

**WNCW and WSIF Quarterly Issues and Programs List**  
**WNCW Radio Spindale, North Carolina and WSIF Wilkesboro, North Carolina**  
**For the period April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023**

Issue Programming for April 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

During the past quarter, the issues shown below have been significant to our community. We ran the programs indicated to address them.

**Issue: Arts/Literary/Culture**

We ran the following program to address it: *Southern Songs and Stories*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 8:51 a.m. Duration: 8 min

We ran the following program to address it: *Down the Road on the Blue Ridge Music Trails*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 8:51 a.m. Duration: 8 min

We ran the following program to address it: *American Songcatcher*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 7:51 a.m. Duration: 8 min

We ran the following program to address it: *Appalachian Vibes*

Alternating Tuesdays Time: 7:51 a.m. Duration: 8 min

Information attached

04/04

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: BLIND BLAKE -

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: FIDDLIN' FEMMES – AN EXPLORATION OF BLUEGRASS' HISTORY WITH WOMEN, AND TALKS WITH THE WOMEN CURRENTLY PERFORMING IN THE HISTORICALLY MALE-DOMINATED GENRE

04/11

APPALACHIAN VIBES: PAUL DEMPSEY – BOCCHI TALKS TO DEMPSEY ABOUT EGG TEMPURA PAINTING, HIS JAZZ INSPIRED GUITAR STYLE AND HIS COMPOSITIONS

04/18

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: HAZEL DICKENS AND ALICE GERRARD PT.1 – A LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE PIONEERING BLUEGRASS DUO OF DICKENS AND GERRARD

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: PSYCHEDELIA IN THE CAROLINAS – EXAMINING THE PSYCHEDELIC MUSIC TO COME OUT OF THE CAROLINAS WITH THE GET RIGHT BAND

04/25

DOWN THE ROAD: BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY PT. 1 – DISCUSSING THE MUSIC TO COME OUT OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAYS, AND WHERE PEOPLE CAN STOP TO LISTEN

## **MAY 2023**

05/02

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: HAZEL DICKENS AND ALICE GERRARD PT.2 - A CONTINUING LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE PIONEERING BLUEGRASS DUO OF DICKENS AND GERRARD

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: ZOE AND CLOYD – KENDRICK’S DISCUSSION WITH COUPLE ZOE AND CLOYD, AND THEIR “KLEZGRASS” SOUND

05/09

APPALACHIAN VIBES: TRISH FORE – BOCCHI TALKS WITH FORE, THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR OF GALAX-CAROLL REGIONAL LIBRARY, AND HER GOAL TO COMBINING MUSIC AND LIBRARY SERVICES

DOWN THE ROAD: BLUE RIDGE PARKWAY PT. 2 – CONTINUING DISCUSSION OF THE MUSIC TO COME OUT OF THE BLUE RIDGE PARKWAYS, AND WHERE PEOPLE CAN STOP TO LISTEN

05/16

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: HAZEL DICKENS AND ALICE GERRARD PT. 3 - A CONTINUING LOOK INTO THE HISTORY OF THE PIONEERING BLUEGRASS DUO OF DICKENS AND GERRARD

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: SIERRA FERRELL – REVISITING FERRELL AT ALBINO SKUNK 2021

05/23

APPALACHIAN VIBES: ERIC HUEY – BOCCHI’S INTERVIEW WITH HUEY, AN AMERICANA SINGER-SONGWRITER WITH GENERATION OF COAL MINERS IN HIS FAMILY

DOWN THE ROAD: DARREN NICHOLSON – NICHOLSON’S GOALS FOR 2023, AND LEARNING FROM STEVE SUTTON, AND WNC’S STYLE OF BLUEGRASS

05/30

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: PETER ROWAN – ROWAN ON COLLABORATION, INCLUDING HIS MORE IMPACTFUL ONES, AND THEIR IMPACT YEARS LATER

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### **JUNE 2023**

06/06

APPALACHIAN VIBES: MITCHOLOGY – Mitch Greenhill is a musician, composer, record producer, author and President of the music agency FLiArtists. He recalls his childhood growing up with his father, Manny Greenhill, a music promoter in in the Cambridge, Massachusetts area.

