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Dreams and livelihoods of business owners dashed by Helene

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When the flood waters receded, Kristen Rogers climbed over debris lodged against the door of beauty shop 74 Main Salon n Clyde, she began sobbing. Her salon was unrecognizable, everything upended and covered in a layer of brown muck.

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Flooding washes out bridges and roads in Cruso and Bethel

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While widespread catastrophic flooding across Haywood topped the severity of the 2021 or 2004 floods, in Cruso it fell short of the fury unleashed in 2021 — when a flash flood likened to a wall of water killed six people and left utter destruction in its wake.

The Cruso Fire Department, which was ground zero for flood response three years ago, was cut off from most of Cruso in the immediate aftermath of Helene. A landslide deposited two large boulders in the middle of U.S. 276 about 1.5 miles past Springdale Resort.

Rodney Vance lives on steep hill in Cruso, and while rain came down in torrents, he was high enough up to escape flooding.

"Water was coming down from everywhere. The river was up in the road. You couldn't go nowhere," Vance said.
"But I don't think it was as bad as three years ago though, because it didn't barely even get in the trailer park over here. Right up there, a house had a foundation come out from under it, but that's about the worst you'll see right there."

Downstream, however, the flooding in Bethel, Canton and Clyde was described as the worst its ever been — not to mention historic flooding along Allens and Richland creeks in Waynesville and Jonathan Creek in Maggie Valley.

"It's the worst one I've even seen, and I'm 68 years old," said Mike Stevens of Bethel, a former paper mill worker.

Stevens had ventured out Friday afternoon after the storm subsided to check on his kids. But the bridge leading to their house was washed out. And lacking cell service like the rest of the county, he was left wondering how they were doing.

"There's no way of getting in contact with them. So I just have to wait and see," Stevens said.

Stevens was among the masses lining up at the gas station in Bethel Friday afternoon. It was one of the few in the county that was not only operational, but accepting credit cards at the pump.

As water receded and people began venturing out, the gas station became a hub of activity. And given the absence of cell, phone and internet service, folks seemed equally interested in swapping flood intel as they were in getting gas.

"We've got trees across our driveway. Our culverts are washed out. This river is unreal," Ken Henson said while waiting in line at the gas pumps in Bethel. "We were hit hard up in Henson Cove. Henson Cove is as bad as its ever been."

"Roads washed out, electric lines down. The river looks like a lake. We've never seen it like that before," added Jan Henson.

Washed out bridges — mostly those along private roads and driveways — had left many in the Bethel area stranded. Others didn't even have a driveway any more.

"The branch down by our house took our driveway," said Steve Hannah who lives in Cruso. "I have to get diesel for the backhoe. We're just trying to get the driveway where we can get out and get in." The story was similar in Bethel.

"It was pretty rough," Brody Hessley said. "I lost my driveway, but luckily I can get out. It flooded pretty bad."

Much of the county had no power Friday, Cruso included.

"I woke up at about 4 a.m. The power had went out. That's when it started hitting hard," Hessley said. "I didn't realize the severity until I saw it. It progressively got worse after like 6 o'clock."

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County cautions against scammers post storm

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In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Surry County officials are urging residents to use caution and consult with Surry County Permitting & Inspections.

"If you're home was damaged from Helene, please first contact Surry County Permitting & Inspections Office at 336-401-8300," a county released statement Friday afternoon said.

"You need to make sure any contractors you hire to fix your house are legally licensed to do the work. Beware of scammers. The Surry County Permitting & Inspections Office can help you with all this."

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Helene's wind, rain do not dampen the Mayberry Days spirit

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One could have been fooled into thinking there was no impending threat of a tropical system when arriving to Cross Creek Country Club Thursday evening. With golfers still coming off the course from the Mayberry Days Golf Tournament, or "The Emmett," and those coming for the Mayberry Days Dinner, there was a lot of buzz in the air and smiles aplenty.

Inside the ballroom were hundreds of enthusiastic fans of 'The Andy Griffith Show' from near and far. They came from as far as California, Ohio, and Louisiana to the seat of Mayberry nostalgia to share with others their appreciation for the taste of Americana that Griffith and crew served in 249 twenty-two minute slices

There were special Mayberry Days guests inside ready to meet and sign autographs for those in attendance to the dinner and later music from Michael Hoover and Denise Glass.

A first-time celebrity guest to Mayberry Days this year was Margaret Teele who played Agnes Jean Parker on 'The Andy Griffith Show' episode 'A Visit to Barney Fife.' She had hoped to attend last year but a broken hip caused her to send her regrets.

"This is just wonderful, and I feel honored that I'm part of this family. When I worked on 'The Andy Griffith Show,' Andy could not have been any nicer and was such a wonderful and genuine person. Don (Knotts) and I became such good friends during that time, and he asked Andy to extend me for another week. So, I got to work an extra week and we just spent a lot of time talking."

The experience working on TAGS with Griffith and Knotts was vastly different from some of her later acting roles. She said after working on the show that her attitudes on Hollywood started to sour. "Hollywood was interesting in those days. It was changing in those times, and it was getting raunchier. They were beginning to make movies with some nudity in it, and one of the movies I tried out for they wanted me to be topless and I said I can't do that. I went to Catholic school, and I couldn't imagine the nuns looking at me like that." She walked away from that picture with her dignity and morals intact.

Letters still reach her, from places all around the world, saying they enjoyed her performances on TAGS and some of her other roles as well such as on Adam West's 'Batman' or in a movie with Dean Martin — whom she sang the praises of unlike his one-time partner Jerry Lewis whom she called, "a rat's (expletive)" and hard to work with.

At Friday morning's Mayberry Days Proclamation ceremony, Teele seemed even more at home than the previous evening. She told the crowd, "You all have been such a blessing to me. Mayberry represents wholesomeness, dignity, and all the good things that America represents. It really means a lot that Mayberry should keep going forward."

"I can see why this year after year means so much to people. The fact that Mayberry continues, and people want to keep watching the show because it's so beautiful and wholesome, it means to see what these values mean to people."

Surry Arts Council Executive Director Tanya Jones said that Teele really understood the spirit of Mayberry Days, "We love you for understanding what Mayberry Days is all about."

Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley spoke Friday morning at the official proclamation ceremony for Mayberry Days. He said, "One of the things that is unique about Mount Airy is that we love stories. I don't know which came first, the

chicken or the egg, that Andy grew up in a place where he heard great stories or if it was because of Andy that Mount Airy has learned to tell great stories."

"I think from listening to people around here that Mount Airy has always been really good at telling stories. There's going to be some really great stories that come from 2024 Mayberry Days. Some of them will be funny and some will be life changing," he said.

"Yesterday, we were playing golf and the team behind us had a tragedy. Thankfully for teammates and first responders it didn't end up being fatal. God shown yesterday on Mount Airy, as God always shows up for us,' Cawley said finding a rainbow amongst Helene's storm clouds.

Former police chief Carl Sferrazza was introduced as one of Mayberry Days biggest fans having made the trip from Enfield, Connecticut an annual pilgrimage.

"I love the show, that's number one, but beyond the show, I come down here and these folks generally speaking, the people here are just so much more laid back. Every year we look forward to coming, really, to see the people," he explained.

Nearly every year since 2004, save the year his mother passed away, he has made the trek to Mayberry and said the dinner was one of the things he looked forward to. Being around so many like-minded folks made him feel at home even this far South of the Mason-Dixon Line.

