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Due to the storm, please check throughout the next few weeks to make sure events scheduled are proceeding. Road closures and utility repairs will remain in effect for an extended period of time.



Lower Jacks Creek Road, just below Peterson Branch Road.

Tropical Storm Helene brings death and destruction to areas within its path

By Anna Webb
(As the paper goes to press, there will be updates that come after we have arrived for printing. The news included in this issue is the latest information we had on hand. There is no official numbers for the deaths that have occurred or the amount of damages occurred as officials, rescue personnel, and volunteers are still working tirelessly to reach and lend assistance to the citizens of Yancey County.)

Tropical Storm Helene 2024 that hit Yancey County on Friday, September 27th will be documented sadly with the loss of many lives. The Storm charged across multiple states leaving behind death and destruction.

There will be stories of heroic efforts of saving someone in danger, of close encounters with possible tragic results, and those of heart-wrenching memory of not being able to provide help when help was needed.

Warnings were issued, but there was no way to imagine the magnitude of what was coming at us.

The high numbers for loss of life weighs heavily on us

all. I am proud to live in a community where love and support will be given to those who have lost loved ones.

Having been a teenager in 1977, like many many Yancey County residents, I slept through that storm. Only to awaken to shock at the amount of destruction all around us.

The Storm of 2024 is a different story. This storm was one of greater magnitude. It hit with a vengeance during daylight. The Flood of 1977 was documented through the camera lens of a few individuals. The Storm of 2024 will be documented through the lens of thousands of individuals.

I will never forget my fear of the record-setting wind gusts that came and went throughout the morning on Friday and the huge waves of rain that fell. I prayed for the wind and rain to stop, for the water level in the small stream in our community to stop rising, for the heart-stopping cracking and crashing of trees falling to the ground to end, and for there to be no loss of life. As each day ends, we are learning of more and more loss.

The heartbreak is immense. Loved ones were lost to the

storm. Homes and businesses ruined by water, mud and wind or ripped from their foundations and turned to fragments by the raging waters and wind. Churches flooded with some completely gone. Roads, bridges and vehicles are now pieces of crumbled asphalt, rocks and dirt or crumpled pieces of metal wrapped around trees.

The storm has left many locations with no electricity, cellphone service, water/sewer, or access out. Crews and volunteers are working nonstop to get assistance to those in need and roads/bridges repaired to usable status.

In the coming weeks, we will be given the number of lives lost and amount of destruction from the Storm of 2024. An amount that will seem unbelievable to those not living in the midst of the storm's path.

My hope for our community is a continuance of coming together. A continuance of neighbors helping neighbors. A hope that the sunshine that lite up the crystal blue sky on Friday as the winds calmed and the storm clouds moved away, continues to warm all our hearts. May the prayers continue for us all.



The bridge crossing Jacks Creek at Smith Johnson Road was one of few in the county that remained after the waters receded on Friday. And while crossing the damaged bridge is somewhat questionable, local residents have been utilizing it to gain access out for needed supplies and assistance.



Yancey County commits to supporting citizens in wake of Tropical System Helene

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Emergency services- Having already activated the statewide mutual aid plan the Sheriff's office has received extensive support from numerous other departments including Stanly, Catawba, Chatham, Alamance, Wayne, and the Stanfield Police Department. Also operating are the Burnsville Police Department and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol. FEMA and the National Guard are on the ground and providing support to the ongoing recovery and relief efforts.

The Yancey County EMS Director had ordered an ambulance strike team and received 5 ALS units to bolster the current EMS system. A second order for an ambulance strike team was sent and another 5 ALS units arrived last night to augment the current staffing and response to increased calls for service as well as increased response and transport times.

The Blue Ridge Regional Hospital is still up and running, they are operating on generator but fully operational. A federal Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) has set up in the parking lot and has similar

capabilities as the hospital to assist with care. Burnsville Health Center urgent care is opening today (10/02/2024) with hours from 09:00-12:00

Cell phone towers- Still a work in progress, some of the tower sites are still in working order but access to maintain them and get them back up and running is difficult due to post storm conditions. Crews are actively clearing and improving roadways to these sites to allow access for essential crews.

Pod sites- POD sites are distributing water, MRE's, and ice and currently operating out of the local fire stations with a plan to transition to two centralized locations. These new sites have already been identified and preparations are being made to get these sites up and running by Thursday.

Shelter sites- Blue Ridge Elementary School has reached capacity and we've opened a second shelter location at Cane River Middle School. If needed, we can also open a third site as the need arises. These sites are being managed and staffed by the American Red Cross.

Electric service- is beginning to come on in areas that are able to safely receive electricity.

Water Treatment- The Burnsville Public Works is working diligently to get the water plant back up and running. Engineers, contractors, and crews are getting pumps in place to bring water back into the plant, once its determined the plant can sustain operations they will begin turning feeder lines on to distribute water. As feeders are turned back on crews will be able to determine if and where any leaks are to begin further repairs. Once reestablished the water must be boiled until the system can be flushed and sanitized. The water will be usable for showering and flushing toilets though.

Waste water treatment- The plant is completely offline until major repairs can be completed. Engineers have been brought in the evaluate these issues and expedite repairs.

Volunteer donations- All donations are being directed to Altec and will be distributed out from there.

Comfort stations- Mobile laundry facilities are available in the GO Grocery parking lot. Updates regarding the setup of shower and bathroom facilities will be provided as those details become available.

Update from the Town of Burnsville

Burnsville, NC - 10/02/24 - The primary focus for so many has been on the search and rescue of those missing. Mayor Russell Fox has been assisting search and rescue crews in the far reaching areas of the County and as rescue operations slow he is now able to focus all of his energy on the Town of Burnsville.

Neighbors and help from far away are all working tirelessly to do whatever it takes to access isolated communities, help the wounded, receive and unload supplies as they pour in, coordinate pickups, provide security, or just cook a meal and be there for someone who is struggling.

We have fortunately located all Town Employees, and everyone is safe.

The Mayor, Town Manager, and Public Works Director have been assessing damage and working with an engineer, putting a plan in place to get water to the water treatment plant.

They have had discussions with FEMA, through Yancey County Emergency Management, who are helping locate material and supplies. Contractors are on site and ready to begin work.

In the meantime, Public Works crews are beginning to make repairs to the distribution

system. The Council regular meeting scheduled for tomorrow has been canceled.

Communications have been difficult and compounded the problems but are improving. Resources are pouring in to help with cell reception.

Donations: Starting on 10/3 private donations can be sent to Altec Industries at 150 Altec Dr. Burnsville, NC

Field Hospital: There is a Field Hospital at the Burnsville Fire Department. There are Physicians, NP, Nurses and Paramedics that can treat patients or, if needed, an EMS strike team of additional ambulances and Paramedics that can transport patients to hospitals. If you present to the field hospital, the providers can see you and if needed write prescriptions for medications to treat you.

Prescription Pad is open

Statement from French Broad Electric on September 29th

First, on behalf of all our employees, thank you for all the kind comments and prayers. Let me update you on our progress as of Sunday, September 29th We are now getting most of our three phase feeders online and have several thousand customers energized. For tomorrow in the Marshall District we will be working in Meadow Fork, Shut In, and Betsy Mountain off the Sandymush Substation. Marshall Substation - Farmer Mountain, Rector Corner, Spillcorn, Cutshall Town and Gunter Town. Mars Hill / Bald Mountain Substations: Upper Laurel, Bald Mountain, Coffee Ridge, Rices Creek, Higgins Ck, Lower Devils Fork, and Beech Glen. The Weaverville substation is supposed to be energized by Duke Energy tomorrow by 6 pm. We have been working on each of the circuits out of the Weaverville Substation today and should get several accounts on at that point.

In the Burnsville District, we will continue working In the areas all around the town of Burnsville, Bald Creek, and our transmission line that feeds Mitchell County. I spent the afternoon patrol-

each day 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and is filling prescriptions. They just need the patient's name, date of birth, contact info, medication name, dosage, and frequency it is taken to fill, or a bottle if possible.

Fuel: The fuel situation is improving slowly with wait times decreasing.

Volunteers: Anyone wishing to volunteer please meet at the Town Center at 6 South Main Street at 9:15am each morning.

The generosity of all those trying to help Yancey County and our neighbors is overwhelming and we are incredibly grateful. Seeing neighbors be there for each other remind us of why this place and the people are so special.

Listen to WKYC for hourly updates and a daily, live update from Yancey County around noon.

ling our power lines in Jacks Creek, Relief, and Bakersville. It is worse than I could have ever imagined. It is heartbreaking to see the devastation. People are stranded, lost, without food and water and needless to say, electricity. It will be months before roads are rebuilt and we can get our lines rebuilt in some of the hardest hit areas.

