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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.



Former Yancey County resident Bradley Honeycutt along with North Carolina based Batista Grading helped with coordinating the volunteer relief effort in Yancey County at the SavMor/Roses Shopping Center. The group of volunteers distributed supplies, gasoline and food for livestock. Pictured above along with Honeycutt are some of the local and out-of-county volunteers who helped with the effort.

Yancey County residents remain strong

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.)

As we enter week two following The Storm of 2024, the shock has somewhat subsided but sadness continues to prevail. At press time, the official death count stands at 8 with 1 additional passing from natural causes. The search continues for missing persons and families wait for official identification of loved ones.

Officials, volunteers, and emergency personnel continue to work tirelessly. It has been days of stress, grief and determination for our residents who have been and continue to assist those in need.

Multiple utility companies are here working as quickly as is safely possible to get electricity restored. The city water and sewer situation is being addressed with hopes for a speedy solution.

I came across a National Guard Unit this past Friday in our town. I asked to take a photo to show appreciation, they kindly declined. Stating they were here to provide support and not for recognition. Professional rescue teams and personnel from multiple states are here offering assistance.

The constant drum of helicopters and airplanes fill the air. Roadways are humming with big trucks, vehicles with trailers, private automobiles, along with sport utility vehicles. Support centers offering donated supplies and serving as a communication hub are now located in almost every community. Loss of cellphone service, electricity, water and sewer are still issues many citizens continue to deal with. Shelters are open for those who need a place to stay.

The Storm of 2024 arrived fast and fierce as streams and rivers rose at unprecedented speed. One resident in the Cane River Community measured the water level rising in surges of feet not inches. In the South Toe Community one homeowner who lost his home to the water, stated it rose up over his home in just 15 minutes and had receded back to what would have been a typical flood stage for that area in just 45 minutes.

Massive slides took mountain tops down through valleys, filling them with mud, rocks, trees and debris.

The wind pushed down trees, and not just one – it was tree after tree after tree. One resident witnesses one section

where every tree on the mountainside was lying on the ground in a single direction. It was like a massive hand had reached down and pressed them to the ground.

As one of the residents still without electricity, I took Sunday (yesterday) to clean out my freezer and refrigerator. It took the better part of the day and was depressing as I discarded more and more food. Food that I, like a country squirrel, had stored away for the upcoming winter. Garden goodies that were grown and preserved. Time, money, sweat and pride of producing the food on my own land, being tossed away. As I contemplated the amount of money it would take the replace it all, it hit me – while this is my personal storm reality – I am one of the lucky ones.

Lucky that my family made it through so far injury free, lucky to still have that refrigerator and freezer to clean out, lucky to still have a home and a friend willing to share spring water that allowed me to take a cold sponge bath each evening.

I was blessed to receive help from a group of young adult volunteers working through The Gathering Church. They showed up at my home on Saturday and used chainsaws to clean the numerous and massive trees that had fallen. Their work cleared a private service road on my property that will allow quicker and easier access for the utility crews to replace poles and repair tree-laden lines on the top of the ridge. They also helped repair my ‘mountain spring’ water line that was damaged during the storm. Their hard work, their smiles and their acts of love were incredible. Some of the group had traveled from other states with some leaving their own damaged WNC communities to offer help here.

We are not accustomed to asking for or allowing outside help. To us family runs way beyond bloodlines and we typically rely on each other. Yancey County residents were out immediately on the day of the storm lending a helping hand and will continue to help – today, tomorrow, and for as long as they see a need.

The Storm of 2024 has forced us to accept outside help – and let me say – it has showed up in volumes. Church organizations

have already been here and completed the cleanup of one flooded church with the promise of coming back soon to help rebuild.

The SavMor/Roses parking lot is filled with donated supplies and volunteers offering a drive-thru service to pick up practically any essential need. Individuals, groups, and organizations have been here traveling throughout our rural county distributing supplies and offering assistance. Yancey County business owners have offered hot food, supplies and help when needed.

The churches of our county have stepped up. Many churches and their members have taken on the duties needed to staff the support centers at their locations, helping to keep the incoming supplies organized and available for those in need. West Burnsville Church has provided three hot cooked meals each day. Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Food Pantry Ministry continues to help. North Bend Baptist Church has supplies but also a Need/Help Board to help get individual assistance to those in their community.

The list would fill a hundred pages for the loving people who have showed up to help during this terrible terrible time. My purpose in listing a few is not to give credit to some and take away from others. My intention is to try and show a very small glimpse into the magnitude of love and support being showered on us.

There have been sightings of celebrities who felt a need to come and provide help. Some driving right into the community to deliver items, speak with residents and see up close and personal the devastation this storm delivered at our doorstep.

NC Department of Transportation along with work crews have begun the tedious job of road repairs. Many roadways remain at one-lane usable status. Please maneuver these roadways with caution, with alertness and a slow rate of speed.

For all acts of kindness, love and support – large or small – we thank you. Continue to pray for all those in the path of this storm. The loss is widespread, it covers many states, affecting so many lives.



Yancey County situational update following Tropical Storm Helene

October 05, 2024

Emergency services- We continue to appreciate the tremendous response from our local first responders and from our partners at the State and Federal level. Partner agencies on the ground in Yancey County include the Sheriff's Offices from Stanly, Catawba, Chatham, Alamance, New Hanover, and the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, as well as the North Carolina National Guard.

Our E911 dispatch center continues to have difficulties receiving 911 calls directly, calls are being routed through neighboring dispatch centers and relayed back to us. We still maintain full dispatch capabilities and radio communications with our crews working in the field. Yancey County EMS Director continues to operate with 13 total units augmented by their ambulance strike team request. This staffing increase is a great help for any increased call volume as well as extended response/transport times.

