

Editor's Note: The issue scheduled for publication on Sept. 27 was delayed because of storm-related disruptions in power and communications. This issue includes earlier content as well as new coverage of the aftermath of the storm.

# Helene wreaks havoc

*Unprecedented storm cut a 500-milewide path of destruction through the Southeast. At Brevard College, communications, including cell phone service, were out for days, but there was minimal loss of power and little wind or water damage on campus. Surrounding areas were not as fortunate; Asheville, Hendersonville and elsewhere in western North Carolina suffered cataclysmic damage from Helene, which made landfall Sept. 26 as a major category 4 hurricane on the gulf coast of Florida.*



Two satellite images from a NOAA satellite show the impact of Hurricane Helene. Left: A Sept. 25 image shows then-Tropical Storm Helene near the Yucatán Peninsula before moving northward and strengthening into a major category 4 hurricane, eventually making landfall in the Big Bend Region of Florida. Right: This image, three days later on Sept. 28 when the storm had begun to dissipate in Kentucky and Tennessee, reveals a wide swath of power outages caused by the storm in parts of northern Florida, southern Georgia, and South and North Carolina. See more storm coverage starting on page 2.

**If you are in an area affected by the storm and are unable to return to campus at this time, please contact Debbie D'Anna ([dannadl@brevard.edu](mailto:dannadl@brevard.edu), 828-641-0594) or Jennifer Frick-Ruppert ([jefrick@brevard.edu](mailto:jefrick@brevard.edu), 828-641-0298) to let us know.**

# College weathers the storm, but communication outages limited info beyond campus

*Internet, cell service back on by middle of this week; power is restored to all of campus, but the region suffers cataclysmic damage from storm*

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Contributor

Debbie D'Anna was dismayed.

While the rest of us were here in Brevard, without communications and many without power, she was traveling outside the area in her role as Dean for Students. Unlike those of us here, cut off from the rest of the world and unable to see what was happening elsewhere, she could see news reports emerging from places like Asheville, Hendersonville and Chimney Rock.

"The past couple of days have been unnerving," she wrote in a Facebook post on Saturday. "While I am safe from Helene, I am not with my husband and puppies. I was out of town at a meeting and cannot get back to Brevard. All the roads to Asheville and Brevard from Tennessee

are closed.

"In the time of instant connection," she continued, "it is hard not to be able to communicate with L and make sure he and the puppies are okay."

D'Anna expressed the concerns and frustrations of many, as the lack of communication increased stress, hampered rescue and recovery efforts, and left many of us, literally and figuratively, in the dark about what, if anything, was happening to bring some relief to the region.

Brevard fared better than many of our surrounding communities. As communications began to be restored this week, the full scope of the devastation from Helene began to emerge:

- At least [219 people](#) are known to have died in the devastation wrought by the storm. Of these, roughly half were in North Carolina, including 72 in Buncombe County, according

to media reports.

- Hundreds of people have not yet been accounted for and are considered [missing](#).

- More than 600 roads in western North Carolina are now reported closed or impassable from storm damage, up from 400 on Tuesday, according to the [NCDOT](#). These include US 276 south of Brevard and US 64 west of Lake Toxaway. Interstates 40 and 26 near the Tennessee border suffered catastrophic failure and may be closed for as much as a year. Also closed indefinitely is the entire [Blue Ridge Parkway](#) from its terminus at Great Smoky Mountains National Park to Rockfish Gap, Virginia.

- The village of Chimney Rock was [destroyed](#) by flood waters of the Rocky Broad River. Many buildings and structures are now in Lake Lure, whose dam was reportedly facing "imminent failure," but it held and is now out of

## Hurricane Helene: A Timeline

*Hurricane Helene is currently the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since Katrina in 2005. At the time of this writing, more than 200 people have been confirmed killed in the storm, most of them in flood waters caused by torrential rain, as much as 30 inches in some areas. The death toll is likely to increase in the coming days and weeks as communities still cut off from road access are re-opened. The full extent of the tragedy may not be known for months.*

*How did Helene become the monster that ravaged so much of the Southeast? Here is a timeline of how it developed starting early last week. Links in the electronic edition go to reports by the [National Hurricane Center \(NHC\)](#) in Miami, the [National Weather Service](#), and other official sources of weather data.*

### Monday, Sept. 23

[11 a.m.](#): The NHC issues its first advisory for what will become Helene. In an associated [discussion](#), the NHC warns that this broad area of pressure, labeled "Potential Tropical Cyclone NINE" over the northwestern Caribbean Sea, had "a high chance" of strengthening to a major hurricane.

### Tuesday, Sept. 24

[11 a.m.](#): The NHC reports the area of disturbance has strengthened to Tropical Storm Helene, the eighth named Atlantic storm this year. Located roughly halfway between Mexico and Cuba, its northward track becomes clear. Governors in

Florida and Georgia declare emergency orders for all but six counties in Florida.

### Wednesday, Sept. 25

[11 a.m.](#): Helene has strengthened to a category 1 hurricane, with sustained winds of at least 74 miles per hour, according to the NHC. Alerts are issued for flash and urban flooding across much of the southeastern U.S., including nearly all of South Carolina and as far north as the southern Appalachians and Tennessee Valley.