So far we have been blessed to have 4 crews from other electric cooperatives. We have been asking for more help since before the storm hit our area but so many of the other surrounding utilities are facing the same situation as us, making it difficult to get additional assistance. We expect to see more help in the coming days.

Our guys continue to work long hours and are committed to getting everyone's power back on as soon as possible.

The Governor is scheduled to visit WNC tomorrow. I have asked him to please get to Mitchell and Yancey Counties. Our family and friends need help and need it quickly. Thank you again for your support and patience during this difficult time.

NCDHHS guide to help ensure water is safe

Access to safe and potable water remains a top concern in Western North Carolina in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Currently, approximately 160 boil water advisories remain in effect and 27 water plants are closed and not producing water. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is sharing guidance on actions people can take to ensure water is safe and to prevent waterborne disease or illness after the storm

Identify Safe Water
In disaster-impacted ar-

eas, particularly those that have experienced flooding, drinking water may not be available or safe to drink. It is critical that people do not use contaminated water to drink, wash and prepare food, make ice, prepare baby formula, wash dishes, brush teeth or wash hands.

Do not use contaminated well water. Floods can damage drinking water wells and lead to contamination. Floodwater can contaminate well water with livestock waste, human sewage, chemicals and other contaminants that can lead to illness when used for drinking,

bathing and other hygiene activities. Dug wells, bored wells and wells less than 50 feet deep are more likely to be contaminated, even if damage is not apparent.

Do not use water from heating systems. Water from radiators or boilers that are part of a home heating system should never be used as potable water.

Use only bottled, boiled or treated water for drinking, cooking and personal hygiene. For specific advisories or recommendations regarding boiling or treating water in your area, look for information from your local health department, tribal agency or local media channels.

Boil Water to Prevent Disease or Illness
If you do not have safe bottled water, boil your water to make it safe to drink. Boiling is the best way to kill germs in water. If the water is cloudy, first filter it through a clean cloth, paper towel or coffee filter. Another option is to let any particles in the water settle to the bottom, then draw off the clear water for boiling.

Next, bring the clear water to a rolling boil for one minute (at elevations above 6,500 feet, boil for three minutes). Let the boiled water cool, and then store the boiled water in clean, sanitized containers with tight covers. As a reminder, do not use gas appliances in an enclosed space to boil water as this increases the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.

During a boil water advisory, you should use bottled water or boiled water to do the following:

- Drinking and cooking
 - Brushing teeth
 - Cleaning (such as washable toys and surfaces)
 - Caring for pets
- Be careful not to swallow any water when bathing and showering and consider giving babies and children a sponge bath to reduce the chances of them swallowing water. If possible, use disposable plates, cups, and utensils during a boil water advisory. All infant feeding items should be sanitized by using a sanitizing cycle in the dishwasher, boiling them, us-

- ing steam, or cleaning carefully with a diluted bleach solution.
- Ensure Well Water is Safe**
If extensive flooding has occurred, do not drink well water. Listen to your local health authorities for advice on using well water for showering and bathing. Use water reserves, bottled water or boiled water until your well water has been tested and deemed safe for use.
- After a flood, the following steps can help ensure your well is safe for use:
1. Do not turn on the electricity to your pump until flood waters recede.
 2. Contact a driller if you think your well will need service immediately after the flood. You can find a list of certified well contractors at the NCDHHS Division of Public Health website.
 3. If you haven't already, find a nearby water testing lab to obtain sample collection bottles and instructions for bacterial contamination. You cannot see, taste or smell bacterial contamination in your well. The NC State Laboratory of Public Health provides free well water sampling kits and testing, and often, your local health department can test your water. If there is not a health department near you, your county extension agent can help you find a lab.
 4. If you live near animal feeding operations, agricultural fields where pesticides are applied or industrial chemical factories, you should contact your local health department for additional testing, especially if you smell fuel or chemicals in your water.
 5. It is strongly recommended to call your local health department or licensed well driller to shock chlorinate the well if it has been flooded. A water well driller will have access to more effective products and will have equipment and experience that a typical well owner will not have. For more information about well water and health, visit the NCDHHS-DPH website.
- For comprehensive information about ensuring water is safe after an emergency or natural disaster, visit CDC.gov.

Important updates from Asheville Regional Airport relating to Tropical Storm Helene

Asheville Regional Airport is receiving many questions from the community. They are posting multiple times each day on their Facebook page, which is the best location to receive the most accurate airport information. Below are answers to some of the questions being asked:

Important Q/A:
• Relief flights are coming to the airport. Can I come to the airport to receive supplies, such as water and food?
Do Not come to the airport to find relief supplies. The airport is the gateway for flights to arrive, and supplies are unloaded and trucked to distribution points throughout the region. Emergency agencies are coor-

inating these efforts and will communicate distribution locations through their communication channels.

- Are commercial flights operating/is the airport open?
Yes. Commercial flights resumed today, 9/30/24. However, airlines are not resuming full schedules yet, so some flights may still be cancelled. Passengers should contact their airline for the most up-to-date information about their specific flight status before coming to the airport.
- Can I check flight status on the airport's website?
No. The airport's website is not updating, due to the internet issues in the region. Again, check flight status with your airline for accurate flight status information.
- Did parking lots flood?
Are cars ok?
No parking lots flooded during the storm, and all cars are fine. Customers who have not been able to return to the airport to retrieve their cars should not worry. Also, the airport has waived the additional fees that would have accumulated for the days during the storm and during this week of recovery.
- Is ground transportation available?
Because of fuel and roadway issues, ground transportation is difficult to obtain at this time. Travelers should make pick-up arrangements with friends or family if possible.
- Can I rent a car? Can I return a rental car?
Renting cars is still difficult, due to the internet issues in the region. If you pre-booked on a rental car company's app for a premium product, you may be able to pick up your car at the airport. Check with your rental car provider. Rental car returns can still occur at the airport.
- Where can I get airport updates?
Follow the airport's Facebook page, where multiple updates are occurring daily.

Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce Cancels 2024 Apple Festival

The Unicoi County Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with local leaders and emergency personnel, has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Apple Festival, originally scheduled for October 4 & 5, due to the catastrophic flooding that has impacted the county and the region.

The decision to cancel the festival came after extensive discussions and careful consideration of the significant damage our community has experienced. The flooding caused severe infrastructure issues, including the collapse of several bridges, closure of major roads, and significant impairments to the sewer treatment plant.

"After speaking with our emergency personnel and evaluating the ongoing recovery efforts, it became evident that holding the festival would not only strain our resources but also divert critical attention away from essential recovery work," said Amanda Delp, Executive Director of the Chamber of Commerce. "The health and safety of our community must come first, and we agree right now, for our first responders and public works officials is the priority of the challenges we face ahead."

Given the current circumstances, it is too soon to determine a reschedule date for the festival in the midst of this tragedy. The Chamber and its board will be in communications with vendors in the coming

days to discuss future plans for the festival once the full scope of the recovery is clearer.

The devastation of this natural disaster has affected many families and businesses throughout Unicoi County, disrupting lives and leaving lasting damage. Though the Unicoi County Apple Festival is a cherished tradition, the Chamber of Commerce recognizes that the community's focus must remain on recovery efforts.

"Our community is facing an enormous challenge, and we will continue to stand together to rebuild. The outpouring of support from our residents, neighboring counties, and emergency services has been overwhelming, and we will keep sharing ways for people to assist in the recovery," Delp added.

In the coming weeks, the Chamber will provide updates regarding recovery efforts and ways individuals and businesses can contribute to helping those in need. We are committed to navigating this crisis and will return stronger as a community.

We sincerely appreciate the understanding and support of our festival-goers, vendors, and sponsors. While the festival will be missed this year, we know that together we can focus on what truly matters – helping our neighbors and rebuilding our community.

The Mount Mitchell Community Fund Assists Yancey County children

The Mount Mitchell Community Fund started as a volunteer, grassroots effort to supply a few new winter coats for school children. The foundation has now broadened to a much greater scale.

The Mission of the Foundation is to help alleviate circumstances associated with child poverty in Yancey County. Yancey County is one of the poorest counties in North Carolina, where 27% of the children live in severe poverty. They do not receive regular nutritious meals nor appropriate clothing.

A few of the Foundation's

donations include: over 5,000 meals for youth in Yancey County, 502 sturdy new winter coats, 120 new hats and gloves, 494 new pairs of pants, 300 new pairs of shoes and 192 new school backpacks filled with supplies. Along with numerous other personal necessities.

100% of donations are used to fulfill their mission. The Mount Mitchell Community Fund sincerely appreciates the support they receive. For information on ways to support the Fund or learn about their donations to the community visit: www.mtmitchellcommunityfund.org.

