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A. Focus On The Community

Airing Monday Through Friday 12:07 till 12:15 PM

Local Events	SPEAKER	DATE AND TIME	CONTENT
Medicaid Expansion in North Carolina	Kathy Hempstead: CDC	07/03/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	North Carolina Legislature passed Medicare expansion legislation but Republicans are threatening to not include funding in the next session
Author of "One Second After"	William Forstchen: Author	07/05/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Should an Electro-magnetic Impulse as an act of war be emitted over the United States the power grid would fail and the distribution of services would end plunging the country into chaos
Livestock vaccination schedule for parasites	Kendra Fortner NC Co-op Extension Livestock agent	07/06/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Cattle returning to pastures are likely to ingest parasites so vaccines are critical. Also 4-H time to start prep for showing livestock at the fair
Skin Disease	Dr. Fayne Frye	07/07/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Ways to prevent skin disease
Career Issues	Fred Sievert, Author	07/10/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:17 PM	Discussion of the book, <i>A Career of Consequence</i> ; Ways to get positive notice and advancement in your job
Chargeback Issues	Pel Faquiryan	07/11 /2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	FTC has proposed a "click to cancel" rule to make it as easy to cancel a subscription as it is to sign up
Female Homelessness	Greta Worley	07/12/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	HERE of Jackson County is having a fundraiser and planning to build a female homeless shelter
Identity Theft	Colleen Creighton, Reba Rice Portwood, therapist	07/13/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Ways to discourage identity theft and protect oneself from identity theft
Tobacco Use	Dennis Hennigan American Lung Assoc	07/14/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Warning signs at tobacco counters are required by the first of the month
Alzheimer's	Dr. Sharon Cohen	07/17/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Innovations in the treatment of Alzheimer's' Disease and use of medication LEQEMBI
Psoriasis	Dr. Melinda Greenfield Georgia College of Osteopathic medicine	07/18 and 30/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Innovations in treatment of psoriasis using ILUMYA treatment
Kidney disease	Dr. Michael Garko: Nutritionist and professor at University of Bridgeport	07/19/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Symptoms and innovations in treatment and prevention of kidney disease
Forestry	Minda Daughtry NC Co- op Extension Horticulture Agent	07/20/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Correct pruning techniques
Job Search	Andrea Willis Google Trends Expert	07/21/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Use of AI to assist with job searches and number of job searches in a month at Google
Military Chaplains	Army Reserve Chaplain Corps: Chaplain Paul Schlador	07/24/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Roles the chaplains fill in military situations
Veteran jobs	Dr. Aaron Lee, Exec Dir the Dept of VA Human Capital Services	07/25/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Employment information and advice for veterans. Opportunities for young high school and college graduates

