



Haywood Community College Panel: State, Elected, Community Leaders

Southwestern Commission: David Garrett

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- Rapid Response Process: NC Department of Commerce Rapid Response program is expected to be available. This program helps employers and workers face closures and plan the most appropriate response.
- This is a resource for employees to ask those first questions about what is next and navigate the available resources.
- This can include information for job seekers, unemployment benefits, insurance needs, housing assistance, etc.

For anyone that feels ready to work now. NC Works is your connection.

[NCWorks Career Center- Haywood County](#)

1170 North Main Street Waynesville, NC 28786

Phone: (828)456-6061

It is important to note that as of March 9, 2023, there were over 1,000 jobs in the manufacturing industry available.

Land of Sky Regional Council:

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- The loss of Evergreen is significant, but our community can survive. It is certainly not going to be easy in the short term. Every worker will be classified as dislocated and eligible for federal benefits.
- Neworks.gov encourages employees to register on the website and access benefits immediately.

[Upcoming WNC Career Expo 3/23 Ag Center Asheville](#)

Plan to join us Thursday, March 23, from 11 am – 4 pm at the Davis Event Center at the WNC Agricultural Center, located at 761 Boylston Highway in Fletcher (across from the airport).

100+ employers, largest hiring event in WNC. Most jobs employers offer at this event are paying higher than \$18/hour, and there will also be Evergreen hiring-specific events in the future.

Haywood Community College: Doug Burchfield

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- The main goal is to get these dislocated employees the necessary training. HCC will open an employability lab and get a staff member to assist in obtaining new employment. This would include assistance in job search, resume building, and technology navigation.
- Additional manufacturing courses for machinery will be available. There will be a higher focus on skills and training offered. HCC is teaching its first plumbing class next semester, as well as law enforcement.
- HCC's primary goal is advocating and providing these displaced workers with the necessary training to make a career change.
- CDL Licensing training, electrical licensing, small business center for complementary resources to entrepreneurs, Perkins program will allow PLCs the potential for a gunsmith in classes, heavy equipment operator. The college also has many vast degree opportunities and encourages anyone to reach out to the college and discuss options.

Dr. White states it is essential to recognize that many employees will go directly back to work, but the college is here for anybody who wants to change and take time to add to their skill set.

HCC Scholarship: Haywood Strong will be available to individuals affected by the closure of Pactiv Evergreen.

Haywood County Health & Human Services:

157 Paragon Pkwy #300, Clyde, NC 28721

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Support will be available for families affected by the paper mill's closure and ensures that families' basic needs are met.

- [Insurance](#)
- [Snap Program](#) (Food Insecurity)
- [Work First Program](#)- allows qualifying families to overcome barriers such as access to childcare, transportation, or other financial needs that may prevent them from getting the jump start they need in a new position.

The Health & Human Services agency has a vast array of services, and we are committed to helping all individuals affected by this economic crisis.

Town of Canton Mayor: Zeb Smathers

85 Summer Street, Canton, NC 28716

[Job Fair for Evergreen employees on March 16, 2023](#)

PINNACLE CHURCH

Thursday, March 16 | 12–7 pm

415 Fiberville St. Canton NC 28716