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Issues / Programs List

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A. Focus On The Community

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

ISSUE	SPEAKER	DATE AND TIME	CONTENT
Heart Health	Dr. Mintu Turakhia, Stanford Center for digital health	10/02/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Signs and treatment for Atrial Fibrillation
Prostate Health	Dr. Michael Garko	10/03/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Top 10 ways to reduce Prostatitis
Teenage Addiction	Dennis Henigan, Dr. Kymberle Sterling	10/04 and 16/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Access and addiction to flavored cigars by teens
Livestock	Kendra Fortner, NC Agricultural Agent	10/05/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Issues and care for farm animals
Elder Abuse	Susanne Saucier, NC Legal Aide	10/06/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:17 PM	Concerns, resources, and prevention of elder abuse
Veterans	Kristi Andrews, NC Veterans' Service	10/09/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Services from Hypobaric for Veterans, HBOT
Nutrition	Dr. Julie Olivera,	10/10/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	No-bloat eating, prevention diet
Local Hospital	Ashley Hindman, Harris Regional Hospital CEO	10/11/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Update of services provided by local hospital
World issues	Diane Height, retired teacher, traveler	10/12/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Experiences while in Mongolia
Pet Care	Dr. Heather Berst, Asheville Veterinarian	10/13/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Importance of Annual Pet Health Exam
RSV	Dr. Juanita Morp, American Lung Assoc.	10/17/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Infant illness, symptoms and treatment for RSV
Lung Health	Dr. Amit "Bobby" Mattajan, American Lung Assoc.	10/18/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Update and highlights regarding COPD
Credit Card Security	Michael Jabbara, VISA	10/19/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Steps taken by VISA to maintain security for credit card users
Home and Family	Minda Daughtry, NC Horticultural Agent	10/20/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Current events and issues
Mental Health	Dr. Christop Carroll	10/23/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Characteristics and issues concerning Schizophrenia
Mental Health	Dr. Steven Skinner/Kassie Morrell	10/24/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Rhett Syndrome
Cyber Security	Grace Hoyt, Google Expert	10/25-26/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Generation Z issues and protection advice
4-H Club	Kristi Briggs, Swain County Agent	10/27/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Updates, Awards, and Involvement in 4-H Clubs
Adoption	Kamilah Bunn/ Stacy Barr	10/30/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Opportunities and available resources for adoption

Child Care	Sheila Hoyle, Southwestern Commission	10/31/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A loss of funding has force the closing of over 100 day care center in the region
Alzheimer's	Dr. Reisa Sperling/ Joshua Grill	11/01/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	AHEAD study and new developments in research
Agriculture	Kendra Fortner, NC Agricultural Ext. Agent	11/02/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Regulations changes will make it difficult for livestock farmers to obtain medications to treat their animals, will now require a veterinarian if you can find one.
Obama Foundation	Mike Straotmanis, OBAMA Foundation	11/03/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The Obama Foundation has committed to international human rights advocacy
Health	Dr. Ravi Jhaveri	11/06/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Flu Season issues, prevention and treatment
Mental Health	Dr. Michael Racke/ Quest Diagnostics	11/07/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Blood test to detect potential Alzheimer's
Mental Health	Kristen Secklor, Council for Mental Well- Being	11/08/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Substance Abuse, Disorder, and Recovery: Start with Hope
Technology	Stephanie Humphrey, Tech Life Expert	11/09/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Update of new gadgets and equipment available
Child Poverty	Jamie Bussell, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	11/10/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Statistics, characteristics, and addressing issues of child poverty
Health	Dr. Paula Easton/Margarita	11/13/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Update on treatment for pancreatic cancer
Ukraine Ministry	Rev. Lorin Kennedy	11/14/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Multiple trips for ministry to Ukrainians in wartime
Local High School Event	Linda Haggard, Drama teacher	11/15/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Upcoming play, "The Little Mermaid," at Smoky Mountain High School; performance dates and interviews with cast
Christmas Trees	Minda Daughtry, NC Horticultural Agent	11/16/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Issues with purchasing a live Christmas tree, 4-H sales project
Veterans	Monica Mahindra	11/17/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Information on veterans' history project at the US Library of Congress; collection of letters, etc.
Food Safety	Archie McGoulas, USDA	11/20/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Safe preparation, serving, and saving leftovers of the Thanksgiving turkey
Health	Dr. Mark Fesler, FDA	11/21/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	New therapy approved by FDA for diffusion of B-Cell Lymphoma
Health	John Lehr, Parkinson's Foundation	11/22/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	National Caregivers Week/Parkinsons
Giving Tuesday	Red Cross	11/27/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Disaster relief and invitation to donate
Mental Health in Schools	Dr. Chris Wilson	11/28/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Relationship of mental health with school success
Food	Chef Rich	11/29/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Suggestions for Back-to-Work Foods
Google trends	Google Trends expert	11/30/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Information as to what is currently being researched in Google
AIDS	Dr. Kimberly Smith, Head of R&D, ViiV Health	12/01/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	World AIDS Day, update on treatments
Christmas gifts	Mario Armstrong	12/04, 06, 13/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Currently available Tech items for Christmas giving
Colds and Flu	Dr. Garko, Nutritionist	12/05/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Holiday Nutrition, easting responsibly
Livestock information	Kendra Fortner, NC Coop Extension	12/07/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Steps to take to control winter parasites in Livestock and care for newborn calves in winter

