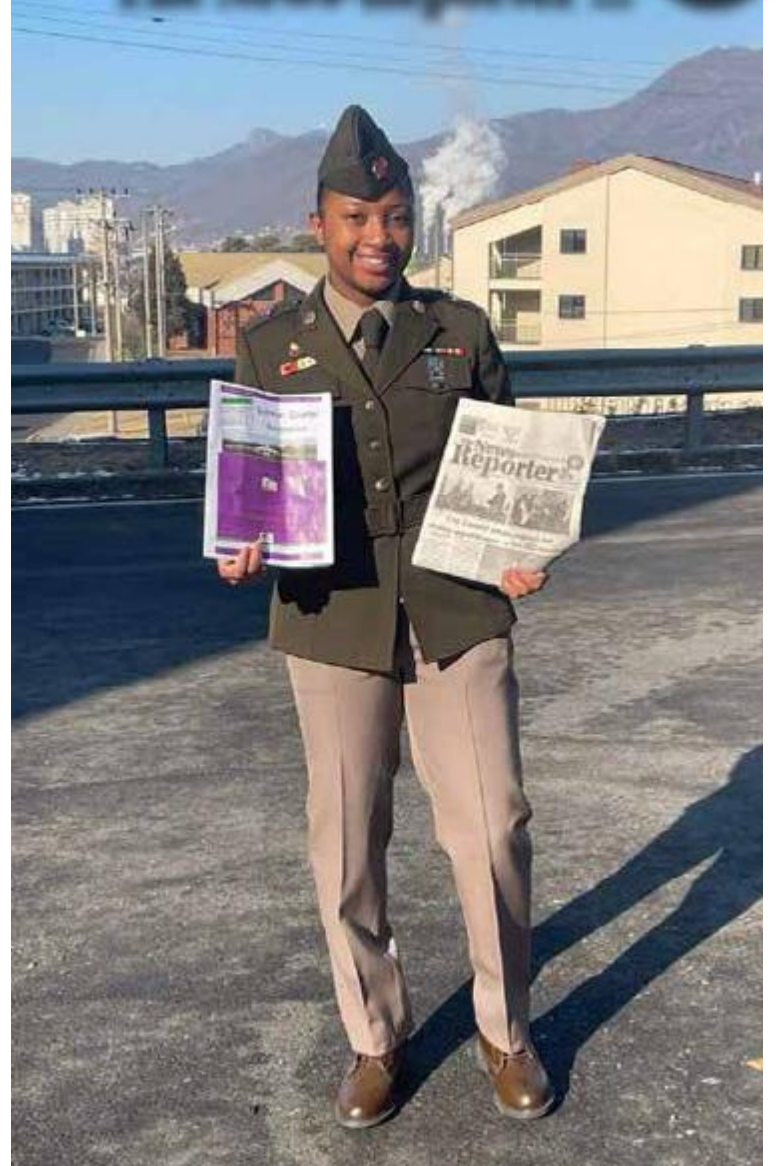
The donation results from an effort by the Washington Historical Museum to expand its artifact collections. The museum is currently requesting artifacts relating to black history in Wilkes County, quilt making, and/or Wilkes County veterans from the major wars such as World War two, the Korean War, or the Vietnam War.



Lyn Randall donates her family's quilt making frame to Stefanie Macchia

Where in the world is

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... With Jakiyah Allen in South Korea.

Allen is currently stationed in South Korea with the United States Army and has been there for 8 months. She is a 2020 graduate of Washington-Wilkes High School and the daughter of Felcia Roebuck and Jamie Allen. Allen is pictured above holding a *News-Reporter* and a Pole Branch Newsletter. This *News-Reporter* is 7,125 miles from home.



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Relyant Communications is raising awareness of Affordable Connectivity Program

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Relyant Communications has announced it is working to help build awareness about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) program. The new long-term benefit will help to lower the cost of broadband service for eligible households struggling to afford internet service.

The \$14 billion Affordable Connectivity Program provides a discount of up to a \$30 per month toward broadband service for eligible households.

A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Is approved to receive benefits

under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school breakfast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;

- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

Affordable Connectivity Program enrollment opened on December 31, 2021. Eligible households can enroll through Relyant Communications or by (1) going to ACPBenefit.org to submit an online application or print a mail-in application and (2) contacting Relyant Communications and selecting a plan. Additional information about the Emergency Broadband Benefit is available at www.fcc.gov/ACP, or by calling 877-384-2575 between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. ET any day of the week, or calling Relyant Communications at 706-678-2121 between 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Georgia Southern University honors local students

Georgia Southern University recently recognized approximately 3,420 students for excellence in academics on the Fall 2021 Dean's List. To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must have at least a 3.5 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Wilkes Jones and Kylie Scarzafava of Washington, as well as Emily Weaver of Tignall were named to the Dean's List.

Georgia Southern has also recognized approximately 2,200 students for excellence in academics on the Fall 2021 President's List. To be eligible for the President's List, a student must have at least a 4.0 grade point average and carry a minimum of 12 hours for the semester.

Miles Davis, Kaci Gammon, and Datlyn Lee of Washington were selected for the President's list.

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