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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
Google Search Trends	Stephanie Howard: Google	04/03/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A review of the top Google searches for April
American's and the Taliban in Afghanistan	Martin Smith Author and TV Producer	04/04/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A Frontline PBS Special about the Taliban and how Americans were part of their development then war
JC Public Library Services for April	Ben Woody: Adult Services coordinator	04/05/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A review of the numerous services offered this month at the library
Livestock vaccination schedule for parasites	Kendra Fortner NC Co-op Extension Livestock agent	04/06/2023 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
Issues with Medicaid possible ending	Kathy Hempstead: CDC specialist	04/07/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	With pressure on the federal budget there are calls to reduce Medicaid and eliminate expansion
Sylva: Greening up the Mountains Festival	Mark Haskett: and Bernadette Peters: Co-chair persons of event	04/10/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:17 PM	The annual festival is back on schedule since the COVID Pandemic now under control and huge response in vendors has occurred
American Lung Association: Chronic cough symptoms	Dr Meilin Hawn	04/11 and 23/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Citizens need to be aware of coughing since a reduction in the number of people being inoculated has declined
SCC STEM job Fair	Mike Despeaux SCC Job Fair Coordinator	04/12/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The tech field has expanded and SCC programs grown, corporations needing employees can be on site to recruit
Update on the Parkinson's Foundation	John Lehr CEO Parkinson's Foundation	04/13/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Parkinson's continued as a spreading and disease, the guest explained the services and research now underway
Teenager Mental Health Crisis	Channing Anderson: Director of Teen Mental Health	04/14/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Pressure in school to succeed, to be accepted, safety concerns, and social media have emerged to a greater extent since COVID, leading teenagers to a mental health crisis
Hemophobia	Jonathon Roberts, Professor Yale Clinic	04/17/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A new medication for those suffering from hemophilia may soon be available. Now undergoing approval process with FTC and CDC
Teaching in different cultures	Diane Height Teacher, Author, International well being	04/18 and 30/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Diane retired and decided to go to Mongolia and other countries to teach English as a second language and learn to live a simple lifestyle
Cyber Security in School and companies	Walt Szablowski, CEO Eracent	04/19/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	This company contracts with schools, hospitals and other agencies to develop systems to provide advanced protection from international hackers
Hemophobia	Jonathon Roberts Professor Yale Clinic	04/20/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A new medication for those suffering from hemophilia may soon be available. Now undergoing approval process with FTC and CDC
Greening Up The Mountains Festival in Sylva	Mark Haskett Co-chairperson of the festival	04/21/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Looks like a great festival, rain should be gone by 10 AM. Record turnout expected

How to eradicate Invasive plants	Mondo Daughtry NC Co-op Extension Horticulture Agt.	04/24/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	people were ignorant of the nature of some plants because they thought the flower was pretty now they have a mess that's impossible to kill
Plant a tree or don't cut carelessly	Dan Lamb American Arbor Day Foundation	04/25/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Importance of planting and maintaining exceptional forest and trees around one's property even if small plot of land
Never to old nor too young to develop a financial plan	Tom Hine Financial advisor	04/26/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Individuals need to learn at an early age to save portions of money and seeks places to invest money for a profit
Smoky Mountain High School Spring Program 'Sound of Music'	Linda Haggard and nine students from the show this weekend	04/27/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Students with the key roles talked about the show and their part of it and invited people to come
Women's Cardiology not to be neglected	Dr. Payal Kohli Asst. Professor of cardiology at Colorado School of Medicine	04/28/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Diabetes and its relationship with the cholesterol crisis and the importance of getting a preventative treatment plan in place as early as possible
Most searches in the month using Google	Jose Constanaga, Google report	05/01/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A review of the trends catalogued by Google in April from sports, to food and entertainment, war in Ukraine
Neurobiological brain disorders	Dr. Linda Mimms, member of Lawrence Univ. President's Council on mental health	05/02/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	One in Five Americans report they live with mental illness. One issue facing many is Tardive Dyskinesia which is an involuntary mental condition which may cause biting oneself or holding a cup very difficult
Issues of cholesterol in women	Dr Payal Kohlis Founding partner of Cherry Creek Heart Clinic in Denver	05/03/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	High cholesterol is a leading cause of cardiac issues, there are differences in the way doctors diagnose women and men and women are more reluctant to take heart treatment medication
Speech and language issues for children	Robert Augustine Pres. American Speech and Hearing Assoc.	05/04/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The number of referrals for children five years old and under have increased since the pandemic for hearing, speech, and language delays
ALS as a disease	Kate Nycz, a person afflicted with ALS	05/05/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Warning signs, treatments, and support groups for those suffering with ALS and how to access them
Pediatric doctor has moved to Sylva to offer services	Dr Justine Castle Now with Harris Pediatrics	05/08/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The need for pediatric doctors continues in the area with a growing population which among other things attracted Dr Castle to the area
Combining travel and service for transformation	Melanie Sue Hicks,	05/09/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Melanie has written a book about her travels to Mongolia and Guiana to teach but found transformation for her own life crisis
Steps to take to save a heart rather than having to fix it	Dr Michael Garko, Nutritionist, Univ Bridgeport, Conn	05/10/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Steps that every person should take to keep their heart healthy including diet, exercise, water, and supplements. Also what not to do
Westridge Vocational Fundraiser	Michael Rogers, Program and Events Coord.	05/11/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	This Vocational Rehab Center for job training is having a firetruck pull fundraiser
Important to prevent forest fires year-round	George Geissler, Pres. National Firefighters Asso	05/12/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	With climate change wildfires are becoming more active year around and many more places in the country
Immune Deficiency among children	Tracy Shaw, Immune Deficiency Foundation	05/15/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	As COVID gets more under control for those immune deficient are still not safe and must exercise caution with medications and exposure in public
Litter pick-up campaign in Jackson County	Gale Woody, volunteer coordinator	05/16/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	The county is a tourist destination and volunteers are encouraged to help with the Pick-Up Campaign
How Children Learn in other cultures	Dr Michael Grove author of the book by same title	05/17/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	In many of the world's cultures children learn to take on responsibilities in the family, in the US this is not the case compared to fifty years ago

