



National Public Lands Day celebrated with event on Blue Ridge Parkway.

Conservation leaders celebrated during National Public Lands Day event on the Blue Ridge Parkway

National Park Service leaders along with representatives from the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, numerous statewide and regional partners in land conservation, and other local leaders marked National Public Lands Day by celebrating ongoing conservation efforts protecting the Blue Ridge Parkway at and around Waterrock Knob.

Representatives from multiple land trust partners including the Conservation Trust for North Carolina, The Conservation Fund, The Nature Conservancy, Blue Ridge Conservancy, Piedmont Land Conservancy, the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy were on hand for the event to celebrate recent land protection efforts that widen the circle of organizations and individuals involved in the active stewardship and protection of the important natural and cultural resources at this location.

“Approaching the protection of Waterrock Knob area from a large-scale conservation perspective, and building on the thousands of years of stewardship of this place by the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, requires partners and communities to share a recognition that healthy ecosystems, vibrant communities and economies, cultural heritage and local sense of place are best protected at a landscape level,” said Tracy Swartout, Blue Ridge Parkway superintendent. “The National Park Service is privileged to work alongside our partners in this work and we look forward

to the ways these lands will enhance and enrich the Blue Ridge Parkway experience for generations to come.”

Recognizing the significance of this area, land trust partners announced a large-scale protection effort in 2016 that would ultimately lead to the donation of over 5,300 acres at Waterrock Knob to the National Park Service.

Since the 2016 announcement, conservation partners have donated nearly 3,400 acres of land to the National Park Service at this location and 450 acres of additional lands throughout the park, with more anticipated in the coming months.

“Building on and learning from centuries of land stewardship by the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, the State of North Carolina and generous private philanthropists have taken up such stewardship and have provided funding to work with the Eastern Band of the Cherokee, the National Park Service, nonprofit land conservation groups and North Carolina agencies over the last 27 years,” said Mike Leonard, representative and former board chair for The Conservation Fund. “Together, we have added protected land to the Blue Ridge Parkway itself and protected tens of thousands of acres along the Parkway by adding them to North Carolina State Parks, North Carolina Wildlife hunting lands, conservation easements and other publicly-owned and protected forests.”

Shortly after the announcement of the Waterrock Knob additional protected area, local leaders and stakeholders also

began a collaborative visioning effort facilitated by the Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation and funded by the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area.

This effort helped set the stage for members of the regional community to share their feedback on the future stewardship of the area’s natural and cultural resources and its role in the broader landscape.

These lands are part of a larger set of 16 separate tracts that will be donated to NPS by the nonprofit groups, thanks to long-term support from major private and public funding sources, including Fred and Alice Stanback and the North Carolina Land and Water Fund.

Waterrock Knob is located at milepost 451.2 on the Blue Ridge Parkway and features views of a vast landscape of rare Southern Appalachian spruce-fir forests visible from the visitor center and summit.

The Waterrock Knob region of Western North Carolina is one of the highest points along the Blue Ridge Parkway and is one of the most rare and biodiverse landscapes in the Eastern United States. Elk, rare salamanders, flying squirrels and slowly-disappearing high elevation spruce-fir forests all inhabit the area which is also home to rich Cherokee history.

Established in 1994 and held annually on the fourth Saturday in September, National Public Lands Day celebrates the connection between people and green space in their community, inspires environmental stewardship and encourages use of open space for education, recreation and health benefits. www.nps.gov/blri

Noninsured crop coverage helps manage risks for producers of honeybees and honey

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) administers two programs that have specific safety net benefits for producers of honeybees and honey.

The Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) and the Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) assist producers when disasters impact honey production or damage or destroy colonies, hives or honeybee feed.

NAP is designed to reduce financial losses when natural disasters result in lower yields or crop losses, including honey. NAP coverage is equivalent to catastrophic insurance, meaning it covers up to 50 percent of a producer’s normal yield (must have at least a 50 percent loss) at 55 percent of the average market price.

The 2018 Farm Bill reinstates higher levels of coverage, from 50 to 65 percent of

expected production in 5 percent increments, at 100 percent of the average market price.