Annabell's Haven received a \$4,000 Grant from the Community Foundation

Annabelle's Haven was blessed in 2024 with a \$ 4,000 grant from The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina - Yancey Grant. This grant was used for a much-needed new culvert.

As our construction is underway to build our 6-family dwelling for women, children and pets affected by domestic violence in Yancey County. The new improved culvert will now allow the heavy construction trucks to safely cross over to our land. We are very excited to move forward with our building.

Annabelle's Haven will be housing 6 families affected by domestic violence for one year and we will be getting our referrals from our local domestic violence shelters - Safe Place in Mitchell County and My Sister Place in Madison County, (Yancey County does not have a local domestic violence shelter).

ter) The women, children & pets will stay one year. Annabelle's Haven mission is to honor & empower women & children affected by domestic violence by providing housing and training support leading to independent living. We wish to thank Yancey Fund for the second year of continuous support of Annabelle's Haven and for blessing us with this generous grant.

We need your stuff!

The Barkin' Basement is a thrift store in downtown Burnsville. All profits from sales support the Yancey Humane Society. We gratefully accept gently used furnishings, appliances, clothing, books, linens, and other household goods. All donations are tax deductible and we offer pickup for larger items! Please call with questions and to schedule pickups. 682-1200.

Times Journal Deadline

Deadline for news copy, pictures, classified advertisements is 12:00 on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Copy should be brought by the office located at 22 North Main Street or mailed to Times Journal, 22 North Main Street, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

Attention All Veterans

The Sgt. E. L. Randolph Chapter 57 Disabled American Veterans is in need of some Veterans volunteering to join our Honor Guard. If you are interested please contact Jerry Miller between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 828-208-2486.

Marine Corps League Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266
Meeting Notice Located at the Western Sizzler Restaurant, 11961 S Hwy 226, Spuce Pine, NC 28777
Meeting the 3rd Thursday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.
All branches are welcome and families!

Men's Bible Study on Revelation
Bible Study Fellowship meets weekly on Tuesday at the Family Life Center at Higgins Methodist Church, located at 101 N Main Street in Burnsville. Bible Study begins at 7 p.m. Call 828-284-6901 for more information.

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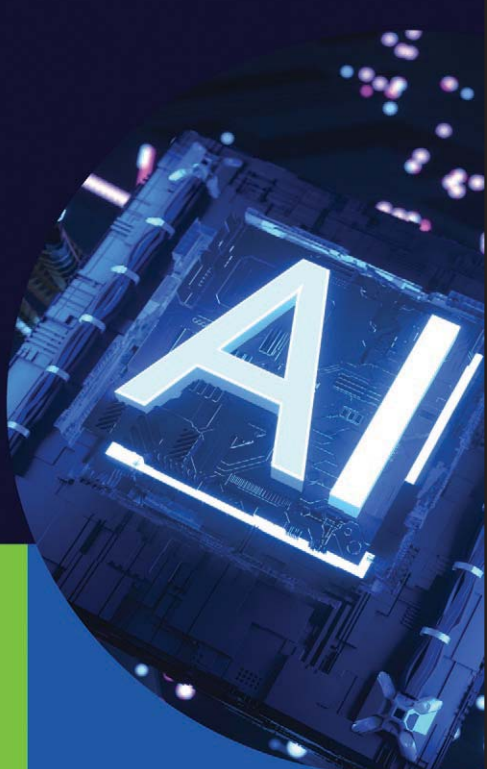
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NCDOT urges people to avoid travel in WNC as lengthy recovery effort continues

North Carolina has about 390 road closures

State transportation officials are urging people to avoid unnecessary travel in western North Carolina as about 390 roads, including areas along Interstate 40 and dozens of highways in the foothills and mountains, remain closed due to flooding, downed trees, landslides or catastrophic damage from Helene.

N.C. Department of Transportation crews are working day and night this weekend to assess the widespread damage to roads and will prioritize efforts to reopen interstates, U.S. and state highways first before getting to state-maintained secondary roads.

But the emergency response and recovery effort will likely take months as damage to many roads and bridges is serious. Hundreds of thousands of power outages and limited cell phone coverage are impacting those efforts.

“Our top priority is everyone’s safety and well-being,” said state Transportation Secretary Joey Hopkins. “People should still consider roads in western North Carolina to be closed and avoid travel unless

it is absolutely necessary. Priority must be given to all the emergency responders, utility and transportation crews, and others who are working hard to help with what will be a lengthy response and recovery effort.”

More than 1,600 NCDOT employees and contract crews are working with utilities to clear roads of debris, repair others where possible, and determine how to repair or replace roads more seriously damaged or destroyed. NCDOT crews from lesser impacted parts of the state have been deploying to the western part of the state since Friday and that will continue through the weekend. Those include crews who will be bringing in fuel, backhoes and front-end loaders to remove debris from mudslides, and chainsaw teams to cut and shove downed trees from roads.

Most of the road closures are west of Interstate 77 due to high water where the roads are impassable or flooded, pipes that have failed beneath roads, or roads and bridges covered by debris from rock slides, downed power lines and fallen trees.

The department has begun this weekend assessing repair plans and timelines for the damage done to the road network.

More than 60 closures are along primary routes including I-40, U.S. 74, U.S. 64 and dozens of other U.S. and N.C. highways.

“The scope and magnitude of this devastation is unlike anything many long-time residents have ever seen in western North Carolina,” Hopkins said. “We’re doing everything we can to help North Carolina recover from this devastating storm but this will be a long-term effort. We need people to be patient and help us with the recovery effort by staying off the roads.”



Lower Jacks Creek Community just past South Bend Baptist Church.



This photo shows Interstate 40 near the Tennessee border where the westbound lanes collapsed into the Pigeon River. People are urged not to drive at all in the western counties after Tropical Storm Helene caused catastrophic damage in much of the foothills and mountains.

WNC Ag options grants available for farmers in Western North Carolina

It will soon be time for farmers in Western North Carolina to apply for the 2025 WNC Agriculture Options Grants. Although the 2025 grant cycle has not “officially” launched because funding has not yet been awarded to WNC Communities, the application process has already begun. There are many potential projects that could be a fit for this grant. This year we are anticipating that farmers from within a 22-county area of Western North Carolina will be eligible to receive grants of \$5,000 or \$10,000 to assist with farm diversification or expansion projects. Here are a few things to consider for Yancey County Farmers that might be interested.

- Consider potential projects that are focused on “diversifying or expanding” your current farming operations. This might include the purchase of new equipment, updating infrastructure, seeking out new training opportunities or many other potential on-farm projects. If you would like suggestions for potential projects, contact NC Cooperative Extension of Yancey County to request a farm or office visit.

- Contact NC Cooperative Extension of Yancey County to begin planning your project. David Davis (david_davis@ncsu.edu), Agriculture Extension Agent, or Adam McCurry (Agriculture Technician) can help you plan and apply for the grant. We will help you plan your farm enhancement project, and help you complete the grant application. Contact us prior to the “Intent to Apply Deadline,” which is October 11, 2024.

- Complete a draft of your application ahead of the submission deadline. Before and as you complete your application, review the WNC Ag Options Grant Writing Tips. Schedule an appointment at NC Cooperative Extension of Yancey County to review and work on your application. Al-

low our staff to make suggestions, and talk through applications with you. Utilize their expertise and previous experience to give you the best chances of successfully submitting project applications.

- Submit your application by November 15th. Completed applications can be mailed or emailed. Applications that are mailed in have to be received by 5 p.m. on November 15th. Instructions for submitting completed applications by email will be included on the application form. If you are a farmer in Yancey County, make sure to take advantage of the WNC Ag Options program. There are many different farm improvement projects that would be a good fit for this program. When applications become available an announcement will be posted on the Extension website at yancey.ces.ncsu.edu. If you would like to learn more, would like to discuss potential projects, or have any questions about WNC Ag Options, please send an email to David Davis (david.davis@ncsu.edu), or call the NC Cooperative Extension Yancey County Center at (828) 682-6186.

Senior Center needs volunteers

The Yancey Senior Center is in need of dedicated volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered Monday - Friday from 10:30 until noon.

You can choose which day or day(s) that you would like to volunteer. The Senior Center could not offer the Meals on Wheels program without its dedicated volunteers. Without this service, many of the elderly would not receive a hot, nutritious meal every day.

So, if you enjoy meeting new people and helping others, please call 682-6011, ext. 14. The staff looks forward to working with you and appreciates your willingness to make a difference in the lives of so many people.



Saturday, October 19, 2024, 7-9 p.m.

