



January is National Mentoring Month, a great start to 2024 and an opportunity to give a young person a great start in life.

There's a Child Out There Who Could Use a Friend Like You to Give them a Great Start

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Western North Carolina, part of the nation's largest youth mentoring organization (BBBS of America), needs more mentors for its growing list of local children and youth who need a nudge from a caring adult outside of their families.

"National Mentoring Month provides a wonderful opportunity to think of and thank the mentors in your life and to consider becoming a mentor yourself," said BBBSWNC Executive Vice President Jamye Davis. "Being a Big is a rewarding way to give back to your community, support and inspire a young person, and have fun while doing it."

More than 200 potential Little Brothers and Little Sisters in 18 mountain counties are waiting for an adult with similar interests to make a difference in their lives. BBBSWNC especially needs men - and men of color - to mentor boys who are eager to do things like hike, go for pizza and just generally hang out with an adult who is up for fun. Bigs are good listeners who often help their "Littles" through difficult situations.

Each of the 18 counties that BBBSWNC serves has a professional program coordinator who, working with the family, matches the child with a carefully vetted adult who shares their interests. "Bigs" are asked to show up regularly for their Littles with an attitude that helps the child explore possibilities and realize their potential.

School-based Bigs meet their Littles at school for an hour each week to work on homework, engage in an activity and have some fun. Community-based Bigs are asked to take their Little out twice a month for an engaging activity that the young person might not experience otherwise. High School students can also become Bigs for middle and elementary school kids in their communi-

ties. BBBSWNC is also recruiting kids to be Littles. The agency, based in Asheville, works with families to find the right fit for their kids. Bigs receive regular support from BBBS's trained staff, many of whom are experienced in education, social

work, and children's mental health. BBBSWNC plans or suggests many of the activities that matches do.

Bigs don't have to be perfect - just dependable. Being a mentor doesn't take a lot of time, but it makes a big difference in a child's life.



Civil War medical saddle bag of Dr Benjamin Whittington on display in the Mountain Medicine exhibit.

The Yancey History Association's feature exhibit "Mountain Medicine"

This is the final week of the Yancey History Association's feature exhibit "Mountain Medicine - a legacy of healing" located in the Lloyd Bailey Building at 3 Academy Street,

Burnsville.

Don't miss this opportunity to view the medical equipment and information on the early practitioners in the Toe River Valley along with exhibits on Minerals & Mining, Native American Archaeology, Nu-Wray Inn, Moonshine, Otway Burns & Model Snapdragon, Lili Kraus, Ols Time General Store and the Genealogy Library.

The Museum Complex will be closing on December 22nd for extensive renovations and exhibit changes during the winter break, reopening in the spring of 2024 with a new feature exhibit of local Native American artifacts and culture. During this time the Genealogy Library will be open by appointment only.

For more information call the YHA office at 828-678-9587.

Marine Corps League Mt. Mitchell Detachment #1266

Meeting Notice Located at the Western Sizzler Restaurant, 11961 S Hwy 226, Spuce Pine, NC 28777

Meeting the 3rd Thursday of Every Month at 7:00 p.m.

All branches are welcome and families!

NA meetings at First Baptist Church

Burnsville Back Room Group of NA meets twice a week at First Baptist Church. The group meets on Sunday at 4 p.m. in Room 101 Annex and Thursday at 6 p.m. in Room 213 Annex. First Baptist Church is located at 51 Town Square in Burnsville. NA is a 12 step program that deals with addiction.

Attention All Veterans

The Sgt. E. L. Randolph Chapter 57 Disabled American Veterans is in need of some Veterans volunteering to join our Honor Guard. If you are interested please contact Jerry Miller between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 828-208-2486.

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church Food Pantry

Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church will have their food pantry open Thursday, Dec. 28, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. This will be operating as a drive thru service. Please call 1-828-536-0130 when you arrive at the church to check in and let them know that you are there. Someone will bring the food to your car.

This service is for anyone who is in need of food. Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church is located at 151 Scronce Creek Road, just off Highway 19 E in Burnsville.

New Laser Show Added! Laser Holiday Christmas Magic!

Friday December 22nd @6pm! Come enjoy all of the classic tunes of the season dance to mesmerizing laser lights!

Use the Link Below for tickets! Adults \$15, Children 12yr and over \$7 Laser Holiday Christmas Magic Tickets!