In western North Carolina, a cold front not associated with Helene delivers four or more inches of rain in the region, saturating the ground ahead of

the torrential rains to come.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issues a [rare press release](#) warning "Communities need to prepare for catastrophic, life-threatening inland flooding from #Helene, even well after landfall." In the release NOAA says Helene is "an unusually large storm," with wind fields extending as far as 275 miles from its center. At major flood risk were "the urban areas around Tallahassee, metro Atlanta and western North Carolina, including Asheville." The release ends by saying, "Flooding from extreme rainfall is the deadliest direct cause of tropical cyclone fatalities in the U.S. over the past decade."

## Campus weathers storm (continued from page 2)

immediate danger, according to reports.

- **Asheville** was particularly hard hit by the storm and continues to lead national newscasts about the devastation from Helene. Rescue workers continue to search for survivors as they reach areas previously inaccessible because of downed trees and washed out roads and streets.

- A week after the storm, more than 700,000 throughout the region remain without power, according to [poweroutage.us](https://www.poweroutage.us).

Amid all the suffering and heartbreak, there are also signs of hope. **Duke Energy** said they expect the majority of power outages in Transylvania County to be restored by 11:45 p.m. today, and cell phone service has been restored in most areas. And earlier reports of severed fiber optic lines delivering high-speed Internet to the area may have been worse than feared, according to reports.

At Brevard College, daily updates from President Brad Andrews have helped keep faculty, staff and students informed about updates from city, county and state officials. On campus, power has been fully restored, and BC Dining Services continue to receive food truck deliveries.

Myers Dining Hall, meanwhile, has become a makeshift community center, where students, staff and faculty and their families gather for brunch and dinner each day for fellowship and news, and to share stories of how things are going.

With classes canceled for all of this week, many students returned home, if they were able to do so. Classes are scheduled to resume on Monday, Oct. 7, but fall break the following week (Saturday, Oct. 12- Sunday, Oct. 20) will not change, nor will Thanksgiving break Nov. 27-Dec. 1. The end of the semester will remain unchanged, with final reflection and assessment week Dec. 8-12.

College offices also have been open and available to students.

“Please continue to look out for one another and stay safe,” Andrews wrote in his update to the campus community on Wednesday. “We are grateful for your patience and resilience.”

As for D’Anna, she made it back to campus on Sunday, just in time to catch at least part of the first town hall meeting for students, staff and faculty in the Porter Center. In conversation with colleagues, she admitted to being emotional in what she had seen in televised news reports about the devastation all around us.

By Wednesday, however, things were beginning to look up—in her case, literally, when she posted a photo on Facebook of helicopters bringing relief to areas cut off by impassable roads.

“Helicopters and Ospreys bringing in supplies to those stranded,” she wrote. “Just a beautiful sight.”



Debbie D’Anna’s Facebook post upon seeing rescue helicopters this week.

## Helene Timeline (continued from page 2)

**6:30 p.m.:** The NWS issues a tropical storm warning for most of the western Carolinas and northern Georgia, stating that this weather could be “an extremely rare event with catastrophic flash-flooding that hasn’t been seen in the modern era.”

### Thursday, Sept. 26

**8 a.m.:** Helene has strengthened to a category 2 hurricane, with maximum winds of 100 mph.

**12:56 p.m.:** The NWS issues an urgent message stating that Helene “will be one of the most significant weather events to happen in the western portions of the area in the modern era. Record flooding is forecasted and has been compared to the floods of 1916 in the Asheville area.” The NWS says impacts from the storm are expected to be greater than Tropical Storm Fred in August 2021 and the 2004 storms Frances and Ivan. The NWS warns of near-hurricane-strength winds,

massive rainfall leading to “catastrophic, life-threatening flooding,” landslides, downed trees and widespread power outages.

**2:25 p.m.:** Helene is upgraded by the NHC to a dangerous category 3 hurricane, with maximum winds of 120 mph.

**6:20 p.m.:** Helene is upgraded by the NHC to an extremely dangerous category 4 hurricane, with maximum winds of 140 mph.

**11 p.m.:** The NHC warns that the storm surge and wind combination would be “catastrophic” and that the storm’s sheer size meant life-threatening conditions would penetrate far inland. The gulf coast of Florida braces for storm surge of up to 20 feet.

**11:10 p.m.:** Hurricane Helene makes landfall in Florida just east of the mouth of the Aucilla River. Maximum sustained winds at landfall were esti-

mated at 140 mph, with gusts up to 160 mph.

### Friday, Sept. 27

**2 a.m.:** The center of the storm now over south Georgia, Helene has weakened with maximum winds of 90 mph. Its path turns north, toward Atlanta and western North Carolina. Over the next several hours, it will continue to reduce in strength to a tropical storm. Flash flood emergencies are announced throughout the region.

**11 a.m.:** The eye of the storm is west of Clemson, S.C. with tropical storm force winds. The storm takes a more north-northwesterly track into the Tennessee Valley.

### Saturday, Sept. 28

**11 a.m.:** The NHC issues its final report on Helene, noting several flood warnings and advisories remain in effect in the southern and central Appalachians.



# Brevard College's leadership shines in the face of Hurricane Helene

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Hurricane Helene made landfall late in the evening of Thursday, Sept. 26, but it swiftly moved north through Georgia toward us, leaving the town of Brevard, the college, and surrounding areas reeling from its impact.

At 6:09 a.m., students and faculty received an email from Sean Humphries of the IT department, notifying them that servers and the network would be shut down due to the storm. Despite power outages, loss of wifi, and disrupted cell service, the administration managed to maintain communication with students and staff under challenging conditions.