"I just really glad to meet people from Mount Airy because, you know, you can't make a judgment in the three days you here. I know there's problems here, there's problems everywhere. You know what? Just the demeanor of all the people here is different than they're generally very happy people."

He said back during his many years of law enforcement, sometimes he would come home from a rough day at work and need to unwind with his old friends in black and white. "I used to come home from work and terrible things happen and had to tell my wife and going in the den, I'm going to Mayberry, and she knew what to that meant."

Looking back, he knows that the life depicted on the screen even at that time did not perfectly mirror real life, "I'm not living in a fantasy world. I know that even in 1963 the world was not as Mayberry depicted it. But you know what I tell my kids? I think it was a little closer to that than we are today."

Both the chief and other attendees of the dinner and the Mayberry Days Proclamation held Friday morning sang a similar tune about the longevity of the influence of 'The Andy Griffith Show.'

"I think what happens if you have families that, you know, the kids grow up watching it, and it's like the Disney thing, right? Does Mickey Mouse ever go out of style? No. I hope this doesn't either," Sferrazza said.

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See photos and video from Helene's devastation in the mountains of western NC

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Flooding from the remnants of Hurricane Helene has devastated the mountain areas of western North Carolina, leaving a path of destruction and isolating many areas of the region.

Many roads are closed in the area, with many being washed out in many spots. Some areas are cut off from cell service, electricity and drinking water, with the full extent of the damage yet to be seen.

Here are photos from the area.

RAL_OLDFORT-NE-100224-RTW_13.JPGBrooke Canning climbs out a window of her damaged home on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 in Old Fort, N.C. Canning was trying to salvage personal items after flood waters from Hurricane Helene flooded Mill Creek and her neighborhood in the center of town.

RAL_OLDFORT-NE-100224-RTW_12.JPGRodney Stevens Jr. tries to salvage a generator next to his damage home on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 in Old Fort, N.C. Stevens Jr was trying to salvage personal items after flood waters from Hurricane Helene flooded Mill Creek and his neighborhood in the center of town.

RAL_OLDFORT-NE-100224-RTW_14.JPGTwo cars, completely demolished by flood waters from Mills Creek in the aftermath of Hurricane Helene on Wednesday, October 2, 2024 in Old Fort, N.C.

RAL_100124-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-06.JPGResidents and volunteers clean up on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 after the French Broad River flooded downtown Marshall. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_100124-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-23.JPGIan Downes strums his guitar while taking a brief break from cleaning up in downtown Marshall on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 after the French Broad River caused catastrophic flooding. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

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RAL_100124-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-26.JPGSarah Pike, center, gets a hug from her friend Jen Dombrowski who arrived to help Pike clean up her business in downtown Marshall on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 after the French Broad River caused catastrophic flooding. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_100124-HELENE-KLM-01.JPGVolunteers unload donated supplies at Spear Country Store & Hardware as residents recover from the effects of Hurricane Helene on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024, in Newland, N.C.

RAL_100124-HELENE-KLM-06 (1).JPGJustin Chew loads pet food onto a truck in Banner Elk, N.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024. A team of volunteers delivered food, clothes and other supplies to communities in Avery County impacted by

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RAL_100124-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-20.JPGMud covers the interior of Marshall Presbyterian Church in downtown Marshall on Tuesday, Oct. 1, 2024 after the French Broad River caused catastrophic flooding. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

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RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-22.JPGLittle relief has come to flood survivors in Swannanoa on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-18.JPGWestern North Carolina residents salvage bottled water from a flooded tractor-trailer in Swannanoa on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

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RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-15 (1).JPGA washed out bridge over the Swannanoa River in Black Mountain on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-09.JPGSwannanoa residents walk through devastating flood damage from the Swannanoa River on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-05.JPGA car is partially buried in mud near the Swannanoa River on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

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RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-39.JPGA man crosses a narrow section of flood damaged bridge in Swannanoa on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-27.JPGAsheville residents residents line up for gasoline at a gas station on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

RAL_092922-HURRICANE-HELENE-TEL-29.JPGSwannanoa residents share rolls of toilet paper on Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024. The remnants of Hurricane Helene caused widespread flooding, downed trees, and power outages in western North Carolina.

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lakelurechmineyrock_25.JPGThe view from bridge that connects Lake Lure and Chimney Rock in Lake Lure, N.C. on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

lakelurechmineyrock_26.JPGA destroyed house with a car under it in Chimney Rock, N.C. on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

lakelurechmineyrock_21.JPGA collage of wedding photos sits onto of rubble in Lake Lure, N.C. on Sunday, September 29, 2024.

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Helene2_092924_TEL.JPGPeople examine some of the extensive damage caused by flooding from Helene along the Swannanoa River in Swannanoa, N.C., Sunday, Sept. 29, 2024.

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0926helene-41.jpgRemnants of a light pole hang above Overlook Road in Arden Friday afternoon after Hurricane

Helene passed through the Asheville area the night before.

0926helene-63.jpgA shed sits toppled over on Pinchot Road in Arden Friday afternoon after Hurricane Helene passed through the Asheville area the night before.

House floats away in Helene floodwaters in Asheville, NCVideo from our news-gathering partners at ABC11 shows a house carried away in raging floodwaters in Asheville, N.C. Friday.

Two men escape car being washed away in Helene floodwaters in NCTwo men escape their car as it is being washed away by raging water in Boone, NC after Helene devastated much of the western N.C. mountains.

Lake Lure Dam at risk of breaching, NC officials order evacuation downstreamEmergency crews and residents scrambled Friday «as Helene - the hurricane downgraded to a tropical storm - overwhelmed the Lake Lure dam in western North Carolina, causing damage and erosion along its structural supports.

Flood waters from Helene rage through NC mountain townFlood waters from heavy rains from Helene raged through downtown Hot Springs, NC in the western North Carolina mountains, Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.

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At least 10 people dead in Western NC from Helene, 200 rescued from floods

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At least 10 people died in western North Carolina after extreme rain from remnants of Hurricane Helene raised floods, gouged roadways and toppled trees, Gov. Roy Cooper revealed Saturday.

The death toll will very likely increase, Cooper told Spectrum News in a recorded interview. "This is catastrophic," he stressed.

Many badly pummeled communities in the western part of the state have been isolated since heavy rains struck, due to power outages, missing cell phone signals and absent internet connections.

hot springs 2 fulton.jpgFlood waters from Helene severely damaged roads, buildings and infrastructure in the town of Hot Springs, N.C., northwest of Asheville, leaving the residents cut off from assistance.

In a state familiar with the power of hurricanes along its long coast, the level of devastation seen so far in North Carolina's mountains, hundreds of miles inland, is sobering.

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Images from newsrooms and social media show houses floating down a muddled French Broad River, submerged cars and the town of Chimney Rock seemingly erased by a mudslide.

More than 200 people were rescued from flood waters, according to Cooper's office, with North Carolina's search and rescue teams helped by 19 federal and out-of-state teams.

Many mountain locations were pelted with rain totaling more than 10 inches, some as much as 29 inches. That brought catastrophic flooding, Cooper's office said, with winds that gusted up to hurricane strength.

More than 320,000 homes in North Carolina - and about 550,000 in South Carolina - remained without without electricity Sunday morning in the aftermath of a tropical storm that started as Hurricane Helene, according to Duke Energy's outage map.

There's still no timeline for when power will be restored to many of those homes.

According to the Department of Transportation map drivers use to check road conditions, the entire western third of the state appeared closed for business Saturday.