The Blue Ridge Regional Hospital is up and running on

their own power. Unfortunately, due to county wide infrastructure damage there is no running water. The hospital is receiving water via tanker trucks with potable water. Due to this criticality it was determined by HCA Administration the hospital can only function as a stand-alone emergency room and no longer admit patients. If a patient needs to be admitted they will be transferred out to an appropriate facility.

Patients currently in the hospital will be scheduled for discharge or transferred to an appropriate facility. There is a Disaster Medical Assistance Team (DMAT) field hospital operating in their parking lot to supplement any extra patients that arrive in order to not overwhelm the 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 come to the field hospital, the providers can see you and if

needed write prescriptions for needed medications.

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.

T-Mobile has brought in multiple Cell on Wheels (COW) towers and placed them around the county to assist with their network. Verizon has multiple Cell on Wheels (COW) towers around the county as well as their Mobile Communications Command Center known as ‘Big Red’ on the way to assist restoration of their network.

Pod sites- We have one centralized Point of Distribution (POD) distributing water, MRE's, and ice located at Altec, 150 Altec Dr. Burnsville, NC 28714. Shelter sites- We currently have two shelter sites open that
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Update on fatalities in Yancey County from the Yancey County Sheriff's Office

It is with great sadness that we report the recovery of nine bodies in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene. Our thoughts are with the families affected by this devastating loss.

Recovery teams continue their search, and we believe five individuals are still missing. Local law enforcement, federal agencies, and volunteers are working diligently to bring closure to the families.

We recognize there are many rumors, and our priority is to provide you with the correct and factual information. We thank the community for

their ongoing support during this difficult time. Further updates will be shared as they become available.

Over the last week, our citizens here in Yancey County has seen incredible stories of resilience, tragedy, and generosity as people have come together and rallied to meet the challenges of this catastrophic storm.

Through it all our community has shown incredible strength of character as we have, together, met the challenges of each new day.

While the search and rescue efforts are continuing, the Sher-

iff's Office has worked with our partners at the State and Federal level to preserve life and honor those who have passed.

While final numbers are still pending, the current official death toll from the storm stands at 8 storm related death recoveries as well as 1 death from circumstances that the medical examiner believes to be natural causes.

As we reflect on what we have lost and mourn with those who mourn, we remain incredibly thankful for the privilege of serving the people of our mountain home.

Town of Burnsville Update

October 7, 2024

Water and Sewer Systems: Crews are setting temporary pumps and line up to the water plant.

With help from local contractors, repairs are being made to known breaks in the distribution system. As water is treated the system will have to be brought back online slowly in phases as breaks are identified and repaired. Once reestablished the water must be boiled until the system can be flushed and sanitized. The water will still be usable for showering and flushing toilets.

Crews are on site conducting camera work of the sewer lines, identifying breaks for repair. Port-a-Johns are also beginning to arrive.

Garbage: Burnsville Residential trash pick-up will happen for most homes on Monday (10/7) and again on Friday (10/11). East Yancey and Riversiders Convenience Centers will be open from 7am to 4pm beginning Monday (10/7). Only household bagged trash will be accepted at this time.

The landfill remains closed to the public. Yancey County is actively working on a plan for disposal of construction/storm debris and will provide updates as those details become available. Do not burn garbage or debris.

Water: Potable water trucks are set up on the Town Square to fill containers.

FEMA will be at Blue Ridge Elementary School from 11:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., to help you register for assistance on Monday, October 7, 2024

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) aids individuals, communities, and local governments affected by disasters, helping them recover and rebuild.

• FEMA Individual and Household Program: Visit FEMA.gov or www.disasterassistance.gov.

• Apply online, over the phone 800-621-3362, or in person with officials.

• Individuals and Households Program (IHP) provides financial and direct services to eligible individuals and house-

holds affected by a disaster. IHP assistance is not a substitute for insurance and cannot compensate for all losses caused by a disaster. The assistance is intended to meet your basic needs and supplement disaster recovery efforts.

• Can cover temporary housing, repair or replacement of owner-occupied homes, a temporary housing unit, hazard mitigation assistance, or other disaster caused expenses.

Small Business Administration: Provides low-interest loans to businesses or homeowners/individuals for disaster recovery efforts. Apply now. You do not have to know when you are going to reopen yet and you do not have to accept it or disperse it immediately, but they are suggesting for business owners and anyone looking for this type of loan to apply ASAP.

• Online: Disaster assistance | U.S. Small Business Administration (sba.gov)

• Phone Number: 800-659-2955 from 8am – 8pm
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AdventHealth Hendersonville provides hope through care since Helene's devastation

AdventHealth Hendersonville remains steadfast in its commitment to providing uninterrupted care for the community. Despite the challenges posed by the storm, the hospital and its dedicated team are ensuring that essential health care services are available to those in need.

AdventHealth Hendersonville is offering emergency and inpatient care, including ICU, behavioral health, lab, and imaging services. Elective surgeries have been postponed to prioritize urgent care needs.

The Baby Place at AdventHealth has remained open throughout the storm, ready to support expectant mothers. We are here to support expectant mothers who may be in need of an alternative location for their labor and delivery due to the impact of the storm. If you are 35 weeks or further along in your pregnancy and not considered high risk, AdventHealth is here to help you welcome your

baby safely. Please bring your prenatal care records with you or ask your OB to fax them to The Baby Place at 828-681-2749. For questions, please call The Baby Place at 828-681-2260.

Outpatient Services: Primary and specialty care are available at AdventHealth Medical Group offices on Doctors Drive and Hospital Drive in Hendersonville and at our locations in South Asheville, Forge Mountain, Candler and East Asheville at our Parkway office.

Providers will once again hold a Walk-In Clinic for Primary Care on Friday from 9 am to 1 pm in the Medical Office Building at 50 Hospital Drive, Hendersonville. The AdventHealth Pediatrics office in the MOB will be open until 3 pm on Friday.