President Brad Andrews updates the campus at the Oct. 1 town hall meeting in the Porter Center. (Photo by Abigail Callahan)

By 9:50 a.m., Kings Creek had overflowed, raising concerns of flooding in the dorms. Fortunately, the situation didn't escalate to severe levels. However, power outages hit hard, especially for students living in the Villages on campus, who faced a 48-hour blackout. Resident Assistants (RAs) equipped with walkie-talkies kept students informed throughout the storm.

The first of two town hall meetings took place on Sunday, Sept. 29 in the Porter Center. At this initial meeting, President Brad Andrews announced to the hundreds of students assembled and the handful of faculty and staff who were present that classes this week (Sept. 30-Oct. 4) would be canceled. Classes would resume, he said, on Monday, Oct. 7.

On Tuesday, Oct. 1, President Andrews held a second town hall meeting at the Porter Center, updating the community on the ongoing recovery efforts. While power had been restored and cell service stabilized, the internet on campus was operating at only 10 percent capacity. He again said that classes will resume on Oct. 7, with ongoing efforts to restore full internet access and Canvas functionality.

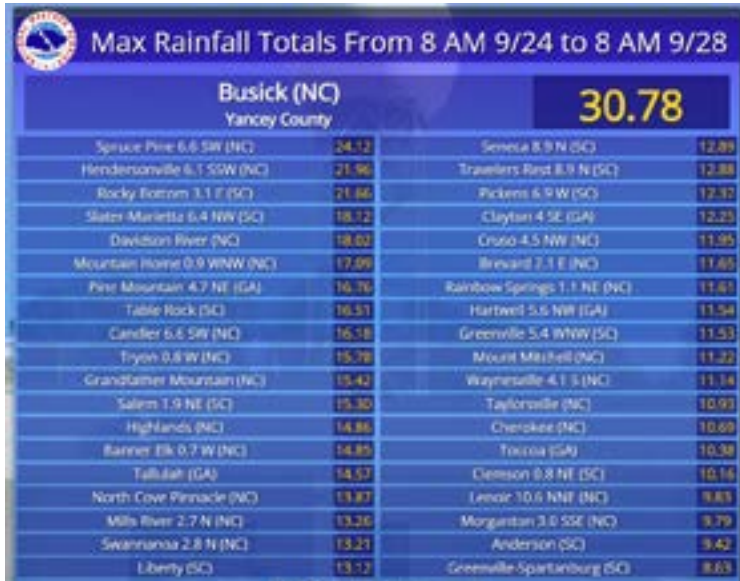
"The academic calendar, including breaks, remains unchanged," Andrews said. "The library and dining hall are fully operational, and water is safe to drink. However, road conditions remain hazardous, and caution is

advised, especially at night." Stores are gradually resuming card payments, with Food Lion and Ingle's expected to follow soon.

The National Guard has been assisting with power restoration, clearing debris, and maintaining a security presence, particularly after dark, he said. Faculty and staff, despite their own challenges, remain focused on supporting students. Andrews emphasized the importance of resilience, stating, "In all this uncertainty, we want you to know we care about you. We're here for you, even in the midst of it all."

As Brevard College and the surrounding areas work together to recover from the aftermath of Hurricane Helene, the sense of unity and support remains strong. Students, staff and local residents are leaning on one another, finding strength in the shared challenge. The road to full recovery may take time, but with the dedication of everyone involved, Brevard is well on its way to overcoming this crisis.

President Andrews' closing message captured the spirit of the community: "In times like these, we see what makes Brevard special—the way we come together. We will rebuild, stronger than before."



National Weather Service graphic showing rainfall amounts in the western Carolinas from Tuesday, Sept. 24 through Saturday.



### Seeking higher ground

Cows line high ground along a fence line on Barclay Rd. Friday and look toward their owner, Perry Harper, on the tractor in the distance. Harper, a 1962 Brevard College alum (seen below in his BC yearbook picture), has owned cows for more than 50 years on his property adjacent to the French Broad River, but while Barclay Rd. regularly floods during heavy rains, Harper said he had never seen the water this high.

Parts of Barclay Rd. washed out in the flood. Harper said he had lost thousands of dollars in hay in the flood.



Photo by John Padgett





A fallen tree on old US 64. (Photo by Amy Clyburn)



Dolly's Ice Cream Shop building at the entrance to Pisgah National Forest was demolished by fallen trees. (Photo by Olivia Hyde)



Clouds loom over a flooded greenhouse in Mills River. (Photo by Amy Clyburn)



Crab Creek Rd. flooded as emergency workers prepare rafts to rescue victims. (Photo by Amy Clyburn)

## 'Spontaneously adopted five dogs'

Thanks to Helene, a Brevard College student is a new dog owner—temporarily at least.

Ian Waldrop, a junior WLEE major from Greenville, S.C., was asked to check on the house of a family friend in the wake of Helene. There, he discovered not one, not two, not three or even four dogs in desperate need of assistance.

As he put it: "I spontaneously adopted five dogs."

While they're most likely just temporary roommates, he is making the best of his (and their) altered living arrangements.

"We're working through it," he said.

## A (Shakespeare) show CAN go on... on Oct. 8 and 11

One of Helene's biggest disruptions to normal life at BC was a Shakespearean tragedy—and comedy, and also some history plays.

