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SHEER TERROR
Groom helps with flood rescue at Wilson Creek wedding venue.



TAKING STOCK
County had 37 structures collapses due to Helene; 55 Morganton businesses deemed unsafe.



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MORGANTON HIGH SCHOOL'S FIRST BAND

Morganton High School Band in the fall of 1937. This was the first band at Morganton High School, located on South College Street. The students are positioned in concert formation. They did not have uniforms at that time. The director was A. Moreland Cunningham, standing in the center behind the band. No school funds were available to support the band, so a community-wide campaign was held starting in October to raise \$2,000 for uniforms, music, and instruments. Mayor Benedict Bristol issued a proclamation to support the campaign, designating Oct. 10-16 as Band Week in Morganton. By the spring of 1937, band members, dressed in their new uniforms, won top honors in their division at the state music contest in Greensboro. Greene Studio created this image, provided by R. Douglas Walker, Jr., to Picture Burke, a digital photograph preservation project of the N.C. Room of the Burke County Public Library.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Editor's note: Calendar items must be submitted at least five days before an event. Email all items to news@morganton.com.

SUNDAY, OCT. 13
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY MEETING
Berry-Chambers-Wright American Legion Auxiliary Unit 322 will meet at 4 p.m. at Post Headquarters, 204 Roper St., Morganton.

THURSDAY, OCT. 17
BOARD MEETING
New Dimensions will hold its monthly board meeting at 4 p.m. in person on campus as well as via Zoom. Contact ckinard@ndschoo.org for link information.

PRAYER SERVICE
The Burke County Branch of the NAACP will hold a prayer service for recovery, peace and justice from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Mountain View Recreation Center, 645 1st St., Morganton.

SATURDAY, OCT. 19
FISH FRY
Berry-Chambers-Wright American Legion Post 322 will host a community fish fry from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Post Headquarters, 204 Roper St., Morganton. A \$12 fish plate includes fish, baked beans, cornbread, coleslaw, dessert and drink. An \$8 hotdog plate includes chips and a drink. All proceeds benefit the Berry-Chambers-Wright American Legion Post 322 mission to help our community's veterans and their families.

COMMUNITY DAY
Exploring Joara Foundation will host

its community day from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Catawba Meadows Park, 701 Sanford Drive, Morganton. The event is open to the public. Come see native cooking, flint knapping, pottery making, black smiths, Catawba Crafters, an Arquebus and cross-bow demonstration, Spanish reenactors and more. Visit www.exploringjoara.org for more information.

SUNDAY, OCT. 20
HOMECOMING
Gaston Chapel AME Church, 102 Bouchelle St., Morganton, will hold two homecoming services. Rev. Ronald J. Knight from Norfolk, Virginia, a former pastor of Gaston Chapel, will preach the morning service at 11 a.m. Current pastor, Rev. Allen E. Warren, will preach the afternoon service at 3 p.m.

HOMECOMING
Hildebran First Baptist Church, 8831 Old NC 10, Hildebran, will hold its 136th homecoming at 11 a.m. Bring a picnic basket full of your favorite foods to share at lunch time.

FAMILY REUNION
The Lingafeldt, Lingafelt, Lingerfelt 77th Family Reunion will be held at 1 p.m. at Catawba Valley Baptist Church, 706 Le-noir Road, Morganton. A memorial service will be held following the meal to celebrate the lives of those family members who have passed during the last year. Those attending are asked to bring canned food for Burke United Christian Ministries and a favorite covered dish.

MONDAY, OCT. 21
REVIVAL

Gaston Chapel AME Church, 102 Bouchelle St., Morganton, will hold revival service at 7 p.m. with Rev. Samuel Verdel from Hartland AME and Mars Hill AME churches preaching.

MEETING
The Valdese ABC Board plans to hold a meeting at the Valdese ABC Store located at 1018 Main St. W., Valdese, at 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCT. 22
REVIVAL
Gaston Chapel AME Church, 102 Bouchelle St., Morganton, will hold revival service at 7 p.m. with Rev. Andrea Purcell, pastor of Slades Chapel AME Church. The choir will come to present the music.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 23
REVIVAL
Gaston Chapel AME Church, 102 Bouchelle St., Morganton, will hold revival service at 7 p.m. with Rev. LaTrice Lylerly, pastor of New Hope in Christ Church, and music provided by the church choir.

SATURDAY, OCT. 26
EGGROLL FUNDRAISER
First Hmong Baptist Church of Morganton, 301 Walker Road, Morganton, will hold an eggroll fundraiser from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Eggrolls, chicken sticks, fried rice and boba tea all are available for purchase. Pre-order by emailing tsoogthoj@gmail.com or by calling 530-645-8980.

SUNDAY, OCT. 27
MEN'S DAY
Shiloh AME Church, 1323 N. Powerhouse Road, Morganton, will observe Men's

Day with guest preacher Reverend Thomas O. Nixon, presiding elder of the northern district of the North Carolina Annual Conference. Music will be by the King's Men Choir. Herbert McDowell is Men's Day chair and Rev. Wayne A. Johnson Sr. is the pastor.

MONDAY, OCT. 28
RETIRED SCHOOL PERSONNEL LUNCH
Burke County Retired School Personnel will meet at 11:15 a.m. at Timberwoods Family Restaurant, 1501 Bethel Road, Morganton. September and October birthdays will be celebrated. Candidates for the November election are invited to come and present their platforms. All members are invited to bring a guest. Non-members are also welcomed.

FRIDAY, NOV. 3
HOT DOG SALE
NCDHHS DSDHH Morganton Regional Center is holding a Hot Dog Fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to raise money for the NC State Employees Combined Campaign at 107 Foothills Drive, Morganton. For \$4, you get a hot dog, soda and chips. For \$6, you get two hot dogs, soda and chips. Desserts are \$1. For more information, contact Vanda Brock at 828-430-7185, ext. 111, or vanda.brock@dhhs.nc.gov.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 6
WPCC SPEAKERS FORUM
Western Piedmont Community College, 1001 Burkemont Ave., Morganton, will host a speakers forum on the topic Resilience and The Power of Strong Partnerships featuring Dr. Pam Senegal, president of Piedmont Community College. The

forum will begin at noon in Leviton Auditorium at Moore Hall.

THURSDAY, NOV. 7
NAACP ELECTIONS
The Burke County Chapter of the NAACP will hold its election for officers and at-large members of the executive committee by electronic voting platform from 4-8 p.m. In order to vote in a branch election, one must be a member in good standing with the branch 30 days before the election. The election will be conducted electronically by the national office. Ballots will be sent electronically to the email or cellphone on record.

MONDAY, NOV. 11
VETERANS DAY PROGRAM
The Burke County Veterans Day Program will be held at 11 a.m. at the Foothills Higher Education Center, 2128 S. Sterling St., Morganton. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Molly Eller at 828-439-4376.

MONDAY, NOV. 18
MEETING
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