Yancey County positive cases at 14, with 11 confirmed in Mitchell County

Two more confirmed COVID-19 cases in Yancey and one more case confirmed in Mitchell County.

Yancey County Health Department notified Thursday, May 28, that two more Yancey County residents have been infected with COVID-19. The total number of Yancey COVID-19 cases is 14. These cases are unrelated to any of the previous cases. An additional case was announced on Wednesday, May 27, that was also unrelated to previous cases and that individual is receiving medical care at a facility outside the county.

The NC Department of Health and Human Services is currently in isolation. This brings the total number of COVID-19 positive cases of 14 to 14. Ten individuals have recovered.

As our county is opening up back in phases, it is important to remember that COVID-19 is still here. Ms. Creek added, “Community health and wellness is critical to prevent the spread of COVID-19.”

Voting for the Republican Primary Second Primary on June 23 will be from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the following precincts:

- East Precinct: 6 South Main Street, Burnsville.
- West Precinct: 110 Town Square, Burnsville.
- West Precinct: Yancey County Board of Elections, 30 East Cemetery St. Hours are 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., June 4-20.

For each case, public health officials are testing the contacts of the individual with COVID-19 to ensure they were all within 6 feet of each other for at least 15 minutes. The department has tested and quarantined all local health care providers and firefighters who were exposed. The Newdale Volunteer Fire Department and the West Yancey Fire Department tested and quarantined those returning as negative. The citizens of Burnsville and the Newdale Fire District are encouraged to self-quarantine, practice social distancing, wear masks when in public, and practice washing hands frequently. If you are having a fever, cough, sore throat, fatigue, shortness of breath, loss of taste, loss of smell, diarrhea, muscle, headache, or body aches. If you experience these symptoms, please call your healthcare provider and please follow the CDC guidelines, and remember that you may not be symptomatic.

As of June 4, there have been a total of 579 recoveries. 10 have died in isolation. An additional case was announced on May 28 that two more Yancey County residents have been infected with COVID-19. The total number of Yancey COVID-19 cases is 14. Ten individuals have recovered.

The cases are all related to family members, friends, or someone who has been or traveled to Mitchell County. The individuals have been tested, with 10 positive test results and 579 negative test results. This brings the total for Yancey positive cases at 14, 10 of whom have recovered.

The most recent COVID-19 cases occurred in Mitchell County. Ours and Mitchell cases are increasing in the same number. Yancey does suggest that a department is not a “hot spot” and the individuals can appear the same as others.

Community health is important to us all. It is important to keep the lines of communication open from all the sources like the CDC, MCDHHS, and the Newdale Volunteer Fire Department. Call the NC Coronavirus Hotline at 1-866-462-3821 (staffed by nurses and pharmacists 24/7).

Newdale Volunteer Fire Department is committed to serving the residents of the Newdale Fire District and the surrounding communities. In this current time, we are working on our ongoing efforts to make Yancey County a safer place to live and work. They have completed NC Dept Insurance evaluations and requirements for better homeowner’s insurance rates in that fire district.

Newdale Volunteer Fire Department has spent the past four years preparing for this inspection and has invested over 2,000 man hours and thousands of training hours in ensuring that, among other things, the department is properly staffed and trained, that all emergency vehicles are certified and properly equipped.

The department tested and certified all hydrants and water points in the district, developed and/or updated pre-plans for all commercial buildings and other community structures. A thorough review of all previous fire calls was conducted to ensure they were all within appropriate personnel placement.

In a statement from the NC Department of Insurance, the State Fire Marshal, Commissioner Hise said, “I’d like to congratulate Chief Casey and the department for the hard work of all the department members.

The citizens of Burnsville and the Newdale Fire District should know they have large structures in their neighborhoods and the county is working on protecting them and their property in case of emergency.

On behalf of the department, Chief Casey said would like to recognize and thank the following for their help and support through this process: Newdale Volunteer Fire District, Yancey County’s Office of Emergency Services, Sheriff’s Office, Yancey County EOC, Fire Investigator Neil McCurry, Barry Jones, and all local fire departments.