No, it wasn't "The Tempest," at least not JUST that late play in which the bard announced his retirement from theatre, metaphorically drowned his book and headed home to Stratford. Rather, it was BC Theatre's planned production "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare [abridged] (revised) (again)," which was scheduled for last weekend, before the threat of Helene postponed the first two performances, and then damage from the storm canceled the remaining shows.

The good news: the show is back on, for Tuesday, Oct. 8 and Friday, Oct. 11, as pay what you can performances. "No tickets are necessary," theatre program coordinator Andrea Boccanfuso said. "Just please show up if you are able!"

As before, the show is in the Morrison Playhouse at the Porter Center. Showtimes are 7 p.m.



# Brevard College students recover from car accident on Sept. 20

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Two Brevard College students suffered minor injuries in a car accident near the main entrance two weeks ago that frightened numerous people and left both vehicles badly damaged.

The accident occurred on the afternoon of Friday, Sept. 20, when cars driven by Chris Binns, a junior biology major, and Amy Clyburn, a second year English major, collided as Binns was turning onto North Broad St., according to witnesses.

In an email to her professors, Clyburn described what happened, saying she was driving home on North Broad St. when the other vehicle pulled in front of her and she could not stop in time to avoid the collision. "I was jerked like a rag doll in my car," she wrote. "The airbag imploded and jerked my body back against the seat."

Nacole Potts, director of the BC Office for Career Exploration and Development, witnessed the crash. She was in her car behind Binns on Brevard College Dr. at the main entrance to campus as he was turning left and she was

waiting to turn right. There was a long line of traffic, she said, and then she heard a loud crash. "It terrified me," Potts said. "I'm shocked that neither of them are hurt worse than they are. It was frightening."

Potts immediately jumped out of her car and ran to the two cars to help. "I thought, there's no way they're not hurt really badly," she said.

The impact caused significant damage to both cars, witnesses said. Another Brevard College student, Imani Singleton, also witnessed the accident. She and Potts called 911 and campus security.

Potts advised both students to stay in their cars until emergency services arrived. "I wasn't comfortable with either of them getting out of the car, because I just didn't know how injured they were," Potts said. "Chris was in shock, trying to tear his way out of the airbag."

Clyburn was also very emotional and in shock. "She was asking, 'Is my car totaled?'" Potts said. Clyburn has cerebral palsy and her vehicle included specially modified hand controls.

"This was very traumatic and one of the most painful things my body has had to go through, especially with my disability," Clyburn said in the email to her professors. After the adrenaline of the moment wore off, she began to feel the results of the crash. In a doctor's visit on Monday, she was diagnosed with soft tissue damage and internal bruising.

The loss of her car was also traumatic, she said.

"It took me years to get that car and even to get my driver's license," she said. "I do not know how long it's going to take me to get another vehicle. There are so many hoops and obstacles that I have had to jump through just to drive."

The severity of the crash and its proximity to

campus meant others on campus took notice. Criminal justice professor Stacy Workman said several of her students came to class late that afternoon because they went to check on the situation, telling her afterward they knew Workman would be OK with that, given the circumstances. (She was.)

English professor Alyse Bensel's creative writing class also took notice of the crash. "I walked into my classroom and saw my students clustered around the window, looking out onto North Broad St.," Bensel said. "I saw lights and had already heard some sirens a couple of minutes earlier."

Bensel and her students watched emergency vehicles arrive at the scene but stayed in the classroom for safety. "We didn't know yet that it was students who were involved," she said. "We were just worried about the safety and well-being of those folks who were in the vehicles."

Where the accident occurred can be hazardous, especially when traffic is heavy like on a Friday afternoon. At the main entrance to the college, North Broad St. has two northbound lanes, a center median turn lane, and one southbound lane, making left turns there especially challenging.

For that reason, Potts said, whenever she needs to turn left onto North Broad St., she usually uses the intersection with North Campus Dr. beside Sims Art Building or French Broad St., both of which have traffic lights.

Despite the physical and emotional toll, Clyburn remains grateful that the outcome wasn't worse. "I believe that God was protecting me," she said.

Potts too is grateful that Binns and Clyburn were not seriously injured.

"I'm just really glad they're not hurt worse than they are," she said. "I mean, it could have been so much worse."

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**Amy Clyburn's car, a 2020 Hyundai, was seriously damaged in a collision with another student's vehicle on Friday, Sept. 20** The accident occurred on North Broad St. at the main entrance to campus. (Photo by Amy Clyburn)



## Dining hall not just a place to eat

For the second time in just over four years, Brevard College had to cancel a week of classes in response to a significant emergency.

The first time was immediately after spring break in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. But while that incident led to all-online communications, plexiglass barriers everywhere you went (including at tables in the Caf) and social distancing, the week-long cancellation of classes now in the wake of Helene is in some ways an “anti”-COVID, with NO online interactions and social gathering to share news and storm stories.

In particular, Myers Dining Hall became a temporary hub of recreation and information, whether that meant seeing, after days of being in the dark, the first televised pictures of the devastation from Hurricane Helene (left) or taking part in an impromptu pingpong match on a table which has temporarily been relocated to the Caf (below). (Photos by John B. Padgett)

## Choral concert to feature songs by Bob Dylan, Crosby, Stills & Nash, spirituals and much more

The choral concert will take place on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Porter Center Concert Hall. It will feature the Chamber Singers, directed by David Gresham, the Concert Choir, directed by Kati Swinney, and (\*if Transylvania County Schools are in session this week), the Brevard High School Concert Choir.