Songs of Life and Love

**Burnsville Town Center,
6 South Main Street
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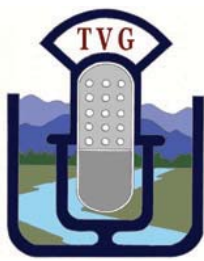
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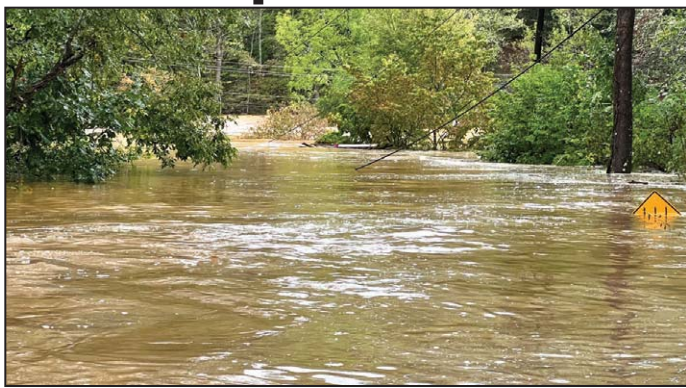
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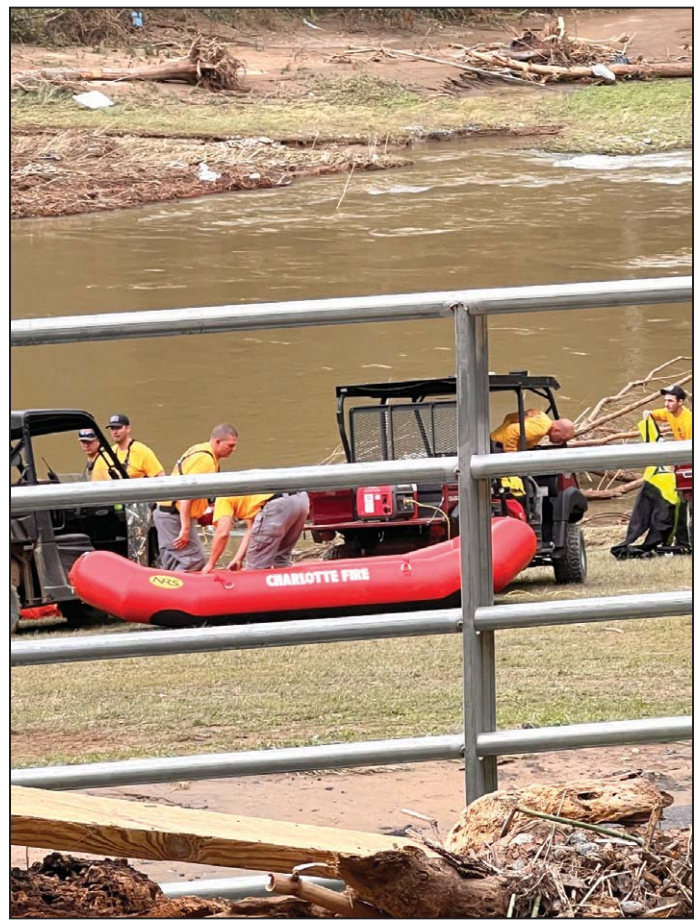
Tropical Storm Helene damage in the Cane River Area



Hardscrabble Road near Cane River



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Help from outside our area arrived



Cane River Park



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Metal recycling center at Whitt Bottom



Hwy 19W Whitt Bottom



Help from outside our area arrived



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Hwy 19W Bridge at Langford Branch Road



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Hwy 19W Bridge Gone at Soup House



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How to apply for FEMA assistance after Hurricane Helene

North Carolina homeowners and renters in 25 counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians who had uninsured damage or losses caused by Hurricane Helene may be eligible for FEMA disaster assistance.

FEMA may be able to help with serious needs, displacement, temporary lodging, basic home repair costs, personal property loss or other disaster-caused needs.

Homeowners and renters in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians can apply.

There are several ways to apply: Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA App or call 800-621-3362 from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. ET daily. The telephone line is open every day and help is available in most languages. If you use a relay service, such as Video Relay Service (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA your number for that service. To view an accessible video on how to apply, visit Three Ways to Apply for FEMA Disaster Assistance – YouTube.

FEMA’s disaster assistance offers new benefits that provide flexible funding directly to survivors. In addition, a simplified process and expanded eligibility allows North Carolinians access to a wider range of assistance and funds for serious needs.

What You’ll Need When You Apply:

- A current phone number where you can be contacted.
- Your address at the time of the disaster and the address

where you are now staying.

- Your Social Security number.
- A general list of damage and losses.
- Banking information if you choose direct deposit.
- If insured, the policy number or the agent and/or the company name.

If you have homeowners, renters or flood insurance, you should file a claim as soon as possible. FEMA cannot duplicate benefits for losses covered by insurance. If your policy

Avery-Mitchell Correctional Institution evacuated due to long time-frames for water and power restoration

The North Carolina Department of Adult Correction on October 1st evacuated more than 800 men incarcerated at Avery-Mitchell Correctional Institution in Spruce Pine.

NCDAC began the evacuation operation Tuesday morning, and the last buses arrived at their new locations Tuesday night. The evacuation became necessary due to long time-frames for water and power restoration at the prison.

NCDAC transferred 841 male offenders from Avery-Mitchell CI to seven different prisons today:

- Scotland Correctional Institution--Laurinburg
- Tabor Correctional Institution—Tabor City
- Nash Correctional Institution—Nashville
- Eastern Correctional Institution—Maury
- Southern Correctional Institution—Troy
- Maury Correctional Institution—Maury
- Harnett Correctional Institution—Lillington.

All offenders in storm-impacted prisons are safe, and NCDAC is taking appropriate steps to ensure continued health and

does not cover all your disaster expenses, you may be eligible for federal assistance.

For the latest information about North Carolina’s recovery, visit fema.gov/disaster/4827. Follow FEMA on Z at x.com/femaregion4 or on Facebook at facebook.com/fema.

(Note: one resident who had filed before for assistance also suggests to keep all receipts for all repair work you have completed.)

safety of all staff and offenders. Relocated offenders were able to make phone calls after they arrive at their destinations. The NCDAC Offender Locator was updated within 24 hours to indicate where individuals are temporarily rehoused.

On Monday, NCDAC evacuated just over 400 female offenders from Western Correctional Center for Women in Swannanoa and Black Mountain Substance Abuse Treatment Center for Women to:

- Anson Correctional Institution—Polkton
- N.C. Correctional Institution for Women—Raleigh
- North Piedmont Confinement in Response to Violation Center—Lexington.

The duration of all relocations will depend on the time required restore water and power.

For more information on NCDAC actions in response to Hurricane Helene, visit dac.nc.gov/helene.

Times Journal Deadline
Deadline for news copy, pictures, classified advertisements is 12:00 on Friday for Wednesday’s publication. Copy should be brought by the office located at 22 North Main Street or mailed to Times Journal, 22 North Main Street, Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals any weekday from 10:30 to noon to Yancey County’s shut-ins.

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

Guardian ad Litem seeking volunteers as child advocates

The NC Guardian ad Litem Program is seeking volunteer advocates to represent abused and neglected children in Yancey, Mitchell and Madison.

Training sessions are held periodically for those who

would like to volunteer with this program to advocate for local children.

Participants from Mitchell and Madison counties are also strongly encouraged to participate as there are many children

who still do not have a volunteer assigned to them.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the local Guardian ad Litem program, please call Erica Edwards at 828-682-4754 or visit volunteerforgal.org.

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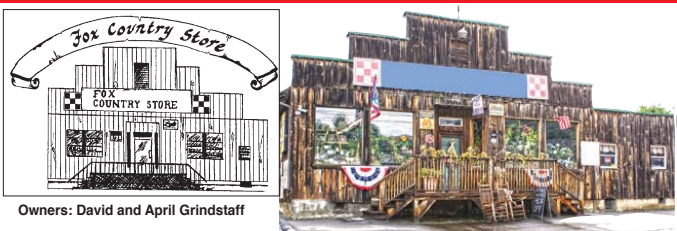
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How homeowners’ rates are set

By Mike Causey Insurance Commissioner

We are preparing for a hearing on a proposed increase in homeowners’ insurance. The hearing is set to begin on Oct. 7 in the hearing room at our office in Raleigh.

Hearings such as this on homeowners’ insurance rates don’t happen often. In fact, it would be the first time we’ve had one since I took office in 2017. But they’re not unheard of either.

I didn’t dream up this process. Nor did any of my Insurance Commissioner predecessors. The procedure for setting homeowners’ insurance rates in North Carolina was written down in black and white and approved by the General Assembly years ago.