06/13

AMERICAN SONGCATCHER: ROMAN PEOPLE – EDWARDS LOOK INTO HOW “GYPSIES” CAME TO BE, AND THE OLD-TIME SONG BLACKJACK DAVEY

06/20

DOWN THE ROAD: ROSELAND GARDENS – KATHERINE DEBROW’S RECOUNTING OF HER GRANDFATHER, HORACE CHAMBERS RUTHERFORD, AND HIS JUKE JOINT, THE ROSELAND GARDENS

06/27

SOUTHERN SONGS AND STORIES: EILEEN JEWEL – JEWELL ON HER LATEST ALBUM, GET BEHIND HER WHEEL, AND THE ADVERSITY THAT PRODUCED IT

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### **Issue: NC News**

We ran the following programs to address it: WNCW Morning News Reports

Monday thru Friday Time: 7:06 am, 7:30 am, 8:06 am, 8:30 am Duration 1.5 and 3 minutes.  
Sample information attached

### **Quarterly Report - Variety of April - June 2023 NEWS STORIES** **MONDAY, APRIL 10**

#A portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway was closed Sunday afternoon due to a rock slide. The rock slide took place near the French Broad Overlook in Buncombe County. Closures then took place between Milepost 393 and 405 as crews began clean up works. If and when that area of roadway might be open again will be updated at the website NPS dot Gov slash B L R I.

#Crews with the Brevard City Fire Department responded to a kitchen fire at the College Walk Retirement Community on N. College Row early Sunday morning. When firefighters arrived they discovered smoke coming from the kitchen and activated the facilities sprinkler system, which helped contain the flames. There were no injuries and not the Transylvania County Fire Marshal's Office is investigating .

#Charlotte City Council is expected to discuss and vote for changes to Reagan Drive, an area that has been known for a high rate of crimes. Part of that plan would involve demolishing two motels. The Economy and Budget Inn that are -adjacent to an Interstate 85 exit. There are some individuals living at those locations and they would be relocated.

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 25, 2022**

#Work on the long-awaited **Interstate 26 Connector** through Asheville is scheduled to start in about a year. The largest series of infrastructure projects in Western North Carolina in decades will require a variety of contractors, businesses and vendors to perform the operations. On Monday, the N.C Department of Transportation hosted an event at in Asheville for those contractors, suppliers and construction engineering inspector firms who have interest in working on the project what challenges for the 26 Connector might be.

#Charlotte city leaders said they won't meet the goals of the Strategic Energy Action Plan (SEAP), which aims to make all city energy use for buildings, vehicles and other sources carbon-free by 2030. But they do say that the city is making progress. Since City Council passed the plan in 2018, the city said it's gone from having 11 electric vehicles to 90 and from 46 charging stations to 138. The city also projects that more than a third of its municipal buildings' energy will still come from carbon-producing sources in 2030. Some council members have asked if Charlotte should set a new goal that's more realistic than the one currently in place.

### **MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023**

#Governor Roy Cooper vetoed legislation that would have banned nearly all abortions in North Carolina after 12 weeks of pregnancy. The announcement took place as hundreds of abortion-rights activists gathered at a plaza in Raleigh over the weekend. The veto means a major test for leaders of the GOP-controlled General Assembly to attempt to override Cooper's veto after they recently gained veto-proof majorities in both chambers.

#Scheduled for tonight, Greenville's Planning Commission will review a document that leaders hope will replace the current code written in 2007. Greenville leaders are

nearing the end of a five-year-process concerning development and zoning regulations for their fast growing city.