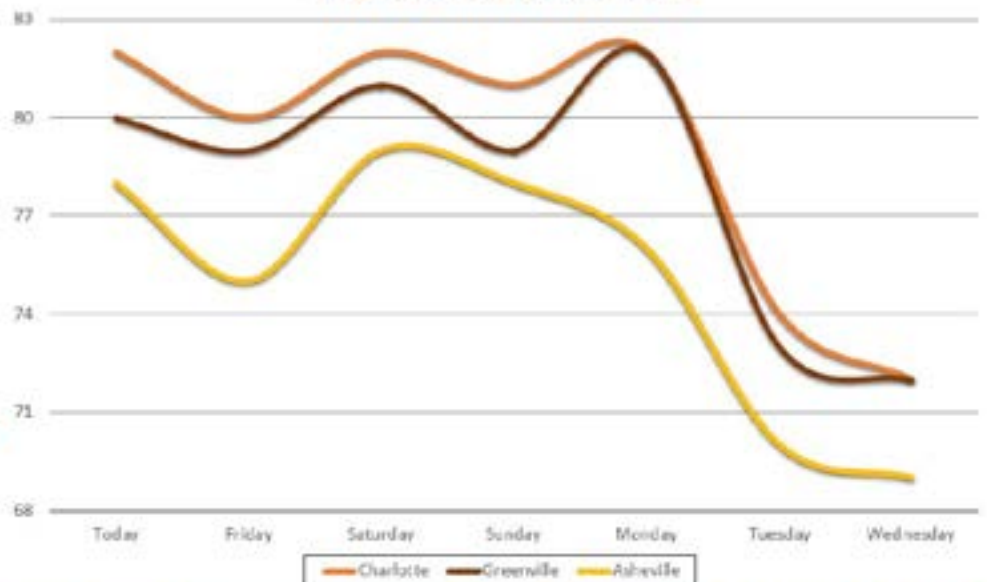
Musical selections will include spirituals, classical pieces, and arrangements of popular tunes by Bob Dylan and Crosby, Stills and Nash. Join us!



## First Taste of Fall Arrives by Tuesday

### High Temperatures

- A dry cold front will track across the western Carolinas and northeast Georgia on Monday.
- Cool high pressure will build in behind the front Tuesday into Wednesday bringing fall-like temperatures.





# Keeping busy and cozy as the days get shorter

## Fall is here, and so is boredom...

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by Bram Stoker. If you would rather read than watch movies, then “Harry Potter” is perfect! I hope that I was able to provide you with some fun activities, but when in doubt, use TikTok.

Autumn has officially arrived, which means so is the boredom that can come along with it. Fall means no more swimming outside with friends, no tanning, and no summer cookouts.

Instead, we’re welcoming football, bonfires, and eventually, trick-or-treating!

In light of seasonal depression hitting incredibly hard, I have collected some ways to keep yourself preoccupied.

On Saturdays, go support your Tornados! Fall means football, which means games on Saturdays.

If sports are not for you, or maybe you’re in the mood for an alternative, there are plenty of other options.

Make your best friend/ significant other a boo-basket! Get a cute basket and fill it with their favorite things—but make it fall-themed! Fill the basket with a fall blanket, a cute fall stuffed animal, and maybe even some cute pajamas. This activity can be fun and even a romantic gesture for your partner, or a wonderful way to show those around you how much you appreciate them.

Carving a pumpkin is a classic autumnal activity, which is why it is so much fun. Find a local pumpkin patch with some friends (there is one across from the school at First United Methodist Church), find a cute outline on Pinterest, and get to carving!

Too cold or wet outside for those activities? Stay inside and watch some fall movies and TV shows.

A few of my favorite fall movies (that are not Halloween-themed) are “Fall Guy” with Ryan Gosling, “Little Women” directed by Greta Gerwig, “Donnie Darko” with Jake Gyllenhaal, and “The Princess Bride” from 1987.

Are you interested in some spooky movies to watch? No problem!

“Monster House” is a classic, and so is “Hocus Pocus” (the original is much better than the sequel) and of course, Tim Burton’s “The Nightmare Before Christmas.”

As fun as movies are, reading can be even more so. I found some books that just feel so fall.

A classic Gothic novel that is perfect for the fall is Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein.” Personally, this book is very entertaining and a quick read.

Along the same lines, there is also “Dracula”



Photo by Krystal Yarie on Pinterest



# BC Wind Ensemble has an astounding opening concert

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On Monday, Sept. 23, at 7:30 p.m., the Brevard College Wind Ensemble kicked off the 2024 fall semester with their first concert titled “With New Eyes.” The program included five songs: “Homeward Bound,” “Pawse,” “Adventure in the Air,” “On This Bright Morning” and “Kaleidoscope Eyes.”

The concert began with John Philip’s Sousa’s Homeward Bound march, a high energy piece that started the night off with a bang. Like most marches, “Homeward Bound” had a powerful beginning and ending with a lyrical trio in the chorus of the song.

Andrew Washburn was the guest conductor for Sousa’s march that evening. The next piece, “Pawse,” was a beautiful and emotional

experience.

Dr. Cole Hairston composed this piece. He wrote it for his beloved dog who sadly passed away this past summer. “Pawse” memorializes his dearly departed companion and friend with playful melodies and melancholic chords.

