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## Images of destruction - and hope

Hurricane Helene swept across the Southeast, causing major flooding and devastation throughout North Carolina. The News & Observer and The Charlotte Observer journalists are covering the aftermath of the storm.



TRAVIS LONG tlong@newsobserver.com Sarah Pike, center, gets a hug from her friend Jen Dombrowski, who arrived to help Pike clean up her business in downtown Marshall on Oct. 1.



A member of a search and rescue team works in a flooded field adjacent to the Catawba River near Old Fort on Oct. 2. He was searching for victims of Hurricane Helene.



KHADEJEH NIKOUYEH Knikouyeh@charlotteobserver.com Volunteers fill containers of water for the community at a water distribution site at Pack Square in downtown Asheville on Oct. 1.

BELOW: A search and rescue team from Atlantic Beach examines

a van swept into the river in Swannanoa. They were assisting in

the community on Sept. 29.



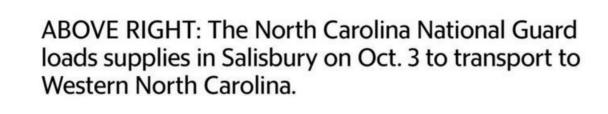
KHADEJEH NIKOUYEH Knikouyeh@charlotteobserver.com A destroyed house with a car under it in Chimney Rock on Sept. 29.

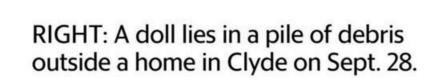


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