



Pictured presenting the check are Jon Ward and Robin Ellis with MCC President Dr. John Boyd.

Yancey-Mitchell NAACP creates MCC scholarship

The Yancey-Mitchell NAACP created a scholarship for Mayland students in 2016 in memory of Raven Tata, a founding member of the Yancey-Mitchell NAACP. Tata's passion about social justice and equal rights continues through assisting students with paying for their education. She was instrumental in the efforts to bring broadband internet into rural areas of Yancey and Mitchell Counties, and was a successful metals artist.

The scholarship given in her memory is designated for undocumented students or students with a DACA classification who are enrolled in MCC full-time. These students are required to pay out of state tuition, which can be cost prohibitive to many. Last year, two students were awarded this scholarship and MCC is pleased that we will be able to help additional students this academic year through their generous support.

The science of a total eclipse

The sun spilled some of its secrets earlier this week, maybe even revealed a few hidden truths of the cosmos.

Astronomers were at full blast to pry even more science from the mysterious ball of gas that's vital to Earth. They looked from the ground, using telescopes, cameras, binoculars and whatever else would work. They looked from the International Space Station and a fleet of 11 satellites in space. And in between, they flew three planes and launched more than 70 high-altitude balloons.

"We expect a boatload of science from this one," said Jay Pasachoff, a Williams College astronomer who has traveled to 65 eclipses of all kinds.

Scientists focused on the sun, but they will also examine what happens to Earth's weather, to space weather, and to animals and plants on Earth as the moon totally blocks out the sun. The moon's shadow swept along a narrow path, from Oregon to South Carolina.

Between NASA and the National Science Foundation, the federal government is spending about \$7.7 million on next Monday's eclipse. One of the NASA projects has students launching the high-altitude balloons to provide "live footage from the edge of space" during the eclipse.

But it's not just the professionals or students. NASA has a list of various experiments everyday people can do.

"Millions of people were able to walk out on their porch in their slippers and collect in their world-class data," said Matt Penn, an astronomer at the National Solar Observatory in Tucson, Arizona.

Penn is chief scientist for a National Science Foundation-funded movie project nicknamed Citizen CATE. More than 200 volunteers trained and were given special small telescopes and tripods to observe the sun at 68 locations in the exact same way. The thousands of images from the citizen-scientists will be combined for a movie of the usually hard-to-see sun's edge.

Even with all the high-tech, high-flying instruments now available, when it comes to understanding much of the sun's mysteries, nothing beats an eclipse, said Williams College's Pasachoff. That's because the sun is so bright that even satellites and special probes can't gaze straight at the sun just to glimpse the outer crown, or corona. Satellites create artificial eclipses to blot out the sun, but they can't do it as well as the moon, he said.

The corona is what astronomers really focus on during an eclipse. It's the sun's outer atmosphere where space weather originates, where jutting loops

of red glowing plasma lash out and where the magnetic field shows fluctuations. The temperature in the outer atmosphere is more than 1 million degrees hotter than it is on the surface of the sun and scientists want to figure out why.

"It's ironic that we've learned most about the sun when its disk is hidden from view," said Fred "Mr. Eclipse" Espenak, a retired NASA astronomer who specialized in eclipses for the space agency.

And they learn other things, too. Helium — the second most abundant element in the universe — wasn't discovered on Earth until its chemical spectrum was spotted during an eclipse in 1868, Espenak said.

But that discovery is eclipsed by what an eclipse did for Albert Einstein and physics.

Einstein was a little known scientist in 1915 when he proposed his general theory of relativity, a milestone in physics that says what we perceive as the force of gravity is actually from the curvature of space and time. It explains the motion of planets, black holes and the bending of light from distant galaxies.

Einstein couldn't prove it but said one way to do so was to show that light from a distant star bends during an eclipse. During a 1919 eclipse, Arthur Eddington observed the right amount of bending, something that couldn't be done without the moon's shadow eclipsing the sun.

"It marked a complete change in the understanding of the universe," said Mark Littmann of the University of Tennessee, a former planetarium director. "Bang. Right there."

Millions of tax payers get relief

The state Department of Revenue projects 1.5 million working North Carolinians will not owe any state income tax on their earnings by 2019, mostly middle to low-income earners filing 30% of all returns.

The Department of Revenue's data applies the effect of Republican tax relief to previous returns and considers the impact of the child tax credit converting to a deduction in 2018.

The state's tax agency projects that 354,326 working adults will be removed from the tax rolls by 2019 thanks to Republican tax relief, a 23% increase in North Carolinians whose earnings are exempt from state income tax.

In addition to lowering income taxes for working North Carolinians, the Republican-led state General Assembly reduced the state sales tax rate and cut the corporate tax rate to the lowest in the country.

