

Andrew Frazier, TJ Magee lead Davidson over Presbyterian 48-37 in delayed conference opener

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DAVIDSON, N.C. (AP) — Andrew Frazier threw a touchdown pass and had two of Davidson's five touchdown runs, TJ Magee returned an interception 98 yards for a score and the Wildcats defeated Presbyterian 48-37 on Sunday night after the two teams were forced to wait an extra day because of severe weather from Tropical Storm Helene.

The site of the Pioneer Football League opener was also moved from Clinton, S.C., to Davidson College Stadium.

Frazier completed all three of his passes for 50 yards and carried five times for 33 yards, scoring on a 16-yard run to give Davidson (3-1) a 7-0 lead after one quarter.

Mason Sheron had a 1-yard touchdown run three minutes into the second quarter and the Wildcats led 14-0. Magee's interception came on second-and-goal at the 1-yard line for the Blue Hose for a 21-0 advantage. Sheron had another short touchdown run and Frazier fired a 60-yard scoring strike to Aaron Malone for a 35-13 lead at halftime.

Collin Hurst threw touchdown passes covering 23 yards to Dominic Kibby and 15 to Nathan Levicki to pull Presbyterian (2-3) within 35-25. but it would get no closer after Mari Adams followed with a 63-yard touchdown run for the Wildcats.

Frazier completed 8 of 10 passes for 159 yards and rushed eight times for 51. Adams carried 16 times for 128 yards while Sheron added 93 on 11 carries. The Wildcats rushed for 355 yards.

Hurst finished with 358 yards on 23-for-37 passing. Worth Warner had eight catches for 132 yards. Zach Switzer had two short scoring runs and a touchdown catch. Quante Jennings had a 33-yard touchdown run.

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Governor urges people to donate to NC Disaster Relief

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RALEIGH - Governor Roy Cooper is encouraging donations to the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund to help communities recover from catastrophic damage caused by Tropical Storm Helene.

"There is a massive effort underway to get help to the people of Western North Carolina including state and federal relief but we know there will be additional needs," Governor Roy Cooper said. "If you're able to give, please consider a donation to help North Carolinians as they clean up and recover from Helene."

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United Way of North Carolina is the fiscal agent for the Fund and will provide grants and reimbursement to nonprofits working in impacted communities.

"United Way of North Carolina is proud to partner with the Governor's Office to manage the NC Disaster Relief Fund. We recognize the critical importance of delivering resources to communities for effective relief efforts. Together with the Governor's Office, we are committed to ensuring that communities in western North Carolina affected by Hurricane Helene receive the support they need. This unprecedented situation calls for collective action to provide both immediate relief and long-term recovery assistance," said Brittany Pruitt Fletcher, President and CEO of United Way of North Carolina.

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If sufficient donations are collected to support long term recovery work, the North Carolina Community Foundation's affiliate foundations and statewide grants committee will work to ensure that all remaining donations are distributed to nonprofits that can best serve unmet needs in affected communities.

Donations to the NC Disaster Relief Fund are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

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Mayberry parade provides respite

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If ever folks needed an escape from reality, it was this past weekend in storm-battered Mount Airy — where the notion of retreating to the earlier, simpler time of Mayberry proved more than a tourism promotional pitch.

As makeshift signs posted outside downtown businesses communicated a common refrain of "Closed — no power," people sat in lawn chairs just feet away Saturday to enjoy a pleasant diversion: a parade of sights and characters associated with "The Andy Griffith Show."

It was a classic what-a-difference-a-day-makes situation. Just 24 hours before, this area was in the midst of a storm that produced heavy rains and high winds.

That combination was devastating to trees and utility lines, leaving an estimated three-fourths of the city without electrical service and parts of Surry County and Virginia equally battered.

Welcome weather

But the fabled new day dawned Saturday as the annual Mayberry Days Parade went on as scheduled to the delight of crowds certainly needing a break.

"You couldn't ask for a brighter day, I suppose," Trey Baucom of Chesterfield, South Carolina, said just before the event while making his way along North Main Street with wife Wendy as sunlight peeked through the clouds.

They were attending Mayberry Days for the first time although the couple had visited Mount Airy previously.

The two rode out the Hurricane Helene-induced storm in a camper while staying at a local campground.

Meanwhile, another couple, Jason and Betsy Helms of Abbottsburg, near Lumberton, had gotten up at 3:30 a.m. Saturday to drive to Mount Airy for the parade with their children Jason III and Staci.

"I'm surprised you can have it," the elder Jason commented in view of the bad weather.

But the annual procession of all things Mayberry always goes on despite whatever climatic conditions are hurled its way, including one year during a vicious rainstorm that drenched streets equally saturated with crowds.

Once here, the Helms family soaked up the Mayberry atmosphere.

"It's got good family values — it gives you that hometown feel," Jason observed. "We're from a small town, too."

Like many attendees, Jason and Betsy were wearing T-shirts paying homage to "The Andy Griffith Show." Jason's fashion choice was one bearing a phrase often emitted by Barney, "Nip it in the bud."

In addition to ones from the Carolinas and Virginia, license plates spotted on parked vehicles lining the central business district were from such states as Arkansas, Indiana, Ohio, West Virginia, Missouri, Illinois and more.

Comments from many locals positioned along the street seemed to be centered on continuing to be without power more than 24 hours after the brunt of the storm hit.

Plentiful parade

The Mayberry Days Parade offered a welcome diversion that was upbeat and full of good cheer, similar to that served up on the long-running television show.

Saturday's procession featured actors who had appeared on the 1960s-era program, along with those dressed as its various characters.

Ronnie Schell, better known as Duke Slater in the "Gomer Pyle.. U.S.M.C." sitcom that spun off from Griffith's show, was among those actors, with Schell occupying his usual perch in local resident Randy Moore's Army Jeep.

Also there were Margaret Teele, who played a character named Agnes Jean Parker, a member of a crime family Barney encounters while in Raleigh. Teele also has "Gomer Pyle" and "Batman" episodes to her credit.

Keith Thibodeaux (aka Richard Keith), who appeared as Opie's pal Johnny Paul in 12 episodes, was another Mayberry notable in the parade.

Daniel Roebuck, a regular on Griffith's later TV series "Matlock," also was a familiar face participating.

Others there were Dreama Denver, wife of Bob Denver, and Don Knotts' daughter Karen.

Those visitors occupied convertibles, generally older-model vehicles befitting the "Andy Griffith Show" period, who waved to admiring onlookers the length of North Main Street.

A group portraying the Darling family rode in a battered truck one might associate with the clan, while golf carts were the preferred means of travel for others.

Mayberry replica squad cars were spotted frequently Saturday.

The procession also was filled with costumed characters walking along the street impersonating Barney, Sheriff Andy, Ernest T. Bass, Floyd the barber, Otis the town drunk and others, who were duplicates in some cases.

Elements of humor further enhanced the much-needed joyous occasion, such as members of the crowd being asked by one of the costumed characters what Otis' favorite part of a baseball game is at one point during the parade.

The answer: The bottom of the fifth.

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White Lake Fire Department Seeks Donations for Hurricane Helene Relief in Western North Carolina

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Staff report

The White Lake Fire Department has opened its doors to accept donations for the people of Western North Carolina affected by the devastation of Hurricane Helene. Following the hurricane's destruction, communities in the region are struggling to rebuild, and local fire departments have called on others for assistance. White Lake Fire Department, having been aided by Western North Carolina fire departments during previous hurricanes such as Matthew and Florence, is now rallying to return the favor.

In close contact with fire chiefs in Western North Carolina, White Lake is working to gather essential supplies to support recovery efforts. The department is requesting donations of specific items that have been identified as urgently needed by residents and emergency personnel. Individuals and organizations are encouraged to drop off these items at the White Lake Fire Department.

The following items are being accepted:
Sports drinks (powdered packets)
Hydration packs (powdered form)
Baby wipes and diapers (for children and adults)
Baby formula
Non-perishable foods
Bug spray
Sunscreen
Plastic utensils, manual can openers
Trash bags (gallon or contractor size)
Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and other toiletries
Pet food (dog and cat)
Cleaning supplies
Plastic sheeting/tarps
Hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes
Feminine hygiene products

Heavy-duty work gloves

Socks (all sizes, unopened)

These supplies will directly support families and individuals working to recover from the hurricane's impact. Community members are also asked to keep those affected in their prayers during this challenging time.

However, the department is unable to accept certain items, including:

Used clothes

Hazardous materials (HAZMAT)

Most chemicals

Flammable items

Donations can be dropped off at the White Lake Fire Department, where volunteers will ensure the supplies reach those in need. This collective effort exemplifies the community spirit of giving back and helping those who once came to the aid of Bladen County during its time of need.

For those unable to donate supplies, prayers and continued support for the residents of Western North Carolina are deeply appreciated. Every bit of help counts as these communities begin to recover and rebuild their lives.

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NC DOT Warns Against Travel in Western North Carolina Due to Hurricane Helene Road Closures

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Staff report

Photos contributed by NCDOT Facebook page

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) has issued a strong reminder for residents and travelers that road conditions in Western North Carolina remain hazardous due to damage caused by Hurricane Helene. Officials have emphasized that travel in the area should be strictly limited to emergencies, as many routes are still impassable.

I-40, a major artery through the region, remains blocked at several points, while I-26 is closed at the Tennessee state line. Additional road closures are expected, as many areas remain unable to report the full extent of the damage. The NCDOT is urging the public to avoid all non-essential travel to and through Western North Carolina.

The department advises checking the latest road conditions via DriveNC.gov for those who must travel, as the situation remains fluid. Images shared by the NCDOT show significant damage, including downed trees and washed-out roadways, which are impeding efforts to reopen the area to traffic.