Support for Team Members: In this past week, at least 18 of our team members lost their homes, others have sig-

nificant damage and losses. And yet, we have seen so many of them coming to work to ensure the safety and care of their patients. It is humbling to see such dedication in the midst of catastrophic loss.

AdventHealth continues to provide food, shelter and other support to all our team members. We want to thank the community for their generosity through donations to our team.

Community Resources: AdventHealth is offering information on physician clinics, community resources, and other support for those impacted by the hurricane. For more details, visit AdventHealthWNC.com or follow AdventHealth on social media.

BRP Hurricane Helene recovery

The entire length of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia remains closed as crews continue their assessment of the damage from Hurricane Helene.

To assist with recovery efforts, the National Park Service has deployed its Eastern Incident Management Team, which brings specialized skills and resources to support the parkway with employee emergency needs, emergency stabilization of affected park resources, and damage assessments.

As of Saturday morning, 214 National Park Service employees representing 57 national parks from 32 states and the District of Columbia are working with Blue Ridge Parkway staff in the recovery efforts.

National Park Service assessment teams are still completing their initial inspections of the parkway, acquiring the data they will need to analyze the full impact of Hurricane Helene. Based on what the teams have seen so far, significant, and in some cases catastrophic, damage has occurred along the parkway, particularly from milepost 280 to milepost 469 in North Carolina.

A projected reopening date of any section of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina has not yet been established. In Virginia, damage assessments and the clearing of debris from the road are nearing completion, which will allow a phased reopening in Virginia in the coming days to weeks.

Mercy Urgent Care reopens

The Mercy Urgent Care clinic in Burnsville, located at 41 Charlie Brown Rd., reopened on Friday, October 4 with the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This clinic joins six of the other locations — Brevard, Burnsville, Columbus, Waynesville, Weaverville, and West Asheville — that have reopened since Hurricane Helene impacted Western North Carolina. Hours for all eight locations can be found at mercyurgentcare.org/locations.

Additional temporary flexibilities in place for Medicaid beneficiaries due to Hurricane Helene devastation

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is working with state, federal and local partners to help North Carolinians impacted by Hurricane Helene access needed health care. NC Medicaid has been granted additional temporary changes to help with continued care during recovery efforts.

"We are working to ensure everyone who needs care is able to access the right treatment at the right time. NCDHHS will continue its work with local communities and federal partners to make it as easy as possible for providers to reach people in need," said NCDHHS Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Jay Ludlam.

Federal flexibilities are active statewide from Sept. 25, 2024, through the end of the Hurricane Public Health Emergency declaration for North Carolina and are intended to support Hospitals, Psychiatric Hospitals, Critical Access Hospitals, including Cancer Centers and Long-Term Care Hospitals so that they can ensure:

- People can receive emergency medical treatment. Hospitals, including psychiatric hospitals, can see people who need emergency care at locations other than the hospital where needed. Some hospitals have limited access due to storm damage. This will allow them to screen people who need emergency care in a safe place.

- There are places to provide hospital care to people. Hospitals can use additional spaces in their building to provide patient care, and they can operate in temporary locations. Critical access hospitals can have more than 25 beds, keep people for more than 96 hours, and can establish surge locations outside of rural areas. Inpatient rehabilitation facilities can serve people who need care as a result of the emergency.

- There are people to provide health care. Hospitals can

keep existing doctors on staff and allow new doctors to practice before the credentialing and privileging process is completed. In addition, out-of-state practitioners who are licensed in another state can provide care as long as they are enrolled in Medicare, have a valid license, and are not excluded from practice in North Carolina.

- Telemedicine is available. Hospitals can partner with other hospitals to provide telemedicine to ensure people get the care — including specialty care — they need. And health care providers can provide telehealth to patients in skilled nursing facilities or nursing facilities to ensure they continue to receive care.

- Hospitalized patients have continuity of care. Hospitals in affected counties that participate in Medicare and are approved to provide post-hospital skilled nursing facility care can do so for patients who no longer need acute care. They can provide this care for patients that are unable to find placement in skilled nursing facility.

- People can get the care they need in a long-term care or skilled nursing facility. Nursing homes can admit new residents who have not completed typical preadmission screenings and instead can complete those screenings postadmission so that people can get the care they need more quickly. People can be admitted to a skilled nursing facility without a 3-day prior hospitalization. And long-term care facilities can use additional spaces like activity rooms, as resident rooms.

- Acute care patients can stay longer. Long-Term Care Acute Hospitals do not need to follow the 25-day average length of stay requirement for patients who need longer stays due to the emergency. This will help people who may no longer have a safe place to transition to due to the emergency.

- Patients get the care they need in the best environment. Home health agencies can perform assess patients by phone to determine if someone needs home health care. This helps keep people safe by letting them stay in the best place for them, which is often their home.

- People with intellectual disabilities being cared for in facilities continue to receive services. Intermediate care facilities for individuals with intellectual disabilities can use additional spaces like activity rooms, as resident rooms. And staff who usually help patients directly can also assist with tasks like cleaning or cooking when needed.

- People have the medical equipment and medicine they need. To replace damaged medical equipment, prosthetics, orthotics and supplies more easily, people will not need as face-to-face or a new physician's order. Lost or damaged drugs covered by Medicare Part B can be refilled.

Additional detail, including the list of waivers approved by CMS for North Carolina can be found in the Provider Bulletin issued on Oct. 3, 2024.

There is no right or wrong way to feel in response to the trauma of a hurricane. If you have been impacted by the storm and need someone to talk to, call or text the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990. Help is also available to anyone, anytime in English or Spanish through a call, text or chat to 988. Learn more at 988Lifeline.org.

If you would like general information, access to resources, or answers to frequently asked questions, please visit ncdps.gov/helene.

