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The new Foothills Food Hub site is 24,000 square feet of space for storage.

Foothills Food Hub has new, 24,000-square-foot location; gearing up to help those in need

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The Foothills Food Hub now has a new location that is larger, more accessible and better equipped to provide food for people in need in McDowell County.

The Food Hub is getting prepared to help families who may lose their SNAP benefits due to the federal government shutdown.

On Friday, Oct. 24, the Foothills Food Hub held a ribbon-cutting ceremony and

open house for their new location, which is the former Badcock Furniture building at 1930 U.S. Hwy. 70 East in Marion.

The Foothills Food Hub is a program of McDowell Local Food Advisory Council, a nonprofit that works to improve community wellness by ensuring local food is affordable and accessible.

"We support farmers and feed the community through a network of local farmers and producers, and local partner

organizations," said Grace Fitzgerald, community project manager. "We recently launched an online marketplace to shop for local food that comes straight from local farms, and producers in the region. We prioritize McDowell farmers and also offer goods that can't be found in McDowell County."

People can shop Monday through

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VETERANS DAY CLOSINGS

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The majority of local governments in McDowell County and surrounding areas will close on Veterans Day. Below is a listing of which offices will be closed and which will be open.

McDowell County

McDowell County government offices and libraries will be closed on Tuesday, according to the county's website.

Marion city offices will be closed on Monday. There will be no trash or brush collection on Monday, according to the city's website.

Burke County

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Burke County offices will be closed on Tuesday. The Burke County Landfill will be open, according to the county's website. Morganton city offices will be

closed on Tuesday, according to the city's website.

Valdese town offices will be closed on Tuesday, according to the town's website.

Catawba County

Catawba County government offices, libraries and convenience centers will be open, according to the county's web-

Hickory city offices will be open and trash collection will remain on a normal schedule, according to the city's website.

Newton city offices will be closed on Tuesday, according to the city's website.

Conover city offices will be

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