Back to School	Dr. Dana Ayers, Jackson County School Superintendent	07/26/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Back to School Bash to be held in August
Marketing using new technology	Derek Chew	07/27/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Use of AI for marketing
Local Bluegrass Music	Darren Nicholson, musician	07/28/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Information of activities with his band and future performances in the area
4-H Events	Christie Burchfield, Swain County Extension	07/31/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Information about 4-H clubs and preparation for the Swain County Fair
Dating and developing social connections	Rachel Van Nortwich	08/01/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Use of a Music App for dating: studies indicate that common music interest is a positive factor in relationships
SCC Foundation	Southwestern Community College	08/02/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The Boots, Bling, and Blue Jeans Gala raises tens of thousands of dollars annually for the foundation
Showing Livestock at the Swain County Fair	Kendra Fortner: NC Coop Ext. Livestock Agent	08/03/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The fair is coming August 19 th and a thousand school children are expected to show up for services
Collections Veterans Stories for history	Travis Bickford, Author	08/04/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A national campaign is underway to get Veterans to share their stories for an audio history
Osteoporosis new treatments	Dr. Kristi Tough-DeSapri	08/07/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Information on prevention and risks of osteoporosis
Local grant options	Melissa Barker, Swain Family Resource Center	08/08/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Application process for public service grants in Swain County
Fuel Safety and Use	Tucker Perkins, Propane Education and Research Center	08/09/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Advantages and safe use of propane as fuel
Non-tuberculous Mycobacteria	Amy Leitman: President of research	08/10/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Reports on the development of research and treatments for NTM
Diet Issues	Rachel Bukowski, Whole Foods Dietician	08/11/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Practices for healthful dieting, using whole foods
Family Medicine new physician to area	Dr. Murcko, Harris Hospital	08/14/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Has joined Swain Medical Associates as a family physician
Vaccines	Janelle Rohner: National Inst. Of Health	08/15/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Promo urging citizens and children to get recommended vaccines before going back to school
Google searches on new Technology	Marc Saltzman, Tech Expert	08/16/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Current information about technological issues, equipment, and responsible usage
Technology	Juanita Sarrand	08/17/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Availability and use of AI in the workplace
Master Gardener Class	Mindy Daughtry, NC Coop Ext. Horticulture Agent	08/18/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A new Master Gardner class is forming for people to sign up for now
Future Survival of Humanity	William Forstchen, Author of book <i>One Second</i> and <i>Five Minutes</i>	08/21/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Forstchen discusses his sequel, <i>Five Years After</i> , describing fate of humanity following nuclear attack
Family Medicine	Dr. Amanda Fernandez, Harris Regional Hospital	08/22/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Has joined the Family practice at Harris Hospital
Power of natural medications for whole health.	Udo Urasamus, Nutritionist	08/23/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Fats that heal and fats that kill, a review of the Mediterranean diet
Back to School/ Cancer Screening	Erica Souter (2 programs) Dr. Lisa Richardson	08/24/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	(1) Essential considerations in learning habits (2) Import to have a regular cancer screening
4-H events getting ready for county fair	Kristi Burchfield, 4-H leader with NC Cooperative Extension	08/25/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Opportunities to join 4-H and several activities for the fall including getting items ready to exhibit at the county fair
Medical Care	Dr. Amanda Hernandez,	08/28/2023	New family medicine practitioner at Harris Family

	Harris Regional Hospital	Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	medicine
County Recreation	Taylor Woodard, Swain County Rec. Department	08/29/2023	Update on events and renovations at Swain County Recreation Park
Opioid Abuse	Mary Bono Former Congress mbr/California	08/31/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Update on Opioid crisis, treatment and resources, Narcan becoming available over the counter
Family Medicine	Dr. Joseph Murcko, Harris Family Medicine	09/01/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Family health issues, recommendations, and resources
Career advancement	Fred Sievert, Author of <i>Career of Consequence</i>	09/04/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Proven methods of achievement and career advancement in the workplace
Local Public Schools	Dr. Dana Ayers, Jackson County School Supt.	09/05/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Several program initiatives for local schools and the annual statewide school grade report
Baby Safety Month	Amanda Mushrow	09/06/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Issues related to baby safety in the home and when traveling (car seats), resources available
Career Advancement (replay)	Fred Sievert, Author of <i>Career of Consequence</i>	09/07/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Proven methods of achievement and career advancement in the workplace
Fall issues for Livestock producers	Kendra Fortner NC Coop Ext. Livestock Agent	09/08/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Working with 4-H and FFA to get livestock ready for the Swain County Fair
Veteran Healthcare	Dr. Shereel Elnahal Head of medical services at VA	09/11/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Healthcare information and services available for veterans and caregivers. Local VA Hospital rates among the best in state and nation
Special event for children	Deanna Liles	09/12/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	An event for children with Sesame Street characters Region A Partnership for Children
Ski Walking	Robert Hawk	09/13/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The added benefits of ski walking over regular walking with upcoming classes in September
Mountain Heritage Day at WCU	Dr. Kelly Brown, WCU Chancellor	09/14/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Promotion and information on upcoming annual Mountain Heritage Day at Western Carolina University
Pickleball	Tom Webb and Dr. Beth McQuiston	09/15/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Discussion of benefits and risks associated with pickleball especially concussion risks
Local Cleanup event	Chad Parker	09/18/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Information about locations and time for local Cleaning up the Mountains event
Prostate health	Troy Duell	09/19/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Prostate health issues and treatment
Ecosystem changes	Minda Daughtry	09/20/2022 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Dying trees in the Great Smokies and agricultural options
Tailgating	Ovie Mulhelli	09/21/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Trends in tailgating, foods and activities
Technology new apple phone	Joe Phillips	09/22/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Availability and trends of new Apple phones
Energy back-up using propane	Matt Blashaw	09/25/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Discussed advantages and safety issues in using propane generators
Military options	Sgt FC Raul Lopez	09/26/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM.	Discussion of Army Reserve and Military Police
Suicide prevention/ deafness alert	Theo Boyd: author of book (My grief is not like yours)	09/27/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Recognizing signs of potential suicide, prevention techniques
Orthopedic Health	Dr. Patton, Harris Regional Hospital	09/28/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Issues with orthopedic needs and procedures, available treatment
Local events	Mark Haskett, Director Mountain Heritage Day	09/29/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Mountain Heritage Day at Western Carolina University events on September 30

