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## 'TOTALLY WORTH IT'



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Lenoir-Rhyne senior Grace McCranie traveled to Washington, D.C., to donate to a cancer patient.

### Lenoir-Rhyne grad took her first trip on an airplane to save a life through bone marrow donation

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Before she graduated with a degree in nursing, Lenoir-Rhyne University student Grace McCranie already had a hand in saving one life.

McCranie, a senior from Lincoln County, traveled to Washington, D.C., in February after she was matched with a cancer patient in need of a bone marrow donation.

McCranie became aware of the program that matched her with the patient through an Instagram ad. The ad was for the National Marrow Donor Program, previously called Be the Match.

"I saw a random ad," McCranie said. "I was like, 'This is pretty cool. The chances are slim, but you never know?'"

McCranie clicked the ad and supplied information that put her name on the donor registry list. She was sent a swab through the mail. She swabbed her mouth, sent the swab back and, "didn't think a thing about it," she said.

Years passed.

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Then, in October 2025, she got a call from a number she did not recognize. She almost didn't answer because she thought the call was spam.

"They were like, 'You've matched with somebody,'" McCranie said. "I had no idea what that meant. I was just like, 'Okay.'"

McCranie found out she matched with a woman who had myeloid leukemia.

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## SGL Carbon seeking air quality permit

### Public comment period open

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SGL Carbon in Morganton has applied for an air quality permit from the North Carolina Division of Air Quality and people will have a chance to comment

and/or request a public hearing on the application.

The comment period started Wednesday and runs until June 26, according to information from the division.

The company applied for an Air Quality Title V Operation Permit, which the division says meets the requirements specified in 15A North Carolina

Administrative Code 2Q.0500.

SGL Carbon LLC is located at 307 Jamestown Road, Morganton. Its application ID is: 1200028.25A, Permit No.: 03287T42.

Anyone requesting a public hearing must do so in writing and include a statement supporting the need for a hearing, an indication of your interest in

the facility and a brief summary of the information intended to be offered at a hearing, according to the division.

Written comments on the company's application or requests for a public hearing should be postmarked no later than June 26 and addressed

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