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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE NORTH CAROLINA, YANCEY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Ava J. Moore to Michael J. Broker, Trustee(s), which was dated August 27, 2005 and recorded on August 29, 2005 in Book 499 at Page 718, Yancey County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on April 13, 2017 at 11:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Yancey County, North Carolina, to wit:

BEING that certain parcel or tract of land lying and being in Burnsville Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEING LOT NO. 5 of the property known as Locust Cove Subdivision, Burnsville, North Carolina, as shown on a plat recorded in the Yancey County Deed Registry at Plat Book 02, Page 170B, reference to such plat being hereby made for a metes and mounds description of said Lot NO. 5.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to a ten-foot wide (of a total twenty-foot wide) Water and sewer easement crossing the Southern border of The subject property as shown on the recorded plat.

ALSO CONVEYED HERewith and subject to the thirty-foot wide read right of way for Lincoln Park Drive as shown on the aforementioned plat.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to the Declaration of Restrictive and Protective Covenants imposed upon the Locust Cove Subdivision as appears of record in the Yancey, County Deed Registry at Instrument Book 214, Page 767.

AND BEING the same property described in a Warranty Deed dated 5 April, 2005 from Pamela Pertiller to Mitchell-Yancey Habitat for Humanity a North Carolina non-profit Corporation, appearing of record in the Yancey County Deed Registry at Instrument Book 489, Page 126.

Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 77 Windy Ridge Drive, Burnsville, NC 28714.

A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. **THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.**

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current

owner(s) of the property is/are Ava Jinell Moore.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS A§ 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any party, the trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Mary Rose Silvers 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 June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of March 2017.

Fuller F. Pittman
217 Ferguson Hill Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Wanda Pittman Burleson
32 N Pershing Road
Asheville, NC 28805
Published March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of William Wayne Sams 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 June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of March 2017.

Wanda Willis Sams
206 Blue Iris Lane
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kathleen Grace Wilson 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 29th day of June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 29th day of March 2017.

Cynthia J. Frost
PO Box 1300
Mars Hill, NC 28754
Published March 29,
April 5, 12, 19, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Administrators of the Estate of Kimberly Bagwell 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 June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of March 2017.

Montana Riddle
29 Cattail Creek Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Stormy Riddle
474 Licksillet Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Wade Wilson 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 June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of March 2017.

Anthony Wade Wilson
443 Deacon Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Jeffery Russell Wilson
359 Deacon Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2017

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having this day qualified as Executor of the Estate of James M. McCool, late of Yancey County, State of North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned, duly verified, on or before the 13th day of June, 2017, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of March, 2017.

Ann McCool, Executor
3129 Crabtree Road
Spruce Pine, NC 28777
and
William H. Christy, Attorney
Stone & Christy, P.A.
110 N. Dougherty Street
Black Mountain, NC 28711
Published March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2017.

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THE TOWN OF BURNSVILLE DESIRES TO ENGAGE QUALIFIED PRIVATE ENGINEERING FIRMS TO PROVIDE PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

The Town of Burnsville has been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) in the amount of \$900,000 by the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality (NCDEQ) for the Peterson Trailer Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project. The project consists of sewer line replacement along David Lane, Bridgette Lane, and Brooke Lane located in the Peterson Trailer Park off Love Fox Lane. The scope of work includes the replacement of approximately 2,000 lf of sewer line along these streets with associated manholes and 4-inch sewer service lateral piping to connect approximately 45 existing homes to the new sewer main.

Contingent upon this award, the Burnsville Town Council is requesting statements of qualification for professional engineering services to assist the Town in both a) developing a final engineering report, and b) subsequent engineering, design, permitting, bid package services, and construction inspection services of this project in compliance with all applicable federal requirements and regulations under the CDBG program.

Copies of the detailed request for qualifications (RFQ), including a description of the services to be provided by respondents, the minimum content of responses, and the factors to be used to evaluate the responses, can be obtained by contracting Ronnie Tipton, Public Works Director at, the Burnsville Town Hall located at 2 Town Square, Burnsville, NC (828) 682-2420.