If you are seeking information on resources for recovery help for someone impacted from the storm, please email larecovery@ncdps.gov.

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Tropical Storm Helene



Matthew Brown posted: we are setup and drilling at West Burnsville Baptist Church. The drive over was uneventful. Lots of need here. This church is serving as a depot for the NC Baptist On Mission in this area. We are drilling to get water going in the church for a fill up station and to run some hot showers! The towns water plant was heavily damaged and could be months before the restoring of town water service. Pray for good clean water and thankful we can share in meeting the needs of our fellow NC folks! Jesus is Lord and water is life!



Payne's Construction, GA



Bridgette Bryant



The Gathering Church volunteers



Local H&R Block helped to feed the community



South Toe Community



South Toe Community



South Toe Community

Yancey Co. update following Storm Helene

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are being managed and staffed by the American Red Cross. Those sites are located at Blue Ridge Elementary and Cane River Middle School.

Electric service- Electric service is beginning to come on in areas that are able to safely receive electricity. We remain thankful for our linemen and the tree crews for their tremendous effort while working under some of the most difficult conditions imaginable. Please keep in mind your generators as crews begin to restore power. Ensure stand by generators are never connected directly to your house as you could end up back feeding into the grid around you and cause injuries to those working on the lines. Generators should be connected to your home through a transfer switch to prevent injuries or fire. Due to areas being re-energized, often without notice, we urge you to treat all downed power lines as a live wire. Home appliances should also be turned off and unplugged in the chance your home has power returned until you can ensure the appliance is safe to receive electricity.

Water Treatment- Pumps and pipes are being sourced to arrive for contractors to be ready when they begin the work of getting water to the water treatment plant. Preliminary sites have been identified to set new pumps and lay new lines and the feasibility of getting power to those areas is being assessed.

Public Works crews, with help from local contractors, have already begun making repairs to known breaks in the distribution system. As the plant is brought back online, the system will have to be brought back online slowly and in phases as breaks are identified and repaired.

Once reestablished, the water must be boiled until the system can be flushed and sanitized.

The water will still be usable for showering and flushing toilets though. Personnel have been brought in to assist in our restoration process as well as relieve our very exhausted

crews that have tirelessly working to regain water service. We recommend turning off your water heater at the breaker until water is restored to prevent the heater from running dry and causing damage to the heater.

Port-a-Johns and shower trailers have been requested and are expected to be deployed around Town as soon as they arrive.

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

Volunteer donations- All donation drop-offs are being directed to Mountain Heritage High School at 333 Mountain Heritage HS Road Burnsville, NC 28714 between the times of 10a-6p as space allows.

Currently we are at max capacity for clothing, we are unable to accept any more clothing at our drop off site and encourage you to forward those items to your local goodwill.

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

Volunteers- Anyone wishing to volunteer in supply and donation receiving and distribution sites, helping with emergency shelters, serving food, etc. should report to the Burns-

ville Town Center located at 6 South Main Street at 9:15am or 1:00pm daily. There is especially a need for the afternoon shift. Volunteers are also welcome to stop by throughout the day for volunteer assignments. Partners Aligned Toward Health is organizing individual volunteers only, NOT those with heavy machinery.

Businesses or individuals offering heavy equipment or operators should complete the Heavy Equipment Volunteer form- found on the Yancey County Government and Yancey County Emergency Management Facebook pages; featured at the top of the Partners Aligned Toward Health Facebook page or found at: bit.ly/yanceymachinevolunteers.

Urban Search and Rescue- We have multiple USAR teams, including teams from North Carolina, Texas, New York, Kansas, and California that continue to operate throughout the county with their searches of homes and debris piles.

Missing persons- If you have any family members that you are looking for we encourage you to download the Yancey County Sheriff's Office app. Once on the app there is a "Helene Response" tab in the middle, once selected you have the option to fill out a missing person's report with full description or welfare check and logged into the Sheriff's office database.

Town of Burnsville Update

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Monday through Friday. If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech disability, please dial 7-1-1 to access telecommunications relay services.

• Email: disastercustomerservice@bsa.gov.

Volunteers - Anyone wishing to volunteer for supply and donation receiving and distribution sites, support for emergency shelters, etc. should report to the Burnsville Town Center at 6 South Main Street at 9:15am or 1pm daily.

There is also a significant need for afternoon support. Volunteers are also welcome to

stop by throughout the day for volunteer assignments. Partners Aligned Toward Health is organizing the people volunteers only, NOT the heavy machinery volunteers.

Businesses, organizations, or individuals offering heavy equipment or operators should complete the Heavy Equipment Volunteer form. This is posted on the Yancey County Government and Yancey County Emergency Management Facebook pages; and featured at the top of the Partners Aligned Toward Health Facebook page, or use the bit.ly link bit.ly/yanceymachinevolunteers.

Buladean Community Center - Distribution & Relief Center

Buladean, NC -
October 04, 2024

The Buladean Community Center is open as a relief & supplies distribution center for those affected by Hurricane Helene. Our Health Clinic is open every day except Sunday with a doctor on site, with variable hours. We have wifi available with time limits. A Community Wide Church Service will be held Sunday, from 10 - 10:45 a.m., sponsored by area churches.

Hours of operation: Weekdays: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m., Community Meal served 4-6 p.m. Weekends: 8 a.m. - 2 p.m., Community Meal served 12:30 - 2 p.m.

They are located at 12190 NC 226, Bakersville, NC. Access is clear from Unicoi, TN via TN 107/NC 226. Access from Bakersville is clear taking NC 261 to Fork Mountain Road, to NC 226.

The Buladean Community Center - Food Pantry opened on Sunday in response to the need in our community and expanded in the following days to a fully equipped distribution center operated by the Buladean Community Foundation (501c3) and many amazing volunteers.