Producers of organics and crops marketed directly to consumers also may exercise the “buy-up” option to obtain NAP coverage of 100 percent of the average market price at the coverage levels of between 50 and 65 percent of expected production.

The NAP service fee is the lesser of \$325 per crop or \$825 per producer per administrative county, not to exceed a total of \$1,950 for a producer with farming interests in multiple counties. You must apply for NAP coverage by Dec. 1 prior to the year for which you’re seeking coverage.

ELAP covers colony losses, honeybee hive losses (the physical structure) and honeybee feed losses in instances where the colony, hive or feed has been destroyed by a natural disaster or, in the case of colony

losses, because of Colony Collapse Disorder. Colony losses must be in excess of normal mortality.

Both the NAP and ELAP programs require you to report the number of colonies you have in production to FSA by Jan. 2, 2023. You must notify FSA within 30 calendar days of changes in the total number of colonies or when honeybees are moved to another county.

For both programs, you must notify FSA within 15 calendar days of when a loss occurs or from when the loss is apparent.

For more information about NAP and ELAP, contact the Mitchell-Yancey FSA Office at 11943 S 226 Hwy, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 or by calling (828) 765-5049 or 682-0774. Producers may also visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov

LEGAL NOTICE

This is to notify all citizens of Yancey County that approved mail in absentee ballots will be opened and run through the DS200 tabulator at our regular scheduled board meetings beginning October 4, 2022.

Totals from the mail in absentee ballots will not be pulled until 2:00 pm, October 8, 2022, Election Day. Totals will not be released to the public until 7:30 pm, October 8, 2022, when polls close.

As with all board meetings, the meetings are open to the public.

If you have any questions, please contact the Yancey County Board of Elections at (828)682-3950.

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LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS NOTICE OF CHANGE IN TIME OF ABSENTEE MEETINGS & ADDITIONAL MEETINGS

The following is a notice of change in time of absentee meetings & additional absentee meetings in which the Yancey County Board of Elections will meet (if necessary) to approve the application for absentee ballots for the Primary Election to be held on November 8, 2022. Meetings will be held at the Yancey County Board of Elections, 30 East US Hwy 19E Bypass, Burnsville, NC 28714, pursuant to G.S. §163.230.1(c1). Other business may be transacted by the board at this time.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, October 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, October 24, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, October 31, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, November 7, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 2:00 pm
Monday, November 14, 2022 at 5:30 pm
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LEGAL NOTICE IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Monica Vance 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 5th day of January, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of October, 2022.

Scott Vance
98 Twin Oak Ridge Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published October 5, 12, 19, 26, 2022

LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUTION OF THE YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONCERNING THE COUNTING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

On Monday, August 29, 2022, the Yancey County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office, Burnsville, North Carolina and adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of Elections that:

1. The Yancey County Board of Elections shall meet at 2pm Election Day, Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Board of Elections Office at 30 East US Hwy 19E by-Pass, Burnsville, NC 28714, to count and total absentee ballots.

2. Any public may attend this meeting and may observe the count.

3. The results of the absentee ballot count will not be announced before 7:30 pm, November 8, 2022 when the polls close.

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Book Cellar at Town Square

The Friends of the Yancey County Library Book Cellar at Town Square is open. The used book store will be open on Monday through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION YANCEY, NORTH CAROLINA

The statewide general election will be held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022. Polls will be open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.**

One-stop early voting will be held at the following locations from Thursday, October 20, 2022, to Saturday, November 5, 2022: County Board of Elections office, 30 E US HWY 19E BYPASS, BURNVILLE, NC

Thursday, October 20th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, October 21st
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
CLOSED Saturday, October 22nd
CLOSED Sunday, October 23rd
Monday, October 24th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, October 25th
8:30 am – 5:00pm
Wednesday, October 26th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, October 27th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, October 28th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
CLOSED Saturday, October 29th
CLOSED Sunday, October 30th
Monday, October 31st
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Tuesday, November 1st
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Wednesday, November 2nd
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Thursday, November 3rd
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Friday, November 4th
8:30 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, November 5th
8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters who have requested them beginning September 9, 2022. A voter can fill out an absentee ballot request at voteymail.ncsbe.gov, or by filling out a request form provided by YANCEY County Board of Elections. The request must be received through the website or by the YANCEY County Board of Elections by 5 p.m. November 1, 2022.