Future Events	David Heeren, Author of <i>The Coming</i>	12/08/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Heeren discusses his book, relating his interpretation of Biblical prophecies
Poverty Assistance	Laurentia Romanick, Instacart's exec.	12/11/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	FSA/SNAP Benefits available
Nutrition	Angie Golden, Nurse Practitioner	12/12/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15	Holiday eating habits, good and bad
Colds and flu	Udo Erasmus "The Herbalist"	12/14/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Discuss benefits of good nutrition and use of Vitamin D in prevention of winter illnesses
Cancer/Colds and Flu	Dr. Lisa Richardson, CDC	12/15/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Discussed how and why cancer patients are more susceptible to colds and flu
Christmas gifts	Hailey Bright, Google Trends Expert	12/18/2022 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Holiday Gift Guide
Personal Advancement	Fred Sievert, Author of <i>Career of Consequence</i>	12/19/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Guide for those who desire advancement in career
Online Dating	Rachel Van Nortwick, Vinyl dating app	12/20/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Dating app creating matches based on preferences of music genre
Veterans	Kristi Andrews, NC Veterans Service	12/21/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Services from Hypobaric for Veterans, HBOT4Veterans
Ukraine Ministry	Rev. Lorin Kennedy	12/22/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Ministry to Ukrainians during wartime
Winter Plant Care	Minda Daughtry; NC Coop Ext	12/26/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	It is important to keep plants properly watered in the winter even if they are planted outside
Winter Cold and Flu Season	Udo Urasamus "The Herbalist"	12/27/2023 Time 12/27/2023	Importance of vaccines, and use of proper medications of which organic meds may be most effective
Weight Control during Holidays	Dr Angie Golden, Family Nurse Practitioner, NP Obesity Treatment Clinic	12/28/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Methods of reduce craving and limit intake of foods to induce weight gain
Red Cross Relief	Jennifer Pippa, Red Cross Director Southeast Region	12/29/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Giving Tuesday is a good day to commit to donating the Red Cross Disaster Relief

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.**

October 02, 2023

The Salvation Army is gearing up for their holiday bell ringer campaign to raise money. They served over 80 families last year but donations are down this year while needs have increased. The North Carolina Land and Water fund has set aside forty-five million dollars for preservation projects including money for the removal of the Ela Dam

October 03, 2023

Mechanical failure has cited as the cause of the Dollywood Train derailment on Sunday. The investigation continues. Former Air Force pilot and MIA veteran from the Vietnam War will be buried in Waynesville on October 10th. Full military honors will be provided. Gospel Singer Troy Burns has announced the Singing in The Smokies will return to the Event Park grounds in July 2024

October 04, 2023

Jeremy Dwight Solomon has been sentenced to 80 or more years in prison for the brutal death of Jackie Carl Ferguson who was beat over the head with a ball bat after an altercation with Solomon over a argument over a truck which Solomon tried to buy from Ferguson. Daniel Ryan Sutton was an accomplice in the murder and was sentenced to life in prison.

