

CEDAR MOUNTAIN NEWS FOR THURSDAY FEBRUARY 12TH, 2026

Are we ready?

Valentine's Day is Saturday February 14th

Daylight savings time starts March 8th.

BLOOD DRIVE

Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day, is a perfect occasion to express love and compassion by helping those in need of a lifesaving transfusion! Join this heartfelt cause by calling the American Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 to schedule your appointment between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Then, come to the Cedar Mountain Fire and Rescue station at Cascade Lake Road and Greenville Hwy in Cedar Mountain. You have the opportunity to make a difference in someone's life through the gift of blood.

SEE OFF HOMESTEADERS COMMUNITY CENTER

Everyone is invited to attend our monthly community potluck Sunday, February 15, 2026 at 2021 See Off Mountain Road, Brevard, NC, United States, North Carolina 28712. Bring a dish to share if you are able. If you can also bring your own plate/silverware/cup you will help us to create less waste! (If you don't have them, we will provide.)

Doors open at 5:30 pm and dinner starts at 6:00 pm. The presentation usually begins around 6:45 pm. If you or someone you know is in need of a hot meal please come and eat, you don't have to bring anything!! There is always plenty of food!

This evening's presentation will be co-presented by Christy Blakely, See Off resident and owner of the Cedar Mountain Outpost, Kim Coram of the Cedar Mountain Canteen Coop, and Sarah Dearbaugh of Cedar Mountain Moonshine. These local business owners, who each nurtured their enterprises during the years of the pandemic, Helene and the forest fires, will address the particular challenges and opportunities currently facing our community.

Topics addressed will include:

- Dramatic increases in tourism and residential growth
- DOT roundabout in Cedar Mountain, speed limits and short-term rentals
- Progression toward Cedar Mountain becoming the first zero-waste community in North Carolina
- Mental Health Festival - March 14 & 15

Hope to see you there! Melinda Hendershott, Communications. See Off Homesteaders Community Center

HUNGER COALITION DATES

- Former Go Grocery Location 1232 Asheville Highway, Brevard First Thursday of the month 3:30–5:30 PM
- Champion Park Main Street, Rosman Second Thursday of the month 2:30–4:00 PM
- Public Servants Mobile Market Next to New Adventure Day Care on Gaston Street Third Thursday of the month 3:30–5:30 PM
- Cedar Mountain Community Center 10635 Greenville Highway Third Thursday of the month 2:30–4:00 PM
- Quebec Community Center 1846 Rosman Highway, Lake Toxaway Fourth Thursday of the month 2:30–4:00 PM

CEDAR MTN ROTARY CLUB MEETING

Looking at the weather forecast it seems like the winter weather is now a thing of the past two weeks, so we can start to look forward to spring. Although Punxsutawney Phil predicted six more weeks of winter, I am starting to see the daffodils pushing through the ground.

The speaker at the February 16th Cedar Mountain Rotary Club Meeting is Lucille Chaveas, an accomplished quilt historian, author, and textile expert. She has made significant donations to the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art. The meeting will be held at the Cedar Mountain Community Center, 10635 Greenville Hwy. Cedar Mountain, NC at 5:30 pm.

A potluck meal will follow the meeting. You can contact Cathy Hauptert at 607-280-0889 if you have questions.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN FRD AUX PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Join us on Saturday, March 14, 2026, for a delicious breakfast at the fire station. Enjoy pancakes, pork and turkey sausage, fresh fruit, apple and orange juice, and hot coffee; served from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. Admission is by donation, with all proceeds supporting the Cedar Mountain Fire Rescue Department.

CEDAR MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

A Grief Share grief support group for people grieving the death of a loved one is starting soon. Please join us on Tuesdays, March 3 - May 26, 2026, at 6:00 pm at Cedar Mountain Baptist Church, 7765 Greenville Hwy. Brevard, NC.

For more information, contact assistantcmbc@gmail.org or call 828-966-4812 or you may visit griefshare.org/groups/286859 to register.

APPALACHIAN CULTURE AT THE CANTEEN

The Cedar Mountain Canteen has long been a center of Appalachian Culture. Our jam leaders and many of our performers share a profound depth of knowledge. We have started to collect and share their contributions through words and recordings. We invite you to visit us and our website to enjoy the depths of community they bring.

You can visit the information here: <https://cedarmountaincanteen.com/appalachian-culture/>

2026 GEORGE H.V. CECIL JOURNEY SCHOLARSHIP

The WNC Communities is excited to announce that applications are now open for the 2026 George H.V. Cecil Journey Scholarship. Students can apply for the scholarship using this [link](#). The deadline for submission is March 16th, 2026. All questions regarding the scholarship, including the application completion and submission, can be answered by the scholarship coordinator scholarship@wnccommunities.org.

There will be one final scholarship virtual information session on February 11th 7 - 7:30 pm. This session is open to anyone interested in learning about the scholarship - students, parents, community members and school personnel.

Please feel free to use the attached info graphic in your communication channels to share the application opening.

Thank you for your continued support of students' academic pursuits in our region! We appreciate you. Keelin Mooney ~ Scholarship Coordinator, WNC Communities | 594 Brevard Road | Asheville, NC 28806 Office 828.252.4783 | Cell 828.279.6042

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB IN BREVARD

The Boys and Girls Club in Brevard is having a fundraiser. They are selling boxes of delicious home made Italian food and Susan and I are trying to spread the word!

See below and sign up if you wish to help this worthy cause and enjoy an exceptional meal!

Here is the link to their webpage: <https://wl.donorperfect.net/weblink/WebLink.aspx?name=E113141&id=232>

Thanks! Mark Weinstein and Susanne Marsee

CEDAR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY CENTER RENTAL

To make a reservation, contact Caroline Chambers at 828-290-9662 or explore the details and booking options available at cedarmountaincommunitycenter.com/rental.

AROUND THE HOUSE by Linda Packer Young

Mother Nature has kept us around the house a lot the past two weeks. I wish I could say I got a lot accomplished during that time. I have a cup collection above the cupboards that hadn't been "dusted" since sometime last year but I'm working on it. They are special cups that have "different" handles. One of my favorites is one I found at Disney World ages ago. It is an elephant with its trunk as a handle. Another is a Toucan with its head as the handle...

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES FOR THE NEWS

* Deadline: News submissions must be received no later than 6 pm on Monday.

(Email to cedarmountainnews@gmail.com)

* Photos: Minimum 900kb

* File Types: Please avoid PDFs and posters. Word docs & JPGs are preferred.