Newdale VFDF members have completed years of work to improve their department’s rating as a SE 5 by the NC Dept of Insurance’s State Fire Marshall.
Altec donates touchless water bottle filling stations for Micaville and South Toe Elementary Schools

Yancey County Schools End of Year Celebrations

Yancey County Schools across the county will be hosting celebration events this week as we approach the end of the 2019-2020 school year. Scheduled events are as follows:

- Blue Ridge Elementary Kindergarten Celebration, Monday, June 1, at 6 p.m.
- Fifth Grade Celebration, Tuesday, June 2, at 5 p.m.
- Buncombe Elementary School Kindergarten Celebration, Wednesday, June 3, at 1:30 p.m.
- Fifth Grade Celebration, Thursday, June 4, at 1:30 p.m.
- Micaville Elementary School Kindergarten Celebration, Tuesday, June 2, at 5 p.m.
- Eighth Grade Celebration, Thursday, June 4, at 5 p.m.
- South Toe Elementary School Fifth Grade Celebration, Thursday, June 11, at 6 p.m.
- Cane River Middle School Eighth Grade Celebration, Tuesday, June 2, at 6:30 p.m.
- East Yancey Middle School Eighth Grade Celebration, Saturday, June 6, at 6 p.m.

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Governor Roy Cooper announces Federal grant to support jobs
Gov. Roy Cooper announced that North Carolina will receive a federal grant to support job training and temporary employment opportunities.

"To help set up job trainings and temporary employment opportunities, I support Gov. Roy Cooper's call for unprecedented action," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "We are in unprecedented times that will mean more people can stay in their homes and stay safe as we work to slow the spread of this virus. We need North Carolinians to want to pay their rent, but for too many people, that is no longer possible right now," said At-

The Order’s utility shutoff moratorium:
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The freedom for which they ought to be remembered

By Rob Schodell

The recent 75th Memorial Day observance is no more — and the first in more than a century to occur during a global pandemic — than an ap point on the calendar that represents a question of what the Allies fought for and what they did to face the enemy against that the answer to that question in "freedom," then perhaps it also means to take a few minutes to reflect upon what it is that we are fighting for.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "The purpose of war is not to change a government but to end a war." This way— "We all declare for freedom, or the one who resides in a place in which there are no free men, or the one who lives in a country that has lost all freedom"—is most apt.

The freedom to participate in commerce doesn't confer the right to operate a business and it is not too soon or too late to stop the shuttering of small businesses in all of the counties that opened. Our local shops may have to endure crowded, mask-filled stores at one time or another, but the shuttering of small businesses is a solution in search of a problem.

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This photo was taken during one of Arthur Morgan School's 18-day service/learning trips prior to distancing. AMS is now adapting to remote learning.

The pandemic has been a major hurdle to those most impacted by the crisis. One group learned tech skills at Asheville Technical College. In addition, students contributed with their skills. Many of the students were asked to learn about their families. Some were given assignments to write about their experiences and cultural effects of life. The pandemic changed how people see themselves and others.

One of the most inspiring things to come out of this time has been student and staff interest in the community. One of the students who learned about the community from their families was Eric. He was a very lucky even when the virus affected our lives.

For several years, AMS students have administered a charity fund to donate to non-profits. Discussions are ongoing about how to start fundraising for those in need. Some of the students involved in this project have chosen to support local organizations such as the food bank and the animal shelter.

Lions Club offers for businesses and local leaders.

Since 1950, the Burnsville Lions Club has been offering discounts to local businesses. Their trademark brochures are available at the library, and are used by nearly 95% of the members.

Lions Club also promotes community events such as the Lions Club Pancake Breakfast. The Lions Club Pancake Breakfast is held on the third Saturday of every month at the Lions Club. The breakfast includes pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, and juice.

The Lions Club encourages community involvement and supports various causes.

The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that many community events have been cancelled. However, the Lions Club continues to support the community in other ways. They have donated funds to local charities and have organized food drives.

In conclusion, the Lions Club remains committed to supporting the community and offering opportunities for community involvement.

Sue's Beauty Shop, Prescrip- tion Pad. One of a Kind Gal lacey is an independent film festival that takes place in Burnsville. The festival features a variety of films, including documentaries, shorts, and features. The festival also includes a screenwriters' workshop and a screenwriting contest.

Much with sadness, Piney Mountain Playhouse has decided to cancel the fall 2020 season. As with all retail, the arts is suffering. For 11:30-2, both also available to and over from 11:30-noon. The Piney Mountain Playhouse began selling cookies and brownies on New Year's Day.

The Piney Mountain Playhouse offers a variety of performances and events throughout the year. They include musicals, plays, and comedy shows. The Piney Mountain Playhouse is located at 203 E. Main St. in Burnsville, NC, 28714.