See photos and video from Helene's devastation in the mountains of western NC

People scramble for necessities

Traveling west from Charlotte, problems got visible around Shelby, where power was spotty and the few places that had it were overrun with customers trying to buy gas, ice and beer.

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morning.

Terri Morrin had already driven more than 30 miles from her home in Columbus, near Tryon, zooming by the queues of traffic that reached all the way down the exit ramps to the travel lanes of Interstate 85, and decided to skip Shelby. She want further east to Gastonia to fill 13 portable gas tanks for herself, friends and family.

"One neighbor had five trees fall on their house," Morrin said, and some of the gas she was taking back would fill the chain saws needed to cut those into pieces.

Some of the gas would also power generators to run fans to dry out that neighbor's house, or someone's refrigerator or CPAP machine until the power comes back on.

"Duke Power is saying it will be at least a week."

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Governor seeks more help

Gov. Roy Cooper has asked the federal government for a major disaster declaration for 38 North Carolina counties and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians that would expand access to assistance to governments, some nonprofits, and individuals.

There were more than 400 closed roads across the state Saturday, according to the North Carolina Department of Transportation, which expects closures to hinder efforts to help those harmed.

"The entire emergency response effort will be hampered by the damage to roads and powerlines," said said NCDOT spokesman Jamie Kritzer.

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Those closures include multiple sections of Interstates 40 and 26 around Asheville, the main arteries for traveling through the mountainous region. One section of the eastbound lane of I-40, three miles from the Tennessee border, washed out and fell into the Pigeon River.

"At this point, we're still advising people not to travel in Western North Carolina," said NCDOT spokesman Jamie Kritzer. "We're still assessing what the damage looks like but in many spots, the recovery effort will be long term and labor intensive."

Of the 400 closed roads, Kritzer said 64 were primary roads, the state's designation for significant roadways, including highways and interstates. Those closures could impact recovery efforts.

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Water supply down, outages widespread

In Buncombe County, I-40 and I-26 were impassable in multiple locations, emergency officials said at a news conference Saturday morning.

A boil-water advisory continues for Asheville. The county also has no cellular coverage, with no estimated restoration time.

Jessica O'Brien has lived in the Asheville area for 25 years, and what she saw this week was "much worse" than the flooding she saw in 2004 after Hurricane Frances, she said.

She doesn't expect to get running water back until next week. And when her boss in another state questioned why she couldn't open the store she manages, she drove to Marshall to prove a point.

She took videos and pictures - the courthouse flooded, businesses flooded, everything flooded.

"It was fully engulfed," she said.

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In one of Friday's most harrowing moments in western North Carolina, an alert was sent out Friday afternoon that the Lake Lure Dam in Rutherford County was set to fail at any moment, with residents below the 100 foot structure ordered to evacuate.

Hours later the Lake Lure Dam continued to hold.

Water levels throughout the Western region reached historic levels of flooding. The Pigeon River crested at more than 25 feet near the Canton station.

People living through the chaos on Saturday were doing what they could to cope.

In the town of Hot Springs, where the swollen French Broad river had closed the Bridge Street Bridge, residents met at Sara Joe's Gas Station Saturday morning to try and figure out a way around the road closures. The gas station had posted on its Facebook page Friday afternoon that there was free ice in the cooler and that people could take some if they needed it.

Gas Station 002.JPGVehicles line up to get gas at a 7 Eleven in Shelby on Saturday, Sept. 28, 2024

A few hours after that message the French Broad River rose to more than 20 feet, reaching major flood level, according to a water data station in Hot Springs. On Saturday afternoon, the river remained at 15 feet deep.

At the Asheville station, the French Broad peaked at 24.67 feet Friday evening, a level surpassing the Great Flood of 1916, which the city says crested at 21 feet and killed 80 people.

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An eye on getting to work

With interstate highways, local routes and even favored back roads closed by fallen trees or errant rivers, working people in Western North Carolina who need to be on the job on Monday were like bees in flight on Saturday.

Billie Bradley said she planned to stay in or near Shelby until the power comes back on at her house near Fletcher a week from now. Or two weeks. Who even knows, Bradley said.

She and her neighbors chainsawed their way out of the neighborhood and lit out for the homes of friends or family with spare rooms and city water. Rural wells need pumps and pumps need electricity.

Bradley had to piece together a route to her job in Asheville at the Department of Motor Vehicles.

"We're going to make a test run tomorrow," said said, pondering a map with her husband outside the Taco Bell in Shelby Saturday afternoon.

"It'll be fine, she said, relieved that no one in her neighborhood was hurt.

"We'll figure it out."

Charlotte Observer Staff Writer Ames Alexander contributed.

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Some Western NC universities to close doors for at least a week due to Helene rampage

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Some universities in Western North Carolina will remain closed for at least a week due to the impacts of Helene, the storm that left much of the region devastated and destroyed.

Here's what's been announced as of Monday morning, Sept. 30:

« UNC Asheville plans to remain closed until Wednesday, Oct. 9, Chancellor Kimberly van Noort announced in a statement posted to the UNC System's X account Saturday.

On Friday evening, a university emergency alert message said the storm "created multiple hazards on campus and significantly compromised university infrastructure." Van Noort said in her statement Saturday that "everyone is safe," but "parts of campus are inaccessible" and "cell and internet coverage is nonexistent at this point."

The university will provide "security, food, water and comfort" to students who remain on campus, van Noort said.

See photos and video from Helene's devastation in the mountains of western NC

The city of Asheville remains under a curfew, in effect from 7:30 p.m. to 7:30 a.m. each night, until further notice. City officials are also advising residents to boil water used for human consumption, or to use bottled water.

More information is available on the university's Bulldog Alert website: new.unca.edu/bulldogalert.

« The Appalachian State University campuses in Boone and Hickory will remain closed through 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, the university announced Saturday through an emergency alert message.

On the Boone campus, student residence halls remain open, with none of the buildings "structurally compromised." The central dining hall, campus markets, the student union, the student health center and the student recreation center also remain open.

Maintenance crews are roping off "dangerous areas" on campus, and those on campus are advised to not enter the areas once they are marked. Anyone doing so may face disciplinary action or possible arrest.

The university is asking those who remain on campus to conserve water by taking short showers, running dishwashers and washing machines only when they are full, and not leaving faucets to run.

The university also advises anyone who chooses to leave campus or the surrounding areas to "proceed with extreme caution, and keep the roads as clear as possible for emergency response vehicles."

Students, faculty and staff who live off-campus should not come to campus. Anyone in need of shelter should call 1-800-RED-CROSS.

More information is available on the university's App State Alert website: appstatealert.com.

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« Western Carolina University in Cullowhee will remain closed through Friday, Oct. 4, the university announced on social media Saturday. The closure also applies to remote students.

The university has power, water and food, according to a post the university made to X around noon Saturday.

Campus emergency services and student services will remain operational during the closure. Campus dining will also available with limited options.

The university advises students to not leave campus due to the closures of major roads and interstates in the area. The university also advises the parents and guardians of students to not attempt traveling to campus.

The campus University Center will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day, where students may make landline phone calls as cellular and internet disruptions continue.

The university's website appeared to be down Saturday afternoon. The university will make additional updates through its social media channels, including on X (twitter.com/WCU) and Facebook (facebook.com/WesternCarolinaUniversity).

« Classes at Warren Wilson College in Swannanoa will be canceled for two weeks, from Monday, Sept. 30, to Monday, Oct. 14, college President Damián J. Fernández announced Sunday.