Supplies on hand include: Food, Water, Clothing, Household Goods, Hygiene, Cleaning Supplies, OTC Meds and Ice. Tools, Fuel, Camp Stoves, Propane, Animal Feed. Limited Rentals are available of Full Gas Cans, Chain Saws, O2 Tanks, Propane Tanks, and Generators for those with medical equipment requiring power.

Limited WiFi is available to the public.

Meals are served by the Buladean Community Foundation on weekdays from 4-6 pm, and weekends from 12:30-2.

They are coordinating with

the Buladean Volunteer Fire Department to use volunteers for tree removal, road and property clean up and distribution deliveries. Please let them know if a loved one in the Buladean community needs deliveries of goods.

Updates can be found here: Buladean Community - Food Pantry: <https://www.facebook.com/Buladeancommunitycenterfoodpantry/>

Supplies Donations are received 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and needs lists are updated daily on their Facebook page. Volunteers are needed daily - 8:15 a.m. - 6:15 p.m.

Tax Deductible donation can be sent here: <https://square.link/u/aKGCqVTX>

Thank you to the many donors and volunteers who are making this possible to support our communities in Mitchell County.

Mitchell County / Bailey Settlement & River Road near Hunt Dale

(Photos courtesy Straight Out of Poplar Facebook, for those thousands that attended the Run for the Hills car show, this is the area you would have traveled through, go to this website to view the destruction this community received from the water and wind of Tropical Storm Helene.)



Cowboy Church in Kingsport, TN traveled to the Bailey Settlement / Poplar Community, Mitchell Co. to deliver food, water and prepare meals for the community. Photo by Jennifer M. Williams



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North Carolinians enrolled in Food and Nutrition Services can use benefits to buy hot food following Hurricane Helene

Beginning October 4, 2024, people and families in North Carolina who are enrolled in the Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) program can use their benefits to purchase hot food.

This temporary flexibility applies to all 100 counties in North Carolina and the nearly 700,000 households enrolled in the FNS program. The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services is working closely with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to ensure people impacted by Hurricane Helene receive assistance as soon as possible.

North Carolinians in the FNS program can purchase hot food, including food prepared for immediate consumption, from authorized Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) retailers using their EBT card starting today. All authorized EBT vendors in the state have been notified about this change, which will remain in effect until Nov. 3, 2024.

This will ensure families who are not able to prepare food at home due to displacement or power outages still have access to warm meals. Customers do not have to apply for this benefit but should inquire first with the store to see if they can process hot food purchases with their FNS benefits. It is important to note this is for authorized retailers like gas stations or deli departments, not restaurants or other non-EBT authorized retailers. A map of retailers that accept EBT is available here.

North Carolina has been approved for a waiver that provides additional time for FNS participants residing in the affected disaster areas to report a food loss as a result of Hurricane Helene to their local Department of Social Services office due to displacement, transportation issues or other storm-related hardships through October 26, 2024.

NCDHHS has also applied for a waiver to automatically replace a portion of FNS benefits for individuals and families in the western North Carolina who have lost food purchased with their September FNS benefits. Once NCDHHS receives approval, the department will

send out a notification with more details.

Additionally, NCDHHS is actively working with USDA to receive federal authority to operate a Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. D-SNAP allows more people impacted by Hurricane Helene to qualify for food assistance benefits who are not already FNS recipients. More information will be communicated once the department has approval to implement the D-SNAP program.

For information about the FNS program, visit www.ncdhhs.gov/fns or visit epass.ncdhhs.gov.

Coordinated aviation relief efforts ensure safe operations in post-Helene WNC

The extraordinary outpouring of support for North Carolina in the wake of Hurricane Helene has been unprecedented, with airports, pilots, airfield operations staff, and community organizations stepping up across the state and country. These groups have delivered essential supplies—such as food, water, medicines, and baby formula—to some of the most affected areas.

Since Hurricane Helene, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has reported a 300% increase in air traffic over western North Carolina. This surge includes private aircraft, the NC National Guard, and military search and rescue missions, all working to aid those in need. The increase in air traffic necessitates immediate coordination to ensure safe, efficient relief and rescue operations.

“Helene has already devastated so much; we want every pilot, aircraft, and airport staff member to go home safely every night of the response,” said Becca Gallas, Director of NCDOT Division of Aviation. “Our military and civilian aviation partners are providing vital services to North Carolinians cut off from other access.”

In collaboration with federal and state agencies—including FEMA, FAA, NC National Guard, and the Department of Defense—the North Carolina Division of Aviation has implemented several critical safety strategies:

nc.gov.

For information regarding Hurricane Helene and additional resources and flexibilities in place, please go to www.ncdps.gov/helene and www.ncdhhs.gov/helene.

There is no right or wrong way to feel in response to the trauma of a hurricane. If you have been impacted by the storm and need someone to talk to, call or text the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990. Help is also available to anyone, anytime in English or Spanish through a call, text or chat to 988. Learn more at 988Lifeline.org

Prior Permission Request Lines: Pilots call ahead to schedule landing and unloading times and aircraft parking, so aircraft are spaced out and reducing congestion and risk of incidents. These lines are in place at specific airports including Asheville Regional Airport and Rutherford County Airport. This system helps manage traffic flow, ensuring safe and efficient ground operations.

Standard-use Army Aircraft Flight Routes (SAAFR): Designated corridors in the sky have been established to separate civilian and military aircraft, facilitating smoother operations. This first-of-its-kind strategy has proven highly effective.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: Search and rescue partners are using short, time and location specific restrictions on air operations to ensure safety when multiple helicopters are engaged in localized search and rescue efforts.

Temporary Air Traffic Control Towers: Additional air traffic control towers are being deployed to manage high-traffic regional airports, ensuring safer navigation during Helene response efforts.