#Hendersonville has a new police headquarters and new public works building. While a new fire station and park are under construction. Adding 12 new firefighters in 2020 helped the department achieve the highest insurance rating possible. Fifteen new employees will also be added July 1<sup>st</sup> across all its departments.

#(East Tenn.) Knoxville City Council meets Tuesday to vote on several proposals. Including a resolution that would ask state lawmakers representing Knoxville to pass legislation recognizing gun violence as a threat to young people. They will also discuss a \$2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to support community-based violence intervention initiatives.

### **THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023**

#Cherokee's Tribal Council meets later today to consider resolutions seeking to legalize cannabis use for adults 21 and older and to allow mixed drinks to be served at “qualified establishments” on tribal land. The cannabis resolution refers to Tribal Council decisions in 2021 that [decriminalized possession](#) of small amounts of cannabis and [established a system for allowing medicinal use](#) of the drug. In over 20 states, the District of Columbia, Canada and numerous U.S. tribes, adults over the age of 21 are allowed to purchase and consume cannabis products. The proposed referendum would ask voters whether they support legalizing possession and use by those 21 and up.

#Staff shortages in Asheville are associated with not only police officers but especially - the crucial 911 operators. Almost 488,000 calls were handled in 2022 at the call center at 164 Erwin Hills Road, and about 190,000 of those were emergencies on the 911 line. That makes the call center the [sixth-busiest](#) 911 call center in the state.

#The Volunteer State celebrates its 227th birthday today on this June 1st. The Tennessee State Museum, Bicentennial Capitol Mall State Park and the Tennessee State Library and Archives are all holding special Statehood Day events that are open to the public in order to celebrate becoming the 16th state in the union. This includes Author Nikki Giovanni reading from her book “Knoxville, Tennessee,” at 1:30 p.m. in the Children’s Gallery in East TN.

### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023**

#From the pages of the Wilkes-Journal-Patriot - A Watauga County-based logging company has been fined more than \$11,000 for safety violations found during an inspection after one of its employees died in a logging accident in northeastern Iredell

County near the Wilkes and Alexander county lines. The Occupational Safety and Health Division of the N.C. Department of Labor issued a citation and notification of penalty against Jerry Jordan Enterprises. This resulted from safety violations found at a logging site on Cane Mill Lane after a 44-year-old man from Taylorsville, passed away in a logging accident in December of 2022.

#Asheville Regional Airport is advising customers that a surge in travel is occurring, and parking areas are becoming very full. Customers are advised to arrive at least two hours before their flights, as they may be directed to overflow lots serviced by airport shuttles. The shuttles run continuously - but at the same time - it takes time to make a number of stops and complete passenger drop offs. Two temporary overflow lots have been opened to help with surges in demand, and a third temporary overflow parking area should be ready as of this weekend. The full parking areas are a result of record passenger utilization and fast-paced growth.

#For a number of months now, a task force has been researching and developing a report aimed at turning around South Carolina's growing teacher shortage. Its recommendations have been turned over to the State Board of Education. On Tuesday, former State Superintendent Barbara Nielsen, who chaired the Statewide Teacher Recruitment and Retention Task Force, presented the report at the State Board's meeting in Columbia. Of the group's 23 total recommendations, some will require action from the General Assembly and likely would not be able to be addressed until next year, when lawmakers begin their next legislative session.

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We ran the following program to address it: *Southern Appalachian Creature Feature*

Mondays      Time: 7:20 a.m.      Duration: 1 min 30 sec  
Information attached

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## Southern Appalachian Creature Features

Second quarter, 2023

### June 26

#### Motus

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

One of the most basic tools for tracking wildlife is radio telemetry. An animal is outfitted with a transmitter that emits a unique signal, and that signal is picked up by receivers that at a minimum will tell you the animal is in the area and may be able to tell you exactly where it is.

This has been used to track black bears in North Carolina's urban bear study and endangered gray bats up and down the French Broad River, and its use is becoming more widespread thanks to the Motus Wildlife Tracking system.