I and my predecessors have been fulfilling our constitutional duty of carrying out the law passed by the General Assembly.

Under state law, the N.C. Rate Bureau, which represents insurance companies writing property insurance in the state and is not a part of the Department of Insurance, files homeowners’ insurance rate requests with our Department. Once the Rate Bureau files a request for an increase, I have 50 days to say “yes” or “no” to the request. Since I’ve been your Insurance Commissioner, I’ve said “no” every time the Rate Bureau has asked for an increase.

In that 50-day window, I and my staff work hard to give North Carolina homeowners an opportunity to comment on the insurance companies’ proposal. We send out a press release statewide informing North Carolinians of the proposed new rates. We tell them how they can send us an email with their comments, or if they prefer, send us a letter through the U.S. Postal Service.

Homeowners can also give us their comments in person. We set up a public comment forum for consumers who wish to express their opinions about the insurance companies’ requests to raise homeowners’ rates. We put the forum online for those who can’t or don’t want to travel to Raleigh to offer their comments.



That process worked amazingly well this year after the insurance companies filed a request for an average 42.2% statewide increase in January. We received more than 24,000 emailed comments on the proposal, with hundreds more sending us a letter through the mail. Many also spoke at our public comment forum.

I took those comments into account when I rejected the insurance companies’ request earlier this year.

As your Insurance Commissioner, I have a balancing act to perform when I get a rate increase request from the insurance companies:

I must make sure that consumers are paying a fair premium for their insurance, and that the premiums are not excessive or unfairly discriminatory.

I must verify that insurance companies are solvent and have enough money on hand to pay their claims. Along these same lines, I need to make sure that the insurance market is robust to encourage competition, which provides more choices for consumers.

In the previous three homeowners’ insurance rate filings since I was elected, the insurance companies have come back to me with alternative proposals after I originally said no to their request, and we were able to negotiate an agreement that benefited both consumers and the insurers. So far, they have not done that with the latest proposal.

I take my consumer protection role seriously. That’s why we are moving ahead with preparations for a hearing on the insurance companies’ proposal, which is set to begin Oct. 7.



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Tropical Storm Helene damage in the Green Mountain Community

(Photos by Brett Hopson)



OC Whitson Store and Green Mountain Post Office



Railroad tracks are damaged, the state bridge crossing the river at OC Whitson Store is gone.



Attorney General Josh Stein provides update on price gouging after Hurricane Helene

Attorney General Josh Stein provided an update on price gouging complaints in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. The Department of Justice has received 64 complaints alleging price gouging in western North Carolina. Most complaints are about hotel rates, grocery prices, and fuel prices and are most frequently about Watauga, McDowell, and Cleveland counties. The Attorney General's Office is investigating these complaints and has already sent three civil investigative demands to learn more about some of these concerns.

Attorney General Stein released the following statement on the ongoing crisis in western North Carolina:

"Thank goodness many businesses out west are generously helping their neighbors in need. North Carolina has

an anti-price gouging law to make sure that no bad actors try to take advantage of people's desperation. My team and I aggressively enforce that law and won't let them. We are taking a close look at the complaints we receive. We are already investigating some of the complaints we've received and are sending out three civil investigative demands.

"People in the western part of the state are still struggling to get connected to phones and the internet, and we know it may be hard for them to file complaints with our office right now. The last thing they need is to get scammed while they're trying to recover. Please share the word about our price gouging law with your friends, families, and social networks, and please encourage anyone who has concerns to report them to my

office. We can only get through this catastrophe by looking out for each other."

North Carolina's law against price gouging, or charging too much in times of a crisis, goes into effect when the governor or the legislature declares a state of emergency. In some cases, businesses and industries that are heavily impacted by the incident causing the state of emergency have a reasonable need to increase prices in order to resupply, but they should disclose these increases so people can make informed purchasing decisions. Businesses cannot, however, unreasonably raise the price of goods or services to profit from a state of emergency. File price gouging complaints at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM or www.ncdoj.gov/pricegouging.

Leader Dan Blue's Statement on unprecedented damage from Hurricane Helene

Senate Democratic Leader Dan Blue has released the following statement in response to the unprecedented damage in North Carolina caused by Hurricane Helene.

"North Carolina Senate Democrats are keeping the residents affected by Hurricane Helene, especially those in Western North Carolina, in our thoughts and prayers. We understand that the impacts of this storm reach far beyond immediate damage—it demands a long-term commitment to

rebuilding and resilience, not only in Western North Carolina but across the state.

We look forward to working with Senate Leader Phil Berger and our Republican colleagues to ensure these reserve funds are allocated in a way that will restore stability in our communities as soon as possible.

Senator Julie Mayfield, who represents Asheville in Western North Carolina, has been on the ground throughout this disaster, working tirelessly

to serve her community. Our caucus receives regular updates from Senator Mayfield several times a day, ensuring we stay up-to-date on the situation on the ground."

Democratic Leader Dan Blue led the effort in the 1990s to establish North Carolina's Rainy Day Fund precisely for times like this, and the entire Senate Democratic Caucus stands ready to support immediate relief and recovery efforts in Western North Carolina

Budd, Tillis tours Western NC Storm Damage with state officials

October 1st, Senators Ted Budd and Thom Tillis, along with Reps. David Rouzer and Dr. Greg Murphy, took an air tour of Tropical Storm Helene storm damage in Western North Carolina alongside Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler.

After the tour, the officials will be joined by Rep. Chuck Edwards for an operational review of the recovery effort.

Senator Budd also released a statement, saying:

"The people of Western North Carolina are facing one of the worst disasters in our state's history, and more needs to be done to help those in need. My team and I are continuing to coordinate efforts with local,

state, and federal authorities, including connecting people who are in need of rescue and resources.

"I want to again thank the National Guard, the Red Cross, state and local emergency personnel, charitable organizations, private sector partners, and countless others for their tireless work on behalf of our state. These heroes are saving lives every day.

"My offices continue to be ready and able to help anyone who needs assistance. Please visit ReadyNC.gov for the most up-to-date emergency information or Budd.Senate.gov to contact us.

"If folks would like to make a donation to help with

needs in Western North Carolina, visit nc.gov/donate. If you would like to Apply for FEMA Assistance, go to DisasterAssistance.gov or call 800-621-3362."

Senator Tillis said:

"The situation in Western North Carolina is dire and there is unfathomable devastation. We need an all-hands-on-deck response from the federal and state governments, ensuring every resource is utilized to save lives. My team and I continue to assist North Carolinians in need and work with federal, state, and local officials. I encourage any North Carolinian in need of assistance to contact my office at (704) 509-9087 or tillis.senate.gov."

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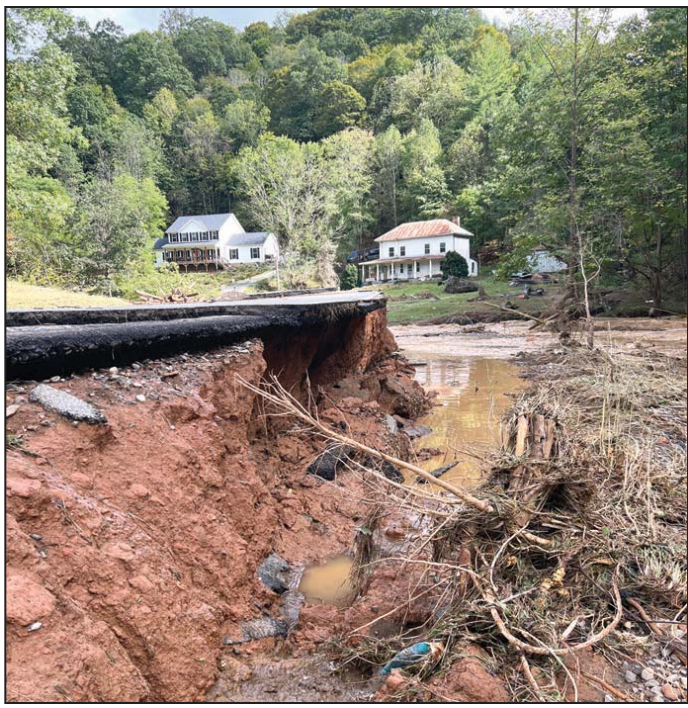
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Tropical Storm Helene damage in the Lower Jacks Creek Community



“Want to Hand Over All Your Money? Stay Tuned to Find Out How... NOT!”

From the Yancey County Sheriff’s Department
The purpose of this article (first of more to follow) is to inform and protect our community from the growing threat of scams and fraud.

Today’s Topic: How to Spot Fraud and Scams
First let’s learn: What the definition of ‘Scam’ and ‘Fraud’; and ‘What is the difference?’.