Despite the overwhelming need, these coordinated measures have already reduced incidents. Early in the response, there were two short-term runway closures caused by small airdrop aircraft incidents, but no major incidents have occurred since these new systems were put in place.

While much has been done, continued collaboration across multiple agencies is required to ensure the safe operation of all aircraft involved in Helene relief efforts.

Tropical Storm Helene



Burnsville Town Square has been a distribution point for supplies, hot food, and information



Multiple utility crews are in Yancey County helping to restore electricity



Volunteers cooking hot food for distribution in Burnsville



Members of North Bend Baptist Church are maintaining the point of distribution in the Green Mountain Community, they also have a board for residents to write down needs and for volunteers to offer help filling the needs in the community.



Curfew in Place



YANCEY COUNTY PROCLAMATION OF A COUNTY STATE OF EMERGENCY (REVISED 10/4/24)

- Pursuant to the Yancey County State of Emergency Ordinance and Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes and Article 36A, Chapter 14 of the North Carolina General Statutes, I have determined that a State of Emergency as defined in the Yancey County State of Emergency Ordinance, exists in the County of Yancey because there is an imminent threat of severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from the impending TROPICAL STORM HELENE, and the remnants of the storm.
- I, therefore, proclaim the existence of a State of Emergency in the County of Yancey. The following restrictions and prohibitions are imposed:
 - CURFEW:** Yancey County is under a curfew from 9:00 pm till 7:00 am. Beginning at 9:00 pm on Friday, October 4th, 2024, until 7:00 am on Friday, October 11th, 2024; except for medical emergencies or persons traveling to and from work.
- I hereby order all county law enforcement officer, county employees and all other Emergency Management personnel subject to my control to cooperate in the enforcement and implementation of provisions of the County Emergency Ordinance, including those which are set forth below:

All civilian and Emergency Management and Public Safety personnel are ordered to comply with the Emergency Operations plan.
- This proclamation shall include the incorporated Town of Burnsville, through and by consent of its Mayor.
- This proclamation shall become effective immediately and shall remain in effect until rescinded.

PROCLAIMED this 4th day of October 2024 at 8:00 pm EST.

Jeff Whitson
Jeff Whitson, Chairman
YANCEY COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Pat Randolph
Pat Randolph
COUNTY MANAGER
YANCEY COUNTY



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Trees fell throughout the county on power lines

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Obituaries



Anne Estep Adkins Rice

Anne Estep Adkins Rice, age 89, passed away on October 2, 2024 at Yancey House Assisted Living in Burnsville. Born December 16th, 1934 in the Bald Mountain Community of Yancey County, she was the first-born child of the late Carl and Harriet Estep. She was also preceded in death by her husband of 34 years, Darius Adkins, who passed away in 1987, as well as five sisters: Christine Swann, Lillie Frost, Patricia Haney, June Hunter and Grace Abbot; and brother, Bobby Estep.

Anne was the oldest of the eight children and would later say she helped raise her younger siblings and felt great responsibility for them. She married her classmate of 12 years, Darius Adkins, in February 1954 during their senior year at Bee Log High School. The young couple feared Darius would be drafted into the Army right after graduation and wanted to spend those few months together. Upon being drafted, Anne accompanied Darius to various posts when allowed. During other times, she lived with her in-laws, Reuben and Fola Adkins, and sister-in-law, Nell Adkins (Johnson) in the Ramseytown Community of Yancey County and started a long career at Glen Raven Mills. Anne was eager to have a home of her own with Darius and eventually they built a home on the banks of the Cane River.

They were anxious to start a family but, after ten childless years, it was Anne who suggested they look into adoption. In July 1964, they welcomed a son, Joseph Darius (Joey), and then a daughter, Ann Nicole (Nikki) in 1966. Anne and Darius raised their children in the love and teaching of the Lord and were active in their local church, Millers Chapel. Anne became a fulltime mother, homemaker, and Sunday School Teacher, then returned to Glen Raven in 1978, later retiring in 1995 as the first female cloth room supervisor. Anne enjoyed working and U.S. travel, and became a grandmother during those widow years to her dearly loved

grandsons, Joseph and Lance Adkins, with whom she looked forward to summer visits. Anne met and married Arnold Rice in 1994 and left Yancey County, moving to Weaverville. In their retirement, they enjoyed gardening, travel, and a new granddaughter, Anna, in 1997. Anne would later welcome two additional grandchildren, Kyle and Kaylee Adkins of Georgia.

Family and friends who knew and loved Anne would describe her as a determined, strong-willed, independent woman who would stop at nothing to care for those she loved and for what she believed in.

Left to cherish Anne's memory are her husband of 30 years, Arnold; son, Joey Adkins and wife, Hiwot, of Douglasville, Georgia; a daughter, Nikki McKinney and husband, Alan, of Green Mountain; a stepdaughter, Diane Beck of Weaverville; sister, Kate Wilson of Burnsville; brother, Charles Estep of Spartanburg, SC; five grandchildren: Joseph (Jessica) Adkins, Lance (Jessica) Adkins of Dallas, Georgia, Anna McKinney Smith (Cade) of Greenville, TN, and Kyle and Kaylee Adkins of Douglasville, Georgia; great-grandchildren: Jessa and Jett Adkins, Noah Adkins, and Gracie, Kenzie and Leeland Walker, all of Dallas, Georgia. Numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family also survive.

Due to the circumstances of hurricane Helene, funeral services will be held at a later date and will be announced.

