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Bladen and Columbus Counties Rally for Hurricane Helene Relief Efforts

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Staff report

The Bladen County Sheriff's Office has led an extraordinary relief effort to support those affected by Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina. Thanks to the selflessness and generosity of individuals from Bladen and Columbus Counties, the relief drive far exceeded expectations, resulting in three 18-wheelers fully loaded with essential supplies for hurricane victims.

This remarkable effort, organized by the Bladen County Sheriff's Office, was made possible through a strong partnership with Sheriff Bill Rogers and the Columbus County Sheriff's Office, who worked together to ensure that these supplies would reach the affected areas swiftly and efficiently.

A special acknowledgment goes to Kevin Stewart, who generously donated his truck, fuel, and time to personally drive one of the loads of supplies to Western North Carolina. His contribution, alongside countless others who donated, is a powerful testament to the compassion and commitment of these communities.

As the relief efforts continue, the organizers are asking the community to keep the citizens of Western North Carolina in their thoughts and prayers, especially those who have lost everything in the storm. They also ask for continued prayers for the officers of Bladen and Columbus Counties, who are tirelessly supporting the recovery efforts.

The overwhelming response from the people of Bladen and Columbus Counties showcases the strength of these communities, who have come together in a time of need. Their efforts, led by the Bladen County Sheriff's Office, have brought much-needed relief and hope to those impacted by Hurricane Helene. God bless all who contributed to this mission, helping to make a difference for friends in the West.

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Notable scores, highlights from area golf leagues

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Results of recent events submitted by area golf leagues.

Brunswick Plantation LGA

Results for Sept. 23 league day at Brunswick Golf Club. The event was Golfer of the Month. September Golfer of the Month was Becky Seibert. Flight 22 results: Becky Seibert (69 MOC), second place Karen Ritz (72 MOC), third place Betty Jennings (72 MOC), fourth place Kathy Lucyszyn (72 MOC). Flight 23: Denise Edwards (73). Closest to the pin winner were Laura Dorner on Azalea No. 2 (11 feet, 4 inches), Becky Seibert on Azalea No. 4 (3 feet, 2 inches), Barbara Johnson on Magnolia No. 4 (8 feet, 7 inches). Red Tee low gross Betty Jennings (83). Purple Tee low gross Becky Seibert (82). Birdies were carded by Becky Seibert on Magnolia No. 4, Becky Seibert on Azalea No. 4, Alcina Davis on Magnolia No. 4, Kathy Lucyszyn on Azalea No. 4, Diane DeSimone on Magnolia No. 6. Denise Edwards made a chip-in birdie on Azalea No. 2.

Crow Creek WGA

Results for Sept. 24 at Crow Creek. Game was Putts. First Flight: Terri Crowley (31), Helene Hamilton (32). Second Flight: Linda Allison (33), Noranne Saager (34), Kathy Shaffer (34). Third Flight: Dorine Stoecker (31), Annette Gordon (37). Birdies were carded by Robin Sharp on No. 16, Christine Young on No. 1, Beverly Farmarco on No. 10.

CVGA

Results for Sept. 23 at Meadowlands. The league played a four-man team Stableford event. Top finishing teams were Dorsey Boque, Bill Poplin, Earl Cratsley and George Futrell (+13); Skip Rosenquest, Ron Carter, Gary Guthiel and Ron Adelman (+9); Tom Seifert, Brett Schmitz, JJ Jones and Bill Zimmerman (-1). Closest to the pin winners were Ron Carter om No. 5 (10 feet, 9 inches), Matt Beairsto on No. 8 (2 feet, 8 inches), Matt Beairsto on No. 11 (3 inches), Ron Adelman on No. 15 (8 inches). Low gross was Matt Beairsto (79). Low net was Skip Rosenquest (64).

The Links at Brick Landing MGA

Results for Sept. 28 men's league at The Links at Brick Landing. Game was a modified Stableford event. Steve Brower and Jerry Campbell tied for first in the individual play (+5.5). Winning team was Greg Smith, Jeff Bartley, AJ Oates and Dave Deacon (+9). Second place went to the team of Ed Gurski, Alex Philippas, Charlie Smith and Kevin Finnerty (+7.5). Bob Brown held on this week to keep the lead in our ongoing race to the AJ Cup.