Section B: Primary News Stories Covered

(Local News airs at 7:00 AM, 8:00 AM and during the Noon hour and at 5:00 PM. The local news does not air Saturday and Sunday during the noon hour but does air at 8:00 A.M.)

July 03, 2023

Jackson County Animal Hospital is transitioning from old location to new facility, July 4th fireworks schedule, doctors having concerns due to new abortion policies

July 04, 2023

Jackson County School doing surveys to determine interest in building a new middle school, citizens urged to complete the broadband survey, Haywood County farmer suing the Dept of Agriculture over the limits on the number of migrant workers that can be retained by the farm

July 05, 2023

Franklin police are trying to identify the body of a person found in the river near town, Five people arrested in Haywood County after drugs located in the vehicle, Highway Patrolman shot in Haywood County after stopping a car, protective gear saved his life

July, 06, 2023

A Tennessee man was arrested in Haywood County after his vehicle was found to contain over a hundred unregistered weapons, North Carolina will open a new 1600-acre state park in Haywood County next year, Macon County looking to consolidate several schools and academies then construct a new school

July 07, 2023

A Cherokee man was arrested after breaking and entering numerous Macon County businesses and stealing a safe including \$4000., a Transylvania County man will not spend additional time after being found guilty of placing bombs at various locations in the count, A Buncombe County man was hospitalized on July 4th after having been shot numerous times, recovery expected, Macon and Jackson County students may qualify for a free breakfast and school lunch

July 10, 2023

Seven counties in WNC are expected to receive over \$16 million to expand “Last Mile” Broadband services, UPS workers in Macon County held demonstrations for better pay and benefits before a nationwide strike is called, Maggie Valley Arts Show attracted a record crowd

July 11, 2023

A Cullowhee man riding a bicycle in Asheville was struck and seriously injured by a motorist who has been charged with reckless-driving, A Cherokee County residence was raided which netted 39 dogs, a cat, and a bird in unsafe conditions after the renter was evicted from the property, a data breach at Charles B. George VA facility in Asheville may have compromised data on about 1500 veterans

July 12, 2023

Federal money is being used to close the digital divide in the governor’s GREAT plan, most counties will receive over a million dollars, displaced workers in Haywood County have access to \$2.5 million for job training and workforce development, over \$7 million is available to community colleges

July 13, 2023

The GSMNP is receiving \$19 million to remodel Lakeside Drive that goes six miles into the GSMNP, Heintooga Valley Road is also be updated. Two drug houses in Sylva were raided leading to the arrest of Shawn Lewis and Brent Brooks. Each are under a \$275,000 bond.

July 14, 2023

The unemployment rate in Jackson County dropped to 3.4% from 3.9% in March. First degree murder charges have filed against Divinity Guest after she is accused of killing her mother and her mother's lover in Macon County. She is undergoing a mental evaluation. Area swift water rescue teams are undergoing training in Vermont this week

July 17, 2023

A person robbed a cash delivery truck at a Canton gas station, took the keys and left, no one was hurt, A deceased person was located beside a railroad track in Waynesville no foul play is suspected at this time, today is the last day to nominate people for the Mountain Heritage Awards.