NCDOT stresses that all roads in the affected area should be treated as closed unless otherwise specified, reinforcing the need for extreme caution during this recovery period.

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Bladen Groups Collecting Donations For Western NC Communities

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Several groups in Bladen County are collecting donations for western North Carolina communities that have been damaged by flooding and winds from Hurricane Helene.

Here are some of those drives that Bladen Online has found. If your organization would like to be included in the list, email bladenonline.com@gmail.com.

TAR HEEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Water, baby items, and non-perishable canned food. Fernando Arrufat and Michael Butler will be taking a load of items on Wednesday. Anyone who would like to donate can bring items to Tar Heel Baptist Church on Tuesday between 3-6 p.m.

WHITE LAKE FIRE DEPARTMENT

The department has been in contact with fire chiefs and fire departments in Western NC that assisted in Bladen County during hurricanes Matthew and Florence. Items can be dropped off at the White Lake Fire Department.

Accepted items

Sports drinks (powered packets), baby wipes, diapers (children and adult), baby formula, non-perishable foods, bug spray, manual can openers, sunscreen, cleaning supplies, plastic utensils, sheeting/tarps, trash bags (gallon or contractor), toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries/sanitation items, hand sanitizer, feminime hygiene products, socks (unopened), hydration packs (powered form)

Unaccepted items

Used clothes, hazardous materials, most chemicals, flammable items.

CLARKTON VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

205 Peach Street, Clarkton

Drinking water, non-perishable food and chainsaws.

"We are asking you to search deep in your own souls when you feel the hesitation not to help," the department wrote on Facebook. "A lot of the people from that area have been to Bladen and surrounding counties in recent past as well as years past to help us in our times of need."

ELIZABETHTOWN CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

FOUNDATION CHURCH

BLADENBORO MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Help on the way: Brunswick County residents band together to aid western North Carolina

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Brunswick County residents are taking action to help our western North Carolina neighbors after Hurricane Helene devastated the area on Friday, Sept. 27.

Across the county, law enforcement, fire departments, churches, nonprofits, businesses and private citizens are pitching in to donate and deliver desperately needed food, water and other essential items to folks in the affected western counties.

The remnants of Hurricane Helene slammed western North Carolina last Friday, resulting in catastrophic and deadly flooding and mudslides.

The Associated Press reported Monday evening that the death toll had risen to 130 and countless more still missing across six states, with over two dozen North Carolina counties affected. Asheville Mayor Esther Manheimer told CNN on Monday that over 600 people are missing from Asheville alone.

Thousands are also without power and water, as over 100 water systems in the region are without power, damaged or under boil water alerts.

In response to the natural disaster, Brunswick County citizens are banding together to provide relief to the thousands of affected residents, as many local residents once lived in western North Carolina or have family who still reside in the region.

Needed items include: non-perishable foods, water, gloves, mops, brooms, tarps, large trash bags, personal bug sprays, shovels, diapers, baby wipes, adult wipes, feminine hygiene products, adult hygiene products, hand sanitizer, batteries, working flashlights, dry dog food and dry cat food.

There are many opportunities in Brunswick County to donate essentials for affected Western North Carolina residents. This is not an exhaustive list, and The Brunswick Beacon will continue updating this story online as new collection sites are opened.

Sunset Beach Fishing Pier collection site

Gary and Teresa Massey have organized a supply drive outside the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier to collect essential food and items for affected residents. The Masseys announced on Sunday afternoon that they will be collecting food, water and essentials for folks in Avery County, North Carolina.

By mid-morning on Monday, Sept. 30, the two trucks parked outside the pier lots were both nearly full and Sunset Beach residents continued pouring into the parking lot to drop off donated food, water and essential items.

Gary Massey, an Avery County native, said he has been blown away by the community's response so far. Teresa Massey, overwhelmed with emotion, echoed Gary's sentiment. "It fills my heart to see people pulling in with carloads of stuff," she said.

A retired public safety professional, Gary Massey said he is in contact with the Avery County sheriff to ensure they will be able to get the supplies to the destination. He said he is able to confirm the collected supplies will reach Avery County.

David Phillips, a native of Newland in Avery County who now lives in Holden Beach, dropped off cases of water and other essentials Monday morning. Phillips recalled a bad storm in 1979 that caused significant flooding in the area, but said he has never seen anything like last week's storm and subsequent destruction.

The two truck were fulled loaded and headed for Avery County by Monday afternoon, and an update was posted to the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier Facebook page on Tuesday, Oct. 1, confirming the donated supplies arrived at the destination.

Teresa Massey told The Brunswick Beacon that the supplies were distributed on Tuesday in Avery, Mitchell and McDowell counties. However, she said there are many other items still needed.

These items include: cleaning supplies, baby food, baby formula, baby bottles, adult and baby diapers, canned foods and can openers, heavy duty trash bags, plastic totes and small, camping-style propane tanks.

Gary Massey added that he will be bringing in a tractor trailer to set up across from the pier lot, noting he hopes to have that ready to load by Wednesday, Oct. 2.

Until that tractor trailer arrives, donated items can be left at the back of The Island Market in its warehouse or in the Sunset Beach Fishing Pier lots, the post notes.

Local resident Daniel Stitt was at the pier loading the vehicles on Monday morning. Stitt is retired from the Union County Sheriff's Office, which is not far from the affected counties.

Stitt said he is also astounded by the outpouring of support. "This is the American spirit," he said. "Outside of politics and all the other craziness — it's people coming out and just jumping in where they can and it's helped."

NCSHP-Shallotte Police Department collection site

The North Carolina State Highway Patrol Troop B has partnered with the Shallotte Police Department for to host a food and supply drive in the Lowe's Home Improvement parking lot at 351 Whiteville Road NW.

Items and food will be collected from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Friday, Oct. 4. The drop-off location is set up near the garden center.

Shallotte Police Chief Adam Stanley said folks started donating on Monday morning as soon as the drive opened. By 10:30 a.m., the police department's trailer was nearly full and additional trailers were set up by Carolina Creations to hold the donated goods.

When the trailers currently on site at Lowe's are filled, more will be brought in, Trooper John King said.

Josh Phillips, who is soon set to join the Shallotte Police Department as a police officer, moved to Brunswick County from Asheville in 2023, and said his parents still live in that area. Phillips said his mom and dad are safe and their home was not flooded, but they are stranded on their property.

His appreciation for the community's response and heart to help left him lost for words, Phillips told The Brunswick Beacon.

Brunswick County Sheriff's Office collection sites

The Brunswick County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) has set up multiple drop-off locations across the county.

BCSO is stationed at Lowe's Foods on Midway Road from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Friday, or folks can drop off items at the main Sheriff's Office in Bolivia from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., or at the substations in Calabash and Belville from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Other collection sites

Canopy Mortgage Shallotte Branch Manager Amy Cain Tarr has partnered with 835 Transport in Clemmons, North Carolina to collect and haul essential items to western North Carolina. Several businesses across Brunswick County have been set up drop-off locations as part of Tarr's collection initiative. Those locations are Century 21 Sunset Realty at 502 Sunset Blvd. North in Sunset Beach, Klinton's Flooring and More at 1633 Seaside Road in Ocean Isle Beach, The Pour House at 4802 Main Street in Shallotte and The Preppy Pineapple at 1564 Market Place Blvd. #200 in Ocean Isle Beach. A drop-off site will also be set up at the North Carolina Oyster Festival later this month.

The Grissettown-Longwood Fire Department is collecting food and essential items every day from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the department located at 758 Longwood Road, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469.

Soldier Bay Baptist Church will be collecting items at the church, located at 3915 Whiteville Road in Ash. The church office will be open for drop-offs on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon.

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County churches, others collecting supplies for Hurricane Helene victims in Western Carolina

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MOREHEAD CITY — The Rev. John Carswell, pastor of Parkview Baptist Church in Morehead City, and his members delivered two large truckloads of supplies Sunday to Burke County in western North Carolina to assist families devastated by flooding from Hurricane Helene.

"I have family up here that were stranded and I started out planning to take supplies to them. I told one of my deacons about it and the word spread and people started giving," Caswell said in a telephone interview Monday. "We were able to get supplies through to Burkemont Baptist Church in Burke County. They also have food trucks out in five communities."

He said any supplies Parkview continues to collect will be taken to Beaufort First Free Will Baptist Church, which has a tractor-trailer set up and will be taking supplies through Thursday.

In addition, Lt. Susan Garland with The Salvation Army in Morehead City and a team were deployed Monday to Hendersonville. The unit has a rapid response vehicle that is filled with supplies and food to assist victims.

Plus, several teams of first responders from Carteret County are also in Western Carolina assisting with rescue efforts.

The Category 4 hurricane came ashore late Thursday in Florida's Big Bend region with 140 mph (225 kph) winds. A weakened Helene quickly moved through Georgia, then soaked the Carolinas and Tennessee with torrential rains that flooded creeks and rivers and strained dams.

There have been hundreds of water rescues since, and the death toll had risen to nearly 100 across three states by Sunday, with at least 30 of those in the Asheville area.

Since the devastation, there have been multiple efforts underway in Carteret County and North Carolina to collect monetary donations and relief supplies to donate to area. While state officials still encourage people to remain off roads in western Carolina, Carswell said there are ways to get emergency supplies through.

For those wanting to help, here is a list of some of the efforts underway in Carteret County:

First Free Will Baptist Church of Beaufort

First Free Will Baptist Church of Beaufort is collecting relief supplies for Hurricane Helene victims Monday through Thursday. An 18-wheeler Is parked at the church as a drop-off location for supplies and donations to be taken to the Western part of the state.

