

Obituaries



Susan Greene Hopson

Susan Greene Hopson passed away peacefully in hospice care on Tuesday, December 3rd, 2024.

Susan was born on June 28, 1955 to Thomas Milton Greene and Juanita Crosby Greene of Cochran, GA. The third of four daughters, she grew up on the Greene family farm in Cochran, surrounded by a large and loving extended family and close friends.

After graduating from Georgia State University with a degree in education, Susan taught school in Gwinnett County for several years before deciding to pursue a career as a physical therapist. She attended the Medical College of Georgia, where she made a number of lifelong friends, and graduated with a concentration in pediatric physical therapy.

Following graduation from PT school, Susan moved to Shelby, NC, where she worked for the hospital and made more friends with whom she would maintain close relationships for the rest of her life. Also, in Shelby, she met Stephen Royster, whom she later married, raising three daughters together.

Susan moved to the Asheville, NC area, working as a physical therapist for Thom's Rehabilitation Hospital and Irene Wortham Center, a non-profit for children and adults with developmental challenges. Susan was not only a committed pediatric PT for the children she treated at Irene Wortham, she was a compassionate advocate for the families she encountered there, providing respite care for parents and caregivers.

Eventually going to work as a PT for the public school system and the NC Infant and Toddler Program Children's Developmental Services Agency (CDSA), Susan devoted many years to serving the children and families she worked with, primarily in Yancey and Mitchell counties. She also served as a therapist and later volunteer for the Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center in Burnsville, NC.

In 2003, Susan met Michael Hopson of Burnsville, and the two married on Cumberland Island, GA in 2005. A devoted husband, Michael would remain by her side until her passing. Prior to, and after her retirement in 2020, Susan volunteered as a Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem, continuing her tireless advocacy for the children in her community. She and Michael also provided respite care for foster parents in the area.

A lifelong lover of nature, Susan was an avid backpacker and hiker, in later years with Michael and her dogs by her side. She always maintained a beautiful garden which kept her happily outdoors as much as possible. Susan had an infectious sense of humor, a sensitive and compassionate nature, and a pragmatic attitude toward life. She was a loyal friend and a loving daughter, sister, aunt, wife, mother and grandmother. She touched the lives of countless children and families and will be remembered with gratitude, respect and love by all those close to her.

Susan was preceded in death by her mother and father, and is survived by her loving husband,

Michael, her daughters Sarah Royster (John Gilles), Erin Royster, Laura Royster (Jesse Lackey), her step-children Melinda Hopson Renfro (Doyle), Amy Hopson McCurry (Keith), Adam Hopson (Abigail Ramsay), her sisters Teresa Butler (Ray), Janet Lemmah, Maria Greene (Jim Kautz), her nieces and nephews, her grandchildren, and many friends and neighbors.

The family wishes to ex-

tend sincerest thanks to the dedicated memory care staff of Governor's Bend in Erwin, TN. Gifts in memoriam may be made to the Appalachian Therapeutic Riding Center at 299 Riding Center Road, Burnsville, NC 28714. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH COUNTY OF YANCEY CAROLINA GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO: 24 JT 20 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION IN THE MATTER OF O.A. DARK DOB: 04/24/2020 Petitioner: Alexys Annette Dark

To: Ashton McCandless
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled proceeding. The nature of the relief sought is the termination of your parental rights to the minor child named above pursuant to NCGS 7B-1100 et seq..

You are required to answer this Petition not later than 13 January 2025, being 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner will seek the relief sought by the Petition.

This the 4th day of December 2024.

HOCKADAY & HOCKADAY, P.A.

Daniel M. Hockaday
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 65
Burnsville, NC 28714
(828) 682-7060
Published December 4, 11, 18, 2024

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the of Estate of Robert Bruce Athey, deceased, late of Yancey County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned:

Robert Bruce Athey, Jr.,
Executor
c/o Joanne M. Dykes
Dykes Law Firm
29 Ravenscroft Drive,
Suite 305
Asheville, NC 28801
on or before March 13, 2025, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the address listed above.

