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## Local News

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# Prattsville pulls together in wake of flooding

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PRATTSVILLE -- In a town that was almost washed away, a line of customers sat at counter stools in Beth's Café just after dawn Tuesday and nibbled on toast and sipped coffee. The owner, Beth Ballard, fried eggs, just as she's done since she opened the place 10 years ago.



### Plenty of work to do

With dozens of houses still condemned, there is plenty of work for volunteers to do. But what is most needed now, according to local residents and emergency workers, are people with skilled trade backgrounds -- such as carpenters, plumbers, electricians and heating specialists. Workers from the Federal Emergency Management Agency continue to work out of a mobile recovery office in the center of the town, processing applications for disaster relief funds.

Tuesday morning, 40 seniors from Coleman Catholic High School in Kingston arrived in Prattsville and signed up for tasks coordinated by volunteers from Huntersfield Christian Training Center.

Juniors from the school are expected to follow in their footsteps today; they will be followed by the sophomores Thursday.

"We're giving up a day of school, but I think it's a great and unique experience for the students to give and learn," school Principal Lou Tullo said.