The above information should be submitted no later than 5:00 pm April 28, 2017 to the Burnsville Town Hall, PO Box 97, 2 Town Square, Burnsville, NC 28714 Attn: Ronnie Tipton. For more information, contact Ronnie Tipton, Public Works Director at (828) 682-2420.

The Town of Burnsville is an Equal Opportunity Employer and invites the submission of proposals from minority- and women-owned firms. The Town of Burnsville invites the submission of proposals from certified Section 3 business concerns.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Ronnie Tipton at (828) 682-2420 or at 2 Town Square, Burnsville, NC 28714 for accommodations for this request.

Esta informacion esta disponible en espanol o en cualquier otro idioma bajo peticion. Por favor, pongase en contacto con Ronnie Tipton al (828) 682-2420 o en 2 Town Square, Burnsville, NC 28714 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

Published April 5, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Madlyn L. 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 5th day of July 2017 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 April 2017.

Carol H. Jones
220 West Paces Ferry Rd NW
Atlanta, GA 30305
Genevieve B. Muse
111 Muirfield Road
Macon, GA 31210
Published April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Lawrence Duane Smith 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 June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 15th day of March 2017.

Opal Bradford Smith
150 Sleepy Hollow Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Harold Dean Young 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 29th day of June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 29th day of March 2017.

Kathy Young Jones
7465 Alamander Way, Apt 115
Chattanooga, TN 37421
Published March 29, April 5, 12, 19, 2017

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IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE, YANCEY COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION ADMINISTRATOR/ EXECUTOR NOTICE

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Christine Clark 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 June 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This the 22nd day of March 2017.

Jeanette Frances Clark Maddox
664 Bill Allen Branch Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 2017

TOPS Club meets

every Tuesday

TOPS, Taking Off Pounds Sensibly, meets every week at the Burnsville United Community Bank in the community room on Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6 PM. If you are interested in losing weight, maintaining the weight you have lost, or exploring new options in diet and exercise please come join us. Affordable, informative and fun!

For more information call 828-284-6032.

MY Meds

Medication

Ministry

MY Meds Medication and Health Ministry is a local non-profit 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 766-6337.

Barkin' Basement

YHS Resale Store

The Barkin' Basement Resale Store financially supports the Yancey Humane Society. When you shop at the Barkin' Basement you can be assured that a very high percentage of your dollars go to fund YHS, and all the good they do. The store is run and staffed by volunteers, and everything in the store has been donated by the good people of our area.

The Barkin' Basement is located on the bypass between Grocery and Fred's. The phone number is 828-208-9510. We accept clean, gently used items in good working order. Call the store if you have large items that need to be picked up, or for more information. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yancey Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you would like to help the lost or abused animals of Yancey County, come volunteer at the Barkin' Basement!

Hospice and Palliative

Care of Yancey needs

volunteers

Hospice and Palliative Care of Yancey County is seeking individuals to volunteer with patients in their private homes and in local nursing facilities. Volunteers spend time reading, recording stories, or just provide a listening ear to our patients. Volunteers may also provide a time for exhausted caregivers to be able to run errands or have some time to take a much needed break.

For more information please contact Angie Higgins, Volunteer Director at 682-9675.

Senior Center

needs volunteers

The Yancey Senior Center is in need of dedicated volunteers to deliver meals to the homebound. Meals are delivered Monday - Thursday from 10:30 until noon.

You can choose which day or day(s) that you would like to volunteer.

The Senior Center could not offer the Meals on Wheels program without its dedicated volunteers. Without this service, many of the elderly would not receive a hot, nutritious meal every day.

So, if you enjoy meeting new people and helping others, please call 682-6011, ext. 14. The staff looks forward to working with you and appreciates your willingness to make a difference in the lives of so many people.

Volunteers needed

at Brian Center in

Spruce Pine

Would you like to bring joy and love to an elderly person in our facility? Volunteers are needed at our facility to spend time and share memories with our residents. With your help we can alleviate loneliness and bring joy to an elderly person's life.

