# Some election precincts in Burke County change

#### Voter registration ends Oct. 11

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The General Election is apbefore and on Oct. 11.

may vote in a new location as town hall. some precincts have changed this year, according to the county board of elections.

#### **New voter precincts** in Burke County

The Burke County Board of

- cations are: moved from Friendship Meth- St., Morganton. odist to Ray Childers Elemen-
- tary.

moved from the Old Rock School **Early voting dates** to Valdese Elementary School.

- Quaker Meadows 2 has permanently moved from the Burke Presbyterian Church.
- proaching. People who aren't moved from Valdese Town Hall to 3 p.m. No voting will take place registered to vote can register the Valdese Park and Rec Splash Pad due to temporary housing County Board of Elections. Some Burke County voters of the police department at the

#### Register to vote in Burke County

To check your voter registration, visit www.vt.ncsbe.gov/ RegLkup.

People can register to vote on-Elections says those precinct lo- line or in person at the DMV or sentee-by-mail ballot is 5 p.m. the Burke County Board of Elec-■ Icard 1 has permanently tions, located at 2128 S. Sterling

> People will also be able to register and vote on the same day

# and locations

Early voting starts Oct. 17 and County Fairgrounds to Faith ends Nov. 2, with weekday hours from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., and ■ Lovelady 4 has temporarily Saturday hours from 8 a.m. to on Sundays, according to the Burke

> Early voting sites are: ■ Burke County Elections Office

- in Morganton ■ Glen Alpine Town Hall ■ Burke County Senior Center
- in Morganton ■ Rutherford College Town Hall
- East Burke Senior Center Library in Hildebran The deadline to request an ab-

Election Day is Nov. 5.

# What's on the ballot?

On the ballot for the General Election for Burke County voters, in lican Sonya Rockett

addition to state and national races, is a question whether to increase lican Jeffrey Reid Beck the county sales tax by a quarter of a percent. If approved, it would publican Brad Camp take the sales tax in the county from 6.75% to 7%. The quarter-percent **Deeds** sales tax would not be applied when

buying food or gas. Proponents say Burke residents already pay that quarter-percent tax if they shop in Catawba, Alexander, Lincoln or Rutherford

counties. The Burke County races are: **Burke County Board of Com-**

missioners (two seats) Democrat Wesley E. Hendrix and Republicans Mike Stroud,

Brian Barrier and Jeff Brittain **Burke County Board of Ed**ucation

- At-large seat, Democrat Sharon Ivester Everhart and Republi-
- can Jamey Wycoff ■ Central District seat, Unaffiliated Don Hemstreet and Repub-

- Eastern District seat, Repub-
- Western District seat, Re-
- **Burke County Register of**

Republican Stephanie A. Norman

**Burke County Soil and Water Conservation District Super**visor (nonpartisan, one seat) Bruce A. Randall and Evan Crawley

**Rutherford College Town Council (three seats)** 

Carroll Hoyle, Mark J. Stinson and James Huffman Jr.. Hildebran Town Council

(two seats) Michael Stroupe, Vicky A. Car-

penter, Terry Weaver and Christopher Noah Gilbert.

For more information on registering to vote or about this year's election, call the Burke County Board of Elections at 828-764-9010.

# Catawba County deputies help with rescues in Yancey, McDowell and jails in Burke, Buncombe

#### **SARAH C. JOHNSON**

sjohnson@hickoryrecord.com The Catawba County Sheriff's Office sent deputies to help with rescue and recovery efforts in western North Carolina following the flooding caused by Hurricane Helene on Sept. 27.

A small group of Catawba County deputies were sent to Yancey County with a Bearcat armored vehicle on Sept. 27 during the storm, Maj. Aaron Turk said on Thursday.

As of Thursday, 15 deputies were still in Yancey County to assist with rescues, recoveries and cleanup. Turk said the A volunteer helicopter pilot helps the Catawba County largest number of deputies Sheriff's Office with rescue and recovery efforts in Yancey in Yancey County was 25 on County.

Monday. Catawba County Sher- Ledford said on Thursday. iff Don Brown also went to Yancey County to help, Turk have been working since Sat- some areas of Long View

said. to be in Yancey County until Marion and Asheville. Pubat least Oct. 9, Turk said.

Five Catawba County dep- Morganton, he said. uties are helping in McDowell County.

Detention Facility sent 11 town hall. Donations will be and Tuesday, Hickory Police staff members to Buncombe taken to Asheville by the fire Department Media & Com-County to assist with the department, Ledford said. munity Services Coordinacounty jail there, Turk said.

mates from Burke County are efforts on helping local peo- the Army National Guard being housed at the Catawba ple in Catawba County and and the U.S. Army Reserve. County Detention Facility due to the major flooding that is on the county line, Long deployed to serve, Hart said.

hit Morganton, Turk said. teering with Operation Airdrop at the Hickory Regional been delivering meals to the Conover will send out pub-Airport helped fly some of Hickory Regional Airport lic works crews to help with the Catawba County Sheriff's for volunteers and first re- clean up as well as water and Office staff to areas in Yancey sponders helping with Op- sewer restorations, Conover

#### Other responses from Catawba County

County, Turk said.

olina to assist in relief efforts,

■ Lovelady 1 has permanently during the early voting period.

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The deputies are scheduled officers were deployed to Thursday.