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES OF YANCEY AND MITCHELL

File No. 17 SP 40
(Yancey County)
File No: 17 SP 29
(Mitchell County)
NOTICE OF SALE
TAKE NOTICE THAT:
William Richard Boyd, Jr., Substitute Trustee, has begun proceedings to FORECLOSE under the Deed of Trust described below, and under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in such Deed of Trust, and an Order entered by the Clerk of Superior Court of Yancey County, will sell the below described property at public auction as follows:

1. The instrument pursuant to which such sale will be held is that certain Deed of Trust executed by Douglas R. Mallory, Kelly G. Mallory, John J. Curatelli, Jr., and Jana P. Curatelli, original mortgagors, and recorded in the Office of the Yancey County Register of Deeds in Deed of Trust Book 625, at Page 272. The Deed of Trust was also recorded in the Office of the Mitchell County Register of Deeds in Deed of Trust Book 499, at Page 900. The record owner of such property, as reflected on the records of the Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to posting this Notice of Sale, if not the original mortgagors, is: N/A

2. The property will be sold by the Substitute Trustee at 11:00 a.m. on the 24th day of August, 2017 at the Yancey County Courthouse door in the City of Burnsville, North Carolina.

3. The real property to be sold is generally described as Lot 105 Mountain Brook, Little Switzerland, NC 28749* and is more particularly described as follows:

Being all of that property described in that certain Deed of Trust recorded in Book 625, at Page 272 of the Yancey County, North Carolina Registry and Book 499, at Page 900 of the Mitchell County, North Carolina Registry.

Any property described in the Deed of Trust which is not being offered for sale is described as follows: Subject to any and all Release Deeds of Record in the Yancey County, North Carolina Registry and Mitchell County, North Carolina Registry.

*The general description of the property is provided for convenience but is not guaranteed; the legal description in the Deed of Trust controls.

4. Any buildings located on the above-described property are also included in the sale.

5. The property will be sold by the Substitute Trustee to the highest bidder for CASH. The highest bidder will be required to deposit IN CASH with the Substitute Trustee at the date and time of the sale the greater of five percent (5.0%) of the amount of the bid or Seven Hundred Fifty and no/100 Dollars (\$750.00).

6. All bidders bid for the property AS IS on the date of sale. Absolutely no warranties are made as to the condition, value or title of the property. While the Substitute Trustee believes the title to be good, all bidders are advised that they should obtain independent counsel to examine record title as the property is sold subject to prior record interests. The Noteholder has reserved the right to withdraw the sale up to and until the Deed is delivered by the Substitute Trustee.

7. The property will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes and special assessments.

8. The property being sold is all of that property described in the Deed of Trust except as specifically set forth above. It is the intention to extinguish any and all rights or interests in the property subordinate to the Deed of Trust.

9. 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.

10. Additional Notice Where the Real Property is Residential with Less Than 15 Rental Units, including single-family residential real property: 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. 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.

11. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a bona fide lease or tenancy may have additional rights pursuant to North Carolina General Statute section 45-21.33A.

THIS the 19th day of July, 2017.

William Richard Boyd, Jr. Substitute Trustee
474 Mountain Cove Road
Waynesville, NC 28786
Phone: 828-646-7308
Published August 16, 23, 2017.

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

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Cindy Lou Muncy 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 9th day of November 2017 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 2017.
JR Rhoden
5 Robertson Street
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 9, 16, 23, 30, 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 Lionel Arthur Kuhn 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 2nd day of November 2017 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 2017.
Clair Ann Kuhn
100 Club Drive, Suite 166
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 2, 9, 16, 23, 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 Max Higgins, 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 2nd day of November 2017 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 2017.
Dennis Wayne Higgins
934 Sam Robertson Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION RALEIGH DOCKET NO. G-9, SUB 710 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 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, 2017, at 10:00 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 G.S. 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, 2017. 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.net.

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 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, 2017. 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, 2017.

This the 4th day of August, 2017.

NORTH CAROLINA UTILITIES COMMISSION
Janice H. Fulmore, Deputy Clerk
Published August 23, 30, 2017

MY Meds Medication

MY Meds Medication and Health Ministry is a local nonprofit organization that provides help to Mitchell and Yancey County residents who have no prescription health plan.

If you need help paying for needed prescription medications call MY Meds office at 766-6337.

LEGAL NOTICE 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 Isaac Tommy Morrow, 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 2nd day of November 2017 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 2017.
Isaac Tommy Morrow Sr.
303 Hillside Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
Margaret Wheeler Morrow
303 Hillside Drive
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 2, 9, 16, 23, 2017

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 Jack 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 16th day of November 2017 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 2017.
David Alan Silvers
423 Ferguson Hill Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 16, 23, 30, September 6, 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 Dolph a/k/a Doff 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 23rd day of November 2017 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 2017.
Gwen Aldridge
330 Saw Mill Hollow Road
Burnsville, NC 28714
Published August 23, 30, September 6, 13, 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!

Times Journal Deadline

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