July 18, 2023

A Canton woman and her stepson have been arrested and charged with 26 counts of car breaking and entering this weekend, Canton has imposed a 365-day moratorium on activity at then closed paper mill to protect the facility from damage of vandalism, Hands on Jackson is seeking volunteers for the October 12th service day

July 19, 2023

The area is under an air pollution alert due to smoke from fires in western Canada, Canton police has released photos of a car involved with the robbery of a cash truck as a Canton gas station, The Cherokee tribe will vote in November to either expand the medical marihuana program or not

July 20, 2023

A Cullowhee Man is charged with assault with a deadly weapon after shooting two people with a 20-gauge shotgun, there were injuries but the victims are expected to recover. Howard Allman has been selected to serve on the S-C-C Board of Trustees, A Haywood County woman has won \$200,000 is the NC Scratch Off lottery.

July 21, 2023

A republican proposal to allow charges to be brought against school librarians and school officials by persons who deem a book to be inappropriate may be withdrawn from the agenda due to the nature of the wording, Andy Wells a Republican from Hickory has announced plans to run for Governor, he is a former member of the state board of transportation.

July 24, 2023

Governor Cooper has vetoed a republican bill which would have changed the licensing for charter schools to be comprised of a politically elected board and funneling tax dollars to charter rather than public schools, state legislators are concerned that adjoining states are contemplating the construction of at least five border casinos which could drain money off those in the state,

July 25, 2023

Buncombe County has a new school superintendent who comes from a much smaller school district in Carteret County, A Buncombe County man is in prison after has car was stopped in Asheville, the car contained one fourth of a pound of Fentanyl, he is under \$250,000 bond, Asheville has authorized \$3 million for upgrades to McCornick Field

July 26, 2023

Mission Hospital announced plans to open a seven million dollar burn center in Asheville. Over one hundred area patients were transported out of state last year for treatment. Asheville police are looking for a red car involved with a drive by shooting last week, UNC Asheville has received top awards for the teaching reading program

July 27, 2023

All State Insurance has not met the obligations to add 2200 jobs to their service center in Charlotte as planned five years ago. As a result, the state will not be paying the \$17 million in incentives promised at the time to add those jobs. The state legislature has not completed the details for Medicaid expansion even though they voted to expand the service

July 28, 2023

The Sylva license Plate office is closing and a new vendor is being sought, there was a accident involving a car and as school bus on Tuesday. The driver was taken to the hospital with minor injuries, the bus sustained an estimated \$8,000 in damages, NCDOT is seeking volunteers for the fall litter cleanup

July 31, 2023

A break in a metal support at a roller coaster at Carowinds has caused the ride to be shut down till repairs are completed

August 01, 2023

The Community Foundation of Western North Carolina has created a special fund to offer assistance to displaced workers from the Canton Paper Mill, A Cherokee County man is in prison under \$150,000 bond after assaulting customers at Murphy convenience store,

August 02, 2023

Waynesville police report that social media claims of a man using a woman's rest room at the Waynesville Recreation Park have not been proven to be valid, a state law allows any person to use gender neutral bathroom, August 4th is a free parking day at the GSMNP in observance of the Great Outdoors Act which provided millions of dollars to the park, A Clyde Church is providing free back packs to Haywood County school children

August 03, 2023

Waynesville police are looking for clues to determine who was the person who broke into numerous cars at Waynesville Auto, Sylva town aldermen are considering the relocation of the skateboard park. So far it has been used very little, Macon County schools are looking for a long lease for the Higdon Property for additions to the school system

August 04, 2023

A twenty-year Cullowhee man is in prison after a knife fight left two people in the hospital, Smoky Mountain Railroad has closed their tour rides into the Nantahala Gorge so that rail repairs can be made,

May 07, 2023

An off-duty Jackson County Deputy has been charged with DUI after an accident in Sylva during which the car he was driving collided with a car and two utility poles. He resigned from the department after charges were filed, over 800 students participated in the Back to School Bash on Saturday

May 08, 2023

Rich Mountain Road in Cades Cove has been closed due to bear activity, an investigation has shown that a man changing into women's clothing at a Waynesville recreation park restroom was not a violation of the law

August 09, 2023

Storms in western North Carolina and South Carolina Monday left 41,000 people without power, most of the outages were repaired by Tuesday, individuals whose homes were destroyed by Hurricane Fred have received \$20,000 to assist their moving into permanent housing, GSMNP is seeking clues into who spray painted rocks on the Laurel Falls Trail