Army Reserve, <i>It's Your Time</i> , Campaign	Warrant Officer Pat Nelligan, Army Reserve	05/18/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Generation Z is now getting established in the workforce and many are turning to the Army Reserve for education and service to avoid college loan debt
Sports diet, ways to be health in the summer rush	Dawn Jackson Blattner, pro. sports nutrition consultant	05/19/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	She was the nutritionist for the White Sox baseball team and now promotes nutritious products for teenagers and others playing summer travel ball etc.
Author's ideas on Philosophy of Life	Bill Merck, Author of the book <i>Breadcrumbs</i>	05/22/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Drawing from his experience as a youngster is the South the author shares wisdom for teenagers today
Invasive Plants pretending to be flowers	Minda Daughtry, NC Coop Extension Horticulture Agent	05/23/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Asiatic Knotweed and Variegata are invasive lants which are near impossible to eradicate
Natural medications for controlling cholesterol	Dr. Michael Garko, Nutritionist and professor at University of Bridgeport	05/24/2023 Time 12:07 till	Natural medications are available to help the body keep control of cholesterol and the complications from it. Strauss Naturals have been used for over a hundred years
Early Lung Cancer Screening	Joelle Fonteel (Patient) and Dr. Veronica Webb	05/25/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Joelle explained here long term battle with lung cancer and Dr Webb stressed the importance of getting tests early
Addition to the surgical staff at Harris Hospital	Dr. Jonathon Dean. Surgeon added to Harris Hos. staff	05/26/2023 Time 12:07 till 12:15 PM	Dr. Dean explained that he was from the area and is happy to be back close to home and reviewed his training
Changes in the chargeback system benefit customers	Fel Faquiryan, Officer at Chargeback 9-1-1	05/30/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	An effort is underway to get federal policies changed to make it easier to cancel services and subscriptions and recover money via chargeback options
Jackson County Public Library Programs for June	Ben Woody, Adult services coordinator	05/31/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	A review of the ongoing programs and events at the public library and the special programs for the month of June
Google Trends expert explains most popular Google searches	Stephanie Howard, Google Trends Expert	06/01/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	A review of the most sought out topics from Google, including entertainment, sports, culture, shopping, Ukraine War, jobs and wages
Lake Junaluska Flea market	Judy LaFontaine Flea Market Co-Coordinator	06/02/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	The flea market raises the money needed to keep all the gardens at the Lake cared for year-round
An Electro-magnetic pulse over the US would destroy the electric grid	Dr. William Forstchen, Author of book <i>One Second</i> and <i>Five Minutes</i>	06/05/20223 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Suppose China set off an Electromagnetic bomb over the United States which resulted in total permanent knockout. How would we revert to a primitive civilization?
Use of digital media to market one's business	Derek Chew Program Develop Full Moon Digital	06/06/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	New media are important for businesses to attract new customers in the computer social media age
Prices have gone upward in food service (Second guest) Shelter Cat Adoption Month	Brian Duncan National Restaurant Assoc. (Second guest) Jackson Cunningham Turf and Paw Shelter	06/07/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M	Restaurants depend on customers and prices to stay open and serve, the only revenue source is the price they charge for food ++++ The Shelter in California is working with a cat litter provider to offer shelters some free litter
Spring issues for Livestock producers	Kendra Fortner NC Coop Ext. Livestock Agent	06/08/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Parasite control for rudiments and mixing sheep and goats with cattle
Lake Junaluska Flea market	Judy LaFontaine Co-Chair of the flea market	06/09/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	The proceeds from the flea market fund the year-round care of the gardens at the lake
NC Care Programs for veterans and others	Lauren Hooper NC Care service coordinator	06/12/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	The NC Care program connects persons and especially Veterans to programs and services need for many things including health care