“Pawse” was a bittersweet piece and certainly a tear-jerker. It was lovingly conducted by Dr. Hairston’s long-time friend, Dr. J. Ben Jones.

The next piece was the most challenging, which was “Adventure in the Air” by Mark Winges. With three unique movements and a length of 16 minutes, this was the longest installment in the concert.

This song featured a soprano saxophone soloist Dr. Nick Stow, who teaches saxophone lessons at Brevard College. Dr. Stow and the ensemble did a wonderful job performing this very difficult installment. This piece was conducted by Dr. Hairston.

To close the concert, “On This Bright Morning” by David Maslanka and “Kaleidoscope Eyes” by Katahji Copely were performed as one piece. “On This Bright Morning” was a gorgeous lyrical piece that mimicked the sun coming out after a storm.

Immediately following the end of Maslanka’s piece was “Kaleidoscope Eyes,” a bright piece that included a powerful and majestic ending, closing the night out with a beautiful grand finale. This piece was also conducted by Dr. Hairston.

Monday’s concert was an amazing performance overall. Dr. Hairston’s favorite moments were the closing notes to “On This Bright Morning” and seeing his friend conduct his piece, “Pawse.”

Congratulations to our wind ensemble for an excellent performance on their first concert.

# Grandad’s Apple Farm is selling pumpkins for the fall

*Editor’s note: This article was intended for publication prior to Hurricane Helene. On Facebook, Grandad’s reports they are open but for now they can only accept cash. Check their page for more info: [www.facebook.com/grandadsapples](http://www.facebook.com/grandadsapples)*

**Kailey Ward**  
Staff Writer

Fall is finally here! The leaves are changing and the need to do seasonal activities are arising. So what better way to spend it than at an apple farm?

Grandad’s apple farm in Hendersonville, North Carolina is a place my family and I visit every year around this time. It’s perfect for those wanting to embrace fall without rushing into halloween.

It is perfect for a day you want to go out and enjoy the weather. There are many activities they provide from actual apple picking, a corn maze, pumpkin patch, and even an apple cannon.

They also sell all sorts of apples and apple products you can choose from, all of it delicious as well. The best part about this time of year is that they decorate and fill the farm with pumpkins. They have crates everywhere filled with all different types of pumpkins, from large to as small as your palm.

The absolute best part of the farm is their bakery, and as soon as you pull into the parking lot you’ll see the line. Don’t be intimidated by it, as it goes fairly fast for they know a lot of people are waiting.

The bakery has every apple pastry you could imagine, along with ice cream, and apple cider floats with soft serve ice cream. They have a pretty extensive menu and it’s certainly an apple lover’s dream.

At the bakery, my all time favorites are their apple cinnamon donuts and their apple cider slushie. I had a lovely lady recommend the fried apple pie and it did



**Grandad’s Apple farm store with all of your fall needs. (Photo by Kailey Ward)**

not disappoint. They also provide treats for those who aren’t big apple flavor fans like ice cream and cookies!

Grandad’s is open all week from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. and is the most busy on the weekends. If you are someone who doesn’t like crowds, going during a weekday is best.

Make sure to make a plan with your family, significant other, friends or even just yourself. It’s so worth it and such a fun place to go filled with fall spirit. It’s a perfect place to go especially if you are just needing something to do for the weekend.

We only get the colorful leaves and the pumpkins once a year, so make sure to take advantage of the activities this fall season gives you.

Happy fall, y’all!

## TV Show Review

# Marvel's 'Agatha All Along'

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★★★★★

## "AGATHA ALL ALONG"

Rated TV-14

Genre: Dark comedy, Fantasy, Superhero

Created by Jac Shaeffer

**Starring:** Kathryn Hahn, Joe Locke, Debra Jo Rupp, Aubrey Plaza, Sasheer Zamata, Ali Ahn, Okwui Okpokwaili, Patti LuPone, Maria Dizzia, Paul Adelstein, and Miles Gutierrez-Riley.

Agatha Harkness is back! "Agatha All Along" is one of Marvel's newest TV shows and stars the fan-favorite character from the 2021 Disney+ show "WandaVision." Kathryn Hahn returns to reprise her role as Agatha Harkness as she tries to regain her powers and is joined by a cast of newcomers to the MCU, including Aubrey Plaza and Joe Locke.

This series takes place three years after the events of "WandaVision" and being trapped in the fictional town of Westview, New Jersey. Agatha Harkness escapes with help of a goth teen referred to as "Teen" played by Netflix's "Heartstopper" Joe Locke who wishes to travel on the witches road. Agatha and Teen form a new coven of witches to face the trials while meeting some of Agatha's old enemies.

On the way to form the new coven of witches, Agatha and Teen meet the first witch of the coven, Lilia Calderu played by Broadway star Pattie LuPone, who is a divination's witch. Her power is to see the future and is very helpful to get on the witch's road. The other witches consist of Jennifer Kale played by Sasheer Zamata, Sharon Davis played by Debra Jo Rupp, Rio Vidal played by Aubrey Plaza, and Alice Wu-Gulliver played by Ali Ahn.

If you like "Hocus Pocus," "Sabrina the Teenage Witch" or just anything Halloween, this is the show for you. With lots to learn in the upcoming episodes like; who is Teen, who is Rio Vidal, and why is she after Agatha? As well as will we see Vision or Wanda return or will someone else appear?

