

LEGAL NOTICE



With clear skies, hikers should get views like this on the August 25 hike from Mt. Mitchell to Big Tom.

High Peaks Trail Leads High Altitude Hike On Friday, August 25

Join the NC High Peaks Trail Association for a moderate, 3-mile hike along the spine of the Black Mountains from Mt. Mitchell to Big Tom and return on Friday, Aug. 25.

The hike will offer stunning views and perhaps some hints of early fall from the tallest mountain chain in the Eastern U.S. Although rated as moderate because there is little elevation change, the trail is rugged, with a long, stone staircase and several scrambles over steep rock faces that can be very slick when wet.

Meet at the Lower Summit parking area near the picnic shelters at Mt. Mitchell State Park at 10 a.m. Bring lunch,

snacks, plenty of water and hiking poles, which are recommended because of the uneven footing. Leashed dogs are allowed, but bring supplies to clean up after your pet!

Hikers should also bring a warm jacket and possibly raingear as cool temperatures and gusty winds can combine with fog and clouds to make things surprisingly brisk at elevation.

For more information or to reserve a spot on the hike, contact Hike Leader John Whitehouse at trails@nchighpeaks.org or 828-682-3217.

As always, check the High Peaks Facebook page or website, www.nchighpeaks.org, for last-minute changes due to the weather.

Something for everyone at Carolina Mountains Literary Festival Sept 7-9

There will be something for everyone at the Carolina Mountains Literary Festival on September 7-9, 2023 in Burnsville, NC. Experience Appalachia through an artist's gaze or chef's palate. Hear poetry, true stories, and imaginative tales. All day on Friday and Saturday, 30 authors writing in fiction, non-fiction, memoir, poetry, childrens, and young adult fiction will give free readings and discuss their books with attendees.

For those who write as well as read, registration is still open for two of our 3-hour writing workshops: Creative NonFiction led by Marjorie Hudson and Playwriting led by Kyle R. Thomas. There is a \$35 fee and participation is limited to 15 people in each workshop.

The Festival begins Thursday night at 7pm with Telling Our Own Story: Cherokee Self-Representation in Contemporary Media. Presenting will be an accomplished panel of citizens of the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (EBCI), who are contributing to the international movement for Indigenous self-representation in media through writing, podcasting, visual art, and cultural perpetuation. This is a free community event, with no pre-registration required.

Then bright and early Friday morning, two days of FREE sessions kick off at 9am with Fiction author Meagan Lucas, Memoirist Sebastian Matthews and two special Young Adult genre presentations by authors Lauren Yero and Hope Larson - your teenage reader (and budding writer) will not want to miss these!

Memoir lovers will enjoy the insider's perspective into the lives of spies with Anne Tazewell, the impact of football on a family's dynamic with Dr. Lori Leachman, the spiritual journey of herbalist and healer Maia Toll, and the shocking crime that catapulted Dr. Benjamin Gilmer into examining the relationship between mental health and mass incarceration.

Art lovers get a chance to

dive into process through the eyes of award winning watercolorist, Wyatt Waters, and photo essayist Brent Martin. Foodies can meet Marci Cohen Ferris, whose book captures a portrait of our state's food history, cultures, and economies through regional chefs, farmers, and more.

This year our poetry lineup includes a wide variety of themes, as well as a special Saturday afternoon showing of Michael Frierson's film documentary about NC Poet Laureate Fred Chappell. Dr. Len Lawson turns his poetic lens towards the history of black mental health, Maureen DrRant will take you through the ups and downs of family, Hilda Downer will introduce you to Kentucky poet, activist, and radio star Jim Webb (aka Wiley), and Kenneth Chamlee will show you how poetry can tickle your funny bone and still pack a punch.