New medications are coming	Dr Sharon Sha Alzheimer's Assoc	06/13/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	A new medication for Alzheimer's is under review for Medicare. Needed are persons to participate in the study
New report of Health Care Readiness in the nation	Dr Matt McKillop, Spokesperson for Trust for America's Health	06/14/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15	This report is a yearlong review of the readiness of the nation's health for a pandemic or health emergencies, the report shows a lack of funding at all levels puts the nation at risk
Protection for our plant pollinators	Minda Daughtry NC Coop Ext, Service	06/15/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Many insects are pollinators, including honeybees, follow directions when using insecticides
Hot weather affects those with Chronic Heart failure	Dr Jodi Smith and patient, Robin	06/16/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	The <i>Heart of the Matter</i> is a nationwide support group for people suffering from Chronic Heart Disease
Entertainer and Musician and local resident talks about career	Eli Mosely Country artist and part-time local resident	06/19/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Discussion of how the song "That's How it is with a Woman" came about, also his concert tour, and news about recent happenings.
What the color of urine tells about your health	Dr Michael Garko Certified Herbalist and nutritionist	06/20/2022 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	There are many colors and odors of urine which show the health of your organs. Any changes from the pale yellow color need to be examined
Army Reserve officer discusses the importance of accurate communications	SSG Garvin, US Army Reserve	06/21/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	SSG Garvin has served in numerous American military conflicts and wars over the past 26 years and explains that understandable communications is mission critical to avoid mistakes
Concerns about budget cuts for Medicaid	Kathy Hempstead Robert Wood Johnson Found.	06/22/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Members of congress continue to try to cut the budget and see Medicaid as a prime example of government waste
Projects of the local 4-H Club	Kristi Burchfield 4-H Club leader with NC-Co-op Extension	06/23/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Summer is a great time to get youngsters involved with 4-H and start getting their projects ready to compete in the Swain County Fair
<i>The Road to Splitsville</i> is a new book about divorce	Jeffery Stephens: Author of the book	06/26/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Written by a therapist and a lawyer the book explains ways to keep the divorcing party's sanity rather than violence
Project Yellow light	Julie Garner Pres. of Project Yellow Light	06/27/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Project Yellow Light is a national campaign to keep adolescents from distracted driving and killing themselves in auto accidents
The importance of having the proper balance in nutrients in your system	Maggie Michalczyk Spokesperson for New Century Vitamins	06/28/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	Parents are too often scampering around taking youngsters to numerous and allow themselves to compromise their own health. New Century Vitamins might be a solution
New benefits available for America's Veterans	Josh Jacobs, Under Secretary of the Dept. of Veterans Affairs	06/29/2023 Time:12:07 till 12:15 P.M.	President Biden and the Democrats have passed legislation to provide benefits to veterans suffering from exposure to dangerous chemicals during their enlistment
<i>Save your Daughter</i> is a book from Cheryl Greene	Cheryl Greene is a therapist specializing in parent to child relationships	06/30/2023 Time: 12:07 till 12:15 PM	A practical guide to parent to child communications before the situation gets out of control

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.)

April 03, 2023

William Mullinax of Brevard is the fifth person arrested in connection with the death of Allison Thomas whose remains was found in rural Jackson County last month. A Haywood County man considered a major drug trafficker has been sentenced to 15 years in prison, twenty One year old Alfred Germaine Frazier has faced prison after crossing the middle of the road in East Sylva and killing an 89 year old passenger in an approaching car, The Fund For Haywood County has made several grants to clean up eyesores in the county

April 04, 2023

Two Jackson County men were arrested over the weekend on Dusty Lane were large inventories of drugs were stashed, The NC Cooperative Extension Service will observe Arbor Day on April 21st by planting a persimmon tree in Constitution Square in Sylva, high winds over the weekend blew the roof off part of the JC Transit Building, the legislature in advancing legislation to raid money from the public school budget to fund private schools

April 05, 2023

The Local Government Commission meeting in Wilmington this weekend approved \$175 million for improvements to the Asheville Airport including a new tower equipped with the new traffic control technology, the state legislature is advancing legislation which will require all mail in ballots to be returned and in hand by 7:30 PM election day,

April, 06, 2023

Brevard has increased Patrols along Church Street and the Asheville Highway after a spike in accidents on the road, A Charlotte representative elected as a Democrat has abandoned the party and joined the republicans and given them a super majority in both houses, temporary repairs have been made to the JC Transit Building roof which was damaged by wind over the weekend, The Board of Education has budgeted money for a new school bus garage

April 07, 2023

The North Carolina Children Home Society says there are over 5000 children in the state in need of foster care, The Hendersonville Fire Department has been awarded class one status which will mean lower insurance rates in that district, The Jackson County School Board has announced a ban on all vaping and tobacco use on all school property

April 10, 2023

Haywood County has used American Recovery Act Funds to purchase an ATV for the rescue Squad, The North Carolina Armadillo Project is seeking information about any sightings of Armadillo's in the state

April 11, 2023

The ACLU is challenging a new state regulation which will allow a person to be charged for protesting whether they are protesting or not, must being in the vicinity will be sufficient for law officers to bring charges, North Carolina has reported a 23% increase in the number of syphilis cases in the past year. Pregnant women are urged to get tested immediately

April 12, 2023

Henderson County has started a training program for law officers to try to eliminate bias in law enforcement, the Swain County School Board and Commissioners are working on a plan to offer enhanced opportunities for students who are behind grade level to receive additional learning assistance. Swain County has asked the state for special funding to improve the dilapidated buildings which are all over town.