"Agatha All Along" dropped on Disney Plus on Sept. 18 with two episodes "Seekest Thou the Road" and "Circle Sewn with Fate/ Unlock Thy Hidden Gate." One episode will drop on Disney Plus every Wednesday at 9 p.m. and will have a run time of 42-44 minutes.



## Shelf Care Club welcomes anyone with a love for reading

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Are you new to getting involved with clubs and want something sweet and no-stakes? Perhaps you have many clubs or are burnt out and just want something mellow and relaxing? Look no further than Shelf Care Club hosted by Karis King.

Our president of Shelf Care Club is dedicated to providing fun and interesting ideas while also making sure others are excited and look forward to these ideas. There is an instagram page under the tag: shelf\_care\_club\_bc with updates and postings on what we have planned and are looking forward to offering to our club members.

There is plenty of room and it is low-stakes. We welcome everyone with a love for reading and passion for literature. No matter your read-

ing level, favorite genre, series, whatever it is, we want to hear about it and hopefully share our own experiences or interest in what you have to say.

At our first meeting we had a tea party with some tea and wonderful treats ranging from cookies to lemon bread while discussing our old time favorite books such as "Junie B. Jones," "Twilight," "The Super Puppies," "Wonder," and so many more. It was a blast and we even talked about some ideas for our upcoming meetings.

It's not too late to get involved and if you would like to then feel free to attend our meetings, follow instagram, or email Karis King for more information. You can reach her at kingkh@brevard.edu. Thank you so much and hope to see you soon.





# Mountain bikers compete in Collegiate MTB Challenge

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Brevard College mountain bikers competed in four discipline races in the Collegiate MTB Challenge at Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, N.C., on the last day of summer and first day of autumn.

On Sept. 21-22, BC's riders appreciated a change of scenery and chance to compete, enjoying beautiful mountain scenery that surrounds Grandfather Mountain, its wildlife, and ski resorts.

On their trip, the cyclists caught an early glimpse of fall leaves on Lees-McRae's campus, which touts itself as the highest elevated campus on the East Coast. The environment is similar to Brevard's, yet the autumnal colors change more rapidly this time of year. The fall colors and cool breeze made this race a fall showdown.

Racing began on Saturday morning, Sept. 21, with the Cross Country event. This race, in particular, was insanely intense because there were 32 participating teams. The men's A category alone had over 70 starting riders. The extremely full starting line started off strong in the Cross Country.

Owen Clark placed second and Matthew Edwards placed third in men's A Cross Country.

This race course was as wet as it was brutal, with technical climbing and descending. Each lap had over 800 feet of climbing. Men's A category had to race three laps total, whereas Women's A had to race two laps.

The final race on Saturday was Dual Slalom, a course which favors racers who have good pumping skills in and out of the whoops or jumps.

Kelly Lawson won the Women's B Dual Slalom, and Nicole Bradbury placed fourth in Women's A Dual Slalom.

Sunday's race, Sept. 22, started off bright and early at 8:30 a.m. with a team relay. Brevard's top relay team came in fourth place with the following racers: Madeleine Pollock, Mya Dixon, Kevin Vereecke, and Ned Broersma.

The next race of the day was Short Track, an intense 30-minute Short Cross Country race.

In the men's Short Track, Owen Clark won. In women's A Short Track, Ayana Gagne placed second.

This short track course featured rooty climbs, long grass pedals and a creek gap for riders to jump.

The final race of the weekend was Downhill, a super technical course featuring a large rock garden and rock drops.

Matthew Lelived placed third in Men's A Downhill.

Overall, it was a successful and exciting weekend for Brevard College riders.



Dual Slalom race with Dustin Vanover in the left lane. (Courtesy of Dustin Vanover)

## Breaking: Alumni Homecoming activities canceled

BC President Brad Andrews announced this morning that planned alumni activities for Homecoming 2024, which were scheduled for next weekend (Oct. 11-13), have been canceled.

In a letter to alumni and friends, Andrews noted that while the college itself is doing well, "our broader community is simply not in a place to receive and host visitors right now.

"After conversations with local officials, business groups, and civic leaders throughout the week," he continued, "we are canceling our alumni events and activities for Homecoming 2024 and respectfully asking you all not to travel to Brevard and Transylvania County at this time—out of respect for the needs of the ongoing heroic recovery efforts by so many

in our community."

Andrews reassured everyone that other aspects of Homecoming, including athletic events and student activities, will proceed as planned, and he encouraged local alumni, friends and guests to drop by campus for the game.

"Please keep Brevard and Transylvania County in your thoughts and travel plans in the coming months," he wrote. "You all, our students and alumni, and visitors in general, are so very important for the long-term health and recovery of our community, and the vibrancy and vitality of this very special community."

# Women's soccer win conference home-opener 7-0

The Brevard College women's soccer team (6-0-2, 1-0-1 USA South) continued its best-ever start to a season in the NCAA era with a resounding 7-0 triumph over Greensboro College (4-8, 1-2 USAS) on Wednesday afternoon at Ives-Lemel Family Field.

The Tornados scored two first-half goals before breaking the match open with a five-goal onslaught in the second half. Brevard had two players record hat tricks in the match, marking the first time in BC's NCAA history that two players have notched hat tricks in the same match.

Junior midfielder Kiara Porcelli and junior forward Mikayla Zvekan recorded the 11th and 12th hat tricks in Brevard's NCAA era, as the duo accounted for six of BC's seven goals on Wednesday.