Do you want to make a difference in someone's life? If you do, please call Connie Clark at 537-4179 or contact the Activity Department at Brian Center in Spruce Pine at 828-765-7312 for more information. Thank you for considering this opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

Tipton Hill

Community

Center available

The Tipton Hill Community Center is now available to the Tipton Hill Community and surrounding communities for celebrations of birthdays, anniversaries, showers, reunions, and other community activities at NO charge unless the kitchen facilities are used. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

To reserve the facility, please contact Kit Faulk at 688-6430.

Volunteers needed

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

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NOTICE OF
FORECLOSURE SALE
NORTH CAROLINA,
YANCEY COUNTY

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed by Carol J. Porter to Staunton Norris, Trustee(s), which was dated September 24, 2012 and recorded on September 28, 2012 in Book 675 at Page 611, Yancey County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Trustee Services of Carolina, LLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conducting the sale on April 20, 2017 at 11:00AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Yancey County, North Carolina, to wit:

BEING that certain parcel or tract of land lying and being in Pensacola Township, Yancey County, North Carolina, and being more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING on a 10-inch basswood tree near the Eastern bank of Cattail Creek, a corner with lands of Percy Threadgill, deceased, and runs thence up and with the Eastern bank of said creek N 34 38 45 W 97.44 feet to basswood tree; thence N 09 47 15 E 58.4 feet to an iron pin found on the bank of said creek, a corner with lands of Thomas B. Ferguson; thence leaving Cattail Creek and running with the Ferguson line and crossing NCSR No. 1102 and a private road right of way N 88 25 11 E 228.85 feet to an apple tree; thence the same course 148.3 feet to a found iron pin near the Western margin of an old roadway, a corner with lands of George Diamond; thence with the Diamond line S 21 33 27 W 83.39 feet to a 15-inch oak; thence S 30 48 47 W 65.69 feet to an iron pin set in the line of Percy Threadgill; thence with the Threadgill line crossing the above referenced private road right of way and NCSR No. 1102 N 88 34 20 W 267.34 feet to the point of BEGINNING, containing 1.06 acres, by DMD, according to a map and plat of a survey by Carl A. Reeves, Registered Land Surveyor d0ated 10 October 1985.

THIS CONVEYANCE is made subject to the following restrictions which are to be construed as covenants running with the land and which shall be binding on the GRANTEES, their heirs and assigns, forever:

1. No unsanitary condition shall ever be knowingly kept, permitted, or maintained on said lands;
2. No unsightly buildings shall be erected or permitted to remain on the said lands;
3. Said lands shall never be used for any hospital or sanitarium;
4. No commercial sale or manufacture of intoxicating beverages shall be made or permitted to be made upon said lands;
5. No boisterous or immoral conduct objectionable to a peaceful community shall be knowingly committed or allowed upon the above lands;
6. No trailers or house cars shall be permanently placed upon the property;
7. There shall be a separate septic tank build and maintained in accordance with the sanitary laws of the State of North Carolina for each and every house erected on the above lands;
8. There is reserved unto the Developer the right to build and maintain electric power lines, telephone lines, water mains, and sewer mains wherever needed over or under the above lands; and
9. The right to widen the

roads as they now exist through or along the edge of the above lands is hereby reserved to such width as may be desired by the State Highway Department or the Developer of Mount Helen Estates.

THIS CONVEYANCE is also made subject to the right of way in favor of Thomas Ferguson over and upon the driveway leading over and through the premises from NCSR No. 1192 as the same presently exists.

THIS CONVEYANCE is also made subject to the right of way in favor of the North Carolina Department of Transportation for NCSR No. 1102 to its full legal width as the same traverses the premises.

ALSO CONVEYED HEREWITh unto the TRUSTEE, his successors and assigns, are perpetual and non-exclusive easements and road rights of way over and upon the existing private roadways leading to and from the hereinabove described parcel or tract of land and the public road.