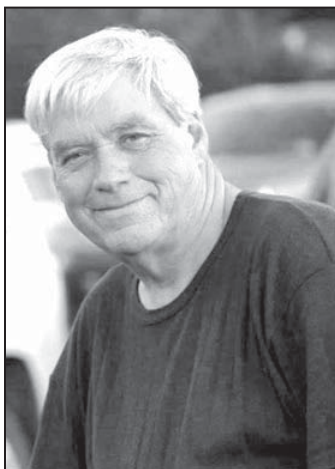
The family would like to extend a special thank you to the employees of Yancey House who lovingly cared for Anne for 18 months. Their expertise and kindness made Anne's last months enjoyable and meaningful. Memorial contributions can be made to the Alzheimer's Association Western Carolina Chapter, 4600 Park Road, Suite 250, Charlotte, NC 28209. To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Food Pantry

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will have their food pantry open Oct. 18, Nov. 1, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will be operating as a drive thru service. Please call 1-828-536-0130 when you arrive at the church to check in and let them know that you are there. Someone will bring the food to your car. This service is for anyone who is in need of food. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church is located at 151 Scronce Creek Road, just off Highway 19 E in Burnsville.

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers Call the Senior Center at 682-6011.



Donald "Don" Martin Smith

Donald "Don" Martin Smith, age 75, of the Bee Log Community, went Home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, September 24, 2024. A native of Jamestown, TN, he was the son of the late Elmer and Ruby Bertham Smith. He was preceded in death as well by two uncles, Lenord Smith and Elza Smith.

Don loved living the life of a farmer and raising cattle and horses, in addition to his other livelihoods. He was a hard-working man who always provided for his family. He retired from BWX after working there many years, but once he settled in at home, he realized he would much rather stay busy and went to work with Fox Brothers Paving, as well as working in their country store. Don always had a smile and kind words for everyone he met, and has always been known as a #1 man. He adored his daughter, as well as her four sons, and they were his life. He was the greatest father figure to his grandsons and his daughter, and was and forever will be their hero. He taught them about hard work and being a good provider, to always have a positive attitude and to treat others with kindness. Don was the rock of the family and will be deeply missed.

Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 55 years, Brenda McIntosh Smith; his loving daughter, Melissa "Missy" Hoilman; four grandsons: Colby Hoilman and wife, Bailey, Dalton Hoilman, Ashton Hoilman and Bryson Hoilman; special uncle, James B. Smith and wife, Wanda, of Dandridge, TN; an aunt, Nellie Smith of Hendersonville, TN; and good friend, Harold Fox. He is also survived by several cousins and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held at 3:30 on Sunday, October 6th in the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Services. Rev. Royce Ball officiated. Burial followed in the Holcombe Cemetery. Pallbearers were his grandsons: Colby, Dalton, Ashton and Bryson Hoilman.

To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Morris Hylemon

Morris Hylemon, age 68, of Burnsville, passed peacefully in Hospice care at Greenville Memorial Hospital on Saturday, October 5th, 2024. A native of Yancey County, he was a son of the late Tommy and Louise Bodford Hylemon.

Morris was a horticulturist who worked with numerous PhD's in his field for many years, and retired from the N.C. Experimental Station in Mills River, NC. He was always a supporter and contributor to the National Wildlife Foundation and the Humane Society. He loved the outdoors, especially camping. Morris was known as a fiercely independent person but, at the same time, always had a deep concern for others.

Surviving him is his only brother, L. Van Hylemon, from Florida; as well as dear, close friends, Danny and Sharon McIntosh, of Burnsville.

No services are planned at this time.

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the Yancey County Community paramedics, EMS, Yancey County Health Department, especially Victoria Robinson and staff for the wonderful care given to Morris.

To send online condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneralservice.com.

Information for People Enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Important Information for People Enrolled in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Impacted by Hurricane Helene

There is widespread damage and devastation following Hurricane Helene, and many participants of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) are impacted. There are more than 250,000 people participating in the WIC program statewide. WIC provides access to healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition education and referrals for health care and community services.

Families participating in WIC who may have relocated to a new area can go to any NC WIC agency to have a new eWIC card issued, or to request replacement of breastfeeding supplies, breast pumps and food purchased with current WIC benefits and lost due to Hurricane Helene. A list of WIC agency closures related to Hurricane Helene can be found on the NC WIC landing page under Special Weather An-

American Red Cross Establishing Fixed Feeding Sites in Western NC

In partnership with Ingles Markets the American Red Cross is setting up three additional fixed feeding sites in Western North Carolina. These sites will begin operation today (10/6/2024) and will operate daily through October 10, 2024 at the days and times listed below:

Burnsville Ingles, 400 E US 19E Highway, Burnsville NC 28714. Weaverville Ingles, 140 Weaver Blvd, Weaverville, NC 28787. Marion Ingles, 625 W Henderson St., Marion NC 28752.

Sunday, Oct. 6 @ 1:00 p.m. / Monday, Oct. 7 @ 12:30 p.m. / Tuesday, Oct. 8 @ 12:30 p.m. / Wednesday, Oct. 9 @ 12:30 pm. / Thursday, Oct. 10 @ 12:30 p.m.

The Red Cross also maintains a feeding site in partnership with Walmart at 200 Watauga Village Dr, Boone, NC 28607 This site is in operation from noon-2:00 p.m. and from 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Tuesday (10/6/24-10/8/24) for drive through meals and water. There is also a laundry trailer, shower trailer and field pharmacy available at this location.

These fixed feeding sites are in addition to mobile feeding the Red Cross has been conducting in impacted areas

nouncement.

To Replace Your WIC Card:

If your WIC card is lost, stolen or damaged, call eWIC Customer Service at 1-844-230-0813. WIC cards will be replaced by regular mail. You should receive your replacement card in five to seven days.

Or visit any local WIC clinic to have your WIC card replaced.

To Check Your WIC Benefit Balance, Purchase History, and Account Information:

Call eWIC Customer Service toll-free 24/7 at: 1-844-230-0813 OR Check your account at www.ebtEDGE.com OR Use the FIS ebtEDGE App

To Transfer WIC Benefits from Another State to NC:

If your family was participating in WIC outside of NC and has relocated to NC as a result of Hurricane Helene, please visit any NC WIC agency to transfer benefits through a Verification of Certification.