This, the 13th day of December 2024.
Robert Bruce Athey, Jr.,
Executor
Estate of Robert Bruce Athey
Joanne M. Dykes
Dykes Law Firm, PLLC
29 Ravenscroft Drive, Suite 305 Asheville, NC 28801
Published December 11, 18, 25, 2024, January 1, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 24 E 298 Administrator / Executor Notice

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Wilma Woody Angel of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of March, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 18th day of December, 2024.
Dennis Woody
44 Jan View Place Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published December 18, 25, 2024 January 1, 8, 2025

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Ida Deyton of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of March, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 3rd day of December, 2024.
Mark Deyton
105 Twilight Way
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published December 11, 18, 25, 2024, January 1, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 24 E 296 Administrator / Executor Notice

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Ursula Bricke Morse of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of March, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 6th day of December, 2024.
Rosemary B. Banks
131 E Main Street, Ste. B
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published December 18, 25, 2024 January 1, 8, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 24 E 303 Administrator / Executor Notice

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Tony Daniel Randolph of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of March, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of December, 2024.
Sharon Denise Holcombe
818 JR Pate Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published December 18, 25, 2024 January 1, 8, 2025

LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 24 E 301 Administrator / Executor Notice

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of John W. Howell of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of March, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of December, 2024.
Elana Young
180 Laws Branch Drive
Green Mountain, NC 28740
Published December 18, 25, 2024 January 1, 8, 2025

Times Journal Deadline

Noon on Friday for Wednesday's publication. 828-682-2120.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF YANCEY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING To Consider Economic Development Incentives for Project Gator in Yancey County

NOTICE IS hereby given by Yancey County that, pursuant to the provisions of NC Gen. Stat. 158-7.1, the Yancey County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on 30 December 2024 at 12 o'clock p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Yancey County Courthouse in Burnsville, North Carolina, on a proposal to appropriate and expend county funds and/or convey real estate for an economic development project to aid and encourage Project Gator to locate its new commercial/industrial operations in Yancey County, North Carolina.

The Yancey County Board of County Commissioners is considering entering into an economic development incentive agreement with Project Gator wherein Yancey County will, offer economic incentives to said company including, without limitation, the conveyance to said company that parcel of real estate or a portion thereof, in fee simple, containing 84.5 acres, more or less, located at 104 George Brown Road, and more particularly described at Yancey County Deed Book 884, Page 146 for the construction of a new commercial/industrial facility, said parcel of real estate having a fair market cash value of \$2,671,900.00. The economic incentive hereinabove will be based on and in consideration of the following:

a. A capital investment being made by Project Gator of not less than \$175,000,000.00 in additional real estate improvements and business property

investment in an on said real estate; and

b. The creation of 150 new full-time or full-time equivalent jobs.

The Yancey County Board of County Commissioners believes that the foregoing economic development incentive grant will stimulate the local economy, increase the County tax base and revenues, result in the creation of new and permanent jobs in the County, diversify the County economy, and promote the general welfare of the County and its citizens. All persons interested in this incentive are invited to attend this public hearing and present their views.

This the 18th day of December 2024

Morgan West
Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners for Yancey County
Published December 18, 2024

EMPLOYMENT



YANCEY COUNTY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

YANCEY COUNTY is seeking a qualified individual for the following position:
TITLE: Tax Administrator
Full-Time Position

DESCRIPTION: An employee in this class plans, organizes and directs the work of a staff responsible for appraising property, listing taxes, revaluing property, GIS, maintaining property records and other files, billing and collecting taxes and handling appeals of tax assessments. Work involves developing policies, procedures, and methods for program operations in accordance with State statutes and local ordinances; handling budget and staff management matters; and working with sensitive and controversial issues in tax assessment, collection and delinquent tax collection procedures. Significant independent judgment and initiative are required to accomplish goals. Work is performed under the administrative supervision of the County Manager and is reviewed through conferences, records and reports, feedback from the public and audits of records.

QUALIFICATIONS: Bachelor's degree with a major in business, economics, public administration, or related field and considerable experience in management of property appraisal and tax billing and collections operations; or an equivalent combination of education and experience.