October 05, 2023

The Deputy Director of the Jackson County Department of Public Health, Anna Lillard has been named as the Department interim director following the retirement of Shelly Carraway. Three Georgia residents were arrested after a K-9 Unit with the Jackson County Sheriff's Office discovered meth and other contraband in their car after a routine traffic stop in Sylva

October 06, 2023

Law enforcement reports a major increase in the number of ambulances calls which are the result of a drug overdose. The use of Narcan has also increased to reverse the effects of the drug overdose. Jackson County Public School Assistant Superintendent Jake Buchannan reported on the Parents Bill of Rights after receiving demands of activist's republicans in the county. The Department on Aging are expecting to deliver over 250 loads of firewood on the first Saturday of the month

October 09, 2023

A Waynesville woman faces up to thirty years in prison after it was discovered she has embezzled one point four million dollars from a Bethel Nursing home. The charges include 150 counts of stealing. Haywood county is expected to see a 150-unit housing subdivision constructed in the next year on Jonathon Creek, once approved by the Maggie Valley Aldermen an additional three-hundred-unit complex is planned for Waynesville

October 10, 2023

Statewide law enforcement agencies are combines to clamp down on highway speeding, 148 people were killed in wrecks last October as a result of speeding. The Jackson County Commissioners got an hour of remarks in a hearing about the merger of the health department and the Department of Social Services

October 11, 2023

Home sales in the Asheville region have declined 21 % since last year, listings are down 30%. The Waynesville upgrade to the water and sewer project has gone over budget by 25% but that have gotten a state grant to help fill the difference.

October 12, 2023

New Cherokee Chief Michelle Hicks has introduced a resolution to invest an additional nineteen million dollars for the medical cannabis project in Cherokee, the loan from the tribe will be paid with sales from the product. More details have emerged about the embezzlement of millions of dollars from Silver Bluff Nursing home in Canton

October 13, 2023

Law enforcement using a drone discovered a body in a rock quarry on Alan's Creek in Waynesville. No foul play is suspected. Swain County commissioners have agreed to hire four full time fire fighters

October 16, 2023

Maggie Valley citizens are expressing their concerns about a 150 unit housing project proposed for the area due to the expected increase in traffic and no infra structure to handle the increase. Southwestern

Community College has received a \$20 million to construct an indoor shooting range to train law enforcement. Jackson County is looking for a new vendor for the license plate agency.

October 17, 2023

The season's first snow dropped three inches on Mount LaConte, Shanna Condo has been hired as the new Director of the Cherokee Museum which will have their name changed. Canton Kiwanis Club is working on a \$680,000 grant and fundraiser to build a new recreation park after their former one was destroyed in a flood

October 18, 2023

The Waynesville man and his mother who killed a uber driver in December 2022 will not receive the death penalty due to the lack of sufficient evidence but they will be tried for murder. NCCAT has hired Dr Paula Pinkerton as the new Director. She is retired from the Buncombe County educational-system

October 19, 2023

Two individuals are in prison after attempting to rob two students on campus. A Waynesville woman is under arrest after using her car to evade arrest. She has a history of similar activities. Justin Surret has been arrested and charged with 20 counts of child pornography.

October 20, 2023

Twenty-two-year-old Evan Blankenship is under arrest for the attempted kidnapping of two people at Waterrock Knob. Summitt Charter in Cashiers has asked Jackson County for a two and a half million-dollar loan to build a new charter school in Cashiers.

October 23, 2023

WCU has a new bronze Catamount sculpture at the entrance of the campus. It is larger than the previous sculpture which will be posted at the Ramsey Center. The Smoky Mountain High School Band swept the Awards presented at the AC Reynolds band festival over the weekend in Asheville.