Scam: A scam is a deceptive scheme designed to con individuals into voluntarily giving up their money or personal information through misleading tactics.

Fraud: Fraud refers to wrongful or criminal deception intended to result in financial or personal gain by the scammer. It encompasses a wider range of illegal activities, including scams, identity theft, and financial misrepresentation.

Difference: While all scams are forms of fraud, not all frauds are scams. Scams typically involve a direct interaction between the scammer and victim, whereas fraud can occur through various means

and may not always involve direct contact.

How It Can Happen: One of the most common tactics involves scammers posing as technical support (Tech Support) representatives. They may present themselves as legitimate sources of help, claiming, “We’ve detected malware on your computer. Please give me remote access so I can fix it for you.” If successful, these scammers may request payment, install harmful software, alter system settings, or steal financial information.

Know What’s Happening: Understanding how scammers work, is key to protecting yourself. When you know their tricks, you can avoid being fooled and keep your personal information safe.

Tips of the Week: Never give anyone remote access to your computer unless you can 100% verify their identity and you trust them with your money.

When in doubt, hang up and contact the company or organization directly using a verified phone number. Scammers

are becoming increasingly resourceful and convincing every day.

However, by working together, we can outsmart them and protect our community.

Stay informed, stay vigilant, and help us keep Yancey County safe.

Additional Resources: Report the scam. BBB Scam Tracker <https://www.bbb.org/scamtracker/lookupscam>; Report to help fight fraud!

We know discovering suspicious activity can be alarming, but we’re here to help, with the tools you need to report fraud. <https://reportfraud.ftc.gov/>; You may also want to report scammers directly to the FBI: <https://www.ic3.gov/>.

Each article, we’ll expose common tactics used by scammers, offer practical advice on how to spot fraudulent activity, and empower our community to stay one step ahead.

As scammers have become more convincing, staying informed is your best defense.

Join us as we work together to safeguard Yancey County residents from scammers.

Unique North Carolina leadership program accepting applicants

The William C. Friday Fellowship for Human Relations is now accepting nominations and applications from all North Carolina residents for the next class of Friday Fellows.

Named for the late UNC System President William C. “Bill” Friday, the Friday Fellowship is approaching its 30th year of bringing together North Carolinians.

Located in Little Switzerland, North Carolina near the Blue Ridge Parkway, Wildacres Retreat was dedicated almost 75 years ago “to the betterment of human relations” in hopes that people who visited would learn to live together in harmony.

Wildacres Leadership Initiative (WLI) was formed 50 years later to work throughout the state, launching the Friday Fellowship program to cultivate North Carolina leaders. In Bill Friday’s words, “The greatest need in our state and country is for a generation of leaders with moral principles, and ethical standards...with an unshakable commitment to courage and fairness with grace and courtesy and decency.”

To date, over 200 Friday

Fellows from twelve classes have completed the fellowship, a program of WLI. Friday Fellows come from across North Carolina, all walks of life, and a wide range of employment sectors.

They include religious clergy, K-12 educators, non-profit executives, elected officials, creatives, small-business owners, higher education professionals, entrepreneurs, community-based leaders and others.

The Friday Fellowship is a two-year program consisting primarily of six extended weekend seminars.

With an emphasis on relational approaches to leadership and experiential learning, Friday Fellows journey to a variety of places in North Carolina, from the mountains of McDowell County, to the Albemarle Sound at the border of Tyrrell and Washington Counties, to a barrier island alongside the Atlantic Ocean in Carteret County.

In line with the fellowship’s aim to bring together a diverse group of leaders who are committed to the betterment of human relations, applicants should have an interest in and

be prepared to engage across difference with curiosity and courage.

To be considered for selection, candidates must complete an application and have a nomination

submitted on their behalf by someone who is meaningfully connected to their work in the world.

Nominations are accepted from previous Friday Fellows as well as the general public. Applicants and nominators are encouraged to review all program requirements carefully.

WLI encourages applicants from all 100 North Carolina counties.

There is no fee or tuition associated with applying to or participating in the fellowship program.

Applications and nominations for the upcoming Friday Fellowship class are due December 10.

An optional virtual information session will be held on October 7, at 4 p.m.

Complete information, including nomination and application forms is available at <https://www.fridayfellowship.org/page/FellowshipApplication2024>.

AAA Provides Insurance advice for Carolinians recovering from Hurricane Helene - tips for documenting damage to your home and automobile

The Auto Club Group is providing advice to help residents who may have suffered either wind or flood damage from Hurricane Helene.

“Once conditions are safe to do so, begin assessing your property, take pictures of any damage, and contact your insurance provider immediately to begin the claims process,” said Tiffany Wright, Public Affairs Director, AAA - The Auto Club Group in the Carolinas. “Many providers like AAA offer multiple ways to file a claim, whether that be over the phone, online or a mobile app.”

Filing an Insurance Claim

To file a claim, residents should contact their insurance provider directly. Carolinians who have insurance provided by AAA can visit AAA.com/Claim for information on filing a claim for home, auto, and flood policies.

Flooded Vehicles

Widespread flooding will likely result in significant damage to vehicles. Flooding is often covered by “comprehensive” auto insurance policies. However, Carolinians should check their policy to ensure their vehicle is protected.

When a car has been partially or completely submerged, AAA recommends the following:

- Do not attempt to start a vehicle if the water level rises above the door opening and the interior of the car is wet. Doing so could cause irreversible damage to your vehicle’s engine and other components.
- Take photos from the exterior of the vehicle. Do not open the doors if the water levels are still high.
- Once the waters have receded, take photos of the interior.
- Contact your insurance provider.
- Have your vehicle towed to a mechanic for a full inspection to ensure it’s safe to be driven.

Avoid Self-Inflicted Flood Damage While Driving

- Do not drive down flooded streets. You may not realize how deep the water is or what’s lurking underneath.
- If you drive through a flooded area, with water above your doors and your engine cuts off, do not try to restart it. Doing so could flood the engine. Instead, quickly exit the vehicle and go to a safe location to call for help.

Wind vs. Water Damage to Your Home

A resident’s homeowners insurance policy covers damage caused by wind and debris.

However, that policy does not cover flood damage to the interior of your home. Flooding is covered by flood insurance, which is a separate policy provided by the National Flood Insurance Program managed by FEMA or other private flood insurance providers.

Without flood insurance, homeowners could apply for federal disaster assistance via a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration. Unlike claims payments for flood insurance SBA loans must be repaid.

What to do if you suffered damage to your home

- Document damage as soon as possible. Take photographs and videos for your insurance claim and personal records. The more documentation you have, the easier it is to file your claim.
- Prevent further damage. Do only what’s necessary to prevent further damage, such as covering broken windows with plastic or getting a professional to cover the roof with tarps to keep rain out.
- Document expenses and keep receipts for any preliminary repairs, displacement, or other out-of-pocket expenses related to the claim, which can count toward your deductible. This could include tree removal, tarps, ice chests for food, overnight stay in a hotel, etc.
- Contact your insurance company immediately to begin the claims process.
- Be leery of contractors who go door-to-door offering repair services and promising to file an insurance claim on your behalf.
- Hire a licensed contractor to do the repairs after an insurance

adjuster has reviewed the damage.

Be Leery of Unlicensed or Deceptive Contractors

AAA cautions residents about the potential of contractor fraud. The aftermath of a hurricane or other severe storm creates the opportunity for scammers and unlicensed contractors to take advantage of those who need help.

Dishonest contractors may try to profit by:

- Accepting payment then never completing (or even showing up for) the job.
- Using inferior materials or performing work that’s not up to code.
- Red Flags to Watch For:
 - Contractor shows up unsolicited.
 - Points out damage you have not previously noticed.
 - Asks for full payment up front and/or in cash only.
 - Promises services at no charge to you or offers to waive your insurance deductible.
 - Pressures you to encourage your family, friends, or neighbors to hire them for services.
 - Offers you a discount for letting them use leftover materials from a previous job.

AAA’s Advice

- Before hiring someone to make repairs, contact your insurance company to file your claim and ensure the damage is covered by your policy.
- Don’t sign any paperwork or authorize a contractor to start work until after your insurance company reviews the damages.
- Get itemized written estimates from at least three different licensed, insured contractors before hiring someone for the job.

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HURRICANE HELENE CLEANUP HOTLINE

(844) 965-1386

If you need help cleaning up damage from the Hurricane Helene, call (844) 965-1386 to ask for help. We will connect you with volunteers from local relief organizations, community groups and faith communities who may be able to assist with:

 Muck Out  Trees  Tarp  Debris

All services are free, but service is not guaranteed due to the overwhelming need. This hotline will remain open through Friday, October 11, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE: this hotline CANNOT assist with social services such as food, clothing, shelter, insurance, or questions about FEMA registration. Volunteers work free of charge and provide the tools and equipment necessary to complete the work.