August 10, 2023

The Town of Sylva is expected to contract for the construction of public restrooms at the location of the prior trail depot on Mill Street in Sylva, Harris Hospital has announced that Ashley Hendon is the new CEO of both the Sylva and Bryson City locations, eight structures in Sylva are being removed this month to make way for the new road coming through Sylva

August 11, 2023

A Sylva driver has accepted a plea deal after the car in which he was driving collided with a car in front of a Sylva restaurant. An occupant identified at 89-year-old Jane Griffour died in the accident, The Jackson County Chamber of Commerce celebrated their 100-year anniversary on Tuesday and are selling pavers to commemorate the occasion, Waynesville is beefing up their downtown police presence after numerous complaints about loud cars, trucks, music, and motorcycles

August 14, 2023

The bodies of two individuals were recovered from Fontana Lake on Sunday near Sandlin Bridge. One person dove into the Lake to rescue another person and both drowned, the remains of a Brevard man were found in a forest near Asheville were identified. The cause of death is under investigation. An Otto man was arrested and charged with murder after the remains of a Georgia woman were located in the Chattahoochee National Forest

August 15, 2023

The Brevard Zoo has received a \$5 million grant to construct a sea turtle recovery facility at their future aquarium, Brevard has cancelled their drag show for safety reasons, Jackson County Library is offering a free lunch and learn sponsored by the uncomplicated kitchen

August 16, 2023

An earthquake measuring two on the Richter Scale was recorded over the weekend on the North Carolina Virginia border, no damage was reported, A Waynesville man has been arrested after being involved in a gang fight at a Waynesville gas station. Weapons were brandished but no shots were fired, the investigation continues in Macon County after the body of a person was discovered in a burned home

August 17, 2023

State treasurer Dale Folwell is pushing for legislation to prohibit not for profit hospitals from over aggressive collection practices and foreclosures, WCU and Mountain Projects are collaborating to build a 200-unit low cost housing complex on Little Savannah Road in Cullowhee and Vera Nursing Home, Jackson County schools are searching for bus drivers and certain teachers

August 18, 2023

A Sylva Woman has been charged with homicide after it was determined the drug she provided to a person was lethal to the point the recipient died of an overdose, the mother of a 12-day-old child is now in prison and charged with abuse and neglect after her child was recovered, taken to mission hospital suffering from hunger and thirst and then placed into foster care,

August 21, 2023

Haywood and Madison counties have been removed from legislation which would have required their municipal elections to be partisan. Local mayor's have noted their support for the low-cost housing project on Little Savannah Road near Vera Nursing Home,

August 22, 2023

The investigation continues into the death of two individuals who drown in Fontana Lake last week, A member of the EBCI has been charged and fined \$4,000 for soliciting and accepting bribes from contractors who sought to be involved with the cannabis industry in Cherokee, Haywood Community College has graduated a class of nine people from their commercial truck driving school using tuition from the displaced workers fund in Haywood County

August 23, 2023

The GSMNP reports income of over six million dollars from their parking fee campaign in the first three months the campaign was active, it is reported the economic impact of the park is over \$2 billion. The new Jackson County Animal Shelter is seeking Volunteers

August 24, 2023

The Jackson County Sheriff's Office provided extra deputies to provide security for the Sylva Pride event at the library, there were protests and tempers flared by no arrests were made, over 20 million people visited NC State parks last year with an estimated economic impact of 4 billion dollars

August 25, 2023

Sheriff Doug Farmer explains his response to a request from Sylva Police Chief to provide extra security for the Sylva Pride events. Governor Cooper vetoed a republican scheme to rewrite numerous voting actions from early voting, poll watchers, same day registrations,

August 28, 2023

A Cherokee man is in prison after using his car as a deadly weapon after ramming several businesses and causing extensive damage, he is under \$100,000 bond, A Swain County man is recovering after a shooting incident which required the victim to be transported to Mission Hospital in Asheville It is not sure if the injury was self-inflicted. Jackson County Commissioners are again clamoring for a merger between Social Services and the Health Department

August 29, 2023

Darius Woody of Haywood County has been sentenced to five years in prison for her efforts to overthrow the government by threatening local officials with treason, the founder of the organization was sentenced to ten years. Dogwood Health Foundation has dedicated \$150,000 to hire a transition officer to help displaced workers find new employment and secure additional education and training if needed