October 24, 2023

The new Jackson County Animal Shelter will soon open and get a new name. The Savannah Community Center had to get funding to replace the collapsed room after being drenched from the recent rains. Bryson City has hired a new town attorney after the death of Fred Moody, the new person is John Henning Junior

October 25, 2023

Six Day-Care centers are closing in Jackson County due to federal budget cuts, about 300 children in the seven counties are being affected. Sky Samson has been selected as the new Director of Education for Cherokee Central Schools

October 26, 2023

The Jackson County terminated the contract for county Manager Don Adams effective the end of December, the request for a two and a half-million-dollar loan to Summitt Charter School has been approved.

October 27, 2023

A McDowell County bear hunter was airlifted from the Linville Gorge after falling off a cliff and experiencing significant injuries, The Great Smokies National Park is looking for letters and correspondence from people living in what is now the park over 2700 homesteads have been identified and many have a picture taken by the TVA before the people moved out

October 30, 2023

A 60-acre fire north of Andrews continues to burn and expand with no containment. A research team from UNC Chapel Hill has volunteered to conduct research on the pollution generated and still polluting from the old Champion Paper Mill.

October 31, 2023

The infrastructure upgrades on Everett Street in Bryson City is nearing completion it is expected that NC-DOT will pave and mark crosswalks in November. The Haywood County Tax Appraiser said that country privately held property has a current appraisal about 63% below market Value. The tall Cop says Stop show will be given Monday at Smoky Mountain High School. It is a drug awareness program

November 01, 2023

The Blue Ridge Parkway near Craggy Gardens will be temporarily closed due to continued interaction with a cub bear, documented by social posts of tourists feeding the bear. Targeting 60 gifted students from the Jackson County Public Schools, and benefiting from state approved funding, the Journey private school plans to open in Sylva.

November 02, 2023

DSS has received a grant to expand the foster care program, each county receiving \$30,000. A Haywood County jury has found 40-year-old Ryan Lee Tadlock guilty of first-degree kidnapping in a case against his ex-wife, also including charges of rape and assault with deadly weapon with intent to kill. A fatal car crash on Highway 28 near Turkey Creek took the life of Michael Sheets and sent his son to the hospital.

November 03, 2023

WCU has received a state grant of more than \$500,000, targeting rural institutions for expanded research projects. A 13-member board will oversee the grants/projects. James Dale Milton, a Midget Football coach in Jackson County, lost control of his motorcycle on Balsam Mountain Tuesday. He was thrown from the bike and died at the scene. Balsam West is currently installing new phone lines in Jackson County. Those near the lines can get subsidized internet for \$30/month.

November 06 2023

Numerous fire departments are responding to the Collette Ridge fire near Andrews, which has expanded to near 600 acres. The Waynesville Fire Department has added a new truck to the Hazelwood station, replacing a 25-year-old model, for \$800,000.

November 07, 2023

Numerous fire departments are working to protect structures threatened by the East Fork forest fire. The state has cancelled all burn permits, citing fines of \$100 for anyone with an open fire, and up to \$25,000 for operating a drone near a wildfire. A voter ID is required for today's voting, or else a provisional ballot will be cast.

November 08, 2023

The Jackson County School Board has developed a new proposed pay scale for school employees to bring more balance to pay grade and years of service. Yesterday's voting recorded 509 of 2,222 voters casting ballots. Johnny Phillips was elected Mayor of Sylva. Haywood County is looking to install a siren system to interface with the state emergency system to warn residents of potential flooding on the Pigeon River.

November 09, 2023

Air quality alerts were issued as a result of the Andrews and East Fork fires. Burning permits in the National Park and on Forest Service land are cancelled. Additional charges of pollution were issued to the closed paper mill in Canton, due to chemicals still being released into the Pigeon River.

November 10, 2023

Jonathan Thomas Robolledo, 21 years old, is facing up to 63 months imprisonment after being charged with second degree kidnapping of a 16-year-old girl. He is now in the Jackson County Jail under a \$75,000 bond. Visitors to the Great Smoky Mountain National Park will not need a parking permit today, the final Fee-Free Day of the year. Jackson's unemployment rate dropped to 3.3% in September, aligning with the state trend.