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Workshops for Dementia Caregivers, Oct. 24 November 8

By April Henkel
Dementia Caregivers & Friends is proud to announce the schedule for the 3rd Annual Dementia Caregivers Workshops. Sponsored by the Yancey Fund of the Community Foundation of WNC, this year's program offers free workshops for caregivers on two dates, Thursday, October 24 and Thursday, November 14.

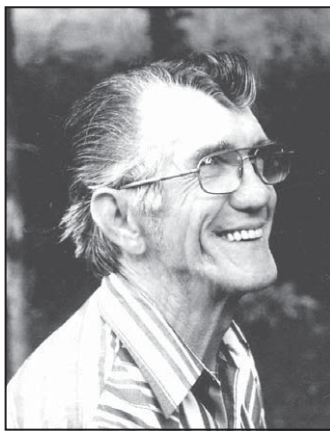
Both workshops will be held at the Burnsville Town Center from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m., with an opportunity to visit community resource tables beginning at 12:00 p.m. "We are so pleased to bring nationally recognized dementia educator and consultant trainer Mary Donnelly back to Burnsville to lead these workshops," said co-ordinator April Henkel. "Caregivers who attended previous workshops regularly talk about what they learned from Mary. They are eager for her to come back!"

This year, two half-day workshops are being offered rather than one full day, to make it easier for caregivers to attend. On October 24th, Ms. Donnelly will present "Learning to Dance with Dementia: When to Lead, When to Follow and When to Get out of the Way" and on November 14, she'll present "Diamonds to Pearls: Identifying the Progression of Dementia." Caregivers may attend either workshop or both workshops. To get the full value of this education from a nationally known trainer and consultant on dementia caregiving, Henkel recommends attending both workshops if possible.

The workshops are free, but registration is required to plan for materials and refreshments. To attend the October 24th workshop, register by October 18; to attend the November 14 workshop, register by November 8.

For more information about the workshops and to register, please contact April Henkel, DementiaCaregiversWNC@gmail.com, or call or text (850) 228-1228. Caregivers may also register online at www.DementiaCaregiversWNC.org.

Obituaries



Ernest Yelton

Ernest Yelton, age 79, of Fork Mountain Road in Bakersville, NC went Home to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 21, 2024 at Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte. He was born in Mitchell County to the late Fred and Willie Briggs Yelton. He is also preceded in death by his loving wife, Bertha Lee Miller Yelton; infant daughter, Melissa Yelton; sister, Lucille Lecrone; a brother, Bobby Yelton; and sister-in-law, Zula Yelton.

Ernest was a member of both Bethlehem Baptist Church and the Fork Mountain Fire Department. He enjoyed catfishing in the Santee Cooper Lake in South Carolina, and hunting. One of his favorite pastimes was visiting the local country stores and spending time hanging out with all the folks there. He was a logger by trade and also worked at the sawmill for years. He was known in the community for his talent of butchering hogs and processing them.

Left to cherish his memory are his son, Steven and his wife, Julie, who both made him extremely proud; brother, J.B. Yelton of Fork Mountain; best friend, George Carroll Hughes; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 26 at Yancey Funeral Services. Preacher Mark McKinney officiated. Burial was in the Ben Mosley Memorial Cemetery in Bakersville.

Memorial donations may be made to the funeral home to help the family with expenses. Friends are welcome to visit the family at the home of his son, Steven located at 9043 NC-80 in Bakersville, NC. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.



Martha Ann Price Moses

Martha Ann Price Moses (Martie), 84, passed away September 24, 2024 at Solace Hospice in Asheville, NC.

She was born to the late William Holmes Price, Sr. and Mattie Kathryn Price of Arden, NC.

Martha was the wife of the late Paul Donald Moses, and they were married for 54 years. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Lorenz of Denver, Colorado, and a brother, Albert Ralph Price of Arden, NC.

Martha is survived by her brother, William Holmes Price, Jr. of Mills River, NC, her sister, Jean Allen, of Burnsville, NC, a special sister-in-law, Carolyn Pruitt, of Candler, NC, and many nieces and nephews.

Martha spent most of her life living in Candler, NC. Always full of love and laughter, she touched the lives of all who knew her. She retired from BASF after 30 years. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church of Asheville.

The family would like to thank Yancey House in Burnsville, NC for all the love and care Martha received there.

Martha will be laid to rest with her husband, Paul Moses, at the Western Carolina Veteran's Cemetery in Black Mountain. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, October 1, at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at the Veteran's Cemetery, with Pastor Allen Rash officiating.

The family asks that memorial contributions go to The Pat Summitt Foundation, 520 W. Summit Hill Dr., Suite 1101, Knoxville, TN 37902.

Groce Funeral Home on Patton Avenue is assisting the family, and the online memorial is available at www.grocefuneralhome.com.



Virginia Lee Rathbone Jarrett

Virginia Lee Rathbone Jarrett, 104, went to her Lord and Savior on Sunday, September 15, 2024. She was born on the Sunday of November 23, 1919, in the Pensacola Community, near Burnsville, at the home of her parents, Commodore Welzie Rathbone and Pansy Melissa Jane Arrowood Rathbone. The eldest child, she grew up there with her brother Quenten Rathbone and sisters Mari Luise Clark, Tillie Jenkins, and Kate Zullinger. Many close kin lived amongst the hills and hollers nearby, enriching her childhood and forming indelible memories that she would fondly recall and share for the next hundred years. She especially loved her Uncle Charlie Rathbone, who brought her special treats in lean times, and her cousin Frances Wilson Higgins, who was like a sister to her.

Virginia attended Pensacola Elementary School and Burnsville High School. Living close to town when her children were small, she would often walk with them to town, going to the Yancey Library and to her husband Arthur's service station, which is now the Yancey County Visitor Center. She was always a voracious learner, loving history, literature, music, and most of all, the Bible. This was the book most frequently found on her table, by her bed, and in her lap, studying and reading to her children from an early age. She prayed just as frequently, often on her knees, knelt at the foot of her bed, even at the age of 104. There are many family, friends, and strangers rejoicing with Virginia today because they came to know Jesus through her.

Behind a petite frame and sparkling blue-green eyes, there was a sharp wit, fierce stubborn streak, and a toughness matched only by her generosity and love for others. She grew up caring for family members and providing for her family even from a young age. This beauty and character were what drew her future husband Arthur to her. It was certainly not, she recalled, that sticky candy she made for a school fundraiser which he bought just to get to know her. Whatever its initial spark, it was a love that endured until the last days of her life. They were married in Greenville, South Carolina on June 28, 1940, and had seven children and almost 20 years together.

During World War II, Virginia and Arthur moved to Baltimore and worked at the Glenn L Martin Aircraft Factory to support the war effort. That's right: she was a real life "Rosie the Riveter"! They lived in Baltimore until Arthur was drafted. He served overseas in the Army until the war's end, and she returned to Burnsville with her two young children. She supported the war effort on the home front by collecting needed materials and growing a Victory Garden.

She spent her life caring for others, even offering up her own possessions whenever she saw someone in need, but her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were her real treasures. Telling her life stories, reciting poems, and singing songs from her past were her gifts to them, but, most of all, loving them and praying for them. At all the family gatherings, after the blessing, she would add, "And when the roll is called up yonder I hope we'll all be there, all my family, gathered around the table." We, as her family, have been blessed beyond measure to have had her with us for all these years, and we cherish our memories of her.

Virginia was joyfully greet-

ed in Heaven by her husband, Arthur Latte Jarrett; her son, Arthur Lee Jarrett; her grandsons, Wes Sides and Deck Jarrett; her sons-in-law, Jack Batista, John Sides and Nat Cloer; and many other loved ones, including her grandfather, Christopher Alphonso Rathbone, who walked with little Jenny many Sundays from Rocky Fork, through the woods, to Murchison Baptist Church.