Carteret County Chamber of Commerce

Many individuals, organizations, businesses, and public agencies are working to collect supplies for our neighbors in Western North Carolina. The Chamber staff are keeping a live Google Document of known donation drop-off locations, local fundraisers, and volunteer opportunities. If you need to add something to the list, either create a comment it in the Google Document itself or email taylor@carteretchamber.org.

Here is the link to the Google: carteretchamber.org/helenehelp/

NC Disaster Relief Fund

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East Coast NC Overland

The nonprofit East Coast NC Overland and Croatan High School are partnering with the Carteret County Sheriff's Office to collect relief supplies for Hurricane Helene victims. Items are being collected 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. through next week at Croatan High School. Items being collected include charcoal for grilling, batteries, water, Gatorade, hygiene products, paper products, canned food, baby formula, unused clothing, toiletries, nonperishable food and pet food.

The Salvation Army

The Salvation Army in Morehead City sent a team Monday to Hendersonville with a rapid response vehicle filled with supplies and food. To donate toward Hurricane Helene relief efforts, donate to HelpSalvationArmy.org or call 1-800-725-2769.

Core Sound Waterfowl Museum partnership

The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum on Harkers Island is partnering with others to collect supplies to deliver to the Asheville area. Specific items needed include: food, bottled water, contractor-size trash bags, blankets, first aid supplies, feminine hygiene products, diapers and baby clothes, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels, shovels, brooms, gloves, coolers, propane, cook stoves, flashlights, batteries, fans, dehumidifiers and generators. Drop-off sites are: Miss Gina's Shrimp Stand (Highway 70 outside of Beaufort; Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Harkers Island; Core Sound Waterfowl Museum on Harkers Island; and Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center, 806 Arendell St., Morehead City.

Asheville Humane Society

The catastrophic damage from Hurricane Helene has overwhelmed the Asheville Humane Society, and countless animals are in desperate need of safety. They are partnering with BISSELL Pet Foundation to rescue as many pets as possible. The organization needs emergency fosters to help take animals. If you've never fostered before, that's okay. Fostering is completely free — Forsyth Humane Society will provide you with all of the supplies you might need to help care for one of these animals. If you can step up to help, email foster@forsythhumane.org with the subject line "Hurricane Helene Foster", or check forsythhumane.org/foster for incoming animals.

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Carteret County Emergency Management deploys to western North Carolina to aid in hurricane relief efforts

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CARTERET COUNTY - In response to the devastating impacts of Hurricane Helene in western North Carolina, Carteret County Emergency Management personnel have been deployed to Catawba and Polk Counties to assist

with rescue and relief efforts. A team of personnel, along with supplies and equipment, arrived in the communities of Conover, Newton, and Columbus over the weekend to provide support to impacted residents.

Carteret County officials expressed their sorrow for the devastation caused by the hurricane and emphasized their commitment to helping neighbors in need. "We are deeply saddened by the destruction this storm has brought to our friends in western North Carolina," said Tommy Burns, Carteret County Manager. "Our hearts go out to them as they begin their recovery journey. Many of the agencies we are assisting responded to our community during Hurricane Florence, and now we have the opportunity to show our gratitude and support."

In addition, Broad and Gales Creek Fire Department and other local Fire-EMS stations across Carteret County are hosting a supply drive to support western North Carolina's recovery efforts, following the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Helene.

Essential supplies can be dropped off at Broad and Gales Creek Fire Department, 3010 Hwy 24, in Newport, through October 3, between 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monetary donations may also be made through Crystal Coast Boots 'N Badges through cash, check or Venmo to @ccbootsandbadges. Cash or checks may also be delivered to Morehead City Fire-EMS – Station 2 Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Checks should be made out to Crystal Coast Boots & Badges, with the memo line for Helene Recovery. To donate to the NC Disaster Relief Fund, visit

https://pay.payitgov.com/ncdonations.	
Physical items that can be accepted include:	
Sports Drinks (powdered packets)	
Hydration Packs (powder form)	
Non-perishable Food	
Cleaning Supplies	
Trash Bags (13 gallon and/or Contractor Bags)	
Plastic Sheeting/Tarps	
Heavy Duty Work Gloves	
Baby Wipes	
Diapers (Children and Adults)	

Baby Formula

Bug Spray
Sunscreen
Plastic Utensils
Disposable Plates
Paper Towels
Toilet Paper
Manual Can Openers
Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Toiletries/Sanitation Items
Feminine Hygiene Products
Pet Food (Dog and Cat)
Sanitizer Wipes
Socks (All Sizes, Unopened Package)
The following items are unable to be accepted at this time: Used clothing, water (due to weight), HAZMAT items most chemicals to include bleach, fuel, hand sanitizer and flammable items.

This supply drive is to help our neighbors in western North Carolina as they deal with the catastrophic loss from

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Operation Airdrop in Concord

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Helene's devastation in western NC reminds us why government is so important - Opinion

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In the wake of Hurricane Helene, western North Carolina is facing what officials are calling "biblical devastation." Entire communities washed away. A whole region physically and digitally isolated from the rest of the state, with most roads completely impassable. No power or water, and no cell service to contact loved ones or call for help.

What we do know is devastating. What we don't yet know is terrifying. It's worse than most anyone could have imagined. And it's times like these that we recognize the value of good government, as local, state and federal agencies work tirelessly to provide a lifeline to flood victims.

President Joe Biden quickly approved a federal "major disaster declaration" that expedites aid to affected areas. That includes providing grants for temporary housing and home repairs and reimbursing local governments, state agencies and nonprofits for repairing facilities, roads and other infrastructure. The National Guard, deployed by Gov. Roy Cooper, has completed more than 100 rescue operations in western North Carolina in recent days. In addition to search and rescue, troops have worked to deliver critical supplies and restore damaged infrastructure. North Carolina Emergency Management is helping people locate loved ones, and local governments and public universities have stepped up to provide shelter, power, food and water to those in need.

There are, of course, challenges. How do you reach people that need help when so many roads and highways are completely washed away? How do you know who's in trouble when they can't pick up the phone and dial for help? How do people know that help is available if they have no internet access?

But help is out there — and yet there are too many elected officials who want to dismantle the very things that are helping people right now.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-10.JPGA rescue team paddles down the Swannanoa River on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

One startling example: Project 2025 calls for dismantling the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), which could have significant implications for important agencies like the National Weather Service and the National Hurricane Center that fall under NOAA's umbrella. While Project 2025 does not call for the latter two to be dismantled — only "reviewed" —- experts say that it could limit public access to the forecasts of the NWS and the National Hurricane Center by requiring them to "commercialize their services."

At the same time, Republicans have repeatedly engaged in brinkmanship when it comes to funding the government, and too many seem too willing to force a shutdown in order to extract the spending cuts they desire. Congress still has yet to pass a long-term spending bill for the federal government, instead keeping the lights on through temporary funding measures that fail to address the needs of agencies like FEMA.

The most recent funding measure, which passed just days before Helene's arrival, failed to include billions of dollars in supplemental funding for FEMA as congressional leaders were "forced to acquiesce to the demands of Congress' most conservative fiscal hawks, whose votes were thought to be pivotal for passage," Politico reported. FEMA continues to stare down a nearly \$2 billion deficit that has forced the agency to abandon longer-term recovery projects in order to focus on "immediate needs" and life-saving measures.

The past several days have been so awful for so many people. Catastrophic, even. We should want our government to make things less awful. We shouldn't want what Donald Trump and so many Republicans want, which is to do away with programs and services that help people. Of course, no one is calling for wasteful spending or an open wallet to fund anything and everything in government. But the reflexive "cut government" mentality that so many Republicans seem to have is misguided, and this weekend is a good reminder why.

Let's be clear: Western North Carolina cannot rebuild from this disaster on its own. Many of the worst affected areas are rural, low-income communities that were struggling before this disaster hit and will struggle even more now. Our so-called "big government" is what is saving lives right now. It's providing desperately needed assistance to people who are vulnerable and have lost everything. And every politician — Democrat or Republican — should do everything in their power to make that work easier, not harder.

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Western North Carolina communities hope for 'some sort of lifeline' after Helene damage

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A long stretch of Swannanoa is no more.

Businesses and homes along the Swannanoa River were destroyed by Helene, which hit Florida as a Category 4 hurricane before it dumped historic rain totals in western North Carolina as a tropical storm. At least 30 people have died in Buncombe County alone, Sheriff Quentin Miller announced in an afternoon press briefing.

People in Swannanoa, a community east of Asheville along Interstate 40, scrambled for water, gas and other basic supplies this weekend. Help began arriving this weekend from the National Guard and others traveling from across the region.

Meanwhile, North Carolina received a major disaster declaration for 25 counties that will provide quicker help to those who need it. The federal government also says it will reimburse local governments, state agencies and nonprofits for repairs.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-29.JPGSwannanoa residents share rolls of toilet paper on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

Rescue workers will navigate their way through a maze of impassible roads and debris caused by Helene. Roads became rivers. Lakes filled with debris. And in many communities, there's just nothing left.

The situation is dire. Many of North Carolina communities haven't had fresh water, internet or cell service for multiple days.

"It seems like there would be more people here by now," said Dustin Ebert, whose home is about 200 yards away from the main stretch of road that got destroyed in Swannanoa.

His floors got flooded, and he has three kids in the house. Around him, the roads were covered in dirt and dark mud. Old U.S. Highway 70 was fragmented and broken apart, much of it landing in the ravine below.

"But you know: What else can you do?" he asked.

More help wasn't coming, he was certain.

"Where is FEMA at when we need it?" Angela McGee asked as she walked along that road while searching for her mobile home that wound up far from its usual spot.

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McGee said she heard about a mandatory evacuation late, and she's currently living with her kids in her car.

"We are down here in a disaster and no one is helping us out," she said.

She wants more than a federal agency to show up. She needs water, cell service, shelters and food. Everything she's learned has been through word of mouth, and she's "infuriated," she said.

