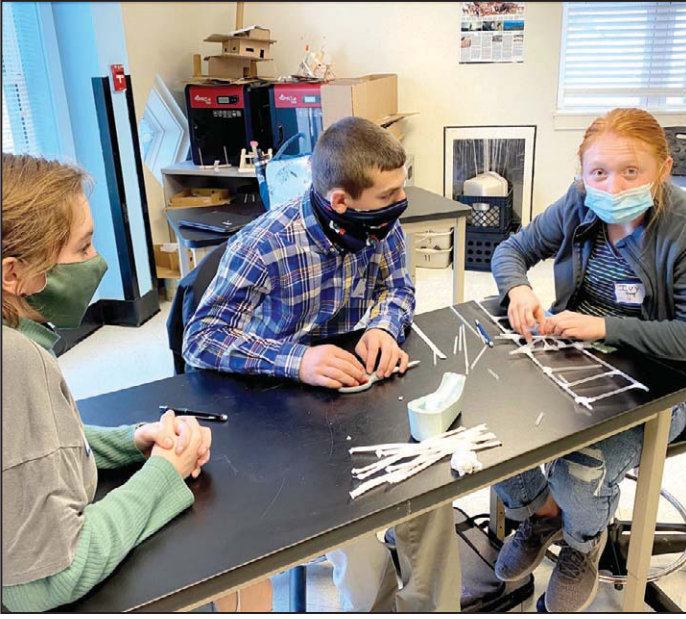




Winners of the bridge competition held at Mayland Early College High School on March 17: 1st place - Chloe Cook (\$50 prize); 2nd place - Kaitlyn Chrisawn (\$25 prize); 3rd - Grace Willis (\$15 prize).



Kayla Ledford, John Hedrick, and Ivy Young work on their bridge project during the competition.

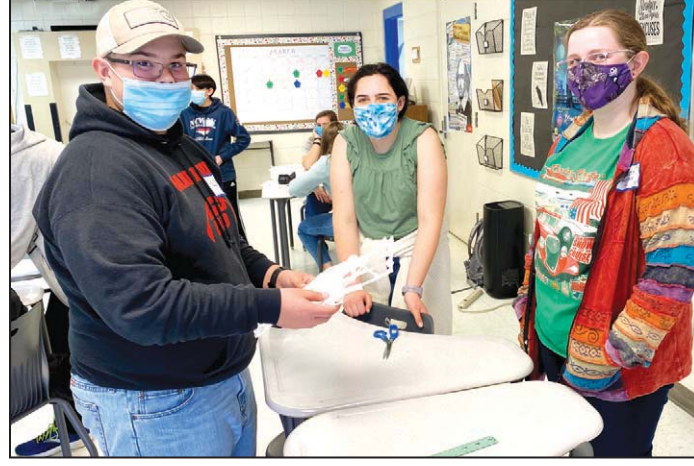
Middle school students participate in bridge competition held at Mayland Early College High School

Students from the three counties attending Cane River, East Yancey, Cranberry, Avery, and Harris Middle Schools traveled to Mayland Early College High School on March 17 to take part in a Math 1 competition held at the Mayland Community College campus in Spruce Pine.

Once the tests were completed, the students were placed in groups and asked to build bridges made of straws to meet the requirements given.

The bridges were then tested for strength by hanging a cup with various amounts of pennies to see which bridge could stand up to the weight.

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Caityn Pittman, Eilidh Winters, Dalton Ramsey participating in the bridge activity.

Tuition-free MCC summer courses for high school students

High school students in Avery, Mitchell and Yancey county receive tuition free summer

courses at Mayland community college.

Students are invited to apply for the tuition free online summer courses, including home school and private school students. A student taking two tuition free college courses this summer at Mayland can save approximately between \$2,000 to \$4,000 in tuition cost at a four-year college or university.

Students interested in getting a head start on their college career will be eligible to choose from online college-level classes in English, math, sciences, psychology, history, business, computers, and more.