Other things you can do at www.ebtEDGE.com or on the ebtEDGE App:

since remnants of Hurricane Helene made landfall flooding large sections of Western North Carolina. In North and South Carolina, the Red Cross is working with multi-agency taskforces to coordinate feeding efforts and ensure communities get the help they need.

Meals have also been provided daily for our 27 Red Cross and partner managed shelters in North and South Carolina.

Many areas remain inaccessible. If you need assistance, please consider coming to a shelter. We know connectivity is difficult, but if you can, first download the Red Cross Emergency app to find service locations or visit redcross.org/helene. You can also find shelters by following your local Red Cross and local emergency officials on social media, or by monitoring local news. If you're unable to access the information you need, call 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767).

If you're searching for a loved one affected by the storm, please complete the form at redcross.org/helene for the state where they live. Provide as much detail as you can. We realize this is an incredibly emotional time and Red Cross reunification teams are working as quickly as possible to help families reconnect.

The Red Cross has disaster mental health workers available at many locations. If you or a loved one needs help, reach out through the Disaster Distress Helpline for free 24/7 multilingual support by calling or texting 1-800-985-5990.

People affected by Hurricane Helene need urgent help now, and we can't do this alone. You can help by making a financial donation by visiting redcross.org, calling 1-800-RED CROSS (800-733-2767) or texting the word HELENE to 90999. Financial donations for Hurricane Helene enable the Red Cross to prepare for, respond to and help people recover from this disaster.

If you would like to volunteer with the Red Cross, visit redcross.org/volunteer to learn more about volunteer opportunities.

Helene has led to the cancellation of blood drives across Western North Carolina, causing nearly 2,000 blood donations to go uncollected. Those outside the affected areas are encouraged to schedule a blood donation appointment now by visiting RedCrossBlood.org or using the Blood Donor App to help restock the shelves.

Church Directory



To have your church information included in the Church Directory contact Pat Randolph at pat@yanceypaper.com for publication costs

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 Rev. Anthony Mbanefo
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 2:00 p.m. Misa en Espanol
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 689-3719
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Pensacola United Methodist Church

Sunday Services 9:30 a.m.
 9255 Hwy 197S
 Burnsville, NC
 Contact: contact.pumc@gmail.com
Pastor: Kent Smith

West Burnsville Baptist Church

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Worship Service 6:00p.m.
 Wed. Prayer Meeting 6:30 p.m.
 TeamKid Youth 6:00 p.m.
 Special Studies 7:00 p.m.

Pastor Chris Fox Church Office 682-3990
 222 West Burnsville Church Road

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Pastor: Jack Sielaff

SUNDAY 11 a.m.
 Burnsville Town Center Auditorium
 6 South Main Street
 Burnsville, NC 28714
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CALL 833-747-1234

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- Flood related yard cleanup

This is a free service provided to those who have little or no insurance. Requests are handled depending on need and volunteer availability.

Higgins Memorial United Methodist
 101 N Main Street
 Burnsville, NC 28714

For **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES** call: Insert VOL PHONE # 828-678-1935

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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

This application may be inspected at 503 Medical Campus Drive, Burnsville, NC 28714 from 7:30am –
4:30pm. Written comments should be directed to Michael Harris before October 11, 2024.

Classifieds

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Ancil-
lary Administrator of the Estate
of Judene B. Giambrone a/k/a
Judene Giambrone of Orange
County, New York, in Yancey
County, North Carolina Clerk
Of Court File # 24 E 230, this
is to notify all persons, firms
and corporations having claims
against the decedent to present
them to the undersigned on or
before the 18 day of December
2024, or this Notice will be
pleaded in bar of recovery. All
persons, firms and corporations
indebted to said Estate please
make immediate payment to the
undersigned.

This the 18 day of Septem-
ber, 2024.

Todd R. Giambrone, Ancil-
lary Administrator
c/o Martin Law Firm, P.A.
Attn.: Mark C. Martin
633 Merrimon Avenue,
Suite D
Asheville, NC 28804
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LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA
YANCEY COUNTY
GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE

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
THE GREAT STATE OF
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IN THE COUNTY OF
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IN THE GENERAL COURT
OF JUSTICE
SUPERIOR COURT
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**In the Matter of the Estate of
GERALD HONEYCUTT,
Deceased
NOTICE TO CREDITORS**
HAVING QUALIFIED
as Executor of the Estate of
GERALD HONEYCUTT, de-
ceased, of YANCEY COUNTY,
NC, this is to notify all persons,
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claims against the estate of said
decedent to present them to the
undersigned on or before 10TH
day of January 2025, or this no-
tice will be pled in bar of their
recovery. All persons indebted
to the said estate please make
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This the 2ND Day of Oc-
tober 2024

SYLVIA JOYCE
HONEYCUTT, Executor
2000 Shoal Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
DONNY J. LAWS, Attorney
P. O. Box 397
Burnsville, NC 28714

Published: October 2, 9,
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Times Journal Deadline
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ADMINISTRATOR'S
NOTICE

Having qualified as Admin-
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of said deceased to present them
to the undersigned on or before
the 3rd day of January, 2025 or
this notice will be pleaded in bar
of their recovery. All persons
indebted to said estate please
make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of Octo-
ber, 2024.

Larry Shuford, Adminis-
trator

7282 Hwy 80, South
Burnsville, NC 28714
Charlie A. Hunt, Jr.
Attorney at Law
PO Box 509
Spruce Pine, NC 28777
Telephone: (828) 765-

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Published October 9, 16,
23, 30, 2024

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the county. Following is a list
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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 Perfec-
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Big Creek Community - photos by Chris Johnson