Escape into the fictional lives of the professors, rock-stars, and goth-outsiders that sprang from the fertile brains of authors Scott Gould, Peter McDade and Robert Gipe. Find out what challenges each author faced creating these worlds and what tricks (and even original soundtracks) helped them along the way. Essayist Shuly Xóchitl Cawood will discuss the beauty of brevity while historian Corban Addison will have you cheering on the underdog's fight to save their small rural NC community.

Saturday starts off with a special interactive storytime for kids with author/illustrator Darren Farrell, and then closes on Saturday night with an intimate in-conversation program with 2021 National Book Award Winner, author Jason Mott. Keynote Registration required (\$25).

Visit the Festival website, emlitfest.org, to read author bios and session descriptions and register for the writing workshops and the Saturday night Keynote.

Yancey County Senior Center trip to New York City

Yancey County Senior Center presents a trip to New York City - "The Big Apple." The trip is booked with Diamond Tours and includes Motorcoach transportation, 7 days and 6 nights lodging including 4 consecutive nights in the NYC area, 10 meals: 6 breakfasts and 4 dinners. A guided tour of Manhattan to such sites as Central Park, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Wall Street, the 911 Memorial and much more. A guided tour of New York City and One World Observatory.

The group will depart from the Yancey County Senior Center, located at 503 Medical Campus Drive in Burnsville at 8 a.m. on Thursday, Nov. 30 and will return on Dec. 6, 2023.

The price for this trip is \$869 per person* based on double occupancy, (add \$314 for single occupancy), with \$75 per person deposit due upon registration. Final payment is due 9/23/2023. For more information and reservations contact Alyssa Ratliff at (828) 682-6011.

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE NO. 23 CvD 190 NORTH CAROLINA YANCEY COUNTY

Yancey County, A Body Politic and Corporate vs. Unknown Heirs at Law of Bennie Riddle, a/k/a Benny Riddle, a/k/a Ben Riddle, Cheryl Koenig, a/k/a Cheryl Merrill Koenig, Unknown Spouse of Cheryl Koenig, Unknown Heirs at Law of Matthew Glenn Riddle, Jason Matthew Riddle, Unknown Spouse of Jason Matthew Riddle, Unknown Heirs at Law of Alicia Dawn Grindstaff Riddle, a/k/a Alicia Dawn Grindstaff, Austin Colin Ray, Kyllie Leann Ray, Kathleen R. Rodberg, Administrator, a/k/a Kathleen Rose Rodberg, Bonnie Hamilton, Guardian, Betsey F. Matthews, Administrator, Debbie Grindstaff, a/k/a Deborah Denise Grindstaff

TO: Unknown Heirs at Law of Bennie Riddle, a/k/a Benny Riddle, a/k/a Ben Riddle, Cheryl Koenig, a/k/a Cheryl Merrill Koenig, Unknown Spouse of Cheryl Koenig, Unknown Heirs at Law of Matthew Glenn Riddle, Jason Matthew Riddle, Unknown Spouse of Jason Matthew Riddle, Unknown Heirs at Law of Alicia Dawn Grindstaff Riddle, a/k/a Alicia Dawn Grindstaff, Austin Colin Ray, Kyllie Leann Ray, Kathleen R. Rodberg, Administrator, a/k/a Kathleen Rose Rodberg, Bonnie Hamilton, Guardian, Betsey F. Matthews, Administrator, Debbie Grindstaff, a/k/a Deborah Denise Grindstaff

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Foreclosure sale to satisfy unpaid property taxes owing to Yancey County on your interest in the property described as follows:

BEGINNING on an iron pin in a fence line with Gladys Penland Byrd, said iron pin being the Southwestern corner of Cal Johnson and running thence with the Johnson line an Easterly direction approximately 180 feet to a stake in the Cooper line; thence a Southwesterly direction with the Cooper line 230 feet to a point; thence in a North westerly direction on a line parallel with the Cal Johnson line 180 feet to a point in the Gladys Penland Byrd line and fence; thence with her line and fence 230 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing approximately one (1) acre, more or less.

Subject to easements, restrictions and rights of way of record, and matters of survey.