April 13, 2023

The Blue Ridge Parkway has announced plans to repave pull offs and parking areas from Balsam to Virginia, this will impact some traffic flow during the construction. The former Sherriff of Henderson County has taken a job with the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office to offer specialized training for the officers in Buncombe County

April 14, 2023

Long's Chapel Methodist Church in Haywood County is considering their withdrawal from the council over the LGBTG position the Council has taken, lane closures continue on Highway 441 between Cherokee and Gatlinburg for the repaving of the highway, homes within seven miles of the Central Pigeon fire district will be able to get lower insurance rates even when not in the district because they will be served partially by the Central Pigeon Fire Department

April 17, 2023

The Great Smokies Nation Park raised a million dollars in their first month from parking fees that are now required to use the park. They complained there 26 million was not enough to meet their needs even though they are planning a new park headquarters in Tennessee which will burn through their authorized budget

April 18, 2023

Dollar General Store in cashiers has been charged five thousand dollars for price gouging, showing one price at the shelf but not offering the discount at checkout, United Health Care has decided not to sue the state treasurer for their failure to win the bid to administer the state health plan, Blue Cross Blue Shield has not dropped their suit at the present time

April 19, 2023

A home-made wooden airplane manufactured by Army Chief Warrant Officer Robert Eberham from Fort Campbell, Kentucky crashed and burned at Andrews Airport after taking off from the airport then crashing shortly after then erupted in flames. Eberham was thrown from the crash and was pronounced dead at the site. The Macon County Commissioners met past midnight Tuesday to squabble about the purchase of nine acres of land for a new high school.

April 20, 2023

The Nantahala Health Foundation has elected Lisa Leatherman as a Chairman of their Governing Board. She is regional manager of Duke Energy in Franklin; Former Macon Bank President Roger Plemmons was elected as a member and Angie Knight, Principal of Robbinsville High School and Allison Cochran with the Swain County Health Department were elected as members. Three people from Macon County face long prison sentences even after a plea deal for their involvement in a major drug trafficking ring.

April 21, 2023

The body of a Maggie valley man was found under a bridge this weekend foul play is not suspected and no charges have been filed, the state legislature is defining the roles under which athletes must declare for participation in sports based on gender determined on their birth certificate, Haywood Waterways has

received a FEMA grant to stabilize the banks of the Pigeon River after last year's flood from the remnants of Hurricane Fred

April 24, 2023

A Charlotte man was killed this weekend on Interstate 40 at Canton when a wheel came off a vehicle traveling west, crossed the median and crashed into her east bound vehicle. A house long known as a crack house in finally marked for demolition after the city took legal action to condemn the property from the owner who would take no action. Kel-save Drug Store is closing after the owner died last year, many of the customers have already migrated to other pharmacies in the area. The Department of Veterans Affairs in Asheville is having a job fair in an effort to recruit Canton millworkers who are facing unemployment

April 25, 2023

Haywood Community College is offering a one-thousand-dollar scholarship to any worker displaced from employment with the closure of the papermill so skills for a new job can be learned. Haywood County is developing a long-term strategic plan, Building for Tomorrow, to try to figure out the next steps to reengineer from a mill town to a different economic base, Haywood County public schools are facing a two million dollar short fall after numerous students have abandoned the public school system for charter schools, numerous teaching and maintenance positions will be lost in the new school year

April 26, 2023

No charges will be filed in the case of the Charlotte man who died last week in an accident on I-40 when a wheel came off a vehicle, striking the man's car and killing him instantly. Asheville reports the increase in crime in the city is due to the lack of the number of officers available. Recruiting efforts are underway with improved pay as an incentive. More officers are being sought for downtown and city park patrols.

April 27, 2023

The remains of the person found under the bridge in Haywood County have been identified as Michael Rowland. No charges are expected to be filed in the case. Thirty-year-old Mark Kirk faces numerous charges after being arrested for kidnapping a woman and committing numerous forced sex acts upon her. Forty-year-old Ronald Peek in under one million dollars bond in Haywood County after being arrested and charged with numerous drug trafficking charges. A Haywood County Commissioner has been exposed for his failure to pay his county taxes since 2012, and failure to even list his taxes for five years. He has been avoiding payment till the statute of limitations ran out which in some cases it already has.

April 28, 2023

The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians is considering an additional sixty million dollars to build out their cannabis growing operation. A long list of questions has arisen concerning where the thirty million dollars already spent has gone, and will the state even permit the manufacture and sell of the medical marijuana product

May 01, 2023

Fifty-one-year-old John Christopher Williams of Tennessee was arrested Saturday at Cullowhee and charged with drug trafficking, it was found he was wanted for murder in Johnson City Tennessee. Also arrested on drug charges was Scotty Parham in Haywood County who reportedly had a large inventory of illegal drugs in his possession. A wildfire in Macktown community started from a property owner burning rubbish and burned several acres but no structures before being extinguished.

May 02, 2023

The Sylva Town Board is reconsidering the rezoning of the former Sylva Health and Fitness facility so it can be used as a private school. They are also considering rezoning a property on Savannah Drive for an 18-unit housing complex. Megan Tate, a 29-year-old Sylva resident has been sentenced to 20 years in prison for providing drugs to a Jackson County jail inmate who died from an overdose from the use of those drugs

May 03, 2023

District Court Attorney Ashley Welch announced that no charges will be brought against Winston Purvis who shot Lambert Wilson in Cherokee at the El Comino Motel. The evidence shows Purvis shot in self-defense. Asheville authorities are limited in their efforts to move vagrants from under the Craven Street bridge since the bridge is state property and the state has not filed a complaint. Waynesville businesses and residents must pay themselves for the relocation of power lines caused by the Russ Avenue modification. Marriott has applied for a permit to build a five-story hotel in downtown Waynesville

May 04, 2023

The search for a Florida man has been scaled back after no evidence has been found to justify a continued search for the person missing for over two weeks in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The new Haywood County Sherriff Wilkie has sent a message to the drug traffickers, "we are coming to get you". The Sylva Rotary Club announced the distribution of over \$15,000 in donations to local service organizations. Three Haywood County Methodist churches have voted to dis-associate with the Methodist conference over their disagreement with the conference's stand on LGBTQ+ issues