Burke County since the town Those officers have been View Public Information

A helicopter pilot volun- Officer Heather Minor said. coordinating with munici-Long View police have

to deliver supplies to Hil- the Conover Fire Station #3 debran. On Tuesday, offi- on Village Square Northwest. The town of Maiden has cers will deliver supplies to

to Long View residents Ledford said Maiden crews without power. Minor said urday to assist. The police were still without power on

School resources officers lic works crews were sent to with the Hickory Police Department went to Boone Maiden is also accepting to help with traffic since donations at the fire depart- Hickory City Schools did The Catawba County ment, police department and not have classes on Monday The Long View Police De-tor Kristen Hart said. Other Currently around 90 in- partment is focusing their Hickory officers are part of

> The city of Conover is palities in Catawba County. eration Airdrop, Minor said. Public Information Officer Long View police have Madeleine Epley said. Doalso helped Christ United nations can be brought to

The Brookford Police sent out police officers, elec- Burke County, Minor said. Department is accepting trical crews and public works Donations can be delivered donations at 1700 South crews to western North Car- to the Long View Town Hall. Center St. in Hickory, ac-

# Eric Church to donate royalties

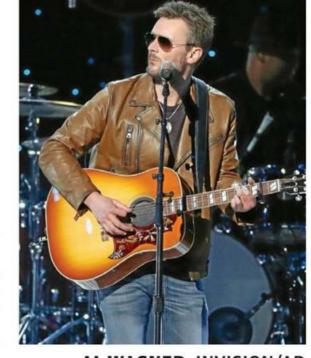
### Granite Falls native moved by flooding

**LISA O'DONNELL Staff Reporter** 

Country star Eric Church said Thursday that he is giving away the publishing rights to a new song to help with relief efforts in North Carolina.

A native of Granite Eric Church performs at Falls in Caldwell County, Willie: Life & Songs Of Church said in a social me- An American Outlaw at dia post that he felt help- Bridgestone Arena on less after seeing the wide- Saturday, Jan. 12, 2019, in spread devastation in the Nashville, Tenn. North Carolina mountains.

"I spend half my year in soul is at rest." the mountains of North me," Church said in a post wanted to do more. on Instagram. "It's a place where I've always said my working on a project for @lisaodonnellWSJ



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Church has organized be coming soon. Carolina. It's a refuge for some supply efforts but

"I was in the studio,

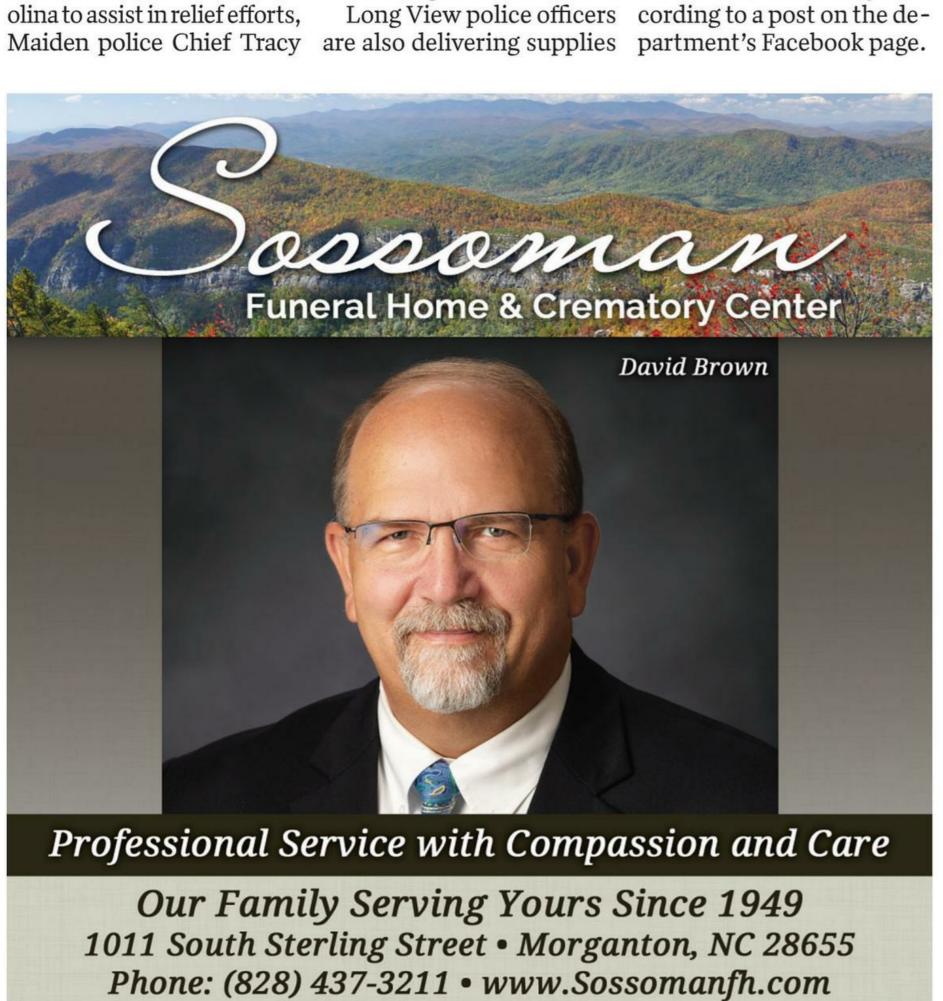
next year, and I had a song that I had just finished that just fit the moment, it fit

right now," he said. The song, "Darkest Hour," features Church singing in falsetto, with strings, horns and gospel-like backing vocals. It was released on streaming platforms on Friday.

Church is a graduate of Appalachian State University.

Another North Carolina country star with ties to App State, Luke Combs, said on social media that he has "something really special lined up to help the Carolinas as much as we can." He said details would

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