For about a year Shemsuddin Millard prepped to open Black Mountain Improvisational Theater next door to Swannanoa. In another two months, he could've started lessons and workshops for people who want to do unscripted theater.

The question for him as he stood by his destroyed hopes: what's next?

"Maybe the hard part is hoping that there's some sort of lifeline and wondering if that's there, but then kind of being faced with the reality that: No, there is not," he said. "Might as well just f—ing laugh about it. Because, you know, what else is there? I already cried."

NC National Guard

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-37.JPGA search and rescue team out of Atlantic Beach, N.C. examines a van swept into the river in Swannanoa, N.C. by flooding from Helene. They were assisting in the community, Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024.

National Guard humvees rolled through Black Mountain and Swannanoa on Sunday. Helicopters buzzed by every so often. A slew of law enforcement agencies and the National Guard handed out water bottles at an Ingles in Black Mountain. The grocery store's lot was filled.

Atlantic Beach Fire Department Deputy Chief Casey Arthur was "clearing" a van that had fallen into the river with some National Guardsmen in Swannanoa early Sunday afternoon, "making sure nothing's inside."

They'd finish that job and keep moving down the river, he said. Searches started to taper off as cellphone service returned in spurts in corners of the county.

"These guys in Swannanoa have been running constantly," he said.

Western NC cell phone service

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-40.JPGAn aerial view of flood damage in Swannanoa on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

Not being able to call others has been among the biggest problems for survivors. Panicked family members can't reach their loved ones in communities devastated by the storm.

Families wondered: Are they alive?

Karen Morris worried about a relative in the county who needed to be cared for at home. She got a text Sunday morning: that relative had no power, no water and her oxygen was no longer working.

"We tried to get (family) to get ahold of 911," Morris said. "We don't know yet whether they were able to do that."

Gov. Roy Cooper said during an interview on CNN Sunday that families who can't reach their loved ones can contact North Carolina's 211 service to ask for a welfare check. The United Way, which operated the service, also has a form on its website to request one.

See the devastation Helene left in western NCNews & Observer photojournalist Travis Long and Charlotte Observer photojournalist Khadejeh Nikouyeh document the destruction left in the path of Helene as it ravaged the western

mountain region of North Carolina over the weekend.

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Charlotte restaurants, businesses come together for Helene relief effort. You can help.

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As thousands of people are picking up the pieces from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, several businesses around Charlotte are working to support those affected by the storm across the state.

Along with several nonprofit organizations accepting donations to provide food, water and other emergency supplies for victims, local restaurants, bars, boutiques and other businesses that have set up fundraisers and donation drop-offs to give back to the communities around North Carolina heavily hit by the storm. Here is a list, and we will update it on our website at CharlotteFive.com as we learn more:

760 Craft Works

Location: 100 Gilead Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

760 Craft Works in Lake Norman has set up a drop-off site in its taproom for storm victims in Western North Carolina. The team is working with the Huntersville Police Department to send supplies to Mitchell and Yancy Counties along with Lincoln County and Hickory Regional Airports for supply drops throughout Western North Carolina.

1957 Hospitality Group

Location: Cheat's Cheesesteaks, 913 Pecan Ave., Charlotte, N.C., 28205

Location: The Crunkleton, 1957 E 7th St, Charlotte, NC 28204

Location: Puerta, 1961 E 7th St, Charlotte, NC 28204

Location: Rosemont, 1942 E 7th St #101-H, Charlotte, NC 28204

Cheat's Cheesesteaks is donating a percentage of weekend sales to the WNC Aid for Farmers fund by Piedmont Culinary Guild in support of Piedmont Culinary Guild farmers. The Crunkleton will donate all sales of its Bright Days Ahead and New Air cocktails (\$17 each) to support BeLoved Asheville, which is distributing food and water. Puerta will donate all sales of its Tijuana Lady and Montanista cocktails (\$17 each) to Project Do Good: High Country Disaster Relief Fund, which is partering with local churches, rescue teams and shelters. Rosemont will donate all sales of its Bee's Knees and Hanky Panky cocktails (\$17 each) to Support Hope Mill Inc's Hurricane Relief, which is making supply drops in rural areas. The restaurant will also be hosting a relief drive drop-off for dry goods, toiletries, water bottles and non-perishables.

AerialCLT

Location: 801 N Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28206

AerialCLT is collecting donations at the studio for Operation Airdrop in support of storm damage from Helene. The fitness studio is accepting powdered hydration packs, baby wipes, diapers, baby formula, bug spray, sunscreen, plastic utensils, trash bags, non-perishable foods, cleaning supplies, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries and more.

Arrichion

Location: 125 Winona St, Charlotte, NC 28203

Arrichion's yoga and circuit training studio in Charlotte will be hosting a special donation-based mystery stone class Oct. 5 at 10 a.m. with proceeds going to Red Cross of North Carolina. The studio is asking for a \$15 minimum donation for the class open to all members and nonmembers.

Artisan Vegelato

Location: 301 W John St #5356, Matthews, NC 28105

At Artisan Vegelato, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee hurricane relief.

Bad Daddy's Burger Bar

Location: 15105 John J Delaney Dr Ste A, Charlotte, NC 28277

Location: 1626 East Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203

Bad Daddy's is hosting a supply drive through Oct. 11, where the restaurant is collecting items including nonperishable food, hygiene products, baby formula/diapers, food/pet supplies, blankets/bedding and powdered hydration packets.

The Batch House

Location: 901 Berryhill Rd, Charlotte, NC 28208

This week, The Batch House's 100 percent of the sales from its coffee cake will go toward helping hurricane victims.

Blaze Pizza

Location: Multiple

Blaze Pizza's Asheville team members have been affected by the storm, and the team is launching a GoFundMe to help them. The pizzeria has been part of the Asheville community for 10 years and has ties to Charlotte — and entrepreneur Jimmy Sierra is the franchise owner for Blaze Pizzas in the Charlotte, Gastonia and Asheville markets. In the meantime, if you want to drop supplies off for team members in need at any Charlotte-area Blaze Pizza between now and 10 a.m. Friday, Oct. 4, the team will be driving to Asheville and can take them along. Feel free to drop them off after Friday as well and they will be delivered during a future trip.

[Charlotte restaurateurs had to watch from afar while Helene destroyed their Asheville locations.]

Botiwalla by Chai Pani

Location: Optimist Hall, 1115 N Brevard St UNIT 203, Charlotte, NC 28206

Guests can add a donation directly to their check when they dine at Botiwalla by Chai Pani in Optimist Hall. All donations go towards supporting Chai Pani Restaurant Group team members who have been impacted by Hurricane Helene.

Built On Hospitality

Location: The Goodyear House, 3032 N Davidson St, Charlotte, NC 28205

Location: Haymaker, 225 S Poplar St, Charlotte, NC 28202

Location: Old Town Kitchen and Cocktails, 300 Technology Center Way Suite #203, Rock Hill, SC 29730

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 2, Built On Hospitality is asking guests of its restaurants — The Goodyear House, Haymaker and Old Town Kitchen and Cocktails — if they'd like to round up their bills to donate to Manna FoodBank in Asheville. Guests can also donate a custom amount.

Camp North End

Location: 300 Camp Rd, Charlotte, NC 28206

Through Oct. 5, you can drop-off essential supplies for Operation Airdrop at Camp North End events and participating businesses, including:

Black Moth Bars Bolton and MenkCanteenCurrent Nostalgia Dupp and SwatFresh Produce Good Postage GrowHardy Boy Records MacFly FreshPasseroRent Eboards Room Service Seemingly Overzealous Soul Miner's GardenThat's Novel BooksWily Windy O'Connor Art & Home You vs Yourself

camp north end helene event donation dropoffs

Canteen at Camp North End

Location: 1824 Statesville Ave #100, Charlotte, NC 28206

The Canteen at Camp North End is able to purchase supplies at a wholesale rate. Venmo donations to @good-company-noda and owners Joey Hewell and Scott Lindsley will use the money to purchase supplies and take it to people who need it in Western North Carolina.

Charlotte Knights

Location: MLK Jr. Blvd side of Truist Field, 404-420 W Martin Luther King Jr Blvd

On Thursday, Oct. 3 from 7 a.m.-7 p.m., the Charlotte Knights and iHeartMedia Charlotte will receive items for those in Western North Carolina. These items will be given to Operation Airdrop and Next Level Disaster Relief. Bring: sports drinks (powdered packets), hydration packs (powder form), baby wipes, diapers (children and adult), baby formula, bug spray, sunscreen, plastic utensils, manual can openers, trash bags (13 gallon or contractor bags), nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies, plastic sheeting/tarps, toothbrushes, toothpaste, toiletries/sanitation items, pet food (dog and cat), hand sanitizer, sanitizer wipes, feminine hygiene products and heavy duty work gloves and socks (all sizes, unopened). Use the ballpark side of MLK Jr. Blvd. to drop off items.

Charlotte Motor Speedway

Location: 5555 Concord Pkwy S, Concord, NC 28027

Charlotte Motor Speedway is collecting essential items, including bottled water and non-perishable food, for victims in the N.C. mountain areas. Items can be dropped off at the speedway each Wednesday from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. through the month of October to be distributed.

Concord Walmart

Location: 5825 Thunder Road NW, Concord, NC 28027

On Friday, Oct. 4 until 5 p.m. a group of volunteers with Operation Airdrop will be accepting donations outside of the Walmart in Concord to be delivered to Western North Carolina storm victims. You can drop off hydration packs, bug spray, sunscreen, sleeping bags, warm clothes, diapers, wipes, contractor size trash bags, non-perishable food, toiletries, pet food, feminine hygiene products, socks and more.