Zvekan added an assist for a seven-point performance, while fellow junior Olivia Guillermo turned in a career match with one goal and two assists. A bevy of Tornados distributed

out assists in Wednesday's contest with Catie Barton, Austin Huffman, Kennedy Kelly, Hannah Mervine, Kinlee Mosley, Mikayla Rubin all being credited assists in the match. Abby Nunez (2-0-2) kept her second clean sheet of the season with three saves, and Mackenzie Lozano also worked in between the sticks for the Tornados.

It was a thorough team win for Brevard, who dominated possession throughout the match. The Tornados held a 29-6 shot lead and took nine corner kicks to GC's one.

Porcelli began the scoring early for Brevard in the third minute, finishing off a give-and-go with Guillermo that resulted in a rocket off the junior's right foot that put BC up 1-0.

The Merrimack, New Hampshire midfielder doubled Brevard's lead in the 11th minute as Porcelli headed in Zvekan's cross to give the Tornados the early 2-0 edge.

Following the halftime intermission, Brevard was able to put in three goals in a span of just over three minutes. First, Guillermo headed

home a buildup started by Kennedy, as Barton whipped in a fantastic cross into the penalty box. Then, following a handball by Greensboro, Porcelli capped her hat trick off with a spot kick goal. Finally, Guillermo began a buildup, finding Rubin in the midfield. The freshman immediately played the ball to Zvekan on the near side, and the junior scored the first of her three consecutive goals in the match as Brevard found itself quickly up 5-0.

Zvekan found the back of the net for a second time as she finished a buildup from Huffman and Mosley. The Draper, Utah forward finished off her hat trick performance as Mervine played her a through ball through the back line of the Pride's defense, and Zvekan finished the chance off once again as the Tornados cruised to the 7-0 victory.

Brevard is back at home on Saturday at 1 p.m. taking on Methodist University.

# Men's Soccer secures first conference win of 2024

The Brevard College men's soccer team (4-2-1, 1-0-0 USA South) earned a 3-0 shutout victory over Greensboro College (2-9-1, 0-1-0 USAS) on Wednesday afternoon at Ives-Lemel Family Field.

Fifth-year senior forward Ryan Lynch notched the 10th multi-goal performance of his illustrious BC career, as the Charlotte, North Carolina native scored twice to bring his career total to 43 goals.

Luiz Pontes scored his fourth goal of the season, while Tiago Aguilar, Colin McCabe, Luis

Portillo, and Vitor Razera all contributed assists. Matheus Rossi and the Tornado defense kept their third-consecutive clean sheet in a dominant defensive effort.

Following a scoreless first half in which Brevard outshot Greensboro 12-5 and controlled a majority of the possession, Pontes broke through with a screamer in the 53rd minute of action to break the deadlock up. Just over 20 minutes later, Lynch scored his first goal of the match when McCabe played the ball to him off a slight defensive deflection, and the fifth-year

Tornado buried the ball into the back of the net to double BC's advantage, 2-0, in the 77th minute.

Brevard's dominant win was capped off in the 84th minute as Lynch rebounded and scored Aguilar's shot that hit off the post, giving the Tornados a comfortable lead with five minutes left that they carried to victory, 3-0.

The Tornados outshot the Pride 31-6 and took a total of 10 corner kicks to Greensboro's one.

Brevard is back in action this Saturday on the road, traveling to Fayetteville, North Carolina to face Methodist University at 2 p.m.

# Volleyball falls in a close match to Salem Spirits

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The Brevard College Tornados took on the Salem Spirits on Sept. 24 at the Boshamer Gymnasium. Brevard is coming off a 10-2 record and a current 8-win streak, hoping to take the streak to 9, but it was not to be: they lost in a tight match 3-2.

Brevard is 2-0 in the conference and currently 6-0 when the game is taken to the fifth and final set.

The Spirits are currently 9-3 coming in and on a 3-game win streak. They are 2-1 in the conference, while also being 2-1 when the game

is taken to the fifth set.

Both teams have experience when games are taken to the wire and you need your big-time players to make crucial plays to help your team come out on top.

Starting off the night with the first set going to Salem 25-16, Maia Johnson helped the Spirits get it done.

Brevard takes the second and third set (25-21, 25-17), Ashley Hoxit making big plays for the Tornados with 11 kills. Along with both Casey Wampler and Makenna Parkins having 10 kills. Star Freshman Izzy Boulay came up with 33 assists. Bailey Lance got it done through three sets with 21 digs.

Salem wins the fourth set 25-21. Aspen Bradley played a big part there for the Spirits, tying the set 2-2.

Coming up on the fifth set, neither team is rattled by these situations. Salem gains an early lead over Brevard 8-5, and a timeout is called on the court. Brevard tries to gather themselves to shorten the distance between points.

Brevard starts to make a comeback after being down 12-8, closing the gap to just a two-point game 13-11. Brevard just fell short against Salem, 15-12. Both teams were evenly matched and well-played.

Some notable players from the game:

Bailey Lance - 32 Digs

Ashley Hoxit - 15 Kills, 5 Aces

Kylie Katcher - 3 Aces, 12 Digs

Emma Fontana - 7 Kills, 3 Aces

Izzy Boulay - 4 Kills, 44 Assists, 12 Digs

Casey Wampler - 12 Kills