

Automobile thefts cost us all

**By Mike Causey
Insurance Commissioner**
Motorists who have comprehensive, or “other-than-collision” insurance on their automobiles can generally rest assured that their cars will be covered if it is stolen.

Being without your car may cause you to have to find another way to get to the places that your stolen car would have taken you, whether it’s to work, to school, a friend’s house or running errands. Then, of course, there’s the chore of having to shop for a new car.

Collectively, one of the worst aspects of automobile theft is the pressure it puts on insurance premiums. A Coalition Against Insurance Fraud (CAIF) study estimates that all kinds of insurance fraud costs Americans \$308.6 billion annually.

Automobile thefts make up \$7.4 billion of that total.

Absent participation by the automobile owner or insurance policyholder, automobile theft is not insurance fraud. It is, however, a crime. And it does contribute to rising insurance premiums.

CAIF mentioned some FBI statistics in its study:

- There were 810,400 vehicles stolen in 2020, the highest number reported stolen since 2008, when 959,059 were stolen.

- The number of automobile thefts increased in 2020 from the previous year by 11.8% (724,872).

- The average dollar cost per theft was \$9,166.

- The rate of motor vehicle thefts in 2020 was 246 per 100,000 inhabitants, the highest rate since 2009 (259).

A number of key factors contributed to the rise in vehicle thefts: The pandemic, the economic downturn, owner complacency, loss of juvenile outreach programs and limitations on public safety budgets.

In 2020, North Carolina ranked 10th in the nation in automobile thefts, with 20,520 vehicles stolen that year. It’s not all that surprising that we’re in the top 10 since North Carolina is the ninth most populous state in the nation.

California is the state with the most vehicle thefts, followed by Texas, Florida, Colorado, Washington, Georgia, Missouri, Illinois and Tennessee.

Trucks took the top two spots for most stolen vehicles. The Ford full-size pickup and Chevrolet full-size pickups were Nos. 1 and 2, followed by the Honda Civic, Honda, Accord, Toyota Camry, Nissan Altima, GMC full-size pickup, Toyota Corolla, Honda CR-V and Dodge full-size pickup.

A number of factors are putting upward pressure on automobile insurance premiums. These include bad driving habits such as distracted driving, impaired driving and the cost of repairs.

Crimes such as fraud and theft also make it difficult to hold down the cost of insurance premiums.

Lunch available at Yancey Senior Center

The Yancey County Senior Center is open Monday through Friday with various activities throughout the week. They have Bingo and Billiard tables as well as seated yoga on Mondays starting at 12 p.m. They try to have movies on Thursday mornings. Lunch is served from 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. They ask that if you are coming by to eat congregate meals that you call and sign up by 10:30 a.m., this way they have an accurate count of people that will be served so that there is enough food prepared. The lunch is \$7 per person to those under the age of 60 and the money is put back into the Senior Center. If you are over the age of 60 the meal is free, but you will need to fill out the proper paper work. The Salad bar is available Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The price of the salad is determined by weight. The Yancey County Senior Center is located at 503 medical Campus Drive. For more information please contact us at 828-682-6011.

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Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals weekdays from 10:30 to noon. Call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

WANTED: FREE CAMPER, If you need to get rid of a camper, or pontoon boat, from your yard, at the lake, or storage. Call Ricky at 828-442-2658.

Times Journal Deadline

Noon on Friday. Located at 22 North Main Street. Phone 828-682-2120.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

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.

Volunteers needed

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.

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 Executor 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
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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
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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

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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 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.

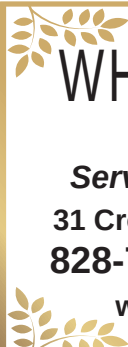
Joshua Grant Pressley
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Reston, VA 20191
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Need a Broom?

Since 1950, the Burnsville Lions Club has been selling their trademark brooms as a fundraiser to provide vision care to needy persons in Yancey County. While we no longer go door to door selling our brooms, we have placed our “broom boxes” in a variety of places throughout the county. Following is a list of businesses where you may locate our “broom boxes” and purchase a broom. Buchanan & Young (713 E. Main), Jill’s Hairport (212 W. Main), Phil’s Tire Service (617 E. Main), Sue’s Beauty Shop (511 W. Main), Fox Country Store (680 W. Main), Troy’s Greenhouse (30 Cherry Ln), Shear Perfection Salon (117 Westover St.), and Yancey Graphics (607 W. Hwy 19E).

We appreciate your continued support of this long standing project.

Thank you,
Burnsville Lions Club



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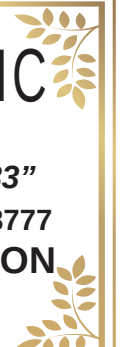
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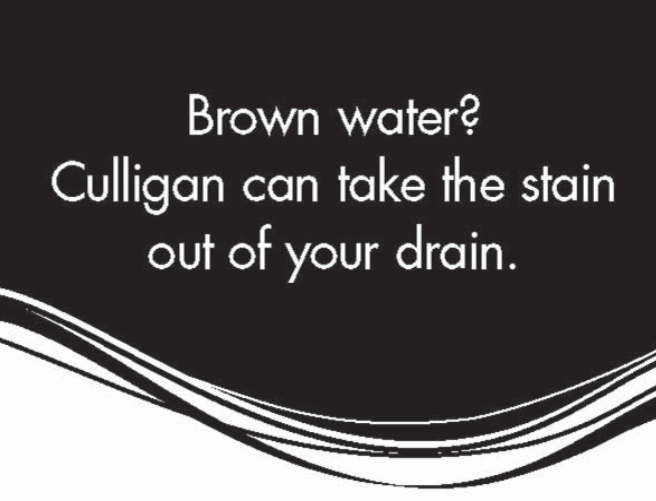
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