In previous updates, Fernández said he witnessed "significant damage" to campus, but college leaders have been successful in getting water and other supplies delivered. University leaders advise students to stay on campus, but understand if they decide to leave.

More information and additional updates are available at: warren-wilson.edu/weather.

« Montreat College will be closed through at least Sunday, Oct. 6, the college's emergency response team announced Saturday.

The majority of the college's students have left campus, which college President Paul Maurer said Friday sustained "significant" damage from the storm. College officials are working to find off-campus shelter for students who were not able to leave.

"With most students safely relocated, we are shifting our attention to assessing the condition of the college's physical plant as we begin recovery efforts," a Sunday update read.

More information is available at montreat.edu/2024/09/update-on-tropical-storm-helene-impact.

« Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk will be closed until Oct. 4 "and then we will transition to online instruction," President Lee King announced.

Beginning Monday, Oct. 7, classes will be held online through at least the end of the college's fall break, set for Oct. 21-22. A decision on possibly returning to in-person classes after the break ends will be communicated as soon as possible, a Monday update said.

All students have left campus as of Sunday afternoon, including seven who evacuated with the help of the North Carolina National Guard.

More information is available at lmc.edu/campus-life/campus-safety/safety-operation-updates.htm.

« Lenoir-Rhyne University in Hickory will not hold classes on Monday, Sept. 30, the university announced Saturday. The closure applies to in-person and remote classes.

Power has been restored to most of the Hickory campus. Classes will resume there on Tuesday, Oct. 1.

The university's Asheville Center will be closed through Tuesday, Oct. 8. The fall semester at that campus will be extended by one week to accommodate the closure.

More information and further updates will be available at lr.edu/news/hurricane-helene-storm-updates.

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Your guide to the 2024 Triangle Parade of Homes: Lineup, how to plan and more

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With Hurricane/Tropical Storm Helene mostly behind us, the Triangle's "largest open house" is going ahead, rain or shine.

The Triangle Parade of Homes kicks off this weekend. It continues Oct. 4-6 and Oct. 11-13, noon to 5 p.m. each day.

The free event is a scattered-site tour of 242 newly constructed homes, stretching across four counties in 165 communities - from Durham to Zebulon.

Often billed as an HGTV-lover's playground for scoping out design trends, this year's parade is back to its prepandemic numbers, said Paul Kane, CEO of the Home Builders Association of Raleigh-Wake County.

Roughly 200 builders are participating with new home prices ranging from \$275,000 to \$5.35 million.

Whether you're a first-time homebuyer or just curious to see what's on the market, here's everything you need to know:

The lineup

Roughly 60 of the parade's 242 homes - about 25% - are listed at more than \$1.5 million, reflecting a nationwide upswing of homes with price tags over \$1 million.

The parade's most expensive home is listed at \$5.3 million at 222 Reynolds Rd. in Raleigh's North Hills. Built by Raleigh Custom Homes, the 6,218-square-foot modern craftsman home features five bedrooms, eight bathrooms, gym and sauna.

121_-_Reynolds_Updated_Rendering.pngA rendering of 222 Reynolds Rd., Raleigh.

The second most expensive is at 117 Lochinvar Court listed for \$5.33 million in Cary's MacGregor Downs. Built by Raleigh-based Loyd Builders, the 8,300-square-foot home has four bedrooms, four bathrooms and a "two-sided infinity pool overlooking the 10th hole."

Screenshot 2024-09-27 at 3.47.27 PM.pngA rendering of 117 Lochinvar Ct, Cary, Raleigh.

At the other end of the spectrum, about 21 of the parade's homes, or 8.6%, are below \$400,000. Many of those are townhomes in fast-growing towns like Zebulon, Wendell, Roseville and Knightdale in Wake County and Pittsboro in Chatham County.

Arizona-based Taylor Morrison's Raleigh division has three homes at this price point. They include the Birch home in Wendell's Magnolia Townes starting from \$299,990; the Quincy home in Angier's Camden Place starting from \$339,900; and the Andrews home in Sanford's Hickory Grove starting from \$393,990.

Despite a sluggish market, demand remains steady, said Mike Reynolds, Taylor Morrison's Raleigh division president.

"We've seen a downtick in customer traffic in some submarkets," he said. "As interest rates stabilize and election season ends, we expect demand to rebound."

Screenshot 2024-09-27 at 3.51.19 PM.pngTaylor Morrison's Birch home in Wendell's Magnolia Townes starting from \$299.990.

California-based Tri Pointe Homes is also among the out-of-state builders showcased in the parade. It has the Shepard home starting from \$487,990 in Durham's Tredenham; and the Shelby home starting at \$726,049 in Raleigh's Elm Park.

"We are steadily selling," said Tri Pointe's James Flanagan. "Since opening earlier this summer, we continue to see momentum growing."

Screenshot 2024-09-27 at 3.53.41 PM.pngTri Pointe Home's Shelby home starting at \$726,049 in Raleigh's Elm Park.

How can you plan your tour?

Pack an umbrella! Weather reports forecast sunny skies with a high in the low 80s. But it doesn't hurt to be safe given the recent deluge.

Other tips: Go to www.triangleparade.com and build your own "custom tour" complete with "home-to-home" directions.

The site offers step-by-step instructions.

How it works: The site provides a full list of this year's parade entries. Beneath the photo of each home is an "Add to My Tour" option. Users can add homes to a master list and enter a starting address, which generates a "custom parade map" with a link to turn-by-turn navigation.

It can be shared with others or emailed to a specified address.

Any other pro tips or strategies?

Melody Pone is Tri Pointe Home's area sales manager. Among her tips:

Make the tour an event with friends, pack a "Car-cuterie" board and snacks for the day. Even if you don't make a map, have a plan. Take photos and create a Pinterest board of ideas for later. Bring your checkbook/pre-qualification documents. "You may want to buy a home," she said.

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Robeson County mostly spared from Helene's fury

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LUMBERTON — Heavy rain and strong winds blew through Robeson County on Friday, remnants of Hurricane Helene, a class 4 storm that made landfall very late Thursday night near the Florida Big Bend.

"Due to its large physical size, effects were felt far away from the storm center," stated Steven Pfaff, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

Robeson County saw very heavy rain on Friday morning and remained under a Flood Warning until Friday night.

Heavy rains locally and upstream pushed the Lumber River over its banks on Wednesday, causing localized flooding in low lying areas. The Lumber River receded back below the 13-foot flood stage mid week, but was expected to rise above the 13-foot level again late Friday night or early Saturday morning.

On Friday morning, National Weather Forecasters issued a Tornado Warning for the greater Robeson County area based on satellite measurements, but no tornadoes were reported in the area.

Helene's most destructive power was felt along the Florida panhandle and immediate inland areas.

The storm left an enormous path of destruction across Florida and the entire southeastern U.S. on Friday, killing at least 40 people in four states, snapping towering oaks like twigs, tearing apart homes and sending rescue crews on desperate missions to save people from floodwaters.

The Category 4 hurricane knocked out power to some hospitals in southern Georgia, and Gov. Brian Kemp said authorities had to use chainsaws to clear debris and open up roads. The storm had maximum sustained winds of 140 mph (225 kph) when it made landfall late Thursday in a sparsely populated region in Florida's rural Big Bend area, home to fishing villages and vacation hideaways where Florida's Panhandle and peninsula meet.