Enjoy your favorite Holiday Songs as lasers dance to the classic tunes of the season!

Celebrate the season with Laser Holiday Christmas Magic. We've gathered a selection of our favorite holiday tunes and brought them to life with gorgeous laser choreography. Vibrant animations and gorgeous abstracts dance above your heads, as the music takes you away from the hustle and bustle. It might be cold outside, but it's nice and toasty under the dome. Gather up your loved ones and share the one of a kind experience that is Laser Holiday Christmas Magic.

Got questions? Contact the Park at observatory@mayland.edu or by calling the Visitor Center at 828-470-7584.

Need a Broom?

Since 1950, the Burnsville Lions Club has been selling their trademark brooms as a fundraiser to provide vision care to needy persons in Yancey County. While we no longer go door to door selling our brooms, we have placed our "broom boxes" in a variety of places throughout the county. Following is a list of businesses where you may locate our "broom boxes" and purchase a broom. Buchanan & Young (713 E. Main), Jill's Hairport (212 W. Main), Phil's Tire Service (617 E. Main), Sue's Beauty Shop (511 W. Main), Fox Country Store (680 W. Main), Troy's Greenhouse (30 Cherry Ln), Shear Perfection Salon (117 Westover St.), and Yancey Graphics (607 W. Hwy 19E).

Guardian ad Litem volunteers needed

The NC Guardian ad Litem Program is seeking volunteer advocates to represent abused and neglected children in Yancey, Mitchell and Madison.

Training sessions are held periodically for volunteers with this program to advocate for local children.

If you have any questions or would like to learn more about the local Guardian ad Litem program, please call Erica Edwards at 828-682-4754 or visit volunteerforgal.org.

LEGAL NOTICE

LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Max L. Fox, deceased, of Yancey County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before March 20, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

Amy Johnson and Max L. Fox II, Co-Executors
c/o Strauss Attorneys PLLC
2626 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 310
Raleigh, NC 27608
Published December 13, 20, 27, 2023. January 3, 2024.

LEGAL NOTICE

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Billy Baxter Bentley 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 21 day of February, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 22 day of November, 2023.

Bobby Joel Bentley
4654 Rifle Range
Conover, NC 28613
Published November 22,

29, December 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 Brenda Gail Murphy 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 20th day of March, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 20th day of December, 2023.

David Alan Silvers
605 Westside Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published December 20, 27, 2023
January 3, 10, 2024

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 Marian Elizabeth Proffitt Garland 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 6th day of March, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 6th day of December, 2023.

Clinton Garland
56 Liberty Park
Marion, NC 28752
December 6, 13, 20, 27, 2023

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Ronnie Roger Robinson II 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 13th day of March, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 13th day of December, 2023.

Dawn Renea Walker
3019 Double Island Road
Green Mountain, NC 28740
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Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers to deliver meals any weekday from 10:30 to noon to Yancey County's shut-ins.

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Windol Lee Gates 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 28 day of February, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 29 day of November, 2023.

Christopher Patrick Gates
172 Brookstone Dr.
Mt. Holly, NC 28120
Published November 29,
December 6, 13, 20, 2023

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 Marian Paullette Laufer 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 28 day of February, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment.

This the 29 day of November, 2023.

Andrea Laufer Partee
517 Sleepy Hollow Rd
Charlotte, NC 28217
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Times Journal Deadline

Noon on Friday for Wednesday's publication. Located at 22 North Main Street. Phone 828-682-2120.

New N.C. License Plate Agency opens in Mitchell County

The N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles opened a new license plate agency (LPA) on Dec. 5 in Mitchell County.

The agency will be located at 11889 N.C. Hwy. 226 S., in Spruce Pine, which is the same location as the previous agency that closed in October.

The LPA will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday, except on state holidays. The agency will be operated by the Mitchell County Government.

Class B CDL Spring Program at MCC's Avery Campus

In partnership with Caldwell Community College, Mayland Community College will offer a Class B CDL program. The cost is \$1000. This does not include DOT physical, drug screen, permit, or license. Mandatory orientation for the class is 1/11/2024. Scholarship and payment plan information will be explained at orientation. Registration day is 1/18/2024. Class breakdown: 154 hours: Online- 82hrs: Behind the Wheel (Seated)- 80hrs:

Graduation- 2hrs. The behind the wheel portion of the class will be in Avery County. Call the Avery Campus for information / reserve your spot, 828-733-5883.

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