November 13, 2023

Canton residents are called to voluntarily cut water consumption due to low water levels. The September gala for Southwestern Community College generated over \$150,000 for student scholarships. Pisgah High School football coach Brett Chappell announced his resignation. He had a successful decade with a 94-39 record and 9 wins over county rival Tuscola.

November 14, 2023

28-year-old Austin Clontz, a habitual felon, faces up to five years in prison in connection with the death of an infant. The child was left in his care while the mother visited friends. Returning home, she found the house ablaze and the child dead. An autopsy revealed that the death occurred before the fire, due to methamphetamine toxicity.

November 15, 2023

The forecast of rain for the weekend is expected to give some relief for the Andrews fire, which is now 70% under control. Work continues on the Road to Nowhere, with paving, guardrail installation, and water control measures. Mainspring Conservation has received a \$175,000 grant to clean and preserve the Brownfield site near Indian Mound in Franklin.

November 16, 2023

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners has assumed operation of the NC License Plate agency, which expects to be moving to the Skyland Services Building in April. County tax staff will operate it, with three staff to be hired. The Department on Aging is collecting for Operation Christmas Box. Items need to be donated by December 1. Last year, 171 boxes were distributed.

November 17, 2023

The crash of a tractor trailer in the Pigeon River Gorge generated blinding smoke, stopping traffic along Interstate 40 and creating a forest fire. Duke Energy customers are alerted to be cautious of scams, reporting 122,000 scam attempts in 2022, and 77,000 already this year. Justin Greene, a Swain native, has been appointed Judge in Swain County.

November 20, 2023

Cherokee Police are requesting assistance in locating Victoria Davis, a 17-year-old last seen on November 16 in Cherokee. The Black Bear fire has spread to over 2,000 acres, closing portions of I-40, the Appalachian Trail, and other roads. Sylva's Christmas season includes plans for Black Friday, tree lighting and fireworks on December 1, and the parade on December 3. Parade Grand Marshals will be the Sylva Rotary Club.

November 21, 2023

Nearly 200 firefighters have engaged in fighting the Black Bear fire which is now 42% contained. Heavy rains expected Tuesday will help. A retired WCU football player and career coach has pledged \$250,000 toward the WCU \$30million upgrade for athletic facilities. The 9th annual Toy Run between Sylva and Dillsboro, raising money for Kids for Christmas, is scheduled for December 2.

November 22, 2023

46-year-old Earnest Pheasant has been arrested and charged in the death of Jarie Walkingstick Pheasant, whose body was found in a burning car in Big Cove in 2013. Pheasant has also been charged with numerous felonies, and a \$50,000 reward is offered for information in the case. The owner of Longhouse Funeral Home in Cherokee is charged with two counts of statutory sexual offence with a child and four counts of indecent liberties with a child, both under the age of 13. He is under a \$750,000 bond in the Jackson County Jail.

November 27, 2023

Several fires were dispersed along I-40 on Friday, short distances apart. Numerous fire departments responded, and the fires were kept under control. Construction workers in the GSMNP reported a woman setting fires along Lake Shore Drive. She was arrested and faces state and federal charges. A cash reward is offered for information related to the Rich Mountain Fire.

November 28, 2023

The Community Foundation of WNC has authorized \$1,477,690 in grants, including a \$59,000 grant to WNC Farm to Table/Carolina Common Enterprise. The funds will be used to develop a commercially accessible kitchen and a food action plan, and enhanced food security. The planned fireworks for Sylva are cancelled due to dry conditions. Filing for political candidates starts December 4th.

November 29, 2023

A grant of \$100 million will be used to upgrade the distribution of broadband services via fiber network. Harrah's Casino is hosting a regional job fair with preference for hiring veterans. WMU basketball alumnus Kevin Martin will be honored with the retirement of his number on December 9. Martin scored 12,396 points and 87% free throws in the NBA.