Certification from the N.C. Department of Revenue as a county Assessor and Real Estate Property Appraiser within two years of employment.

Certification by the North Carolina Tax Collection Association as a Tax Collector within two years of employment.

Possession of a valid NC driver's license.

LOCATION: Primary duty station for the position is located in Burnsville, N.C.

SALARY: Pay Scale is Grade 76.

TO APPLY: Submit a Yancey County Application to the Yancey County Manager, 110 Town Square, Room 11, Burnsville 28714. Applications are available at the Yancey County Manager's office at 110 Town Square, Room 11, Burnsville or online at www.yanceycountync.gov/employment.

CLOSING DATE: Friday, December 27, 2024. Complete Application must be received by 5:00 p.m. in the Yancey County Manager's Office on the closing date. Late applications will not be considered.

HIRING AUTHORITY: The Yancey County Manager is the hiring authority for this position.

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YANCEY COUNTY VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

YANCEY COUNTY is seeking a qualified individual for the following position:
TITLE: Real Property Appraiser
Full-Time Position

DESCRIPTION: An employee in this class is responsible for performing a variety of real estate appraisal duties for the County, to assure that the final value for real property and any improvements accurately reflect true market value. Work includes performing on-site inspections and analysis work to appraise residential land and buildings; improvements made to sites; damaged property; or other property to determine the present value, and to appraise vacant land and determine the values before and after the land has been divided. Other duties include assisting the public with information about values and other tax issues; participating in processing tax exemption application; assisting with land records updates; and updating property data base. During revaluation years work also includes determining base prices in the assigned area and compiling data for cost of structures. Work also involves researching and gathering information to render an accurate judgment, and involves controversial and appealable decisions. Independent initiative and judgment are required in application of the schedule of values from the last County property evaluation, classifications and grades. Tact and diplomacy are required in working with property owners and their representatives. Duties subject the employee to inside and outside environments and hazards associated with site measuring tasks on construction projects. Work is performed under general supervision and is evaluated through conferences, review of work, records and documents and feedback from citizens.

QUALIFICATIONS: Graduation from a community college with major course work in real estate, business or a related field, and some experience in real property appraisal; or any equivalent combination of training and experience.

Required to be certified by the State of North Carolina as a County Real Property Appraiser within two years of employment.

May require other certifications as determined by the County.

Possession of a valid NC Driver's License.

LOCATION: Primary duty station for the position is located in Burnsville, N.C.

SALARY: Pay Scale is Grade 65.

TO APPLY: Submit a Yancey County Application to the Yancey County Manager, 110 Town Square, Room 11, Burnsville 28714. Applications are available at the Yancey County Manager's office at 110 Town Square, Room 11, Burnsville or online at www.yanceycountync.gov/employment.

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**ATTENTION OWNERS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY
SITUATED IN YANCEY COUNTY**

All owners of taxable personal property situated in Yancey County must submit a listing form to the Yancey County Tax Office during the month of January 2025.

Taxable personal property includes but not limited to vehicles not currently registered with the division of motor vehicles (cars, trucks, buses, motorcycles, towable campers, mobile homes) apportioned (IRP) trucks and busses, permanent tagged trailers, boats, watercraft, aircraft and business personal property assets including short term rental furnishings, loaders, tractors, excavators, bulldozers, backhoes, trackhoes, skid steers, specialized truck bodies and equipment. Anyone who owns any of these items situated in Yancey County as of January 1, 2025 must list them with the tax office before five pm Friday January 31, 2025. If you do not receive a listing form in the mail you may come by the tax office during regular hours Monday through Friday (except holidays) 8:30 am - 5:00 pm to request a form. A ten percent late listing penalty will apply to properties not listed during the listing period. NCGS 105-296(c).

LEGAL NOTICE FOR SALE

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Victor Jan Pressley of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations

having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of March, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 25th day of November, 2024.

Joshua Grant Pressley
2408 Ivywood Road
Reston, VA 20191
Published December 4, 11,
18, 25, 2024

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