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MITCHELL COUNTY

OFFICIAL COMMUNITY UPDATE

BUNDLES OF LOVE FREE DIAPER DRIVE

Join Mitchell County in a baby diaper drive on February 15 from 9AM until Noon at Harris Middle School (121 Harris St, Spruce Pine, NC 28777). Drive up, request your size, and they will be brought directly to you.

NEW UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE

FEBRUARY 15-21 – NC Highway 80 at Water Street (near Silver Chapel Church)

ACA / HEALTHCARE.GOV HEALTH INSURANCE DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 16

Mitchell County residents can still enroll in the 2025 Affordable Care Act health insurance program through the healthcare.gov marketplace through February 16.

RED CROSS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM AT SENIOR CENTER FEBRUARY 17 & 18

The American Red Cross has a financial assistance program available for individuals, and they are holding sessions at the Mitchell Senior Center in Ledger on February 17th & 18th from 10 am – 7 pm. There are eligibility requirements. You can learn more about the program at

<https://www.redcross.org/about-us/our-work/disaster-relief/hurricane-relief/hurricane-helene/hurricane-helene-milton-bridge-financial-assistance.html>

NORTH CAROLINA SHELTER TRAILER PROGRAM INFORMATION

The State of North Carolina Shelter Trailer Program offers temporary travel trailers for up to six months to eligible survivors whose homes cannot be occupied. This program is separate from FEMA's Temporary Housing Assistance.

<https://www.ncdps.gov/helene/dcm>

BOWMAN DISTRIBUTION SITE UPDATE

Starting February 1, Bowman will be open one day a week, on Saturdays, from 10AM until 2PM. Towards the end of the month, the site will be distributing all items to local nonprofits to take over distribution.

SAVE THE DATE - TOWN HALL

Mitchell County will host another town hall on February 20 at 5:30PM at 410 S. Mitchell Ave, Bakersville, NC

FEMA EXTENDS APPLICATION DEADLINE

At the request of the state of NC, Helene survivors now have until March 8, 2025, to apply for assistance with FEMA. Visit our local Disaster Recovery Center at 152 Ledger School Road, Bakersville, NC 28705.

DEBRIS PICK-UP CONTACT

First Watch Rapid Response phone line and email has been created for the residents and business owners to call in or email with concerns about areas in their neighborhood that need debris removal.

Phone # (828)797-8188 email: report@firstwatchrapidresponse.com

NEW ROADSIDE DEBRIS PICKUP COMPANY

The county has hired Crowder Gulf to take over picking up debris on the northern end of the county. Their territory will be from Cane Creek North. SDR will continue to handle Bakersville City Limits - South.

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