AND BEING the same parcel or tract of land conveyed by Warranty Deed dated 30 September, 1994 from Donald E. Porter and wife, Susan H. Porter to James M. Porter (now deceased) and wife, Carol J. Porter, said deed appearing of record in the Yancey County Deed Registry at Instrument Book 260, Page 659. For prior title reference, see the Warranty Deed dated 8 November, 1985 from Francis Zebendon and wife, Eldis Zebendon to James Porter and wife, Carol Porter and Donald Porter and wife, Susan Porter, appearing of record in the Yancey County Deed Registry at Instrument Book 201, Page 540.

Save and except any releases, deeds of release or prior conveyances of record.

Said property is commonly known as 771 Deep Gap Road, Burnsville, NC 28714.

A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing. THIRD PARTY PURCHASERS MUST PAY THE EXCISE TAX AND THE RECORDING COSTS FOR THEIR DEED.

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Carol J. Porter.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement by providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in the notice of sale, provided that the mortgagor has not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination [NCGS Å§ 45-21.16A(b)(2)]. Upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

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So, if you enjoy meeting new people and helping others, please call 682-6011, ext. 14. The staff looks forward to working with you and appreciates your willingness to make a difference in the lives of so many people.

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

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Jim Sherrill Ballew 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 July 2017 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate please make immediate payment. This is the 5th day of April 2017. Makeda Ileah Benain 9885 St. Hwy 80S Burnsville, NC 28714
Published April 5, 12, 19, 26, 2017

Barkin' Basement YHS Resale Store

The Barkin' Basement Resale Store financially supports the Yancey Humane Society. When you shop at the Barkin' Basement you can be assured that a very high percentage of your dollars go to fund YHS, and all the good they do. The store is run and staffed by volunteers, and everything in the store has been donated by the good people of our area.

The Barkin' Basement is located on the bypass between Go Grocery and Fred's. The phone number is 828-208-9510. We accept clean, gently used items in good working order. Call the store if you have large items that need to be picked up, or for more information. The hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Yancey Humane Society is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. If you would like to help the lost or abused animals of Yancey County, come volunteer at the Barkin' Basement!

Meals on Wheels needs volunteers

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

For information call the Senior Center at 682-6011.



The Blue Ridge Astronomy Group (BRAG) will be hosting another "Stars on the Square" astronomy event in downtown Burnsville on Friday night April 21st, from 8 until 11 p.m.

Blue Ridge Universe-An astronomical weekend

The Blue Ridge Astronomy Group (BRAG) will be hosting another "Stars on the Square" astronomy event in downtown Burnsville on Friday night April 21st, from 8 p.m. until 11 p.m.. This event will also be part of the NC Science Festival's State-wide Star Party, with astronomy related events happening at dozens of other locations across the state of North Carolina.

As always, we'll have lots of excellent telescopes set up on the town square, ready to show you some of the amazing wonders of the universe beyond Earth, and astronomers to answer your astronomical questions. Traffic will be detoured away from the town square, and lights on the square will be off,

Study shows growing market in WNC cultivated ginseng

A study by the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project explores potential market opportunities for locally-grown and source-identified ginseng root in Western North Carolina. It includes both a market research component, as well as a marketing plan for the potential introduction of locally-grown ginseng root into local and regional markets. The information gathered through this study is intended for current farmers and landowners in Western North Carolina who are interested in planting ginseng. This includes existing small-scale ginseng growers who are interested in large-scale cultivation and in forming a ginseng grower's group, as well as other forest landowners who are interested in integrating small-scale ginseng production into their current land management strategies.

Ginseng is a slow-growing, perennial plant that has been used in traditional Chinese medicine for thousands of years. For centuries ginseng has been harvested in the U.S. for export to Asian markets, a trend that continues to this day. This trend in domestic ginseng production is evident in Western North Carolina where county Cooperative Extension offices report an increase in the number of inquiries over the last few years from farmers and landowners who are interested in cultivating ginseng. Additionally, an increasing number of companies have contacted these Extension offices about purchasing ginseng for specialty products.

