

Tavern

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He said he hopes to rebuild, but the owners, like everyone else, are taking it day by day. He said the restaurant will have to be gutted and renovated from scratch.

“Build back bigger, better,” Davis said of starting over.

The restaurant opened in its River Village location in March 2021, Davis said.

He said it was a beautiful restaurant that people seemed to enjoy. Other locations of Town Tavern are in Blowing Rock and Banner Elk. Even though those two towns suffered devastating destruction, the Town Taverns in those locations fared much better than the Morganton location, Davis said.

“We were real fortunate that all of our locations are good, but all around us is just so much destruction everywhere,” Davis said. “Roads washed out, trees, roads, homes destroyed and flooding. It’s just so much to process. All the office buildings in that strip



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A trailer full of damaged Salon 337 furniture sits out front of the salon in Morganton. The hair salon, which had been in business for eight years, was one of many River Village businesses flooded out by Hurricane Helene.

(in Morganton) all washed out, all destroyed.”

He said he is thankful none of the employees were hurt and said things can be replaced.

“It is sad for the staff,” Davis said. “We have so many key employees. Great and wonderful employees.”

He hopes there are some pro-



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The Catawba River overflowed its banks over Green Street near the River Village shopping center as a result of Hurricane Helene.

grams they can get in place for the restaurant’s staff to help them out until the restaurant can rebuild.

“It’s just going to take some time,” Davis said. “But we look

forward to getting back open and seeing all of our family and friends and people in the community come back in and pick up right where we left off.

Schools

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them,” Shuffler said. “It is not in the best interest of our county to add school traffic to these roads and already strained emergency response services.”

Monday’s Board of Education meeting will still take place at 6 p.m., Shuffler said.

“YMCA before- and after-school (care) will be open at Ray Childers, Hildebran, Salem, Valdese, Mountain View and Oak Hill,” Shuffler said. “You must be enrolled at Mountain View and Oak Hill to attend those sites. You do not have to be enrolled to attend the other locations. ... These will be available on first-come-first-serve basis.”

For more information regarding the YMCA, visit ymcacv.org, Shuffler said.

Burke County boil advisory

A boil water advisory remains in

effect for water customers who get water from Burke County Government.

The boil water advisory is in place until further notice, according to the county. The advisory applies only to customers who get their water bills from Burke County. It does not include water customers of Morganton, Valdese, Brentwood or Icard, the county said Thursday. Morganton, Valdese, Brentwood and Icard water no longer have boil advisories for customers.

Burke County water customers should boil all water used for drinking, cooking and preparing food for at least one minute to make sure it is safe to consume.

Power outages in Burke County

As of Thursday at 1 p.m., 33% of people in Burke County were without power, according to poweroutage.us.

The city of Morganton said

it would be working on several streets on Thursday:

- Forest Hill Street
- Asheville Street
- Riverside Drive
- Raintree Lane off of Jamestown Road
- Carbon City Road area

There are service trucks starting to hook power back to individual houses, a release from the city said. There were 2,200 still without power Thursday, down from the original outage number of 8,800, the release said.

The city has suspended utility late fees and disconnection utility fees before Oct. 1, the city said.

The city is also creating payment plans for customers.

Storm trash and debris

Garbage pickup has resumed a normal schedule for Morganton.

Burke County has hired a debris hauling service for the entire county to collect storm debris and trash. The debris can be placed on the side of the road in three piles:

vegetation, white goods and building materials. The hauler will make two to three trips in each area, according to Burke County.

Debris should not be taken to the landfill.

Where to get food, water, supplies

Burke County established new points of distribution for emergency supplies throughout the county on Tuesday.

The supplies include water, non-perishable food, toiletries, diapers, baby wipes, batteries and other essential items. The items are available at no cost, the county said.

The county said there are no time constraints for accessing the items; if you see someone at the distribution point, you are welcome to stop and collect the items you need.

The new locations are:

- George Hildebran Fire/Rescue, 7470 George Hildebran School Road, Connelly Springs.

- Longtown Fire Department, 7765 South Mountain Institute Road, Nebo.

- Enola Fire/Rescue, 2510 Enola Road, Morganton

- Jonas Ridge Fire Department, 8224 Buckeye Hollow Road, Newland.

Need a shower?

Phifer Family YMCA is open to the public for showers or to charge electronics. The center is opened from 5:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. No exercise or swimming activities are currently taking place at the center, according to the YMCA.

It is located at 2165 S. Sterling St., Morganton.

The Valdese Recreation Department has opened to allow the public to shower for free. People using the showers are asked to bring their own towel and toiletries, the town said.

The showers are available from 5:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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