Moody's Analytics said Friday it expects \$15 to \$26 billion in property damage.

That damage extended hundreds of miles northward to northeast Tennessee, where a "dangerous rescue situation" by helicopter unfolded after 54 people were moved to the roof of the Unicoi County Hospital as water rapidly flooded the facility. All staff and patients were rescued and no one was left at the hospital as of late Friday afternoon, Ballad Health said.

In North Carolina, a lake featured in the movie "Dirty Dancing" overtopped a dam. People in surrounding neighborhoods were evacuated, although there were no immediate concerns it would fail. People also were evacuated from Newport, Tennessee, a city of about 7,000 people, amid concerns about a dam near there, although officials later said the structure hadn't failed.

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Community Calendar for Sept. 28-Oct. 7

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Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair, 11 a.m. Sept. 27 to Oct. 5: The Robeson Regional Agricultural Fair is an extra special treat each fall. Daily opening times vary.

Robeson County Farmers Market, 7 a.m. to noon, Sept. 28: Get fresh right-from-the-farm produce at the Robeson County Farmers Market! The market is open each Wednesday afternoon from 3:00pm to 6:00pm, and each Saturday morning from 7 a.m. to noon. Vendors may leave the market when sold out. Food trucks are invited to join the farmers at the Wednesday afternoon markets. Support our farmers, buy locally grown produce, meats, eggs and more. Special events are planned during the season. Check the Lumberton Visitors Bureau Calendar often and the Robeson County Farmers Market Facebook link for the most current information on seasonal produce available.

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Fall N-2 Fairmont, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Sept. 28: A Fall yard sale including vendors of many kinds is planned. The sale is outside on the grounds of the Town Hall, 421 S. Main St. All vendors are welcome.

World Wide Day of Play, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sept. 28: Exploration Station, the Interactive Children's Museum's staff, invites children and parents to a day of exciting activities, door prizes, food, exhibit play and more. Admission is free.

Lumbee Tribe of NC Powwow, noon to 6 p.m. Sept. 28: The Lumbee Tribe "Dance of the Harvest Moon" Powwow competitions which were scheduled for Friday are postponed to Saturday due to anticipated inclement weather from Tropical Storm Helene. Grand entry is scheduled to begin on at noon Saturday with the evening Grand Entry at 7 p.m. The Sunday, Grand Entry will begin at 1 p.m. Staff will be on hand to assist powwow dancers to complete their registration on 3-6:30 p.m. Friday and from 7-11:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Lumbee Tribe Cultural Center.

Windows of Time-Art Exhibition, 2-4 p.m. Sept. 29: "Windows of Time," an exhibition for two talented North Carolina artists, Nila Chamberlain and Sandy Stratil is on display at the Red Springs ArtSpace through Oct. 20. Hours are noon to 3 p.m. Wednesday and 2-4 p.m. on Sunday. Also, by appointment. Call 910-240-2887.

Fall Into Winterm 11a.m. to 4 p.m. Oct. 1: The theme for Fall Into Winter is the change of seasons, as summer gives way to autumn and winter is hovering, just out of sight, perhaps, but ever more clearly felt in shorter days and cooling nights. The Exhibition runs through Nov. 14. Don't forget to visit the Featured Artist Gallery while you are here. It is always a friendly atmosphere at the Guild House. The Guild House is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and by appointment.

Fairy Hair at Gracie's, 5-8 p.m. Oct. 1: Finklepott's Original Fairy Hair is coming back to Gracie's Apparel & Gifts to get customers ready for all the festivities happening in the Fall Season. Register for the event at https://finklepottsfairyhair.as.me/GraciesLumberton. Prices vary.

Octoberfest – Happenings on Elm: 6 p.m. Oct. 1 : It's time to celebrate October. Enjoy an evening at Happenings on Elm. Appetizer, dessert and beverage included with a delicious meal for a modest price. Registration is required by texting 910-734-0668. Enjoy.

Mental Health Awareness – 5K Run/Walk, 8 a.m. Sept. 28: You are cordially invited to participate in the Mental Health Awareness 5K/Walk. This event is co-hosted by Robeson County Medical Society and Robeson Road Runners. Proceeds will be donated to NC Professionals Health Program. This 5K/Walk will begin in Downtown Lumberton and makes its way along the scenic Lumber River before heading through the quiet Tanglewood neighborhood. A straight shot down Elm St. will get runners to the finish line. This is not a timed race. Participants are encouraged to go at their own pace, including walking. The first 75 registrants will receive a shirt. Email thomas68m@gmail.com for sponsorship info and paper registrations/waivers.

Children's Storytime, Lumberton, 10:30-11 a.m. Oct. 1, and weekly on Tuesday. Visit the Robeson County Public Library, 101 N Chestnut St., Lumberton.

Clifford Bullard Memorial Golf Tournament, 8:30 a.m., Oct. 3: The 40th Anniversary of the Clifford Bullard Memorial Golf Tournament starts at 8:30 a.m. for the first shotgun start and again at 1:30 p.m. for the second shotgun start. Prizes will be awarded and raffles available. Have a fun day supporting the Robeson Community College Foundation. Contact Christy Musselwhite, cmusselwhite@robeson.edu, 910-272-3236 for more information. The rain date is Oct. 10.

Pembroke Day – UNCP, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 3: The event will be 3-7 p.m. on the quad between Old Main and the Bell Tower. Vendor booths from local businesses, food trucks, nonprofits, health care agencies and student organizations will offer crafts, promotional giveaways and informational materials. Student clubs, campus organizations, academic departments and university programs will also participate.

Ethan Hanson, 7-10 p.m. on Oct. 3: Ethan Hanson will be live at Your Pie Pizza Restaurant, 5130-a Fayetteville Road, Lumberton. Enjoy some pizza, gelato and brews along with the music.

"Last Call at Chez Mort," Purple Door Studio, 6 p.m. Oct. 4: Purple Door Studio Theatre begins Halloween month with a wild mystery dinner event, "Last Call at Chez Mort." Grab your best suspenders with fedora or double breast suit; your bright shirtwaist dress or wide legged pants (with Revlon red lips) and come to Purple Door for a Halloween fun filled party. Through the magic of theatre, everyone will be transported back in time to 1947, the era of swank supper clubs, on the night Chez Mort became famous for a mysterious murder. Make your reservations now for this hilarious dinner theatre fundraising event. Solve the mystery with the Inspector and win special prizes and giveaways. Time Travel dates are: Oct. 4, 5 at 6:30 p.m. and Oct. 6 at 3:30 p.m. The supper club will offer a three-course elegant, seated dinner with special period desserts. Prices vary. Click the link on the PDP Facebook page for more information.

Mike's Magic, 7:30 p.m. Oct. 4: Magician Mike Super was a finalist on America's Got Talent, and he's the only magician in history to win a live magic competition on network TV. Super began doing magic at the age of 6, influenced by magicians like Doug Henning and David Copperfield, and now he performs about 200 shows per year. He also credits Walt Disney as an influence, insisting that his love for magic began in a magic shop at Walt Disney World. Super credits his appearance on PHENOMENON with getting to meet all the people who come to his shows. "It's propelled my career in many ways," he said. "I love getting to meet people who saw me on TV. Luckily, I'm a people person, so it's really fun for me!" Ticket information is available through the GPAC box office or uncp.edu/resources/givens-performing-arts-center.