Piney Mountain Playhouse presents the following events:

- Thursday, June 18, 7 p.m.: The musical "Les Miserables"
- Friday, June 19, 8 p.m.: The comedy "The Odd Couple"
- Saturday, June 20, 2 p.m.: The musical "Wicked"
- Sunday, June 21, 2 p.m.: The comedy "The Play That Goes Wrong"
- Monday, June 22, 7 p.m.: The musical "42nd Street"
- Tuesday, June 23, 7 p.m.: The comedy "The Submission"
- Wednesday, June 24, 7 p.m.: The musical "A Christmas Carol"
- Thursday, June 25, 7 p.m.: The comedy "The Full Monty"
- Friday, June 26, 7 p.m.: The musical "The Drowsy Chaperone"
- Saturday, June 27, 7 p.m.: The comedy "The Importance of Being Earnest"
- Sunday, June 28, 2 p.m.: The musical "Sweeney Todd"
- Monday, June 29, 7 p.m.: The comedy "The Producers"
- Tuesday, June 30, 7 p.m.: The musical "The Phantom of the Opera"

The Piney Mountain Playhouse website is a great resource for information about upcoming events and how to purchase tickets. They are located at 203 E. Main St. in Burnsville, NC, 28714. They can be reached at 828-678-3914 or online at pineymountainplayhouse.com.
While COVID-19 remains a threat, the coming of the mosquito season means that both people and livestock are vulnerable to other serious illnesses if the farms are infested. Mosquitoes can transmit a variety of illnesses, including West Nile virus, dengue, malaria, yellow fever, and Zika.

Farms provide a breeding ground for mosquitoes because they are often close to other habitats, such as water sources, that serve as nurseries for the mosquito larvae. Furthermore, farms are often situated in areas with high human activity, which can contribute to the spread of mosquitoes.

To protect both people and livestock, farmers can take several steps to reduce mosquito populations. These include:

- **Eliminating standing water:** Mosquitoes need standing water to reproduce. Farmers can reduce the amount of standing water by removing or covering containers that hold water, such as tires, birdbaths, clogged gutters, and small ponds.
- **Putting traps:** Farmers can use traps to capture mosquitoes. Mosquito traps use various attractants, such as carbon dioxide, to lure mosquitoes into a collection device.
- **Using fans:** Fans can be used to create a draft, which helps to keep mosquitoes away from human and livestock areas.
- **Maintaining the landscape:** Farmers can reduce the number of mosquito habitats by maintaining the landscape around their farms.

In order to maintain program eligibility and benefit, farmers must file an acreage report by the July 15th deadline. Failure to file an acreage report by the July 15th deadline may result in a loss of Program benefits.

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**Girl Scout Virtual Summer Camp**

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont (GSCP2P) is continuing to keep girls connected and engaged throughout the summer with virtual summer camp sessions during the months of June through August. GSCP2P knows there are still many girls who are not setting up virtual camps. Therefore, this year we are offering a small group setting where they learn together while doing activities independently, or with family, away from the screen. The sessions will differ from what students have been doing as part of distance learning in that programming will be very interactive.

"We know that our girls look forward to summer camp experiences with great anticipation, and, for many, is a tradition they share with family that goes back decades," said Jane Cade, CEO of GSCP2P. "But after monitoring current health and safety regulations due to COVID-19, virtual summer camp programming will be the go-to choice for health and safety of everyone involved. Our girls are excited to showcase our camps to their friends and families through live webinars.

**Virtual summer camp in June:**

This June, GSCP2P will be hosting virtual summer camps for all girls in rising grades 1-12. All camp sessions are available to be found at camp.GSCP2P.com.

**Sorrow shared is sorrow halved,** it serves no one to carry their burdens alone. Until there is a call from the federal government for a Day of Mourning to acknowledge the loss caused by the pandemic, they wrote, "The virus that has been causing so much distress is not beyond our control." For Greta McAlister, a medical- physician, who distributed flowers to those who had lost friends or loved ones, along with the loss of her grandmother, who died in the 1918 flu epidemic when her dad was a baby and the death of her dear friend Sarah Cade, the event was a chance for people to comfort one another: "We agree to carry their burdens alone. In a weekly, small-group setting where they learn together while doing activities independently, or with family, away from the screen. The sessions will differ from what students have been doing as part of distance learning in that programming will be very interactive."
Congratulations Mountain Heritage Class of 2020 #mhbethegood

Hospice and Home Care of the Blue Ridge is proud to congratulate our staff members' children. Their accomplishments range from graduating from kindergarten to being college graduates! We pray that each of you, like your parents, will make the world a better, brighter place. We love all of you!