May 05, 2023

The car in which two Barker's Creek Community teenagers sustained several bullet holes after turning in a person's driveway. The landowner held the youth hostage at gunpoint for a period of time till law enforcement arrived. The land owner is charged with kidnapping and other charges. State republicans are pushing legislation for minimum terms for an abortion in the state. The republicans have all passed legislation to require a voter ID for next year's election. Since they have a super majority in both chambers of the legislature, they can override a Governor's veto

May 08, 2023

Asheville authorities have identified the body floating down the French Broad River on Wednesday as Trinity Batchelor. Foul play is not suspected. The search for Gordon Kaye has been called in the GSMNP since no trace of the Florida man has been found. A Canadian man died of a heart attack while traveling with a group from Canada on the Blue Ridge Parkway near Cherokee. The Eastern Band of the Cherokee Indians announced that both the Hampton Inn and Chestnut Tree in will be renovated this summer

May 09, 2023

Two drug traffickers were arrested during a routine traffic stop on Highway 441 South. The occupants of the car from Atlanta had a large quantity of drugs in the vehicle. A deputy in Buncombe sustained non-life-threatening wounds in a shootout with a suspect near the Buncombe County Magistrates office. The suspect was later arrested and jailed. WCU students and the Jackson County Sherriff's office have started a partnership which allows students to assist with the booking process of arrested suspects.

May 10, 2023

Shawn Williams from Johnson City, Tennessee who was arrested last week in Cullowhee on drug charge has been moved to the Swain County Jail. He previously owned a business in Johnson City but is now under a two-million-dollar bond. The Cherokee language project is to receive an eleven-thousand-dollar grant to translate numerous Cherokee historical documents from the native language to English.

May 11, 2023

Thirty-nine-year-old Eric Gaines of Asheville is set to commence his 175-month sentence for drug trafficking. He was arrested, tried, and sentenced in Haywood County. Classmates of Emily Rains Dillard have started a social media campaign to try to find her or her remains and reopen the cold case. She has not been seen or heard from since 2020. A jury is being selected for the case of Tyler McDonald, a Buncombe County deputy who assaulted a person he suspected as attempting to steal a car. Comments are now being accepted about the pathetic Broadband services available in the state

May 12, 2023

According to the federal criminal data base, Shawn Williams from Tennessee who was arrested recently in Cullowhee on drug charges has two federal warrants for his arrest on weapons charges. Emily Tate is waiting an opening in federal prison where she will spend the next 20 years after being found guilty of supplying drugs to a Jackson County Prison inmate who died of an overdose from consuming those drugs. Tyler Huskey is in Swain County Jail after threatening a woman's life in front of her children. He made the threat while brandishing hedge trimmers. He is under \$200,000. bond

May 15, 2023

Carl Luker of Tuckasegee is in jail under \$200,000. bond after a high-speed chase which ensued a traffic stop on Highway 74. Once the car was stopped and searched, he was found to possess over 11 ounces of methamphetamines. Johnathan Andrews Wilds from South Carolina faces 29 years in prison after being found guilty of using the internet to solicit then and having sex with a minor. A couple from Catawba County are going to prison for eight months and another for forty-one months for their participation in the January 2021 insurrection in Washington DC. Maggie Valley has strengthened their ordinance about vagrant camping in public places for the upcoming summer season

May 16, 2023

An autopsy will be performed on a body found floating in Fontana Lake to determine the cause of death. The corpse was located near a Marina in Bryson City. Haywood County Sheriff Bill Wilkie has announced that over \$200,000.00 in merchandise has been returned to individuals after the arrest of those responsible for over 40 thefts in Haywood County. The Maggie Valley Hippie Festival attracted a capacity crowd to hear music from the Woodstock Era.

May 17, 2023

A fifteen-year-old girl has been re-united with her mother in Chicago from whom she was abducted six years ago. The girl has been living in Asheville and was recognized by a store owner who recognized her image from a recent television show. The abductor is now in prison under a \$250,000 bond. Brevard College had graduation exercises this past weekend and graduated a record 150 students including 40 local students and those from 14 states and 4 countries.

May 18, 2023

The Community Foundation of WNC has granted over \$250,000 in Buncombe and Madison Counties. Much of the money will go to projects to control water quality on the Pigeon River. Haywood County is proposing an increase in property tax to fund an additional eight school resource officers

May 19, 2023

A Cullowhee man, Jose Forthage is in jail under a \$400,000 bond for holding a sixteen-year-old woman for sex. Less than 24 hours after Maryland police issued an arrest warrant, Cherokee police arrested Matthew Barth who was wanted for child sex abuse. He was immediately extradited to Maryland. Head on collision at Green's Creek intersection sent a Tennessee Man to the hospital after his truck was hit by

another vehicle traveling in the opposite direction as a rate of speed such that the Tennessee truck went airborne upon impact.