ONGOING

Open Mic Night at 219 Elm: 7-9:30 p.m. each Thursday, at Legal Grounds Coffee Shop, 219 Elm presents Open Mic Night. Add your name to the "15 Minutes on Stage" roster, in conjunction with special guests featured for your entertainment. Special guests rotate, but the log for getting your "15 Minutes on Stage" remains open. (some restrictions apply). Enjoy an evening out with the fun at 219 Elm on Thursday nights.

Game Night – 219 Elm: Join the fun 6-9 p.m. each Tuesday Night at 219 Elm St., Lumberton for Game Night at 219 Elm. Refreshments are available in the Legal Grounds Coffee shop. Bring your own games, or select from the collection available in house. Bring the family and enjoy an outing.

Farmers Market: Open 3-6 p.m. Wednesdays, the Robeson County Farmers Market showcases vegetables grown in Robeson County only. Local craft vendors are welcome as an addition to the market. Visit with the local farmers and get to know them. The market is open each Wednesday and 7 a.m. to noon on each Saturday, or until the vendors sell out — through November.

Music Jam Session: Bring instruments and songs 6:30-9:30 p.m. on the first Friday of each month to The Barn at Risen Farms for jamming the night away. Bring instruments and songs to The Barn at Risen Farms for jamming the night away. There might be a dance or two?

Flock Swap – Robeson Co. Farmers Market: The Farmers Market will host a Flock Swap 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. every third Saturday of the month. The Swap will be separate in the adjacent lot next to the Market, at 3rd and Water streets. Please contact Marie at robesoncofarmersmkt@gmail.com for more information.

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Storm Helene downs trees and power lines

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Storm Helene downs trees and power lines

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By Staff Report

Tropical storm Helene hit Rowan County and much of western North Carolina Friday morning with a one-two punch, starting in the early hours before dawn with rain and wind and rounding with a second hit about 9 a.m.

Local streets were subject to flash flooding and as of noon, there were still about 13,000 without power in the county. But by just after noon, Rowan County emergency services said they were coming out of storm emergency mode and returning to routine communications.

Throughout the morning there were numerous calls for trees down, blocking roads, and in numerous cases, taking power lines with them. Duke Power was working to keep up with reported outages and most of the impact was in the western part of the state. Spencer and East Spencer did have some outages, but the bulk was in Salisbury and northwest.

A tornado watch remained in effect until 6 p.m. Friday but winds and rain died down to sporadic effects by 1 p.m.

The city does have a real-time map of street closures and traffic light outages on its website that the public can access at https://salisburync.gov/Government/Fire/Severe-Weather.

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Jackets game with Bucks will be played today

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Hoke County gambled and lost when it came to getting its football game with Lee County played this Friday night. While the two other games scheduled in Sandhills Athletic Conference play were both moved to Thursday night, ahead of the arrival of the worst storms related to Hurricane Helene, the Bucks' game with Lee County remained scheduled for Friday night.

As the storm moved slightly east of where it had been originally projected, the teams decided on Thursday evening to move the game to Saturday. Hoke (1-4, 0-1 SAC) will host the Yellow Jackets (3-2, 0-1) today at 1 p.m.

The two teams lost their conference openers last week and both teams felt they let one get away. Lee County made too many unforced errors and botched an extra point in a 7-6 loss at Union Pines, where Lee outgained the Vikings by about 200 yards but came up short on the scoreboard. Hoke got into a shootout in Laurinburg against Scotland and led midway through the fourth quarter, but couldn't finish the Scots off.

Hoke has been competitive in three of its four losses. While undefeated Seventy-First blanked the Bucks 21-0 on Sept. 13, the rest of Hoke's tour of Cumberland County went better. The Bucks were barely beaten in their first two weeks of the season by Jack Britt (27-22) and at South View (25-21) before pummeling Douglas Byrd 53-12 on Sept. 6. Hoke then lost to Seventy-First before last week's barnburner at Scotland, where the Fighting Scots needed two late touchdows to turn a 32-31 fourth-quarter deficit into a 45-32 win.

The Bucks are fairly balanced on offense, but a lot of what the team does revolves around longtime senior starting quarterback Brandon Saunders, who has completed 65 of 108 passes this season for 764 yards and six touchdowns against three interception. Saunders has also called his own number running the ball 51 times for 246 yards and four scores, second on the team. The leading rusher for Hoke is junior Favor Anab, with 329 yards on 59 carries and five touchdowns. Three other players have run the ball for the Bucks, but none has more than 108 yards on the season.

Four different receivers have at least 10 catches for the Bucks, led by senior Tycen Vick with 13 receptions for 171 yards and two touchdowns.

Senior Darrien Frazier is the leading tackler for Hoke, with 40 stops this season. Junior Josh Ferrell had 27 and senior Franajal Ransom 25.

Elsewhere in the SAC on Thursday, Scotland scored a 38-17 win over Southern Lee that was closer than the final score indicated, while Richmond emphatically sent a message that the Raiders are back in business. They entered the road game as a six-point favorite in the Simmons Ratings, but were never challenged, leading 15-0 at halftime and by as much as 36-0 before a late score by the Patriots averted the shutout. Union Pines is the SAC team that is off this week.

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Hurricane Helene threatens Florida's wildlife, habitats - Impact, risks different for many creatures

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As Florida's Gulf Coast braced for Hurricane Helene, it wasn't just human residents who were at risk. Florida's wildlife, too, has to weather the powerful storm – and its destructive impact on their habitats.

Large sea creatures like sharks and whales are able to quickly move to calmer waters when a rough storm like Helene passes through and are generally not affected by hurricanes, according to the National Ocean Service. But other animals may be stranded, displaced or killed in large numbers.

"Any hurricane will affect organisms in the same way that it affects humans: Some will be affected more than others," said Deby Cassil, an integrative biologist at the University of South Florida.

After Hurricane Idalia last year, flamingos from as far as the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexico were spotted across Florida and even in Wisconsin, Missouri and Kansas. Manatees were left stranded after Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Hurricanes can generate massive waves, mixing warmer surface water with cooler and saltier water below. Reduced salt levels brought on by heavy rain or shifting sands that block sunlight in shallow waters can damage coral and other life. Rain and winds also impact birds, tortoises and many other species on land. But for the most part, Cassil said, Florida's wildlife can adjust to weather challenges.

As Helene approached, the zoo in Tampa transferred its large animals to their night houses, which it says are built to withstand bad weather. Smaller animals and birds were also brought indoors to ride out the storm, according to a statement from ZooTampa, and an "animal care storm-ride-out team" stayed at the zoo overnight.

For some animals, a hurricane can be "exciting," Cassil said. Whales and sharks, which are large and fast enough to swim away from real danger, run on similar brain chemicals as humans, such as dopamine and serotonin, she said. "A storm is great adventure for them."

Birds, too, may find a storm a stimulating challenge. Many birds caught in high winds can eventually find their way back because they are in tune with Earth's geomagnetic system, Cassil said.

Little marine worms called polychaete, a cousin of earthworms, have their own special way of surviving a hurricane, Cassil said. They build a tube about a meter down and just "bulldoze" down during a hurricane to stay safe.

For manatees, it's not much fun

Manatees may become stranded or injured by debris during hurricanes. In years past, they have been discovered after hurricanes in a dry bay, in a golf course pond and a retention pond. Hurricanes can also destroy their primary food source of seagrass beds, according to the Fish and Wildlife Foundation of Florida, though Cassil said Helene is unlikely to be strong enough to do too much damage to their food.

