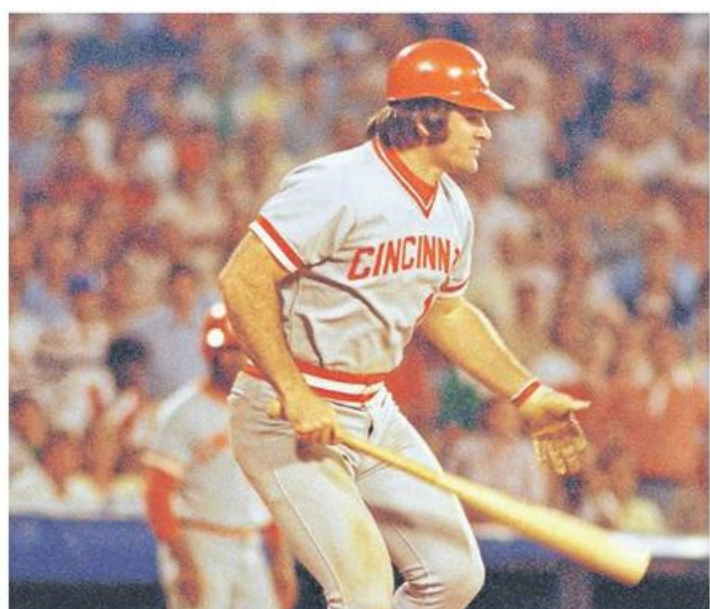


Duke Energy:  
Majority of power  
in Burke County  
expected to be  
back by Friday.

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Pete Rose found  
home in Las Vegas  
before nation  
began to embrace  
sports betting.

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## STARTING OVER



XAVIER MARTIN, HICKORY DAILY RECORD

Jim Morgan, 81, describes the flood damage to his home in Morganton following Hurricane Helene on Monday. Morgan designed, modeled and built his home when he was 32 years old.

### This Burke County family has lived by The Catawba River for decades

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With mud caked to the floor and her boots, Libby Morgan shuffled through books scattered along the wood floors of her home alongside the Catawba River in Burke County.

Most of the things she and her husband, Jim, had in their home had already been thrown into a pile outside and declared unsalvageable after torrential rain from the remnants of Hurricane Helene flooded their home. But in the pile of sopping wet books, Libby hoped to find a treasure more

than 50 years old.  
Their wedding album.  
The white photo album was found on the other side of the room on Monday, mostly intact, though now covered in dirt and the

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## Burke County sets up distribution center for those in need

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Burke County hit the ground running Monday collecting and distributing items to residents in need after the remnants of Hurricane Helene impacted the area. A supplies collection and distribution center has

been set up at Foothills Higher Education Center in Morganton. After some problems early in the week, the hospital system is fully operational as of Monday afternoon.

**Burke County government**  
Burke County has set up a donation and

distribution location at Foothills Higher Education Center in Morganton. The center is located at 2128 S Sterling St., Morganton. County officials said there has been an outpouring of donations.  
Burke County Manager Brian Epley said two tractor-trailer loads of donations were

handed out by Monday afternoon. Some of the donations included food, diapers, clothes, dog food and drinking water.  
A dedicated team organized to manage all donation-related activity, from

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Western NC courts, including Burke County, canceled due to Hurricane Helene. **STORY, A4**

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Humid; a brief shower  
**High 80**  
**Low 64**  
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