May 22, 2023

Twenty students from Smoky Mountain High School may not be allowed to walk across the stage at graduation after they were involved with a senior prank that went to far. Some of the activities were of a criminal nature including breaking and entering and destruction of public property. Champion Paper Mill owners have been working to lower the value of the property to avoid paying county taxes after shutting down the mill. Memory Care Nursing Home is shut down for renovation. The facility has received numerous complaints over a several year period for their deplorable conditions. They are expected to reopen after renovations are complete

May 23, 2023

Jimmy Jamison, a Virginia resident has been sentenced to 330 months in prison and a the mother of a fourteen year old minor may face criminal charges as well after providing her daughter to Jamison for sex in an exchange for drugs. The final paper run at Champion Paper Mill in Canton is this week. The facility will have limited admission for a few more days for shipping, cleaning, and then lock-down on June 19th.

May 24, 2023

The Asheville airport announced plans to commence a daily non-stop flight to Denver with United Airlines. The flights are expected to start at the end of September. Asheville is the state's third busiest airport.

May 25, 2023

An earthquake measuring 4.4 on the Richter Scale was reported Tuesday near Asheville. This is the second tremor this year with the epicenter located near Canton. The students at Smoky Mountain High School who were facing the likelihood of not being permitted to walk across the state at graduation will be able to participate in the event even though some will still likely face trespassing charges.

May 26, 2023

The Jackson County Commissioners have announced a \$500,000 grant for the Sherriff's Office to commence a drug treatment program. Canton has set up a website for job seekers and job providers to post information and make connections. The state is expected to pump millions of dollars into NC Works for worker retraining for available jobs. Jackson County School Superintendent Dana Ayers is catching flack from angry parents over the prospect of their graduating children having a criminal record after their actions at a school prank that roared out of control, Ayers has suggested requiring the students to do community service then wipe their record clean but the final decision will be up the courts.

May 29, 2023

The Town of Canton has received three additional earthquakes or tremors in the last week. Even though the area is not in a fault line the movement continues and centered near Chamber's Mountain. The North Carolina Legislature has passed the law and cleared the governor's veto to require an identification to be allowed to vote in the 2024 election. Several identifications are accepted and the NC DOT will provide an ID at no cost if needed.

May 30, 20203

Carrie Stanton of Asheville is in a Georgia prison after being stopped by law enforcement when her car was seen committing numerous unsafe traffic movements. An estimated \$200,000 in drugs was located in the car. A forty-six-year-old Asheville skateboarder was hit by a garbage truck on an Asheville highway. The victim was thrown into the path of an oncoming car and run over again. Over three hundred thousand

dollars in stolen heavy equipment was recovered from a Candler business after police acted on a tip and raided the property and identified numerous items of machinery that had been stolen from area contractors.

May 31, 2023

A twelve-million-dollar road project in Henderson County will force drivers to scramble to find sufficient ways to get to their destination. The work on the Greenville Highway will continue through October. Forty-year-old Cole Woods of mountain View is facing forty years in prison after the drug task force searched his home and found large stocks of guns, cash, and drugs. He is charged with eight felonies.

June 01, 2023

Swain County has adopted a new free school lunch program which will require a set percentage of the students to have a free lunch or the school system will have to pay for the lunches. The Dogwood Trust has proved a \$450,000 grant to Jackson County Schools to implement a preschool program with a director. The 30th District Court Judge Kristina Earwood has stepped down due to lingering health issues.

June 02, 2023

Erwin High School teacher, thirty-six-year-old Albert Haven has pleaded guilty to six counts of sex and use of obscene activities with a minor. The North Carolina legislature has repackaged numerous vote limiting actions into a single bill to present to their state house and senate majority. Many of these limitations have failed before but now with a supermajority to override a governor's veto, the republicans are bringing them all back under one bill which is expected to pass on a party line vote.

June 05, 2023

Eight Smoky Mountain High School students will face charges as a result of their prank at the school. Superintendent Ayers says it is now up to the courts but she advocates for community service for the students then have their record purged. Some students under age 18 will face juvenile justice. Mainspring Conservation Trust has raised eight million dollars for the removal of the Ela Dam. Two more million dollars are needed to assure that a sufficient amount of money is in hand to complete the project.

June 06, 2023

The Department of Transportation has awarded contracts for the replacement of four bridges on Interstate 26 in the Asheville area. The Jackson County Public Works Department has trash recycle compactors for sell at a discount price to county residents. The Town on Sylva has voted to raise taxes to generate enough money to pay the salary of the Main Street Sylva Association Coordinator. Bernadette Peters has the job now and will receive more pay and benefits.

June 07, 2023

Smoky Mountain High School students have organized a fundraiser to help pay for the funeral expenses of two of their classmates who were killed last week in a traffic accident. They will be selling snacks at the school on Wednesday. Swain County has adopted a new free school lunch program which will require a set percentage of the students to have a free lunch or the school system will have to pay for the lunches.

June 08, 2023

Businesses from Asheville west are gathering for a huge job fair at the Smoky Mountain Event Center in Asheville for a job fair to offer jobs to qualified applicants and those from the closed Champion Paper Mill. The Sylva Skate park is scheduled to open June 15th with a ribbon cutting ceremony, a true bill of indictment has been returned on a Sylva Man charged with child abuse. The three-year-old child has numerous broken bones from the man's attacks on the child

June 09, 2023

The investigation into the single car wreck at Catamount Gap continues. Two high school students died in the wreck and the driver is in critical condition. Fifty-four-year-old-Bobby Joe Conner is in prison under \$300,000 bond after being arrested and charged with soliciting a minor for sex. Conner had failed to register as a sex offender. The Tuckasegee Water and Sewer Authority has announced that water and sewer use rates will be increasing. The water authority reports now being able to keep up with the demand created by hundreds of new housing units in Cullowhee. The Sylva Town pool opens today.