Meadowlands Ladies

Results for Sept. 23 at Meadowlands. Game was 3 Holes Back to Par. Flight 1: Debbie Proper (61), Patti Guinan (65), Bridgette Harrison (67), Jane Egan (69), Andee Calibeo (70 MOC). Flight 2: Peg Pickett (62), Missy Newton (64), Jane Glemming (64), Sandy Ricker (65 MOC), Liz Arcuri (65 MOC). Peg Pickett made a chip-in on No. 17. Birdies were carded by Renee Paugh on Nos. 5, 13 and 14; Jane Egan on No. 15, Bette Slowther on No. 15, Debbie Proper on No. 10, Patti Guinan on No. 8, Liz Arcuri on No. 4, Peg Pickett on No. 17.

Match Play results for Sept. 23: Flight 1: Winner was Jane Egan; runner-up was Renee Paugh. Flight 2: Winner was Missy Newton; runner-up was Patti Guinan. Flight 3: winner was Belinda Heflin; runner-up was Denise "Sam" Hynds.

Results for Sept. 23 on Panther's Run with 18 players participating in a four-man team event. Scoring was 2 low nets. Winning team was Rob Saffron, Steve Wanzer, Steve Mason and Gregg Golembeski (-14), besting Kevin Fitzgerald, Brain Babb, Gerry Bonini and Mike Ratchford on a match of cards.

Results for Sept. 25 on Lion's Paw with 41 players competing in an individual flighted Stableford event. Flight A: Brian Babb (-23), Jim Richards (-18) and Steve McCreedy (-18). Flight B: Kevin Fitzgerald (-18), Mike Spivey (-18) and Charlie Pruitt (-18). Flight C: George Cassidy (-24), Dan Kunec(-18) and Ralph DiVito (-17). Flight D: Jeff Smith (-14), Harry Schnitzer (-12) and Mike Burke (-12).

Piperettes

Results for Sept. 24 at Sandpiper Bay on the Piper/Bay course. Game was low gross and low net. Red Flight: low gross Maureen Kakos (95), Carol Kissal (99), Jacquie Bridge (106); low net Laurie Maesano (75), Barbara Nagle (78), Mary Lou Davis (82). Yellow Flight: low gross Judy Destefon (107); low net Sharon Millar (77). Birdies were carded by Carol Kissal on Piper No. 3, Brenda Goldsmith on Piper No. 6, Elaine Lewis on Piper No. 6, Heidi McMinn on Piper No. 6. Chip-in were made by Carol Kissal on Piper No. 3, Laurie Maesano on Piper No. 4 and 7, Sharon Millar on Piper No. 9.

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West football plays two home games this week

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Storms in Brunswick County that delayed West Brunswick football's trip to Topsail until Monday, Sept 23 also had the Trojans prepping for a home game with Ashley four days later on Friday, Sept. 27.

But concern over the path of Hurricane Helene resulted in Brunswick County Schools canceling class Friday, which pushed the Trojans matchup with the Screaming Eagles to a Monday night football meeting on Sept. 30.

Then the Trojans will ready to welcome Hoggard for the second home game of the week on Friday night, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m.

"Two home games in a week, it's not an ideal situation. But you know, I feel like our kids are resilient. They'll be ready to play," West Brunswick head football coach Shane Handy said.

West will meet an Ashley squad that is 3-1 overall, 0-1 in the Mideastern Conference after a road loss against Laney.

"Ashley, before I got here, West competed with them pretty well. And last year, I think they had probably one of their best seasons. They had a bunch of seniors and they did a good job and went to the second round of the 4A playoffs. I think the coach is doing a good job there. They're trying to build something. I recruited and coach the defensive coordinator at Catawba, so I know they are good people. I feel like we match up well, I feel it's an opportunity for us to play our best.

"We're excited about an opportunity on Monday. You know, it would've been great if it was on Friday. That would be a little more ideal. But it's a home game, so that'll help some. We look forward to the challenge."

Hoggard comes to Shallotte with a 4-1 overall, 2-0 MEC record with wins over North Brunswick and Laney.