August 30, 2023

The Red Cross has prepared disaster kits for local distribution, the NC Highway Patrol has announced the expansion of patrols for the Labor Day

August 31, 2023

The utility upgrade in Bryson City continues with several road closures over the next three months, the demolition of buildings in Sylva continues to make way for the new road designed for Highway 441 South, Waynesville has announced that a new over the street sign will be constructed downtown to signify "the gateway to the smokies"

September 01, 2023

Cherokee County Police are being investigated after a local citizen was shot several times by law enforcement, cause of the shooting is not clear, SCC is offering a digital literacy program starting in September to teach a wide variety of computer skills, The National Endowment For The Arts has received over \$60,000 to fund the translation of early Cherokee documents into English and current Cherokee dialects

September 04, 2023

NCDOT has suspended all highway improvement projects for the Labor Day Holiday, Edward Dewayne Taylor has been sentenced to 81 months after being found guilty of drug trafficking,

September 05, 2023

The director of the local organization, Center for Domestic Peace has been charged with a DUI after the vehicle he was driving ran off the road and crashed into private property, Jackson County School Board member Wes Jamison has proposed that all school lunches be free but did not offer a source for the about four hundred thousand dollars to pay for the lunches

September 06, 2023

Companies in several counties in western North Carolina have been awarded millions of dollars in state and federal money to expand broadband services in the region mostly to unserved rural areas, North Carolina has a five-thousand-person teacher shortage and the governor has proposed a three million dollar grant in aid program for training teachers. The Jackson County TDA announced their expenditure of \$4 million dollars in advertising to attract visitors. This is a half million increase from the prior year

September 07, 2023

The recent report card for state schools shows that Jackson County had eight of ten schools to exceed their growth goals, the early college was in the top three for achievement statewide, Momentum is gaining traction in Swain County for the development of a youth center but several commissioners are skeptical

September 08, 2023

A Sylva man is in jail after being charged after numerous efforts to use an automobile to injure several people, A Swain County man has been sentenced to life in prison after being found guilty of beating a man to death with a baseball bat in an argument over a truck title, an accomplice also received a long prison sentence for restraining the person while the murderer pounded his head with the ball bat.

September 11, 2023

A Swain County man faces charges after security cameras captured his throwing a puppy from a car window near the Paws animal shelter in Bryson City, A Cullowhee resident, Christopher McKneely faces numerous charges after being charged with firing several shots at a woman at Lake Junaluska, public input is being sought to learn opinions for the development of Pinnacle Park

September 12, 2023

Former Cherokee Chief Michelle Hicks has won reelection to the position this will be his fourth term, the tribal members also voted to approved he development of their medical marijuana program, Macon County has purchased the Higdon Property and provided the Board of Education with a long-term lease to the school for development as part of the school complex

September 13, 2023

The Tennessee Valley Authority has announced plans to construct a major power line (utility) from Murphy to Polk County Tennessee, the 26-mile line will utilize large H shaped steel towers, two mountain farmers have been added to the WNC farmers hall of fame, a Maggie Valley member of the

board of aldermen has been challenged pertaining to her permanent residence which appears to be out of the town jurisdiction

September 14, 2023

Chris McKneely of Cullowhee faces numerous charges after shooting and wounding a female at Lake Junaluska last week, the Sylva public toilet program advances with the appropriation of \$400,000 for initial design and preparation for bidding, the WCU Policy Institute has recognized Connie and Phil Haire for the half million dollar grant to that program

September 15, 2023

Brandon Jones of Fontana has been recognized by the North Carolina Wildlife Federation for his effort which has collected over 24 tons of trash from the shores of Fontana Lake. The Eco-Foresters of Asheville was also recognized

September 18, 2023

The Swain County Board of Education has requested additional funding for increased security for the schools in the county. They have asked Representative Mike Clampitt for assistance, The town of Clyde continues to struggle with their water issues after the water plant in connection with the papermill has been impacted by the closure of the plant

September 19, 2023

The NC Mountain State Fair enjoyed a record attendance, over \$46,000 was raised in food donations in exchange for tickets, also a record number of exhibitions was entered, the GSMNP announced the Mountain Homestead Fair at Oconaluftee will no fees parking