June 12, 2023

Dillsboro is in line for a substantial grant from the NC Rural Development agency to address water infrastructure needs for Dillsboro and the reopening of the Jarret House. Part of the funds came from a Duke Endowment grant. Canton has reported the closing of the Canton Mill will create a shortage of three million dollars in their town budget for next year. Cost cutting measures will be put in place immediately. A Brevard man was scammed out of \$15,000 when he received a text message that his account had been put on hold. This was followed up with a phone call during which he was scammed a second time

June 13, 2023

A paving project on Interstate 40 is scheduled to commence next week. The work will take place at night Sunday through Thursday. A four-year-old boy from Tennessee received ten anti-venom treatment after being bitten by a copperhead snake while camping with his family in Highlands, The Waynesville Library Summer Reading program is underway with the title this year "Friendship"

June 14, 2023

Seventeen law enforcement agencies have combined for a massive undercover drug operation on the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Over \$200,000 in money was seized and 98 individuals charged. Additionally, the operation discovered a two-year-old child with a positive test for Fentanyl and one person died of a drug overdose. Lake Junaluska school in Haywood County has announced a schoolwide recycling program with the goal of keeping 90,000 milk cartons out of the landfill, The opening on numerous charter schools in Haywood County has drained so many students from the public school system that The Board of Education is having to cut 36 positions

June 15, 2023

A tractor trailer caught fire and burned on Balsam Monday evening. Traffic was shut down for several hours creating a miles long traffic jam. The driver escaped the fire. Several fire departments responded to the calamity. The new Jackson County animal shelter has cleared the inspections and will be moving animals from the old shelter to the new over the next few weeks

June 16, 2023

The Sylva town budget is ready to go which includes money for maintenance vehicles, patrol cars, the construction of public rest rooms and other town improvements. Much of the extra money came from the federal funds in The American Rescue Plan. Not read on the air: The republicans love to take credit for the funds and services but bash the democrats who made the funds available, calling it government waste. The NC Wildlife Commission is transitioning to a new computer system the last week of June so license purchases will not be available The Jackson County back To School Bash will be August 5th at the Cullowhee Recreation Park

June 19, 2023

A twenty-five-year-old Haywood County man was arrested for trafficking in illegal firearms, firearm parts, and non-registered firearms. Jacob Ryan McClure will spend 33 months in prison. McClure had large sums of cash in his possession which indicated he was trafficking in the material and he did not

have a firearms license. The NC Work Force is receiving over seven million dollars from the state on North Carolina to help train and place workers who lost their jobs from the closure of the Canton mill. Two and a half million will go to Haywood Community College immediately for special job training programs.

June 20, 2023

Asheville was forced to close their Sunday Juneteenth activities because of a shooting Saturday night at the gathering at Pack Square in Asheville. An Inmate at the Jackson County Detention Center was sent to the hospital after an attack at the facility last week. Haywood County reports that several people have fallen victim to the US Passports On-Line scam. People planning to travel out of the country have found out the operation took their money but produced on valid passport. Canton sponsored an Evergreen employee's cookout on Saturday. Three hundred people attended. The came up with the slogan "The smoke is gone but the town stands strong"

June 21, 2023

Geologists are trying to find the cause of eight earthquakes/tremors which have occurred in the Canton and Asheville area since May 23rd. There are no known active faults in the area but perhaps an ancient fault is become active due to a pressure build-up. Haywood County has applied for a \$20 million dollar grant to rebuild the Central Middle School which experienced severe flood damage last year. The question now is where would the new school building be located. Waynesville has adopted a new marketing slogan and logo, Waynesville True.

June 22, 2023

Haywood County Public School Board of Education has authorized the purchase of 28 acres of land where a new school bus garage and technology center and possibly a middle school will be constructed. WCU has been recognized by a national council as being the best in the Nation for the preparation of elementary school teachers, area political leaders, and the EBCI will meet tonight to discuss the problems and possible solutions to the state and area mental health crisis, Ronald Collins of Clyde won a million dollars in the state scratch off lottery ticket but took home \$426 thousand after taxes.

June 23, 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

June 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 thy president Biden today

June 27, 2023

Mike Putnam of Cullowhee was arrested June 6th in Cullowhee after a large amount 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.

June 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

June 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.

June 30, 2023

Haywood county gets another grant. This grant is for construction to the Chestnut Mountain Trail in Canton. The \$145,000 grant money from the North Carolina Department of Cultural and Natural Resources will be used for the upgrading of old logging roads to trail status. Some will be approved for mountain bike use. The North Shore Cemetery Association will be having decorations on Sunday in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Boat access will commence at 9:00 AM from the Cable Cove Dock.

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

April 2, 2023

Guest: Kody H Kinsley, Secretary NC Health and Human Services
 Topics: There are two divisions, one is for inspections, SNAP Benefits, and Medicaid. The other program is for Public Health, WIC and Psychiatric services. Department had a large role in protecting the population during the pandemic in spite of intense political pushback. The state ranks 43rd in the nation in the provision of mental health services.