Chef Alyssa Kitchen

Location: 4001 Yancey Rd, Charlotte, NC 28217

Chef Alyssa's Kitchen is collecting donations and making 1,500 meals and granola bars to deliver to Black Mountain on Saturday morning.

Coffee Republic

Location: Multiple

Coffee Republic is collecting donations at any of its North Carolina locations, including Huntersville, Denver, Mooresville, Cornelius, Matthews and Ballantyne. Suggested items include baby formula, children's medicine, diapers, pet food, flashlights, batteries and more.

The Cowfish Sushi Burger Bar

Location: 4310 Sharon Rd, Charlotte, NC 28211

The Cowfish Sushi Burger Bar in Charlotte will be collecting donations until Thursday, Oct. 3 to deliver to victims in Western North Carolina. The restaurant is accepting nonperishable food, pet food, cleaning supplies, toiletries, tarps, plastic utensils, sunscreen and more.

Customshop

Location: 1601 Elizabeth Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204

Customshop will hold a "Customshop for WNC" dining out night on Oct. 16, with 25 percent of sales going to BeLoved Asheville. Diners can also contribute to the cause via a donation line at the bottom their receipts now through Oct. 16.

Duckworth's Grill & Taphouse

Location: Several locations in the Charlotte area

Duckworth's, The Cellar at Duckworth's and Link & Pin are donating 5 percent of total sales across all Duckworth's and Link & Pin locations to Hearts With Hands beginning Wednesday, Oct. 9.

Additionally, The Loft at Duckworth's will also be donating 5 percent of total sales, beginning Thursday, Oct. 10.

EEZ

Location: 16925 Birkdale Commons Pkwy F, Huntersville, NC 28078

EeZ Fusion & Sushi in Birkdale Village is accepting donations until Thursday, Oct. 3 for victims in western North Carolina. The Lake Norman restaurant is collecting nonperishable food, cleaning supplies, toiletries and more.

The Evening Muse

Location: 3227 N Davidson St, Charlotte, NC 28205

The Evening Muse and Tosco Music are donating all the money from open mic nights on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 to hurricane relief in Western North Carolina. Bring items to donate as well when you come out for open mic.

Fred & June's Books

Location: 248 N Main St, Mooresville, NC 28115

At Fred and June's Books, 10 percent of in-store sales this week will be donated to the N.C. Relief fund.

Goldberry Books

Location: 12 Union St S, Concord, NC 28025

Goldberry Books is accepting essential supplies to be delivered to victims Burnsville, Marion, Hendersonville, and Black Mountain. Nonperishable foods, cleaning supplies, trash bags, toiletries, pet food, feminine hygiene products and more can be donated through Oct. 3.

GoodVets Charlotte

Location: 1713 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

At GoodVets Charlotte's Plaza Midwood location, drop donations of pet items, including pet food, collars, leashes, carriers, blankets and first aid or human needs, including nonperishable human food, blankets, feminine hygiene products, water and first aid.

Great Wagon Road Distilling Co. NoDa and local breweries

Location: 610 Anderson St, Charlotte, NC 28205

Great Wagon Road Distilling Co., in partnership with other Charlotte-area breweries, is collecting supplies for victims in Western North Carolina. Water, first aid supplies, toiletries and other essential items can be dropped off at the following locations in addition to its NoDa location:

Great Wagon Road Distilling Co. Waxhaw: 122 W North Main St, Waxhaw, NC 28173Divine Barrel Brewing: 3701 N Davidson St Suite #203, Charlotte, NC 28205Heist Brewery and Barrel Arts: 1030 Woodward Ave, Charlotte, NC 28206Town Brewing Company: 800 Grandin Rd, Charlotte, NC 28208Triple C Brewing Company: 2900 Griffith St, Charlotte, NC 28203Resident Culture in Plaza Midwood: 2101 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

20240930_135356.jpgTriple C owner Chris Harker loads up cans filled with water at the brewery. The water will go to help victims of Hurricane Helene.

Grow Cafe

Location: 5342 Docia Crossing Rd Suite B & C, Charlotte, NC 28269

Grow Cafe is collecting money and items including nonperishable food, sunscreen, children and adult diapers and more. Drop off your donations at the cafe for them to be distributed to families in need after Hurricane Helene.

The Happy Camper

Location: 2017 N Davidson St, Charlotte, NC 28205

Location: 3100 N Davidson St # 103, Charlotte, NC 28205

The week of Sept. 30, The Happy Camper is donating a percentage of all online and in-store sales to nonprofits supporting storm victims impacted by Helene.

Heist Brewery and Barrel Arts

Location: 1030 Woodward Ave, Charlotte, NC 28206

Heist and Records on the Wall are teaming up for a benefit show — Nectar, a Picture of Phish — on Friday, Oct. 11 at 8 p.m, with a \$10 suggested donation. All donations and a portion of bar sales will be donated to Asheville.

Higher Grounds by Manolo's

Location: 1501 Queens Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207

At Higher Grounds by Manolo's, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee hurricane relief.

Hi-Wire Brewing Charlotte

Location: 340 W Tremont Ave Suite 140, Charlotte, NC 28203

Hi-Wire Brewing is collecting hurricane relief supplies at its Charlotte, Wilmington and Durham locations to be flown to Asheville and surrounding areas. You can support Hi-Wire's staff via its online relief fund.

The Hobbyist

Location: 2100 N Davidson St, Charlotte, NC 28205

The Hobbyist is accepting donations through Oct. 4 to be delivered to families in need in Western North Carolina. The NoDa bar's team is requesting batteries, flashlights, diapers, baby wipes, baby food, canned goods, bottled water, pet food, feminine products and toiletry items.

Homewurk

Location: Online

The owner of Homewurk, an online Charlotte-based clothing brand, has created a special "Carolina" sweatshirt with 100% of proceeds benefiting nonprofits working to support storm victims. When purchased online, shoppers will be able to allot donations to Samaritan's Purse or Brother Wolf Animal Rescue.

The Hunter Farm

Location: 13624 Providence Rd, Weddington, NC 28104

The Hunter Farm in Weddington has set up a donation bin to collect items for storm victims in Western North Carolina. You can drop off water, protein bars, diapers, baby formula, sports drinks powder, blankets and ready to eat meals at the front desk to be given to Fleetwood Volunteer Fire Department in Ashe County to distribute.

Jack's Corner Tap

Location: 8301 Magnolia Estates Dr, Cornelius, NC 28031

Jack's Corner Tap has set up a trailer outside of its space to gather donations for storm victims impacted by Helene. The Lake Norman bar is accepting nonperishable food, water, medicine, toiletries, blankets, towels, cleaning supplies and more.

Josh's Farmers Market

Location: 630 Brawley School Rd, Mooresville, NC 28117

For the weeks to come, there will be drop-off bins set up at Josh's Farmers Market in Lake Norman to be sent off to storm victims. The farmers market team is requesting food, bottled water, contractor-size trash bags, blankets, first aid supplies, feminine hygiene products, diapers and baby clothes, hand sanitizer, toilet paper, paper towels and more.

The King's Kitchen

Location: 129 W Trade St, Charlotte, NC 28202

Noble Food & Pursuits is collecting donations to support its efforts of providing chef-prepared meals through its non-profit restaurant, The King's Kitchen to those impacted by the storm. Donations can be made online at giving.myamplify.io//app/giving/eGiving-499683.

Lake Norman Brewery

Location: 1753 Triangle Cir, Denver, NC 28037

Lake Norman Brewery is accepting donations to be delivered to Ashe County through Oct. 3 at 10 p.m. The local Denver spot is requesting contractor-size trash bags, shovels, brooms, gloves, non-perishable food, bottled water, first aid supplies, toilet paper, paper towels and more.

Magnolia Coffee

Location: Multiple

Between now and Oct. 6, 25 percent of Magnolia Coffee's online orders will be equally split between the American Red Cross and the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund. Place your order online to automatically contribute.

Mama Ricotta's

Location: 601 S Kings Dr AA, Charlotte, NC 28204

Mama Ricotta's is collecting essential items for storm victims through Oct. 3 at 11 a.m. The Midtown restaurant is accepting nonperishable food, pet food, hand sanitizer, feminine products, toiletries and more.

Manolo's Bakery

Location: 4405 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

At Manolo's Bakery, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee hurricane relief.

Midwood Smokehouse (Plaza Midwood)

Location: 1401 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

The team behind Midwood Smokehouse has set up a donation site at its Plaza Midwood location. The restaurant's team is requesting hydration packets, baby wipes, diapers, bug spray, sunscreen, plastic utensils, manual can openers, trash bags, nonperishable foods and more be dropped off before Oct. 3 at 11 a.m.

Mimosa Grill

Location: 327 S Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28202

Mimosa Grill is hosting an Oct. 12 dinner to benefit Helene survivors, with donations going to World Central Kitchen. The collaboration will include chef Brittany Cochran of Stagioni, chef Kaley Laird of Mimosa Grill, chefs Ryan Allen and Ryan Forte of Carolina Farm Trust and chef Nic Daniels of TPC Piper Glen. The four-course dinner is \$75 per person and includes wine.

McLaren Charlotte

Location: 6010 Kenley Ln suite c, Charlotte, NC 28217

McLaren Charlotte car dealership has set up a donation drop-off for storm victims in North Carolina and neighboring states. Essential items like food, water and first aid kits can be dropped off anytime from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Murto Made

Location: 11941 Ramah Church Rd, Huntersville, NC 28078

Location: 166 N Main St, Mooresville, NC 28115

Murto Made is collecting donations at both of its distilleries during operating hours or via its GoFundMe. Items include gas (for people's generators) and nonperishable food items.