September 20, 2023

A Jackson County Deputy investigating a larceny in Cashiers with his K-9 discovered drugs in a car then located numerous stolen articles in a residence, David Paul George was been charged with animal cruelty after he was seen tossing a puppy from the window of his car, eight people have been arrested and charged after a multi-force investigation in drug trafficking was completed

September 21, 2023

Fire destroyed several buildings in the East Sylva Shopping Center which destroyed the Foot and Ankle Clinic which was expecting to open of the day of the fire, Christopher Johnson of Whittier faces a long jail term after setting a house on fire with the occupant inside, local entrepreneur Mike Wade has donated \$500,000 to the SCC Foundation to primarily assist students who completed the Circles of Hope Program

September 22, 2023

Jackson County Schools Superintendent Dana Ayers has reached out to numerous businesses and entities for grants to be used to install lights at the Smoky Mountain baseball and softball athletic fields, The Tennessee Department of Health has donated 20 “Stop the Bleed” kits to the GSMNP, rangers will have the kits in their automobiles, The EBCI had a 51% voter turnout for the most recent election, this nis a little smaller than the past which some say could be connected to some of the changes in voting

September 25, 2023

James Hershel Strickland of Jackson County has pled guilty to involuntary manslaughter after his six-year-old child was found dead of a drug overdose last Thanksgiving while of a family visit to Lenoir. Methadone was found in the child’s drink cup. Strickland will serve 25 months in prison. An inmate was reported to have fallen from an upper level at the Jackson County jail the inmate had a fractured skull and was taken to a local hospital for treatment. No other information has been released. The North Carolina

Division of Internet Services has asked the state and federal government for funds to expand Broadband services in the state to close the digital divide

September 26, 2023

Missy Bowman has been named the Harris Regional Hospital Mercy Award winner given to a person in each LifePoint hospital for their having a profound effect upon someone who has received help at the hospital. The Nantahala and Pisgah National Forest have announced plans to jack up user fees starting in the fall of 2023. After the GSMNP initiated a parking fee in March 2023 and collects over a million dollars each month so the forest service’s apparently wants to do the same thing. WNC is in line to collect money from the 42-billion-dollar fund announced by president Biden today

September 27, 2023

Mike Putnam of Cullowhee was arrested June 6th in Cullowhee after a large number of drugs was found in the car he was driving was released from prison on \$20,000 bond. A Macon County man is in critical condition at a local hospital after a black powder explosion in his mobile home. He was attempting to manufacture the product. A Haywood County Ambulance sustained major damage after skidding off a road in a rain storm then plunged down an embankment. No one was hurt. MIA Lt. Fredrick Hall will be buried in Haywood County on October 10th. The Air Force pilot’s remains were located in Vietnam earlier this year, identified, and will be returned for burial.

September 28, 2023

Parking, camping, and trail heads along sections of the Blue Ridge Parkway are being closed after an increased count of bear activity. Two more people from Western North Carolina are going to prison for their actions during the January 6th insurrection in Washington DC. 43-year-old Nathan Behr of Asheville and 35-year-old Alan St Onge has numerous charges against them. 55-year-old Kurt Blanton faces multiple charges after crashing his vehicle into several businesses and an ATM in Macon County

September 29, 2023

The NC Wildlife Association announced their Governor’s Achievement Awards for organizations and businesses that have been recognized for their clean water and forest protection activities. The remains of a Cessna 414 crashed airplane have been hauled off forest service land near Waterrock Knob. The wreckage from the 1983 crash had become an informal tourist site and some blamed the foot traffic for erosion in the area. The filing window for local municipal elections will open July 7th and close July 21st.

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July 2, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD - PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION
 REDISTRICTING, SUPREME COURT RULINGS, EDUCATION, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, DONALD TRUMP, INDICTMENTS, 2024 ELECTION, POLITICS, ABORTION, HEALTH CARE, TRANSGENDER ATHLETES, POLLING, AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE.

July 9, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH KEVIN GUSKIEWICZ - CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL EDUCATION, ROLE OF THE CHANCELLOR, PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES, RECRUITMENT, COVID-19, COST OF EDUCATION, TUITION, STUDENT DEBT, STUDENT POPULATION GROWTH, CAROLINA COVENANT, ATHLETICS, AFFIRMATIVE ACTION, COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM, MILITARY, BUDGET, AND FUNDRAISING.

