

1990s country  
star Deana Carter  
to perform in  
Morganton on  
Oct. 5.

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Local sports  
feel the wrath  
of Helene but  
can help in the  
healing process.

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## THE AFTERMATH HELENE'S IMPACT



JASON KOON, THE NEWS HERALD

Responders block Carbon City Road in Morganton after flooding caused by Helene covered the road and nearby businesses.

### Many in Morganton without power; water system gets repairs

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The skies may have cleared, but Hurricane Helene's presence still can be seen around Burke County, including for anyone who uses city water.

A boil water advisory was issued Sunday afternoon for all public water in Burke

County, according to an alert from Burke County 911.

Jonelle Sigmon, public information officer for the city of Morganton, said Saturday the city's pump station was underwater and would not be operable until floodwaters receded and repairs were made.

In a new statement Sunday, Sigmon said

some temporary repairs had been made to the pump station, and the distribution system was slowly filling with water.

"It is important for the system to be completely full before normal service can be restored," said the statement from

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## Storm caused significant damage for McDowell County

### FROM STAFF REPORTS

The remnants of Hurricane Helene, a tropical storm by the time it reached North Carolina, hit McDowell County on Friday. The storm brought strong wind, rain and flooding. It knocked out power, cell phone service, internet and water for

most of the county

The National Weather Service said portions of western McDowell County received around 9 inches of rain from Tropical Storm Helene.

The storm initially left nearly all of McDowell County residents without power

Saturday. On Sunday, 78% were still without power.

McDowell County's water is limited after the storm, according to emergency management officials. Marion's water supply was expected to be depleted by noon Sunday, and Old Fort has limited to

not water as of Saturday evening.

Marion's water intakes were without power or were not producing water, according to a Saturday news release from McDowell County Emergency

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Study finds childhood food  
insecurity may extend into  
hospital stay. **STORY, A4**

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### Weather

Humid with a shower  
**High 81**  
**Low 63**  
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