First Row: Delaney Jenkins, Allie Miller, Lucas Jenkins, Ruth Hurtado, Jeremiah Greene, Cannia Grindstaff
Second Row: Dallas Hensley, Abe Willis, Justin Dula, Aaron Willis, Landon Ogle, Tucker O’Keefe
Mary Bailey

Mary Bailey died on Friday, May 29, 2020, after several months of declining health. Mrs. Bailey was born July 9, 1922, in Watauga County, North Carolina, to Issac and Ruth (Price) Bailey, and was the second of eight children. She graduated from Elkin High School in 1940. She married her high school sweetheart, James Bailey, and the two were married for 67 years. The couple had one son, Gary Bailey, who survives her.

She was predeceased by her parents, Halter Gerard Bowman and Ruth Price Bailey; her brothers, Herbert, Williard, Ewell, and Bob; her sister, Hilda Young; a son-in-law, Elton Bailey; and a daughter-in-law, Jean Bailey. She leaves behind her husband, James Bailey; her sister, Hilda Young; her brothers, Herbert, Williard, Ewell, and Bob; and her daughter, Jean Bailey. She is survived by her son, Gary Bailey, and his family, including his wife, Janice Bailey, and their children, James, Andrew, and Mary Bailey. She is also survived by her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren.

She is a member of St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Lenoir, North Carolina, where she was an active member and served on many committees. She was a lifelong member of the Episcopal Church and was known for her kind and generous spirit.

She was an active member of her community, and volunteered at many local organizations. She was a member of the local women’s club and was active in the community’s annual art show. She was also a member of the local historical society and would often be seen at the local library lending a helping hand.

She was an avid gardener and spent much of her time tending to her beautiful flower garden. She enjoyed quilting and was known for her hand-made quilts, which she would give as gifts to family and friends.

She will be deeply missed by her family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local hospice or the local animal shelter.

A graveside service will be held at a later date in the family plot at the local cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local hospice or the local animal shelter.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2020, at the local church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the local hospice or the local animal shelter.

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Elizabeth Ann Duncan

Duncan, Elizabeth Ann, 82 of Aaras went to be with the Lord May 27, 2020. Born on June 17, 1937, to Edward E. and Estelle Inman Duncan, she was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, husband, R. Dale Duncan; her brother, John E. Duncan; and her sister, Mary Duncan Shuford. She is survived by her husband, James T. Duncan; her son, John (Dana) Duncan; her daughter, Karen (Gabe) Ridgely; her brother, Tim (Tina) Duncan; and her sister, Sherry (David) Hackett.

She was a member of Holly Springs Baptist Church and was an avid reader. She spent many long days reading books and doing puzzles. She enjoyed all outdoor activities and especially loved gardening and birds. She will be greatly missed by all of those who knew her.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, May 27, 2020 at the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Holly Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM at the home of her son, John Duncan, 72/2 Ridge Road, Burnsville, or Wednesday from 1:00-2:00 PM at Yancey Funeral Home.

To order flowers or send condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneral.com.

Randall Reece Hall

Randall Reece Hall, age 61, of Burnsville, went to be with the Lord May 18, 2020 at his home after a brief illness. A native of Haywood County, he was a son of the late Hughes Hall and Mary Edith Frazier Hall. He was also preceded in death by his twin brother, Edward Hall.

Surviving are his parents; his wife, Jenny Hall; his brothers, Mel Hall and Robert Hall; his sisters, Kathy Wilkes, Carol Hall and Pam Hall; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM Saturday, May 23, 2020 at the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Home. Burial followed in the Yancey Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the home of his wife, 204 West Free Street, Burnsville, Wednesday from 6:00-8:00 PM.

To order flowers or send condolences, please visit our website at www.yanceyfuneral.com.

Fred Biggs

Fred Biggs, 73, of Burnsville, passed away Tuesday, May 19, 2020 at his home. He was the son of the late Roy and Betty Biggs.

Surviving is his wife, Mary Biggs; his son, Jeremy Biggs; his daughter, Leigh Ann Biggs; his daughter-in-law, Samantha Biggs; his granddaughter, Abigail Biggs; his brother, Robert Biggs; and his sister, Shirley Deck.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, May 23, 2020 at the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Biggs Family Cemetery.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the home of his son, Jeremy Biggs, 230 West Main Street, Burnsville, or Friday from 1:00-2:00 PM at the Chapel of Yancey Funeral Home.

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