Neighborhood Theatre and other independent music venues

Location: 511 E 36th St, Charlotte, NC 28205

Independent music venues across the state, including Neighborhood Theatre, will make a donation for every ticket sold in October to assist with hurricane recovery efforts.

NoDa Brewing Co. and other local breweries

NoDa Brewing Co., Birdsong Brewing, the NC Brewers Guild and other local breweries are coming together to can drinking water to make regular shipments to the mountains, according to WCNC. Local breweries in the mountains will distribute the water from there.

OpenTap

Location: 5010 Carmel Center Drive Charlotte, NC 28226

OpenTap is accepting donations for Western North Carolina folks affected by Hurricane Helene. Items include: Hygiene products, bottled water, baby formula, nonperishable food, baby food and toilet paper.

Panzú Brewery

Location: 7251 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd, Mint Hill, NC 28227

Panzú Breweryin Mint Hill is collecting donations for storm victims as temperatures continue to drop. The team is accepting coats, gas heaters, gloves, beanies, blankets, socks, thermal wear, tents, lanterns, camping stoves, camping gear, weatherproof gear and charcoal.

Petty Thieves Brewing Co.

Location: 413 Dalton Ave Suite B, Charlotte, NC 28206

On Thursday, Oct. 3, at Petty Thieves Brewery, three different comedy houses will host a show soto raise money for Asheville charities: Acting Out Studios, Queen City Comedy and Charlotte Comedy Theater. All proceeds will benefit the disaster relief effort from Hurricane Helene. Tickets are \$20, with the option to add an additional donation.

PIE.ZAA

Location: 1440 South Tryon St, Charlotte, NC 28203

Asheville-based PIE.ZAA has set up a GoFundMe to gather supplies and support rebuilding efforts for storm victims around the mountain area. The local pizza restaurant's online fundraiser can be accessed online at gofundme.com/f/together-we-rise-help-asheville-recover.

PlantHouse

Location: 2452 Park Rd Unit D, Charlotte, NC 28203

Location: 16641 Birkdale Commons Pkwy Suite 210, Huntersville, NC 28078

Location: 7211 Waverly Walk Ave B-3, Charlotte, NC 28277

After its Asheville location was damaged in the storm, PlantHouse announced its accepting donations at all of its Charlotte-area locations to be transported to Western North Carolina. The teams are requesting water, toothbrushes, toothpaste, baby formula, diapers, clothing, wipes, blankets, flashlights, pet food and more.

Queen City Animal Hospital

Location: 920 Belmont Ave, Charlotte, NC 28205

Queen City Animal Hospital is gathering supplies to help pets in need after Hurricane Helene. Items in need include dog/cat/small mammal/reptile dry food, plastic or aluminum bowls, crates/cat carriers and cat litter. Please don't bring liquids or chemicals, as the plane is unable to transfer those.

Sanctuary Bistro

Location: 6414 Rea Rd # C2, Charlotte, NC 28277

Sanctuary Bistro is holding special weekly benefit dinners every Thursday in October to support different organizations working to help storm victims affected by Helene, including Sweet Bear Rescue, Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, Humane Society of Charlotte, NC Arts National Relief and Feeding the Carolinas. Ten percent of sales from the dinners will be donated.

Showmars

Location: Multiple

Showmars has partnered with the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund to raise money for disaster recovery efforts.

Restaurant diners can contribute through online or mobile app methods, or in person at the restaurants.

SouthPark After 5

Location: Symphony Park, 4400 Sharon Road, Charlotte NC 28211

Supply donations will be accepted until 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 3 alongside SouthPark After 5 activities. Donations needed include water, nonperishable food items, cleaning supplies and trash bags, diapers and baby wipes, and paper plates and plastic utensils. Adams Beverage and Southern Entertainment are providing a large truck that will deliver supplies to Western North Carolina on Friday, Oct. 4.

The American Red Cross will also be on site for blood donations from 3-8 p.m., thanks to organizing partner Albemarle Corporation.

Suffolk Punch Brewing and SouthPark Mall

Location: 4400 Sharon Rd Space G23D, Charlotte, NC 28211

Via The Independence Fun, people can drop supplies off at Suffolk Punch Brewing at SouthPark now until 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 2. Suffolk Punch Brewing SouthPark is offering a 10% discount (one per family) on any purchase for those who donate bottled water, non-perishable food, PPE, cleaning supplies, hygiene items for adults and children diapers and wipes, children's books and toys, or items such as sleeping bags, can openers, solar device chargers, flashlights, batteries, buckets, shovels, and rakes.

Summit Coffee

Location: Multiple

Summit Coffee has been personally touched by the tragedy of Hurricane Helene: Its cafe in Asheville's River Arts District is gone. Until Oct. 6, the coffee shop will give 100% of proceeds from all online coffee orders to a fund for that team from the River Arts District.

SweatNET Charlotte and other local fitness studios

SweatNET is teaming up with several fitness studios around the Charlotte area to collect donations all month long to be delivered to Operation Airdrop every Friday in October. Essential items can be dropped off at the following studios:

Pure Barre Charlotte: 603 Providence Rd, Charlotte, NC 28207Cross Conditioning Training: 901 S Kings Dr #125, Charlotte, NC 28204, 2935 Providence Rd # 103, Charlotte, NC 28211Beem: 1422 S Tryon St Suite 170, Charlotte, NC 28203Neighborhood Barre: 8415 Pit Stop Ct NW Suite 103, Concord, NC 28027

Sycamore Taproom

Location: 2151 Hawkins St, Charlotte, NC 28203

On Thursday, Oct. 3, Sycamore Taproom is hosting a night with live music, pints and a Canes raffle, where proceeds will benefit supplies and animal rescue help in Western North Carolina. You can bring supplies or donate via venmo. Dean Peterson performs from 4-7 p.m. and Side Dish and Desert Tacos take the stage from 7-11 p.m.

Tita's Cake House

Location: 115 E Innes St, Salisbury, NC 28144

At Tita's Cake House, 10 percent of all sales will be donated to Western North Carolina and Eastern Tennessee hurricane relief.

Vaulted Oak Brewing

Location: 3726 Monroe Rd, Charlotte, NC 28205

Vaulted Oak Brewing is collecting donations for the Asheville Humane Society as well as Brother Wolf Animal Rescue, which has lost all of its buildings, vehicles and resources – and has 137 foster animals to care for. Add your donation to your tab and Vaulted Oak will split the total to help the two organizations.

Vestique

Location: 1532 East Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28203

Location: 717 Atando Ave Suite G, Charlotte, NC 28206

Vestique will be collecting nonperishable supplies at its warehouse and flagship store in Charlotte until Friday, Oct. 4 to be delivered to victims western North Carolina. The boutique team will be collecting bottled water, nonperishable food, contractor-size trash bags, blankets, first aid supplies, feminine hygiene products, diapers, hand sanitizer, toilet paper and paper towels.

Winnie's Boutique

Location: 1222 Central Ave, Charlotte, NC 28204

Winnie's Boutique in Plaza Midwood is accepting essential items to be delivered to Western North Carolina and affected communities in South Carolina. Along to taking drop-off donations, the local boutique will also be donating all proceeds from its "Carolina" t-shirts and tank tops to charitable organizations.

West Kept Secret

Location: 1444 Harding Pl, Charlotte, NC 28204

West Kept Secret is hosting a donation-based class on Oct. 3rd with all proceeds benefiting Operation Airdrop. The class begins at 8:30 a.m.

White Duck Matthews

Location: 131 E John St Suite A, Matthews, NC 28105

White Duck's Matthews location is raising money to give to MANNA FoodBank in Asheville. Each dollar you donate will enter you into a raffle at the restaurant, with prizes including a \$100 gift card, merch and more. The raffle will run through Oct. 8 and winners will be announced on Oct. 9.

The Wing King Cafe

Location: 13209 Carowinds Blvd, Charlotte, NC 28273

Location: 200 N Dobys Bridge Rd, Fort Mill, SC 29715

Location: 8356 Charlotte Highway, Indian Land, South Carolina

The Wing King Cafe will be collecting supplies for storm victims at all three of its locations around the Charlotte

area through Oct. 5. Nonperishable food items, toiletries and other essential supplies will be accepted for victims in the North Carolina mountain areas.

Wooden Robot

Location: 1440 S Tryon St UNIT 110, Charlotte, NC 28203

Location: 416 E 36th St STE 100, Charlotte, NC 28205

Wooden Robot is asking for supply donations to bring to shelters in Western North Carolina. The breweries are seeking emergency supplies, including water, baby needs, hydration packets, toiletries, new socks and underwear — "the things you notice first when they're gone," the team stated on Instagram. Daily trips will be made to Asheville area with donations.

Donations can be brought to either of Wooden Robots locations or to other local dropoff spots:

Thrift Pony in Plaza Midwood: 1110 Morningside Dr Suite E, Charlotte, NC 28205Compleat Kidz Belmont Clinic: 54 Myrtle St, Belmont, NC 28012Alchemy Co-Working, Gastonia (available Monday): 121 W Main Ave, Gastonia, NC 28052Patagonia Charlotte (Monday-Saturday 11 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m.-6 p.m.): 101 W Worthington Ave #180, Charlotte, NC 28203Common Market Oakwold (Sunday-Monday: 8 a.m. -8 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.) 4420-A Monroe Rd, Charlotte, NC 28205SEAC Village (Monday-Friday) 500 Bradford Dr, Charlotte, NC 28208Carolina Migrant Network (Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.) 3400 Shamrock Dr, Charlotte, NC 28215Central Law Group (Monday-Friday) 6769 Albemarle Rd STE B, Charlotte, NC 28212

YAFO Kitchen (Plaza Midwood)

Location: 1331 Central Ave #101, Charlotte, NC 28205

YAFO Kitchen is collecting donations for Western North Carolina storm victims at its Plaza Midwood restaurant. Essential items can be dropped off anytime before Oct. 3 at 11 a.m.