Also being identified as Parcel ID# 072700281165000, Yancey County Tax Office.

Address: 489 Cattail Creek Rd

Plaintiff seeks to extinguish any and all claims and interests that you may have in the property, to have a commissioner appointed to sell the Property and to deliver to the purchaser a deed to said real estate in fee simple, free and clear of all encumbrances, and that the interests and equities of redemption of the Defendants in the property be forever barred and foreclosed.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than September 26, 2023

and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This day of August 1, 2023.

Sarah E.G. Pilon
Attorney for Plaintiff
Capital Center
82 Patton Avenue, Suite 500
Asheville, North Carolina 28801
(828) 252-8010
Publish on August 16, 23, 30, 2023

Volunteers needed

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals weekdays from 10:30 to noon. Call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator CTA of the Estate of Juanita Gillis 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 8th day of November, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 9th day of August, 2023.

Rosemary Banks
131 East Main Street, Suite B

Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023

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 Claudia Yang 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 1st day of November, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 2nd day of August, 2023.

Chad Alexander Yang
P.O. Box 1550
Newland, NC 28657
Published August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

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 Larry Francis Allison 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 November, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of August, 2023.

Larry Franklin Bradley
108 Bradley Ct.
Easley, SC 29640

Published August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 2023

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 Earlene Hensley 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 22nd day of November, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of August, 2023.

A. Bryan Hensley
416 Fir Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2023

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 Kenneth Lloyd 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 22nd day of November, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of August, 2023.

Larry Dean Snyder
130 Cottage Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714

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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 Executrix of the Estate of Murry Styles Jr 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 22nd day of November, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of August, 2023.

Peggy Jones
100 Country Place Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH

DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 831

BEFORE THE NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of
Application of Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc., for Annual Review of Gas Costs Pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6))
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the North Carolina Utilities Commission has scheduled a public hearing to conduct an annual review of the cost of natural gas supply, storage and transportation for Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. (Piedmont). The public hearing has been scheduled for Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in Commission Hearing Room 2115, Dobbs Building, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina. The hearing is being held pursuant to the provisions of N.C. Gen. Stat. § 62-133.4(c) and Commission Rule R1-17(k)(6) for the purpose of comparing Piedmont's prudently-incurred gas costs with costs recovered from all of the utility's customers served during the test period. Public witness testimony will be received in accordance with Commission Rule R1-21(g).

Piedmont filed testimony relating to the subject matter of this hearing on August 1, 2023. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Chief Clerk, North Carolina Utilities Commission, 430 North Salisbury Street, Raleigh, North Carolina, where a copy of Piedmont's testimony is available for review by the public. Also, documents can be viewed on the Commission's website at www.ncuc.gov.

The Public Staff is authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Correspondence regarding the annual review proceeding and the hearing thereon should be directed to the Public Staff and should include any information which the writer wishes to be considered by the Public Staff in its investigation of the matter. Such statements should be addressed to Mr. Christopher J. Ayers, Executive Director, Public Staff, 4326 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300.

The Attorney General is also authorized by statute to represent consumers in proceedings before the Commission. Statements to the Attorney General should be addressed to The Honorable Josh Stein, Attorney General, c/o Consumer Protection-Utilities, 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-9001. Written statements may be emailed to utilityAGO@ncdoj.gov.

Written statements are not evidence unless the writers appear at a public hearing and testify concerning the information contained in their written statements.

Persons desiring to intervene in this proceeding as formal parties should file a petition to intervene pursuant to Commission Rules R1-5 and R1-19 on or before Monday, September 18, 2023. Such petitions should be filed with the Chief Clerk of the North Carolina Utilities Commission, 4325 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-4300. The direct testimony and exhibits of expert witnesses to be presented by intervenors should also be filed with the Commission on or before Monday, September 18, 2023.

This the 10th day of August, 2023.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION

Tamika D. Conyers, Deputy Clerk