

GOP will rally Monday in support of Meadows
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Haywood County GOP Chairman Kenneth Henson



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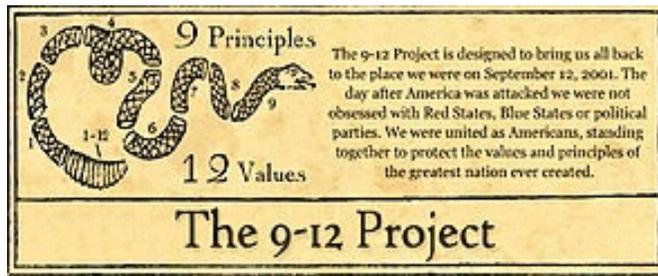
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The event is being sponsored by the Haywood County 9-12 Project, said Lynda Bennett, who encouraged supporters to make signs and sign a thank-you card for Meadows and "all those who gave us another opportunity to get health care right."

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