“Summer is a perfect time for high school students to jumpstart their college coursework,” said Rita Earley, Vice President Academic & Workforce Development, CAO. “The Career & College Promise (CCP) program provides a wonderful opportunity for college-bound students to cost effectively earn transferrable credits. Courses can be prerequisites, general education courses or introductory courses in specific fields of study that give students a head start on a degree program.”

“Through CCP, students can further their educational goals in preparation for transfer to a four-year university or develop skills to enter the job market while saving both time and money. As families are looking for options for education, CCP is one way to keep students moving forward toward their future careers.”

More than 450 students from these three counties participated in the Career & College Promise program and have saved over \$300,000 in college tuition fees in one year. We invite those who did not participate to come explore their interests and potential.

For more information and qualification criteria visit mayland.edu/CCPSummer.

For questions regarding eligibility, contact a Mayland High School Liaison at 828-766-1215 or email ccp@mayland.edu or students may visit with the Mayland High School Liaison located at their high school campus. Registration for summer classes began March 29 and deadline to sign up is May 13.

MHHS Homecoming Ambassadors for Good



Gabe Tipton and Morgan Atkins, Mountain Heritage's King and Queen Ambassadors for Good for 2021.



Erin Neighbors and Kilee Morrow, MHHS's Prince and Princess Junior Ambassadors for Good.

Photos by Nicole Deyton Webb

The importance of family time spent around the table

By Niki Maness

I think we'd all agree that communication is the most important trait in any relationship – especially in families. This is why every session of our Empowering Youth and Families Program (EYFP) starts out with a meal.

Prior to Covid, all EYFP participants would all sit at a large table together and enjoy food prepared or ordered and served “family style.” This time around, families are still eating together, just at individual tables. Even with our current Covid restrictions

We are seeing the benefits of having a family meal together. Families are taking time to slow down, put away the tech devices, and are actually communicating with one another.

When a family sits down together, it helps them handle the stresses of daily life and the hassles of day-to-day existence. Frequent family meals are associated with higher self-esteem and positive academic outcomes, as well as decreased depression, alcohol and substance abuse, suicidal thoughts, and violent behaviors.

In EYFP we refer to these benefits from something as simple as a family meal, as a protective factor. Protective factors are characteristics associated with a lower likelihood of negative outcomes.

I encourage every family no matter what size or age range, to sit down together at some point during the day over a meal and make it part of your routine. For

some, breakfast might work. For others it might be better for your schedule to do supper.

You can always take it to another level by preparing the meal together. Get everyone involved! Even little ones can put silverware on the table, get napkins, or help clear the table.

For more ideas to get your family involved in meal time, contact our local Cooperative Extension office!

- Ask Jordan English, the county 4-H agent, about camps and classes that involve kids being in the kitchen, developing healthy habits, or learning to use kitchen equipment properly

- Reach out to Sue Estridge, our FCS agent for different cooking techniques, preparing certain foods safely, or for creating new traditions such as canning or fermenting

- Contact Sara Runkel, our Ag agent for tips on how to grow your own fresh fruits and veggies or for learning when different produce is in season

To get involved with the Empowering Youth and Families Program, contact Niki Maness by email: niki_maness@ncsu.edu or by phone: (828)682-6186. Stay up to date with your Yancey Cooperative Extension office by checking us out online at yancey.ces.ncsu.edu.

Niki Maness is Coordinator for Yancey County Extension Center's Empowering Youth and Families Program and Coordinator for Yancey Parent Education.

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE
STATE OF
NORTH CAROLINA-
COUNTY OF YANCEY
GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT
DIVISION
FILE NO: 21 JT 09
NOTICE OF SERVICE BY
PUBLICATION
IN THE MATTER OF
K.G. BUCHANAN
DOB: 03/10/17

Petitioner:
Heather Lynn Buchanan
To: Any Unknown Fathers
to a female juvenile born
on 03/10/17 in Buncombe
County, North Carolina.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled proceeding. The nature of the relief sought is a termination of your parental rights to the minor child named above pursuant to NCGS 7B-1100 et seq..

You are required to answer this Petition not later than 10 May, 2021, being 40 days from the date of the first publication of this Notice and upon your failure to do so, the Petitioner will seek the relief sought by the Petition.