Virginia Lee (Mama, Mama-Jenny, Mamaw, Mammy, Memaw, Great Grandma, Aunt Jenny) is greatly missed by her son, William Dexter Jarrett III, his wife, Evelyn, and their son, William Dexter Jarrett V, with whom she made her home and was blessed with their loving care, and their children Arthur Jarrett (Heather), Leslie Ann Cabanilla (MJ), Russel Oldham (Aimee), granddaughter Mia, and grandchildren Virginia (Gigi) and Michael. She is also survived by her grandson Shawn Howell, daughter Nancy Drinnen (Tom) and her children Jack Batista (Kim) grandchildren Max and Eden, and Michael Batista (Melissa) and grandchildren Garrett and Dade; daughter Jennifer Cloer (Nat) and her daughters Julie Upton (Matt) grandchildren Bradley, Kyle and Ava, and Rebecca Punch (Brandon) and grandchildren Marlie and Corbin; daughter Nora Jane Lusk (Alan) and her son Hal Lusk (Jamison) grandchildren Ila Quinn and Merritt Lee-Ellen, and her daughters Selena Lusk and Laura McDaniel (Kevin) and grandchildren Todd Jarrett and Jack Alan; daughter Mari Luise Sides (John) and her daughter Susanah Kautz (Steven); daughter Ruth Watson (Jeff) and her children Elisha, Isaiah, Ezekiel, Caleb and Josiah.

"Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25

A private service was held at the family cemetery, Eddie McMahan, in the Pensacola Community. The Celebration for the life of Virginia Jarrett was at West Burnsville Baptist Church, Saturday, September 21.

In honor of a life well lived, good and faithful servant, Virginia Rathbone Jarrett, please consider a donation to Gideons International: Gideon Bibles can be purchased at Holcombe Brothers Funeral which is respectfully serving the Jarrett family, (828) 682-2310, or tgi@gideons.org (615) 564-5000

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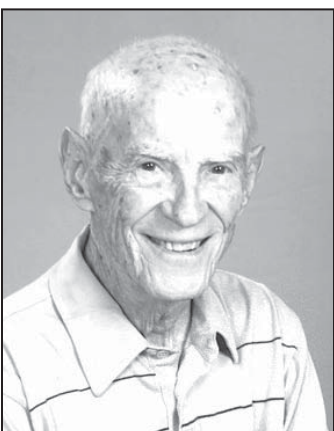
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Guardian ad Litem volunteers needed

The NC Guardian ad Litem Program is seeking volunteer advocates to represent abused and neglected children in Yancey, Mitchell and Madison.

Training session are held periodically for volunteers with this program to advocate for local children.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the local Guardian ad Litem program, please call Erica Edwards at 828-682-4754 or visit volunteerforgal.org.



Victor Dallin Hewitt

Victor Dallin Hewitt, of Burnsville, NC, beloved husband, father, and friend, passed away peacefully on September 21, 2024 at age 96.

Vic was born September 1, 1928, in Wildwood, New Jersey, to father Robert Penrose Hewitt and mother Millicent Hand Hewitt. In his youth, he and his twin brother Bob enjoyed sailing, swimming, and fishing.

After graduating high school, Vic and Bob served three years in occupied Japan as Radio Operator/Mechanics with the Army Air Corps. After their service, they earned their degrees in aeronautical engineering from Parks Air College, St. Louis University.

Vic married Ruby Jean Michael in St. Louis in 1952, in his last semester of college. After graduation, Vic worked for North American Aviation in Columbus Ohio, and the young couple started their family. In 1957, Vic found employment with Martin Marietta, and moved his family to Winter Park, Florida. He worked there for 30 years as an aerodynamics designer and engineer. He was the lead aerodynamicist on the anti-ICBM Sprint missile, for which he earned a lot of recognition. He also served in other roles such as Technical Director and Aeromechanical Director.

While the kids were growing up, Vic and his son Steve joined the Boy Scouts. Vic was a Cub Scout 'Den Mother,' then an assistant troop leader. The family enjoyed fishing, camping and sailing. After the kids went off to college, Vic and Ruby moved to Mt. Dora, Florida, and started vacationing in North Carolina, acquiring a cabin on Iron Mountain, a house in Burnsville, and land on a trout stream.

After Victor retired in 1990, he and Ruby moved to Burnsville. He loved spending his time growing grapes, making wine, and trout fishing at his creek property. They also enjoyed volunteering at the Family Violence thrift shop in Burnsville, and later for the Humane Society Thrift Shop. He was a member of Higgins Methodist Church.

Victor is preceded in death by his wife of 65 years, Ruby Michael Hewitt, as well as his twin brother, Robert Hewitt, and sister Doris Clark. He is survived by his son, Steven Michael Hewitt, and daughter, Victoria Lynn Carlie; grandchildren Brad Hewitt, Michael Hewitt, and Amy Carlie; great granddaughter Lyra Hewitt and great grandson Finn Victor Schmalstig.

The funeral service was held at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 28, 2024, at Higgins Methodist Church in Burnsville, NC.

Victor will long be remembered for his radiantly joyful smile, and his kindness, generosity, and service. In lieu of flowers, please send memorial gifts to: Yancey County Humane Society @ 211 Kind Hearts Way, Burnsville, NC 28714 or Higgins Methodist Church @ 101 N Main St, Burnsville, NC 28714.

Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home is respectfully serving the Hewitt family.

Marine Corps League Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266

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FILE NO. 24E208
IN THE MATTER OF:
ESTATE OF THOMAS
MICHAEL BOONE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Billy Ray Edge, having
qualified as Administrator of the
Estate of THOMAS MICHAEL
BOONE, deceased, late of
Yancey County, North Caro-
lina, notifies all persons having
claims against said Estate to
present them to: Billy Ray Edge,
Administrator, c/o Brian A. Bu-
chanan, Attorney, Grimes Teich
Anderson, LLP, 535 College
Street, Asheville, NC 28801, on
or before December 18, 2024, or
this Notice will be pleaded in
bar of any recovery. All persons
indebted to said Estate please
make immediate payment to the
undersigned.

September 18, 2024.
s/Brian A. Buchanan, At-
torney for Billy Ray Edge,
Administrator of the Estate
of Thomas Michael Boone
Published September 18,
25, October 2, 9, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE,
YANCEY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Administrator / Executor
Notice

Having qualified as Admin-
istrator of the Estate of Samuel
Joe Murphy of Yancey County,
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having claims against the Es-
tate of said deceased to present
them to the undersigned on or
before the 11th day of Decem-
ber, 2024 or this notice will be
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ber, 2024.
Joel Murphy
7281 Crabtree Road
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Published September 11,
18, 25,
October 2, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

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lary Administrator of the Estate
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County, North Carolina Clerk
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ber, 2024.
Todd R. Giambrone, Ancil-
lary Administrator
c/o Martin Law Firm, P.A.
Attn.: Mark C. Martin
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Published September 18,
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THE GREAT STATE OF
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IN THE COUNTY OF
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IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
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DIVISION, BEFORE THE
CLERK
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In the Matter of the Estate of
GERALD HONEYCUTT,
Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
HAVING QUALIFIED
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day of January 2025, or this no-
tice will be pled in bar of their
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This the 2ND Day of Octo-
ber 2024
SYLVIA JOYCE
HONEYCUTT, Executor
2000 Shoal Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
DONNY J. LAWS, Attorney
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(30 Cherry Ln), Shear Perfec-
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and Yancey Graphics (607 W.
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Thank you,
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Section 5311 (ADTAP), 5310, 5339, 5307 and applicable State funding, or combination thereof.

This is to inform the public that a public hearing will be held on the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Community
Transportation Program Application to be submitted to the North Carolina Department of Transportation
no later than October 4, 2024. The public hearing will be held on October 14, 2024 at 6:00pm before the
(governing board) Yancey County Board of Commissioners.

Those interested in attending the public hearing and needing either auxiliary aids and services under the
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or a language translator should contact Michael Harris on or before
October 11, 2024, at telephone number 828-682-6144 or via email at
Michael.harris@yanceycountync.gov.

The Community Transportation Program provides assistance to coordinate existing transportation
programs operating in Yancey County as well as provides transportation options and services for the
communities within this service area. These services are currently provided using eleven demand
response vehicles, four of which are lift equipped. Services are rendered by the citizens of Yancey
County.

The total estimated amount requested for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

NOTE: Local share amount is subject to State funding availability.

Project	Total Amount	Local Share
5311 Administrative	\$ 137,363	\$ 20,605 (15%)
5311 Operating	\$	\$ (50%)
Combined Capital	\$ 96,900	\$ 9,690 (10%)
5310 Operating	\$ 70,000	\$ 35,000 (50%)
Other _____	\$	\$ (%)
Other _____	\$	\$ (%)
TOTAL PROJECT	\$ 304,263	\$ 65,295
Total Funding Request		Total Local Share

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Tropical Storm Helene damage in the Yancey Area



Tire Shop located on Hwy 19, near Windom



Residents waiting in line to get fuel



Residence located on the Micaville Loop



Where the Micaville Post Office was located, building completely gone



Former Taylor Togs Building, Micaville



Search and Rescue Teams came to assist



Residents line up at SavMor to get supplies



Micaville Community



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Tropical Storm Helene damage in the Pensacola Community



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