April 9, 2023

Guest: John Hood, President of John Pope Fund
 Topics: Conservative lawyers are skeptical of charges against Trump for financial activity, It does not seem damaging to Pence to tell the truth in testimony concerning Trump, Dale Falwell one of several republicans to announce campaign for governor, state has passed a law enabling people to buy a pistol without a sheriff permit, how will state, make-up revenue lost due to more fuel efficient cars, Hood is writing a book as a handbook for better working relations between political parties

April 16, 2023

Guest: Josh Stein, NC Attorney General

Topics: Return of the Opioid Crisis and manufacturers denial of addiction combined with a huge illegal market, Scammers and the use of Robo calls, some of the most popular scams are grand parent and romance scams. A realtor scam which obligates a land owner for 40 years to pay a commission with a listing agent whether they had anything to do with the sale or not. Few regulations of gun control when compared to regulations for operating a car

April 22, 2023

Guest: Patrick Woody, Director of the Rural Economic Development Center

Topics: Eighty of the one hundred counties in the state are not booming, billions of federal dollars are being invested in the state infrastructure, which the republicans call government waste, twenty counties are bedroom communities and are growing faster than infra structure can keep up. Fifty-three counties lost population of which fifteen to twenty are in the southeastern region.

April 30, 2023

Guest: Patrick Woody, Director of the Rural Economic Development Center

Topics: The state needs to develop a home-grown talent initiative to keep graduates at home and providing leadership. There is a desperate need for trades professionals, Community Colleges need to be funded and charged to expand their trades and vocational programs. Seventy five percent of the businesses in the state have fewer than ten employees. There is a new state business development funding source known as Tread Capital.

May 7, 2023

Guest: Eric Boyette, State Secretary of Transportation

Topics: How will the state meet the demand for roads with fewer funds due to fuel efficient cars and electric vehicles and trucks, Inflation has increased the cost of state road projects by about 30 %. State is experiencing more interest in rail traffic, ferries are important part of eastern North Carolina tourism business, aviation created about four hundred thousand jobs in the state, the global transport hub in Kinston has been discussed for twenty years but is slow to develop. State has 82,000 miles of roads and 16,000 bridges

May 14, 2023

Guest: Christopher Chung, CEO Economic Development Partnership

Topics: This department was taken out of the Commerce Department nine years ago with the mission of business development, this is done through sales, marketing, and tourism development and contracts with the Commerce Department for selected services, top three concerns for industry relocating to the state, cost of labor, quality of life and education. Expectations are high for Jeff Cox who is the new Community Colleges President in North Carolina, there is a decline in office space growth but an increase in electric vehicle plants and aviation.

May 21, 2023

Guest: Dale Folwell, NC State Treasurer

Topics: The North Carolina State Health Plan is the largest and most solvent in the nation and has a budget larger than that of the state government. The health providers in the state are non-profit but their administrators make huge salaries at the expense of the state health plan and private customers. Changes in the provider allow retirees to have more options for retirement benefits for health care, North Carolina is the second largest banking center in the nation and First Citizens recently purchased Silicon Valley Bank out of bankruptcy, Huge Scam known as whitewashing checks, and the state is maintaining seven billion dollars in unclaimed cash

May 28, 2023

Guest: Randy Woodson, Chancellor of NC State university

Topics: NC State is a research institution which seeks to discover new knowledge which can be shared with the business and public to drive the economy which the Research Triangle Park in the state is an example of the benefits. The job is like being a CEO of a two-billion-dollar enterprise, NC State has not had a tuition increase in seven years. Students now have the same IQ Ranges as in the past but have more knowledge, NC State benefitted from the transfer of the land formerly under the discretion of the Dorothy Dix Mental Hospital to NC State University which now shared that property with seventy-six private companies in partnership with the University

June 4, 2023

Guest: Tom Jenson, CEO of Public Policy Polling

Topics: The next election cycle is underway with four announced candidates for President yet Trump leads with 54 percent of republicans for him in spite of legal problems which have helped his campaign, in a head-to-head battle with Trump, Biden will likely win the popular vote by three or four percent but lose the Electoral College vote, Republicans have shown they do not want fair and balanced news coverage but biased to Trump's favor. Three republicans have shown interest in Governor's race. Even though overwhelming majority of voters are in favor of abortion the republicans keep voting to restrict its availability, there are only two republican mayors in the thirty-five largest NC Cities but the majority of county commissioners are republican. Gas prices drive votes.

June 11, 2023

Guest: Dr Mike Waldron, Retired economist with NC State

Topics: The government spends more than it takes in so debt ceiling must be raised until congress gets tax income and spending in balance. North Carolina has two budgets, one for capital and one for general fund, the government needs to develop the same thing. The complex makes it easier for the rich to hire CPA's to avoid paying taxes. Inflation is cooling and prices are going up slower, construction at corporate level has dampened recession, housing market should stabilize, tech companies over hired during pandemic now are having to cut staff.

June 18, 2023

Guest: Bob Phillips, Common Cause NC

Topics: Toxic party divide which candidates run to represent all but once elected its all party line voting, Senator Tillis was censured by the State Republican Party for voting for the increase in the debt ceiling, unaffiliated voters can vote for a weak candidate in the primary to present a weaker challenge to their favorite candidate in the general election, republicans continue to tighten voting regulations to make it harder for people to vote and especially the mail in ballots which must be at the board of elections office on election day by the close of in person voting. Failure of the system including journalism for vetting candidates and transparency by parties

thus a con artist like Santos in New York gets elected. Politicians voting for party plan and no for their constituents.

June 24,2023

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