Did we miss a local business providing support to storm victims in North Carolina? Let us know at charlottefive@charlottefive.com.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-29.JPGSwannanoa residents share rolls of toilet paper on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

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NCHSAA commissioner: Damage from Hurricane Helene could affect NC prep playoff schedule

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Eight years ago, the N.C. High School Athletic Association pushed back the start of its football playoffs due to Hurricane Matthew.

NCHSAA commissioner Que Tucker said that could be a possibility again this year after the devastation brought to the western part of the state by Hurricane Helene.

Tucker said any decisions about the playoffs would come from the NCHSAA Board of Directors, which she expects will meet via Zoom sometime later this week.

"With the devastation they have had," Tucker said Monday. "I'm not sure one week would do it. But that's a decision that has to be made by our board members. As a staff we want to huddle up and look at what we have found and see what we can come up with to present to the board, but we want to make sure our board members (from the regions most affected) can be on the Zoom with us because they have boots-on-the-ground knowledge, and we need to get their perspective."

Tucker said in her talks with coaches and athletic officials in the mountains that the damage is excessive and that schools in all four of the NCHSAA's classes have been affected.

So the association will not be able to delay one or two classifications in the playoffs, she said.

CLT_NCSHOF247_Marilyn "Que" Tucker, North Carolina High School Athletic Association's Commissioner, speaks during a press conference for inductees into the NC Sports Hall of Fame at Johnson & Wales University in Charlotte, NC on Friday, May 10, 2024.

Tucker also doesn't expect that many football games, or any sports, will be played in that region this week. She noted she saw a photograph of the football field at Morganton's Freedom High School showing it almost completely submerged.

"Even if we thought one school could play, well, who would they be playing?" Tucker asked. "How can they get there? That's the crazy part. We talked to a coach at Mountain Heritage and he had been out with a chainsaw trying to help. He stopped long enough and found a spot with cell service and said it may be two months before they can get back to school; that they are using the school building to house the workers and everybody."

The NCHSAA playoffs are scheduled to begin in about two weeks, with girls' tennis (Oct. 14), volleyball (Oct. 19), girls' golf (Oct. 21) and cross-country (Oct. 26) up first.

Football playoffs are scheduled to begin Nov. 8.

"Until we can get a true assessment to when schools can return to play, and just be able to open up school, we can't make decisions at this point," Tucker said. "But I do know our board will be as far as equitable as when they were dealing with situations (brought on by past weather events) in eastern North Carolina."

Tucker said she is worried about how to get the playoffs going, knowing they are important so many schools and athletes and families. But seeing the images of the damage done, she said, is heartbreaking.

"It's a lot to think about," Tucker said. "Some people don't have drinking water. But you have to have hope, and hope brings about renewed excitement to push through. We know when we get to the other side, we'll play again, and we don't want to act like we don't have hope. But we have to be patient and try to keep it all in perspective as we try to do things that are in the best interest of everyone."

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Our western NC neighbors need our help now and long after the waters recede - Opinion

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The headlines will fade. Our focus will return to the presidential and North Carolina gubernatorial races.

The water will recede. Rivers will return to usual levels and flows. The tears will dry.

It's then residents of western North Carolina and other areas hit hard by Hurricane Helene will need our help most, for us to not forget their suffering.

They need an enormous amount of help today, too, of course, to just be able to survive. The rescues, the treecutting, the restoration of basic infrastructure – roads and electricity and schools and the like – must continue. Prayers and good will from those who can't assist directly are also invaluable.

But it's over the long-haul the suffering will need our help the most, just as the state's and nation's attention will once again be pulled in a thousand different directions.

I saw it happen as a high school student in the aftermath of Hurricane Hugo, which nearly wiped my native St. Stephen, S.C., off the map 35 years ago. At least that's the way it felt the morning after the storm passed. It took our house and kept us out of school for weeks as we tried to re-establish what little we had. My fondest memory are the hot meals we received from the American Red Cross. They remain the best thing I've ever eaten.

The rest of the world seemed to just get on with other more important things, things more important than us. That's the way it felt. Intellectually, I understood why it had to be that way. The Earth doesn't stop rotating on its axis because a group of vulnerable people are struggling. It still felt cold, though, made us in a sense feel forgotten.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-06.JPGSwannanoa residents walk through devastating flood damage from the Swannanoa River on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

I saw a repeat a decade later when I was a journalist covering the aftermath of Hurricane Floyd. There was the initial rush to help, to pray, to prioritize community above politics and partisanship. But as the Waccamaw River returned to its banks, that collective spirit began fading. Even the short drive between Myrtle Beach and Conway felt like leaving one country for another, the damage that starkly different. Helene left a similar haphazard path of damage.

In Asheville, flood waters nearly reached the roof of a Wendy's restaurant and dislodged a house from it foundation, sending it down the river until it crashed into a tree. There were reports from small communities such as Banner Elk in Avery County, Black Mountain and beyond that they were effectively cut off from the rest of the state.

Rescuers had to leave bodies behind to get the living to safety.

There was more death and extreme destruction in Florida, where Helene came ashore. In South Carolina, Greenville residents reported tree lines in their backyard being knocked over.

In my part of North Carolina, there was no death and little destruction. On the morning after Helene, I saw a large uprooted by the storm. It had been removed within hours. Oh, our power went out, for maybe 30 minutes.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-18.JPGWestern North Carolina residents salvage bottled water from a flooded tractor-trailer in Swannanoa on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

That's typical of natural disasters. They don't care if we plan to vote for Kamala Harris or Donald Trump, don't care about the size of our house, how important the roads we need to get to work.

They are unimpressed by our business acumen or the number of degrees hanging on our walls.

They don't discriminate even if we do.

We are all always in the path of natural disasters. It's just that Helene's chosen path was through western North Carolina rather than the eastern part of the state – this time.

That's why this is a time to remember the fellow human beings who got hit hard will need our help long after we've begun debating who won Tuesday night's vice presidential debate.

The next Hugo, Floyd or Helene might come knocking on our door, if not knocking over our homes.

We should wise enough to want a strong infrastructure in place to help us when our time come. Because that time is likely coming.

Issac Bailey is a McClatchy opinion writer in North Carolina and South Carolina. Here's how to help flood and hurricane victims in North Carolina.

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Grant Williams has seen everything with the Charlotte Hornets, ready to 'commit to winning'

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Grant Williams feels he has seen Spectrum Center flip.

The 25-year-old forward entering his second season on the Charlotte Hornets remembers attending games during the franchise's 7-59 season in 2011-12. It felt as though fans just wouldn't even be inside the building, or casual basketball spectators would fill seats while donning different teams' jerseys.

Williams, who grew up in west Charlotte and won a state championship at Providence Day, initially sat courtside for the first time in his life during a Hornets game against the Golden State Warriors. With J. Cole sitting behind Williams, Stephen Curry dropped more than 40 points on Charlotte, and the crowd had its cheers for the local talent.

Williams has seen it all.

media_8.jpgCharlotte Hornets forward Grant Williams addresses the press at Charlotte's 2023-24 media day at the Spectrum Center in Charlotte, N.C. on September 30th, 2024.

He attended a Hornets-Warriors game during the following season, and remembers watching Kemba Walker — who's now on Charlotte's staff as a player enhancement coach — "whooping that tail."

It wasn't just that the NBA team that represents the city in which he grew up was starting to play well. The Hornets were gaining support, and that was something he wanted to help sustain.

"I know that happens quickly," Williams said Monday at the Hornets' preseason media day. "We just have to do our job as players to really commit to winning."

Hornets donate \$1 million to Hurricane Helene relief efforts

The Charlotte Hornets Foundation announced that it has committed \$1 million to aid the American Red Cross and Second Harvest Food Bank of Metrolina in their ongoing Hurricane Helene relief efforts.

Most of the Hornets began their remarks at media day with a message for those affected by the hurricane.

Williams, the former Tennessee star who became one of four local high school basketball players named All-Observer player of the year twice, noted that he has grandparents who are turning 89 and 90, respectively. Still being able to regularly play in front of them is a blessing.

"Whether it's your time, whether it's your efforts, volunteering your finances to the victims: They're right there in our backyard," Williams said. "People I know in Charlotte, Asheville, family members of mine across the way have been affected.

"Just the community here. I know the importance of basketball in the state of North Carolina. I know the importance of the Charlotte Hornets and Carolina Panthers, because I've been here, and when we're at our best, the city's at its best."

Seth Curry, the Charlotte Christian graduate whom the Hornets quickly re-signed in the offseason, offered a similar sentiment.

"I'm worried about everybody affected by Hurricane Helene in the western part of the state," Curry said. "It's been a rough past week, so I just want to say our thoughts and prayers are with everybody trying to get everything they need to recover from this awful, awful tragedy."

Hornets will 'do everything we can as an organization'

New head coach Charles Lee said he's already been noticing how the city of Charlotte rallies and bands together.

For example, Spectrum Center has been going through renovations, and spaces inside the arena are moving amid the construction. He's noticed how they've had to "figure it out," even if it's as simple as knowing when to walk down a different hallway.

"Living in Charlotte and hearing about all the devastation that took place in all the Carolinas, just want them to understand that they are in our thoughts and prayers," Lee said. "I know there's already been a message from the Hornets' organization sent out to everybody, and our ownership group is trying to help financially in the relief efforts.

"The videos are pretty devastating, and it's a tragic situation. Having a family myself and knowing what you have to go through to lose your home, power and all those things, it's really tough."

Jeff Peterson, the Hornets' executive vice president of basketball operations, kicked off all the news conferences on Monday morning by acknowledging the devastating impact that Hurricane Helene has had on the Carolinas.