"Hoggard on Friday, they're another 4A opponent that has a ton of kids. Last year, I think they had 36 seniors. That was probably about as many people as we had on our team. But we're a little bit bigger, our numbers are a little bit bigger this year. They've got some kids coming back that are pretty good players. Again, we look forward to the challenge. And it will be here. It will be Youth Night. We'll get after it and have a good time," Handy said.

The Trojans playing two home games in a week gives the team the chance to extend their streak of success at M.H. Rourk Stadium, where they have recorded their last two wins, 32-27 over North Myrtle Beach on Sept. 6 and in last season's final game rivalry win over South Brunswick 43-42 on Oct. 27, 2023.

"Home games, obviously, are a little bit easier and better for our kids. We've done well at home, one win this year and last year at the end of the year, we won at home. So we're on a little bit of streak. Hopefully we can come back home and respond the next two games," Handy said.

Handy anticipates the team will respond to the challenge of playing twice in one week.

"I think it makes it a little bit easier to get all your stuff in and get situated. You don't feel as rushed, that kind of stuff. If it's going to be a short week, you'd rather be home, for sure," Handy said.

"I think our players, they're pretty resilient. I think they enjoy each other. And I think we're building a culture of high expectation and needing them to perform at their highest level. We want them to just keep fighting. We do that by

putting the game plan together and organizing that at practice and getting the best practice we can out of them."

"But we've got to win three phases of the game. You've got to win on special teams — we've done okay there. Nothing spectacular, but we've had a couple big plays on special teams. We're talking about really focusing on special teams and trying to get some scheme stuff to help us. To try to get some blocks and get some good plays, returns and stuff," Handy said.

"We can't turn the ball over and that's what we've done some. Whether it's our doing or somebody else's doing, we've got to take care of the football.

Defensively, we've got to get more sacks. We've only got a couple of those. We need some takeaways. We've had 15 takeaways, but now, when we get a takeaway we need to score. Offensively, we need to get the ball and go score on that takeaway. We've got to do a better job of capitalizing on getting the takeaway on defense and then going and scoring and swinging the momentum on offense."

While this week's games come against MEC 4A teams, Handy said the results of these games will have an impact on how the Trojans play the 3A Brunswick County teams and how the team will be viewed for the possibility of reaching the playoffs.

"Both these teams are in our 4A/3A split, in our 4A deal. So we've just got to fight through that and get through that. It's a good challenge for us and helps prepare us for our opportunity to make the playoffs if we can string together some wins. It's a tough schedule, but that's what we've got. We've got to capitalize on it," Handy said.

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NC Community College System launches statewide fund for Hurricane Helene relief

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RALEIGH — Hurricane Helene has left western North Carolina's community colleges and their communities reeling. To help with relief efforts, the North Carolina Community College System has launched the Hurricane Helene Community College Response and Recovery Fund.

This statewide fund aims to support both the affected colleges and their surrounding communities as they face widespread damage and disruptions. Donations to the fund will provide critical assistance for recovery efforts in the storm's aftermath, including restoring services and resources essential to students, faculty and staff.

Hurricane Helene caused significant damage, leading to power outages, water short-ages and loss of communication services. With colleges at the heart of these communi-ties, the challenges they face directly impact the region's recovery. The fund will en-sure that community colleges have the necessary support to help their communities and students get back on their feet.

"This fund is about helping our community colleges and their surrounding areas rise again," said System President Jeff Cox. "By creating a statewide effort, we aim to em-power these institutions to lead the recovery efforts, providing not just education but the essential support and hope their communities need during this challenging time."

More than 6,000 employees and nearly 74,000 students are impacted by the storm damage as colleges work to support their communities, with many serving as emergen-cy responses locations and working to reestablish campus operations.

Donations can be made online by visiting www.NCCCF.org or www.nccommunitycolleges.edu/foundation and clicking on the "Give Today" button. The Hurricane Helene Community College Response and Recovery Fund is promi-nently featured as the top option in the dropdown menu on the donation page.

While the primary focus is on this statewide relief effort, individual donations can also be directed to specific community college foundations in the affected areas. A full list of these colleges and their foundation donation pages is available on the North Carolina Community Colleges Foundation website.

Additionally, the North Carolina Disaster Relief Fund supports hurricane victims, their communities, and the recovery effort.

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