This the 31st day of March, 2021.
HOCKADAY & HOCKADAY, P.A.

Daniel M. Hockaday
Attorney for Petitioner
Post Office Box 65
Burnsville, NC 28714
(828) 682-7060
Published March 31, April 7, 14, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE,
YANCEY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
21 E 09

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of June F. Bryan of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 15th day of July, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 15th day of April, 2021.

Sandra J. Bryan
101 Settlers Ridge Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published April 14, 21,
28,
May 5, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF MEETINGS
OF THE YANCEY
COUNTY
BOARD OF
EQUALIZATION AND
REVIEW

Pursuant to N.C.G.S. 105-322, the Yancey County Board of Equalization and Review will meet as required by law.

PURPOSE OF MEETINGS
To hear, upon request, any and all taxpayers who own or control taxable property assessed for taxation in Yancey County, with respect to the valuation of such property, or the property of others, and to fulfill other duties and responsibilities as required by law.

TIME OF MEETINGS
The Board will convene for its first meeting on
Monday, April 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

The Board will adjourn for the purpose of accepting requests for hearing at its meeting on
Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.

Meetings will begin promptly at 1:00 PM in the commissioner's meeting room at the Yancey County Courthouse.

Requests for hearing must be received no later than final adjournment, which is scheduled for Friday, April 23, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.

In the event of an earlier or a later adjournment, notice to that effect will be published in the newspaper and on our website.

The schedule for the hearing of appeals which were timely filed will be posted at the office of the Assessor, serving as Clerk to the Board, and will also be provided to individuals and organizations that have requested notice pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.12.

All requests for hearing should be made to:

Lindsay Smith, Clerk to the Yancey County Board of Equalization and Review Yancey County Courthouse
110 Town Square, Room 2
Burnsville, N. C. 28714
Telephone: 828-682-2198
lindsay.smith@yanceycountync.gov
Published March 24, 31, April 7, 14, 2021.

Times Journal info

Deadline for news copy, photos, classified, etc. is noon on Friday. Drop off at 22 N. Main, email to editor@yanceyeypaper.com or mail to Times Journal, 22 North Main St., Burnsville, N.C. 28714.

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IN THE GENERAL
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YANCEY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
21 E 79

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Anna Lee Schnupp Huber of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of June, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of March, 2021.

Kimberly Huber Babyak
300 Barrington Park Lane
Kernersville, NC 27284
Published March 24, 31,
April 7, 14, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE
IN THE GENERAL
COURT OF JUSTICE,
YANCEY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA
SUPERIOR COURT
DIVISION
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joe Junior Bailey of Yancey County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned on or before the 7th day of July, 2021 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of April, 2021.

William Samuel Randolph
6840 US Hwy 19W
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published April 7, 14, 21,
28, 2021

LEGAL NOTICE

Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. filed a general rate application with the North Carolina Utilities Commission on March 22, 2021 requesting an increase in additional annual revenues of approximately \$109 million.

The Utilities Commission will set a public hearing on the rate application within six months from the date of filing and will require detailed Notice to the Public regarding the proposed rates in advance of the Hearing.
Published April 14, 2021

Do you live in the Cane River Watershed and have streambank issues, erosion, or debris in your waterway?

Blue Ridge Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) recently received funding from the State of North Carolina Land and Water Fund (previously known as the Clean Water Management Trust Fund) as part of a planning grant to assess potential streambank projects in the Cane River Watershed.

If you live in the Cane River Watershed and experience streambank issues, you should reach out to Felix Stith, the Toe-Cane Watershed Coordinator at

BlueRidgeRC&D@toecane.edu, or at 828-279-2453.

Although Blue Ridge RC&D is involved in stream projects in Yancey, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, and Wilkes county, this specific funding only applies to the Cane River Watershed.

If you are not sure if your property is in the Cane River Watershed, reach out anyway! Streambank issues can include problems such as erosion, loss of land or soil, debris such

as downed trees in streams or waterways, and repetitive flooding.

For more information, email: toecane.edu@gmail.com or call 828-279-2453.

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