"Our hearts and thoughts and prayers are going out to them," Peterson said. "We're going to do everything we can as an organization to make it a little bit better. We know it's not perfect, and we just want to continue to let them know that we're thinking about them."

'We want to be a consistent, relevant contender'

Peterson, who begins his first season in his new role, joked about how he even had his clothes laid out ahead of his first media day.

He's been excited about the ways in which new owners Rick Schnall and Gabe Plotkin have built this roster — taking immense pride in character and bringing in the most competitive group it can.

"We wanted to take a holistic approach in terms of just having sustainable success," Peterson said. "It's not one of these things where we want to make the playoffs one year, and then we're out for another four years; Or make the play-in game one year, and then we're out for five. We want to be a consistent, relevant contender.

"You don't do that overnight, right? It takes time. You have to build it the right way. You can't skip steps. We're very strategic in every move to see if that's possibly going to impact that goal, knowing it's the north star."

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Buncombe County, NC, to provide food and water as thousands remain cut off. Here's where.

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Buncombe County will begin distributing food and water for people Monday afternoon at four sites, and the distribution will continue as long as there are supplies, County Manager Avril Pinder said.

Distribution will be done by drive-through or walk-ups beginning at 2 p.m.:

William W. Estes Elementary School, 275 Overlook Road, AshevilleSand Hill Elementary, 154 Sand Hill School Road, Asheville (Please enter via Acton Circle)North Windy Ridge Intermediate School, 20 Doan Road, WeavervilleFairview Elementary School, 1355 Charlotte Highway, Fairview

Over 100 deputy sheriffs from areas outside Buncombe County have arrived there to help in the devastation after Helene. At least 40 people have been killed in the county because of Helene, and officials are struggling to get food and water to people.

The sheriff said there's been looting and confrontations over the lack of supplies.

Pinder said three tractor trailers of drinking water had arrived and the county was taking steps to get an unlimited supply of drinking water from a private company.

Pinder made her announcement during a 10 a.m. news conference Monday that was streamed on Facebook. Buncombe County officials will hold news conferences every day at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Diapers would be available at the sites, but not baby formula, Pinder said. Additionally, county leaders are trying to figure out how they can deliver food and water, she said.

An unknown number of people are unaccounted for in Buncombe County, the sheriff said.

How to get water in Asheville

In addition to the four sites, the city of Asheville Fire Department said water would be distributed to residents at Pack Square Park beginning at 1 p.m. Monday and go until dark or when supply runs out. Each person must bring their own container to 70 Court Plaza, where they will be provided one gallon of water, with a maximum of five gallons per family.

Buncombe County spokesperson Lillian M. Govus said almost every resident who is on the city's water system is without water. (People with wells and septics have also been impacted because of power outages, she said.)

"Restoring service to this system could potentially take weeks," Assistant City Manager Ben Woody said Monday afternoon. "As repairs progress, as we make progress, we will begin to see service return, but that's going to happen slowly, and it's going to happen in some areas before others."

A deputy sheriff assisting with storm response died, Miller said.

"Devastation does not even begin to describe how we feel," he said.

The Associated Press reported that at least 107 people have died across six states impacted by Hurricane Helene.

According to Duke Energy, nearly 88,000 customers were still without power in Buncombe County on Monday.

Some homes and roads in the region were completely wiped out by the storm, and the Lake Lure Dam came close to collapsing. North Carolina Emergency Management instructed people to not attempt to travel to western North Carolina.

"It is truly the worst storm we have faced, and not just us, but our friends across the mountains," said Canton Mayor Zeb Smathers. "The word I keep coming back to ... is apocalyptic."

Officials warn against misinformation

The Buncombe sheriff asked people not to spread misinformation because it delays needed assistance.

Pinder said some people showed up at the Swannanoa Fire Department to say an engineer told them a dam was getting ready to breach Sunday night. The county evacuated hundreds of people, only to learn it was a hoax.

"We had to take time away from searching and rescuing people to go out and investigate if that was true," Pinder said. "The dam is not in imminent failure, there was nothing to that report, other than being malicious."

During the livestreamed press conference Monday, people posted comments on Facebook to ask about friends and family they haven't been able to get in touch with. They said places that are open only accept cash, but not many people have cash on hand, and they asked how much water they would be able to get. Others asked about how to donate supplies.

Pinder said a provisional agreement had been made between Asheville and Verizon to install a temporary satellite for cell phone service in the parking lot of 35 Woodfin Street. It will provide cell phone reception for several blocks, Pinder said.

How to volunteer in Buncombe

Drew Reisinger, register of deeds, said the county has organized door knocking efforts to check on people. People can submit a request on a Google Form about loved ones they haven't been able to contact.

People can volunteer to help if interested, he said. The county has received over 11,000 wellness check requests so far.

He also asked that people email the register's office to let them know if they have made contact with friends or family so they can help speed up wellness checks.

Pinder said that because shelters are getting busy, the county is working on opening a third. Shelters provide overnight lodging, and food and water. The state website ReadyNC.gov lists all shelters open in western North Carolina.

Efforts are also being made to get non-potable water to the county, as well as port-o-johns, Pinder said.

Additionally, county officials announced:

Signs will be printed to let residents know about the distribution sites. The daily press conferences will be translated in Spanish, and the county is working with community partners to reach Spanish-speaking residents. Interstate 26 is now fully open. Hospitals, nursing facilities, and the detention center all have power from generators and the county is supplying diesel to keep them running. Shelters also have consistent power from generators and backup generators.

Donations can be made at helenedonations@buncombecounty.org

People can reach out about volunteering by emailing helenevolunteers@buncombecounty.org

To let the register's office know if contact has been made with loved ones, email register@buncombecounty.org

Residents salvage food and water

"Is that a lamp? Oh, there's two of them! We'll have light tonight!"

It was a brief personal victory for Amanda Son as she searched for supplies at a trashed produce store in Swannanoa on Sunday. She said she would bring food, clothes, blankets and shoes to Buncombe Community High School to give away.

People were scrounging together what they could with plans to distribute it.

"With it being an emergency — and this place is destroyed — we're trying to salvage what we can," she said.

She said she had money but there was no one to pay. And some shop owners had unlocked their doors, opening them up to the public to take what they could, she said.

Other county residents discovered a tractor-trailer at the edge of Swannanoa filled with hundreds of cases of water.

Soon, a massive, impromptu line of cars formed. Volunteers carried cases to people's cars.

Members of Black Mountain Presbyterian Church were among those collecting the cases, with plans to give them to the community. "Thank you. More than you know," one woman said as a volunteer handed her cases to bring home.

Police officers later showed up and made people disperse, The Washington Post reported. "You are stealing!" an officer yelled at them.

Babies being born, post-storm

HCA Healthcare's Mission Hospital in Asheville treated more than 700 patients on Monday, said Greg Lowe, the hospital president. Thirty babies have been delivered since Helene hit, he said.

Observer staff writer Ryan Oehrli contributed to this story.

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No. 6 Hough routs Chambers in Monday night football game, 58-3

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The Hough Huskies picked up another dominant win on Monday, beating Queen City conference rival Chambers 58-3 in a game delayed from last week by Hurricane Helene.

Hough's defense set the tone early, consistently stopping Chambers and the Huskies' offense began to light up the scoreboard.

Junior QB Trey Blakeney threw three first half touchdowns and ran for another.

The Huskies were up 28-3 at halftime and the lead continued to grow in the second half.

"I thought we finally kind of put together a complete game," Hough coach Shawn Baker said. "We still got a whole bunch of inconsistencies that we got to fix on offense and defense. Our defense sets the tone for us though, they play hard and give us the ball. On offense our goal is to give the defense a two-score lead, and we came out and did that. We blocked well up front, you know the bigs up front they did a tremendous job of giving Trey time to throw the ball, so we just really came out focused today."

Baker said he was especially pleased with Blakeney, his QB1.

"He brings so much composure," Baker said. "When I'm getting rowdy and upset he's like "Coach calm down I got it, we're good," so I think his growth from last year is tremendous."

While his head coach heaped on the praise, Blakeney deferred to his teammates as the reason for his success.

"I feel like I had a good game, but it's really all my linemen," Blakeney said. "I don't think I had one sack, and then my receivers were making plays, the catches weren't the easiest catches, but I put it out there and they caught it."

Three Who Made a Difference

Trey Blakeney, Hough: The Huskies quarterback put up some video game numbers, throwing for four touchdowns, and picking up another on the ground.

Sean Brady, Hough: Blakeney's top target on the day racked up several big plays including two touchdown receptions.

Jycen Anciso, Hough: The Huskies leading tailback also had a phenomenal game, racking up some serious yards on the ground to go along with a touchdown reception.

What's Next?

Hough will host West Mecklenburg at 7 p.m. Friday

J.C. Chambers will host Harding University at 7 p.m. Friday

Game Summary

Hough 14 14 15 15 - 58
J.C. Chambers 0 3 0 0 - 3
First Quarter
(H) - Tyler Evans 18-yard pass from Trey Blakeney (Kandler Happe kick good)
(H) - Jycen Anciso 17-yard pass from Blakeney (Kick good)
Second Quarter
(H) - Sean Brady 21-yard pass from Blakeney (Kick Good)
(H) - Blakeney 25-yard run (kick good)
(JC) - Wesley Palacios 5-yard kick
Third Quarter
(H) - Brady 4-yard pass from Blakeney (kick good)
(H) - Ashwad Wynn 8-yard pass from Ethann Royal (Royal QB sneak for two-point conversion)
Fourth Quarter
(H) - Happe 8-yard kick

PHOTOS: Hough at Chambers

(H) - Kynis Tinnin 13-yard run (two point attempt no good)

(H) - Izaiah Foster 67-yard pick six (no kick attempted

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