If you see a stranded or trapped manatee – or other animal, such as a dolphin – after a storm, it's best not to approach it or try to rescue it yourself, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said. Instead, you can call the Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-3922. A manatee may need medical attention after being stranded.

"The best way people can stay safe and help wildlife under storm conditions is to be alert and give wildlife their

space," the commission says.

Most fish can withstand some rough water, Cassil said, and fish close to the coast that might see bigger waves have the ability to swim away from the turbulence.

The most common reason for fish to die after a storm is low oxygen levels in water caused by winds that push surface waters. Water from the bottom that is low in oxygen and may contain lethal hydrogen sulfide can rise up.

Also, if there are long stretches of cloudy days amid a storm, oxygen-producing organisms and plants can't photosynthesize, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

Sea turtle nesting season also tends to overlap with Florida's hurricane season. The FWC says no storm season is a total loss for nesting sea turtles, because female turtles deposit nests throughout the season so that at least some nests will survive even if there is a storm. But hurricanes can cause higher tides, flooding the nests, or beach erosion, leaving nests to dry out or making them vulnerable to predators, according to Maia McGuire, a University of Florida marine biologist.

"After big storms, you may spot hatchlings tangled in seaweed on the shore or in places they don't belong, like pools or yards," the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission said. Don't try to put them back in the ocean; call the Wildlife Alert Hotline. Turtles actively crawling toward the water don't need any help.

It's not just sea creatures that are impacted in a major tropical storm or hurricane. Residual effects of storms are felt by animals ranging from snakes to bears on land, and you may see animals in unusual places after a storm.

Bears are attracted to spoiled food and trash while communities clean up from storms. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission advises keeping any food waste and debris separate and secured.

Burrowing owls might turn up in the eaves of your home after a storm because high water levels from heavy rains can displace them from their burrows, and human activity during cleanup can bury them.

Flamingos ended up far from home after Idalia

In the aftermath of Idalia in 2023, flamingos turned up in areas of the U.S. where they'd never been seen before. In the weeks following the storm, at least 150 American flamingos were seen in more than four dozen locations across Florida and in at least 14 states.

The flamingos were swept up in the storm and deposited as far away as Wisconsin, Missouri and Kansas. Many were traced back to the Yucatan Peninsula.

Some of the birds died, but others were seen starting to move back southward and forming groups, experts told USA TODAY at the time.

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Greyhounds set to host East Lincoln this afternoon

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Statesville High School moved this week's home varsity football game with East Lincoln again on Thursday.

The game will now be played at 2 p.m. Saturday.

It was moved from Friday to Thursday night earlier in the week. But with weather conditions further deteriorating Thursday, Iredell-Statesville Schools canceled all afterschool activities.

Statesville and East Lincoln are both 3-1 overall and 0-1 in the Western Foothills Athletic Conference.

Weather forces West Iredell to postpone Fred T. Foard game

West Iredell High School announced Thursday that it moved Friday's home varsity football game against Fred T. Foard to 7 p.m. Monday.

The change was made due to deteriorating weather conditions associated with Hurricane Helene.

West Iredell (2-2, 0-1) seeks its first Western Foothills Athletic Conference victory while Foard (0-4, 0-1) looks for its first win of the season.

Lake Norman postpones A.L. Brown game to Monday

Lake Norman High School announced Thursday that it moved Friday's home varsity football game against A.L. Brown to Monday.

The change was made due to deteriorating weather conditions associated with Hurricane Helene.

The game represents Lake Norman's Greater Metro Conference opener. The Wildcats (3-1, 0-0) had their open date last week. A.L. Brown (3-1, 1-0) opened conference play last week with a 31-14 win over Hickory Ridge.

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Helene's wind, rain do not dampen the Mayberry Days spirit

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One could have been fooled into thinking there was no impending threat of a tropical system when arriving to Cross Creek Country Club Thursday evening. With golfers still coming off the course from the Mayberry Days Golf Tournament, or "The Emmett," and those coming for the Mayberry Days Dinner, there was a lot of buzz in the air and smiles aplenty.

Inside the ballroom were hundreds of enthusiastic fans of 'The Andy Griffith Show' from near and far. They came from as far as California, Ohio, and Louisiana to the seat of Mayberry nostalgia to share with others their appreciation for the taste of Americana that Griffith and crew served in 249 twenty-two minute slices

There were special Mayberry Days guests inside ready to meet and sign autographs for those in attendance to the dinner and later music from Michael Hoover and Denise Glass.

A first-time celebrity guest to Mayberry Days this year was Margaret Teele who played Agnes Jean Parker on 'The Andy Griffith Show' episode 'A Visit to Barney Fife.' She had hoped to attend last year but a broken hip caused her to send her regrets.

"This is just wonderful, and I feel honored that I'm part of this family. When I worked on 'The Andy Griffith Show,' Andy could not have been any nicer and was such a wonderful and genuine person. Don (Knotts) and I became such good friends during that time, and he asked Andy to extend me for another week. So, I got to work an extra week and we just spent a lot of time talking."

The experience working on TAGS with Griffith and Knotts was vastly different from some of her later acting roles. She said after working on the show that her attitudes on Hollywood started to sour. "Hollywood was interesting in those days. It was changing in those times, and it was getting raunchier. They were beginning to make movies with some nudity in it, and one of the movies I tried out for they wanted me to be topless and I said I can't do that. I went to Catholic school, and I couldn't imagine the nuns looking at me like that." She walked away from that picture with her dignity and morals intact.

Letters still reach her, from places all around the world, saying they enjoyed her performances on TAGS and some of her other roles as well such as on Adam West's 'Batman' or in a movie with Dean Martin — whom she sang the praises of unlike his one-time partner Jerry Lewis whom she called, "a rat's (expletive)" and hard to work with.

At Friday morning's Mayberry Days Proclamation ceremony, Teele seemed even more at home than the previous evening. She told the crowd, "You all have been such a blessing to me. Mayberry represents wholesomeness, dignity, and all the good things that America represents. It really means a lot that Mayberry should keep going forward."

"I can see why this year after year means so much to people. The fact that Mayberry continues, and people want to keep watching the show because it's so beautiful and wholesome, it means to see what these values mean to people."

Surry Arts Council Executive Director Tanya Jones said that Teele really understood the spirit of Mayberry Days, "We love you for understanding what Mayberry Days is all about."

Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley spoke Friday morning at the official proclamation ceremony for Mayberry Days. He said, "One of the things that is unique about Mount Airy is that we love stories. I don't know which came first, the

chicken or the egg, that Andy grew up in a place where he heard great stories or if it was because of Andy that Mount Airy has learned to tell great stories."

"I think from listening to people around here that Mount Airy has always been really good at telling stories. There's going to be some really great stories that come from 2024 Mayberry Days. Some of them will be funny and some will be life changing," he said.

"Yesterday, we were playing golf and the team behind us had a tragedy. Thankfully for teammates and first responders it didn't end up being fatal. God shown yesterday on Mount Airy, as God always shows up for us,' Cawley said finding a rainbow amongst Helene's storm clouds.

Former police chief Carl Sferrazza was introduced as one of Mayberry Days biggest fans having made the trip from Enfield, Connecticut an annual pilgrimage.

"I love the show, that's number one, but beyond the show, I come down here and these folks generally speaking, the people here are just so much more laid back. Every year we look forward to coming, really, to see the people," he explained.