In order to assess the potential demand for locally-grown ginseng root, interviews were conducted with 22 businesses identified as representatives of market segments that could be potential buyers of local ginseng. Twelve businesses agreed to participate and phone interviews were conducted in 2016 and 2017.

Businesses included representatives from Asian markets, herb and/or health food retailers, breweries and cideries, and craft beverage companies. Additionally, web research and interviews with ginseng experts were conducted to assess market demand for ginseng.

From the interviews with businesses, it was determined that a total of eight of the businesses have purchased or are currently purchasing ginseng, three are interested in potentially purchasing ginseng, and one is not interested in ginseng at this time. The findings demonstrate that there is interest in locally-grown and source-

giving us a safe, dark evening of celestial fun.

But there's more! On Friday afternoon before the star party we'll be creating a one of a kind astronomical display in downtown Burnsville - the Burnsville Sidewalk Solar System! This will be a very accurate and up to date scale model of our solar system drawn on the sidewalks with ordinary sidewalk chalk, beginning with the Sun at the Admiral Burns monument and extending 3 city blocks outward to the dwarf planet Eris - illustrating the vastness of the solar system with more than 30 points of interest including planets, dwarf planets, asteroids, comets, and more.

Feeling artistic? Come out

to the town square on Friday afternoon April 21 at 1 PM and help us create this solar system! We'll mark the accurate locations for each object and provide chalk and guidance for drawings and text descriptions of the various objects.

Of course this solar system could be erased by any passing rain shower, but with a little luck maybe it will last all weekend! So come out Friday afternoon for the solar system or Friday evening for the telescopic universe, or both!

For more information e-mail tsobservatory@gmail.com or call Bob Hampton at 828-536-5143 anytime between 1 p.m. and 4 a.m.. See you there!



A study by the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project explores potential market opportunities for locally-grown and source-identified ginseng root in Western North Carolina.

identified ginseng among these specialty markets. Challenges were also identified for growing and selling local ginseng root to local and regional markets.

The challenges ranged from the cost of the ginseng to regulations such as those from the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB) that regulate additives to alcoholic beverages.

While this study identifies potential market opportunities, detailed market plans and production and marketing budgets will need to be developed to analyze potential for producer profit in new markets.

American ginseng is native to woodlands throughout the mountain areas of the eastern U.S. and in eastern Canada. Both American ginseng and Asian ginseng roots, which range from 2 to 12 inches long, are believed to offer many health benefits including restoring and enhancing normal well-being, providing an energy boost, enhancing virility, lowering blood sugar and cholesterol levels, reducing stress, promoting relaxation, and treating diabetes.

In recent years, ginseng has become one of the most popular herbal remedies in the world and is being grown in different areas of the U.S., including the High Country region of Western North Carolina. Here, growers are sustainably planting ginseng in response to wild ginseng becoming more scarce.

Over 2,500 pounds of seed was sown in Watauga County alone between 2014-2016 and growers are continuing to plant additional seed each year. These

growers also intend to produce seed and rootlets to encourage the reestablishment of this increasingly rare forest medicinal.

While some wild-simulated ginseng plantations simply involve scattering or planting small quantities of seed throughout the forest, the ginseng growers in the High Country are using a more intensively managed method of cultivation. There are various distinctions between different production methods for ginseng in the marketplace, but one thing is clear: how the ginseng is grown impacts its market value. In order to best assess the market potential for the particular kind of ginseng considered for this market report four "kinds" of ginseng are identified: wild ginseng, wild-simulated ginseng, woods-grown ginseng, and field-cultivated ginseng.

The type of ginseng considered for this report is intensively planted in untilled beds in forests. The harvested root very closely resembles wild-harvested and wild-simulated root. While clearly not wild-harvested, it falls in the wild-simulated category based on its appearance.

The price of ginseng, heavily influenced by market demand, varies from year to year.

In 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service estimated the annual wholesale value of the American ginseng trade to be \$26.9 million. Approximately 90% of American ginseng is exported to Asia, with the majority of the roots going to China where ginseng has been harvested to near extinction.