November 30, 2023

Darlene Fox, long-time county finance manager, has been hired as the interim Jackson County Manager. Ian Michael Henry has been charged with four counts of sexual exploitation of a minor, dating back to 2020, and is in custody in Jackson County. The GSMNP has lifted the campfire ban, but visitors are reminded to exercise caution.

December 01, 2023

A Jackson County resident has been arrested for repeated violations for failing to register his whereabouts as a sex offender. Macon County EMS coordinator Warren Cabe says the department is short staffed, resulting in longer response times and staff being required to work longer hours.

December 04, 2023

Erland Rebel McKay was arrested on November 16 and faces numerous charges stemming from his failure to report his whereabouts. Cherokee Harrah's Casino reported revenue down 14% due to competition from other casinos at Kings Mountain, NC and Bristol, TN.

December 5, 2023

Haywood County is again benefitting from a top credit rating after paying down a substantial debt. Brett Woods is retiring from the Southwestern Community College Foundation. He has raised over \$7million.

December 06, 2023

Rains have helped in controlling the Black Bear fire, which is now 90% contained. No structures have been burned. Macon County Commissioners refused to provide downtown Franklin with a social district to allow public drinking.

December 7, 2023

Zachery Storm Grant of Cullowhee faces numerous charges of rape and kidnapping of a minor and faces possible life in prison. Timothy Scott Laurance of Waynesville has been arrested and charged with numerous counts of automotive breaking and entering and identity theft.

December 11, 2023

Ghost Town in the Sky is back in court over property and financing disputes over the amusement park. An investigation continues into an extended case of larceny at the Maggie Valley First United Methodist Church. Pastor Cole Officer has been relieved of duty during the investigation. Haywood county is seeking seven million dollars in state money to demolish and build a new Canton Middle School

December 12, 2023

Biltmore Church in Arden has announced the purchase of land in Haywood County with plans to construct a 24,000 square foot worship center during 2024. State Senator Kevin Corbin participated in a ribbon cutting for a 56-unit low-income housing complex in Murphy. The Great Smoky Mountains National Park collected over nine million dollars in parking fees during 2023

December 13, 2023

The Valley River Casino in Murphy is expected to open in the spring after the completion of a \$275 million expansion. Over three inches of rain over the weekend had helped firefighters with containment of several wildfires in the area. The Sylva Driver's license office is still scheduled to close at the end of the month. License plates will be available in other counties

December 14, 2023

Charges have been dropped against Jason Klipper in Cherokee County. He was shot by law enforcement officers who thought he had a weapon when they commence to arrest him in December 2022. He has since had the charges dropped and has since brought several legal cases against the law enforcement. Hunter Lee Lewis of Jackson County has been arrested and charged with several drug charges after he was stopped in a routine traffic check, also John McKinley Davis faces numerous charged following a similar incident in Jackson County

December 15, 2023

Smoky Mountain high School went into lockdown Tuesday morning after it was discovered that the school had been broken into and several computers and other electronic gear had been stolen. It was determined that a former student had stolen a master key and used it to gain access. Law enforcement is seeking information about a murder, a shooting, and a robbery on Greasy Branch over the weekend. The NC Dept of Insurance reported that 9500 insurance scams are being investigated, the Commissioner reminds people to practice better security over their documents.

December 18, 2023

Everett Kyle Husky has been arrested and charged with murder in the case of the dead person located in the greasy branch area this past weekend. Interstate 26 in Henderson County was closed for a half a day after a small airplane crashed and burned on the road. No one was hurt in the accident.

December 19, 2023

Haywood county law officers have been required to provide officer camera footage to Monroe Fuller who has brought charges against the department after unauthorized efforts to survey his property. Haywood County Parks and Recreation are in line for a \$680,000 grant to reconstruct the recreation park after flooding last year. Their plans call for new zip lines and a Teflon skating rink.

December 20, 2023

The Swain County Sheriff has released the name in Asa Buckley as the person killed in a car on Greasy Branch Road last week. Kyle Everett Huskey and Chastity Taylor have been charged in the murder case. The remains of Melissa McDevitt have been found in British Columbia. Foul play is not suspected. The deceased is known for her back county and alone experiences.