In the general election, voters will select candidates for U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives (District 11), NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat 03), NC Supreme Court Associate Justice (Seat 05), NC Court of Appeals Judge (Seat 08), NC Court of Appeals Judge (Seat 09), NC Court of Appeals Judge (Seat 10), NC Court of Appeals Judge (Seat 11), NC State Senate (District 47), NC House of Representatives (District 85), NC District Court Judge (District 24, Seat 01), District Attorney (District 35), Yancey County Board of Commissioners, Yancey County Board of Education, Yancey County Clerk of Superior Court, Yancey County Sheriff, Yancey Soil and Water Conservation.

The voter registration deadline for this election is 5 p.m. Friday, October 14, 2022. Eligible individuals who are not registered by that deadline may register and vote at any early voting site during the early voting period. New registrants will be required to provide documentation of their residence.

Questions? Call the YANCEY Board of Elections Office at 828-682-3950 or send an email to boe@yanceycountync.gov.

Gary Boone, Chairman
YANCEY Board of Elections

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MY Meds Medication Ministry

MY Meds Medication and Health Ministry is a local nonprofit organization that provides help to Mitchell and Yancey County residents who have no prescription health plan and often have to decide between buying food and buying medicine. No one should have to make that choice.

If you need help paying for needed prescription medications call MY Meds office at 828-682-7251.

LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUTION OF THE YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONCERNING ABSENTEE MEETINGS

On Monday, August 29, 2022, the Yancey County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office, Burnsville, North Carolina and adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of Elections that:

The Yancey County Board of Elections shall meet on the following dates and times (if necessary) to approve the application for absentee ballots for the election to be held on November 8, 2022.

Tuesday, October 4, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 6, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, October 10, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 5:30 pm
Monday, October 17, 2022 at 5:30 pm
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LEGAL NOTICE RESOLUTION OF THE YANCEY COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS CONCERNING THE OPENING AND RUNNING THROUGH THE DS200 OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS

On Monday, August 29, 2022, the Yancey County Board of Elections met at the Board of Elections Office, Burnsville, North Carolina and adopted the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Yancey County Board of Elections that:

1. The Yancey County Board of Elections shall at every absentee meeting open and run through the DS200 tabulator set aside for absentee ballots all approved ballots from that meeting.

2. The totals will not be run until 2pm, November 8, 2022 and the totals will not be released to the public until 7:30pm when the polls close.

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LEGAL NOTICE THE GREAT STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE COUNTY OF YANCEY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION, BEFORE THE CLERK

In the Matter of the Estate of **JAMES TURNER (J.T.) RANDOLPH, Deceased**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
HAVING QUALIFIED as Co-Executors of the Estate of **JAMES TURNER (J.T.) RANDOLPH, deceased**, of YANCEY COUNTY, NC, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before 13 January 2023, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 12th day of October, 2022

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USDA microloans help farmers purchase farmland/improve property

Farmers can use USDA farm ownership microloans to buy and improve property. These microloans are especially helpful to beginning or underserved farmers, U.S. veterans looking for a career in farming, and those who have small and mid-sized farming operations.

Microloans have helped farmers and ranchers with operating costs, such as feed, fertilizer, tools, fencing, equipment, and living expenses since 2013.

Microloans can also help with farmland and building purchases and soil and water conservation improvements. FSA designed the expanded

program to simplify the application process, expand eligibility requirements and expedite smaller real estate loans to help farmers strengthen their operations. Microloans provide up to \$50,000 to qualified producers and can be issued to the applicant directly from the USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA).

To learn more about the FSA microloan program, visit fsa.usda.gov/microloans.

For more information about FSA loans, contact the Mitchell-Yancey FSA Office at 11943 S 226 Hwy, Spruce Pine, NC 28777 or by calling (828) 765-5049 or 682-0774. Producers may also visit the FSA website at www.fsa.usda.gov