Nearly every year since 2004, save the year his mother passed away, he has made the trek to Mayberry and said the dinner was one of the things he looked forward to. Being around so many like-minded folks made him feel at home even this far South of the Mason-Dixon Line.

"I just really glad to meet people from Mount Airy because, you know, you can't make a judgment in the three days you here. I know there's problems here, there's problems everywhere. You know what? Just the demeanor of all the people here is different than they're generally very happy people."

He said back during his many years of law enforcement, sometimes he would come home from a rough day at work and need to unwind with his old friends in black and white. "I used to come home from work and terrible things happen and had to tell my wife and going in the den, I'm going to Mayberry, and she knew what to that meant."

Looking back, he knows that the life depicted on the screen even at that time did not perfectly mirror real life, "I'm not living in a fantasy world. I know that even in 1963 the world was not as Mayberry depicted it. But you know what I tell my kids? I think it was a little closer to that than we are today."

Both the chief and other attendees of the dinner and the Mayberry Days Proclamation held Friday morning sang a similar tune about the longevity of the influence of 'The Andy Griffith Show.'

"I think what happens if you have families that, you know, the kids grow up watching it, and it's like the Disney thing, right? Does Mickey Mouse ever go out of style? No. I hope this doesn't either," Sferrazza said.

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County cautions against scammers post storm

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In the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, Surry County officials are urging residents to use caution and consult with Surry County Permitting & Inspections.

"If you're home was damaged from Helene, please first contact Surry County Permitting & Inspections Office at 336-401-8300," a county released statement Friday afternoon said.

"You need to make sure any contractors you hire to fix your house are legally licensed to do the work. Beware of scammers. The Surry County Permitting & Inspections Office can help you with all this."

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Helene's wind, rain do not dampen the Mayberry Days spirit

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One could have been fooled into thinking there was no impending threat of a tropical system when arriving to Cross Creek Country Club Thursday evening. With golfers still coming off the course from the Mayberry Days Golf Tournament, or "The Emmett," and those coming for the Mayberry Days Dinner, there was a lot of buzz in the air and smiles aplenty.

Inside the ballroom were hundreds of enthusiastic fans of 'The Andy Griffith Show' from near and far. They came from as far as California, Ohio, and Louisiana to the seat of Mayberry nostalgia to share with others their appreciation for the taste of Americana that Griffith and crew served in 249 twenty-two minute slices

There were special Mayberry Days guests inside ready to meet and sign autographs for those in attendance to the dinner and later music from Michael Hoover and Denise Glass.

A first-time celebrity guest to Mayberry Days this year was Margaret Teele who played Agnes Jean Parker on 'The Andy Griffith Show' episode 'A Visit to Barney Fife.' She had hoped to attend last year but a broken hip caused her to send her regrets.

"This is just wonderful, and I feel honored that I'm part of this family. When I worked on 'The Andy Griffith Show,' Andy could not have been any nicer and was such a wonderful and genuine person. Don (Knotts) and I became such good friends during that time, and he asked Andy to extend me for another week. So, I got to work an extra week and we just spent a lot of time talking."

The experience working on TAGS with Griffith and Knotts was vastly different from some of her later acting roles. She said after working on the show that her attitudes on Hollywood started to sour. "Hollywood was interesting in those days. It was changing in those times, and it was getting raunchier. They were beginning to make movies with some nudity in it, and one of the movies I tried out for they wanted me to be topless and I said I can't do that. I went to Catholic school, and I couldn't imagine the nuns looking at me like that." She walked away from that picture with her dignity and morals intact.

Letters still reach her, from places all around the world, saying they enjoyed her performances on TAGS and some of her other roles as well such as on Adam West's 'Batman' or in a movie with Dean Martin — whom she sang the praises of unlike his one-time partner Jerry Lewis whom she called, "a rat's (expletive)" and hard to work with.

At Friday morning's Mayberry Days Proclamation ceremony, Teele seemed even more at home than the previous evening. She told the crowd, "You all have been such a blessing to me. Mayberry represents wholesomeness, dignity, and all the good things that America represents. It really means a lot that Mayberry should keep going forward."

"I can see why this year after year means so much to people. The fact that Mayberry continues, and people want to keep watching the show because it's so beautiful and wholesome, it means to see what these values mean to people."

Surry Arts Council Executive Director Tanya Jones said that Teele really understood the spirit of Mayberry Days, "We love you for understanding what Mayberry Days is all about."

Mount Airy Mayor Jon Cawley spoke Friday morning at the official proclamation ceremony for Mayberry Days. He said, "One of the things that is unique about Mount Airy is that we love stories. I don't know which came first, the

chicken or the egg, that Andy grew up in a place where he heard great stories or if it was because of Andy that Mount Airy has learned to tell great stories."

"I think from listening to people around here that Mount Airy has always been really good at telling stories. There's going to be some really great stories that come from 2024 Mayberry Days. Some of them will be funny and some will be life changing," he said.

"Yesterday, we were playing golf and the team behind us had a tragedy. Thankfully for teammates and first responders it didn't end up being fatal. God shown yesterday on Mount Airy, as God always shows up for us,' Cawley said finding a rainbow amongst Helene's storm clouds.

Former police chief Carl Sferrazza was introduced as one of Mayberry Days biggest fans having made the trip from Enfield, Connecticut an annual pilgrimage.

"I love the show, that's number one, but beyond the show, I come down here and these folks generally speaking, the people here are just so much more laid back. Every year we look forward to coming, really, to see the people," he explained.

Nearly every year since 2004, save the year his mother passed away, he has made the trek to Mayberry and said the dinner was one of the things he looked forward to. Being around so many like-minded folks made him feel at home even this far South of the Mason-Dixon Line.

"I just really glad to meet people from Mount Airy because, you know, you can't make a judgment in the three days you here. I know there's problems here, there's problems everywhere. You know what? Just the demeanor of all the people here is different than they're generally very happy people."

He said back during his many years of law enforcement, sometimes he would come home from a rough day at work and need to unwind with his old friends in black and white. "I used to come home from work and terrible things happen and had to tell my wife and going in the den, I'm going to Mayberry, and she knew what to that meant."

Looking back, he knows that the life depicted on the screen even at that time did not perfectly mirror real life, "I'm not living in a fantasy world. I know that even in 1963 the world was not as Mayberry depicted it. But you know what I tell my kids? I think it was a little closer to that than we are today."

Both the chief and other attendees of the dinner and the Mayberry Days Proclamation held Friday morning sang a similar tune about the longevity of the influence of 'The Andy Griffith Show.'

"I think what happens if you have families that, you know, the kids grow up watching it, and it's like the Disney thing, right? Does Mickey Mouse ever go out of style? No. I hope this doesn't either," Sferrazza said.

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Flood clean up begins in Elkin

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Clean up efforts are underway Saturday morning in downtown Elkin in the wake of flooding caused by heavy rains from the remnants of Hurricane Helene. Standard St. and Bridge St. were closed on Friday as flood waters from the Yadkin River blocked access to the Gwyn McNeil Bridge.

Saturday morning the bridge access was reopen but Standard St. in front of the Heritage and Trails Center remained closed as town staff, firefighters and business owners worked to clean up from the flooding.

Owners of The Yellow Door Cafe on Standard St. have reported via Facebook posts that the restaurant has sustained quite a bit of flooding and water damage. They have offered thanks to the many community members who have reached out to check on and support them.

Numerous area groups are also posting on social media about efforts to collect donations for those in nearby mountain communities such as Boone which sustained heavy damage due to the flooding.

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