December 21, 2023

Clint Edward Holcombe is in jail after being charged with assault with a deadly weapon after having been determined to have attacked Lavinia Alost at his home in Sylva. A person died in a housefire on Paul Cooper Road in Whittier. The house is a total loss. Security camera footage at Smoky Mountain High School was used to identify the person who broke into the school. Former athlete Jayce Mulkey faces numerous charges after identified in a second break in at the school in which h both cases resulted in about \$8,000 in stolen products.

December 22, 2023

Two persons died in separate head on collision on Highway 441 in the Barker's Creek area. The first person died when the driver's car turned into oncoming traffic while making a left turn. The second fatality occurred when a drivers car crashed into the waiting line of traffic stopped due to the first wreck.

December 26, 2023

The Sylva public toilet program at the old Sylva Depot location is set to commence construction after the first of the year weather permitting. Numerous design changes were required to keep the price under budget. The Bryson Park in Sylva is expected to be repaved after massive repairs are now completed.

December 27, 2023

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners have approved the delay of the vote for school board till November 2024. The Commissioners are also in a huff to elect republicans to the library board so they can dictate which books are permitted to be on display. If they object to Fontana Regional Library policy the books not owned by Jackson County Public library can be removed by Fontana Regional Library

December 28, 2023

Congressman Chuck Edwards met in Haywood County to gloat about the amount of Federal dollars he managed to get to Haywood County. While he voted against President Biden's budget which provided the money he grumbles about government waste until he can take credit for the benefit. He has agreed one debate with his republican challenger in Brasstown

December 29, 2023

A person has been arrested in Swain County and charged 29-year-old Kyle Everett Huskey with murder in the death of Asa F Buckley in a possible drug deal on Greasy Branch. Huskey is also believed to have taken a thousand dollars from the Uber Driver also wounded in altercation.

Section C: Carolina Newsmakers
Provided by: The North Carolina News Network with Don Curtis
Airing: Sunday 5:00 till 6:00 PM

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CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

INTERVIEW WITH BRAD CRONE - PRESIDENT OF CAMPAIGN CONNECTIONS POLITICS, STATE BUDGET, GAMBLING, EDUCATION, TRANSPORTATION, REDISTRICTING, HEALTHCARE, MEDICAID, MENTAL HEALTH, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, GOVERNOR'S RACE, PRESIDENTIAL RACE, AND COUNCIL OF STATE POSITIONS.

OCTOBER 7-8

CAROLINA NEWSMAKERS

INTERVIEW WITH TOM JENSEN - DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC POLICY POLLING POLITICS, POLLING, ELECTIONS, U.S. CONGRESS, ABORTION, UNAFFILIATED VOTERS, GOVERNOR'S RACE, COUNCIL OF STATE, GENERAL ASSEMBLY, CRIME, NEWS AND MEDIA, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, AND SOCIAL MEDIA.

OCTOBER 14-15

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INTERVIEW WITH ANDY ELLEN - PRESIDENT OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RETAIL MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION INFLATION, RECESSION, ECONOMY, RETAIL, ONLINE SALES, THEFT, ORGANIZED CRIME, LEGISLATION, RESTAURANTS, ALCOHOL, COVID-19, REMOTE WORK, SELF CHECKOUT, LABOR SHORTAGE, AND SPORTS BETTING.

OCTOBER 21-22

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INTERVIEW WITH JOHN HOOD - PRESIDENT OF THE JOHN WILLIAM POPE FOUNDATION REDISTRICTING, CONGRESSIONAL MAPS, POPULATION, REPUBLICAN PARTY, NO LABELS PARTY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, MEDIA, JOURNALISM, FEDERAL DEFICIT, ISRAEL, UKRAINE, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

OCTOBER 28-29

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INTERVIEW WITH KIM JANZEN - PRESIDENT AND CEO OF THE SPCA OF WAKE COUNTY PET SHELTERS, SPCA FUNDING, PARTNERSHIPS, PET ADOPTION, FOSTERING PETS, PET BREEDERS, COVID-19, LEGISLATION, AND ABUSE.

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