July 16, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH WAYNE GOODWIN – COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTATION, DMV BACKGROUND, LICENSE AND RENEWAL, TESTING, GRADUATED LICENSES, KIOSKS, REAL ID, COVID-19, COMMERCIAL LICENSES, LICENSE AND THEFT, ODOMETER FRAUD, AND INSPECTIONS.

July 23, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH BRUCE STANLEY - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE METHODIST HOME FOR CHILDREN GUN SAFETY, ADOLESCENTS, EARLY CHILDHOOD, GANGS, LAW ENFORCEMENT, BULLYING, EDUCATION, PSYCHOLOGY, ATHLETICS, BINGE DRINKING, ALCOHOL, MARIJUANA, DRINKING AGE, FAMILY SUPPORT, FUNDING, FOSTER CARE, AND JUVENILE JUSTICE.

July 30, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH STEVE LAWLER - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE NORTH CAROLINA HEALTHCARE ASSOCIATION HEALTH CARE, HOSPITALS, COST OF CARE, TECHNOLOGY, MEDICAID EXPANSION, COVID-19, MENTAL HEALTH, CERTIFICATE OF NEED, RURAL AND URBAN HOSPITAL CHALLENGES, ADVERTISING, PRESCRIPTION DRUGS, AND LEGISLATION.

August 6, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE - PRESIDENT OF CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS POLITICS, TRUMP INDICTMENTS, ECONOMY, NC GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HOUSE SPEAKER, COUNCIL OF STATE, HEALTH CARE, EDUCATION, AND GAMBLING.

August 13, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH DR. JEFF COX - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SYSTEM EDUCATION, GOVERNANCE, COLLABORATION WITH K-12 SYSTEM, DUAL ENROLLMENT, TRANSFERING CREDIT, TUITION, UNIVERSITY SYSTEM, ECONOMY, FUNDING, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, TAXATION, WAGES, AND HEALTH.

August 20, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH MIKE CAUSEY - COMMISSIONER OF THE NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE , AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE, SPEEDING, DISTRACTED DRIVING, RIDERS, FRAUD, HOMEOWNERS POLICIES, FIRE DEPARTMENTS, SAFE KIDS NC, SCHOOL BUS SAFETY, FRAUD, SMART NC, FLOODS, HURRICANES, AND OPERATION MEDICINE DROP.

August 27, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH DAVID CRABTREE - CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF PBS NORTH CAROLINA BROADCASTING, PUBLIC TELEVISION, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS, COVID-19, BROADCAST NETWORKS, TECHNOLOGY, NEWS MEDIA, VIEWERSHIP, ROLE OF CONTENT, STATION NETWORK, AND CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING.

September 3, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH DR. MIKE WALDEN - NC STATE ECONOMICS PROFESSOR EMERITUS ECONOMY, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION, COVID-19, TUITION, FEDERAL RESERVE, HOUSING MARKET, STUDENT DEBT, GAS PRICES, UKRAINE WAR, CHINA AND STOCK MARKET.

September 10, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH KAREN BRINSON BELL - EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS. ELECTIONS, VOTING, VOTER FRAUD, ELECTION SECURITY, EARLY VOTING, ABSENTEE BALLOTS, VOTING MACHINES, PRIMARIES, ELECTION WORKERS, VOTER ID, CAMPAIGN FINANCE, AND CYBER ATTACKS.

September 17, 2023

INTERVIEW WITH DAVID WORONOFF - PUBLISHER OF THE PILOT PUBLISHING, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS, MEDIA, EDITORIAL, FRANK DANIELS JR, NEWS, TRUSTWORTHINESS, JOURNALISM, BIAS AND SMARTPHONES.

September 24 ,2023

INTERVIEW WITH SHAWN HARDING - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA FARM BUREAU INFLATION, AGRICULTURE, ECONOMY, INTEREST RATES, EXPORT CROPS, IMPORT CROPS, EDUCATION, RESEARCH, WEATHER, FARM BILL, WILDLIFE, IMMIGRATION, WORKFORCE, INSURANCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND ENERGY.

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