The Motus system is based on a pair of developments. First, the development of tiny transmitters that can be attached to any number of flying animals. These emit radio signals up to several times a minute that can be detected miles away. The second development is the installation of a network of towers that pick up the signals from the tiny transmitters.

The radio signals can provide data on a bird's arrival, departure, length of stay and even how they use a habitat at key stopover sites.

As of May, Motus has grown to include more than 1,200 stations across 31 countries, supplying data to over 400 projects that have tracked at least 250 species of flying animals.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples

## June 19

### Recreational impacts to plants

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

Hiking season is upon us, and the trails of our southern Appalachian public lands receive increasing visitation.

It's great that people are getting outdoors, being physically active, and getting to know, and gain appreciation for, our public lands. But sometimes trailhead parking can be a little crowded.

Swimming holes a little busy. In fact, there are places in the southern Appalachians receiving five times the visitation they received twenty years ago.

This can have a very real impact on the wellbeing of the places people visit

The Southern Appalachians are home to plants found nowhere else in the world, including several that are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Often, those plants grow in places people love to visit – open, rocky outcrops. As a result, one of the challenges to conserving those plants is simply preventing them from being trampled under the visitor's feet.

When visiting public lands, staying on trails is always a good idea. If you come across an area closed sign, chances are it's there for one of two reasons – to protect you, or to protect a sensitive area. So, if you are out and about on a trail and come across a closure sign. Please heed it.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## June 12

### Snorkel trail openings

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

As we move into summer, it's worth remembering that there's a new development on the western North Carolina outdoor recreation scene...a snorkel trail. Might be time to get out of that boat and see what's going on beneath the surface.

The southern Appalachians are renowned for their incredible level of aquatic biodiversity that includes fishes that can be just as colorful as any tropical coral reef fish; salamanders including North America's largest salamander, the eastern hellbender; not to mention freshwater mussels, snails, and insects.

The Blue Ridge Snorkel Trail consists of several public spots around Western North Carolina where you can get into area streams, snorkel, and get a glimpse of our area's rich aquatic life. Sites area being rolled out with kick-off events through the summer. Upcoming events include:

- June 17<sup>th</sup> at the Canton Rec Park on the Pigeon River.
- June 19 at Mills River Park, Mills River.
- July 6 at Veterans Park on the Swannanoa River in Black Mountain.
- August 2 at the Marion Greenway on the Catawba River, and
- Also August 2 at Queen Branch Preserve on the Little Tennessee River.

For more information, visit [blueridgesnorkeltrail.com](http://blueridgesnorkeltrail.com).

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## June 5

### New mussel

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

A team of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission biologists recently discovered and described a new species of freshwater mussel.

The new species is found in the Uwharries Mountain region of North Carolina. This region was the inspiration for the name of the new species, the Uwharries Elktoe.

Non-lethal swabs were used to obtain genetic material from the mussels. Those swabs were then sent to the Southeast Conservation Genetics Lab, in Warm Springs, Georgia to generate genetic data. Five individuals were also collected to serve as voucher specimens.

After genetic data confirmed that the mussel from the Uwharries Mountain region was a valid species, genetic data were submitted to public repositories, and the new name had to be registered with the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature. Type specimens, the individuals that serve as the reference for the species, had to be deposited in a natural history museum. For this species, types were deposited at the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History. The specimens will serve as a permanent scientific resource for current and future biologists studying the exceptional freshwater biodiversity of the southeastern United States.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## May 29

### Red spruce to Mount Mitchell

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

A recent Wednesday morning saw more than 30 people fanning out over a blackberry-covered field at Mount Mitchell State Park, carrying bags of...trees. The trees were red spruce trees, and they were being carried to pre-determined planting sites on the slope to convert this blackberry field back to conifer forest.

A century ago, the southern Appalachian were emerging from a period of widespread, unsustainable logging, followed by rampant wildfire. This period profoundly shaped what our



forests are like today, including knocking back the extent of our high-elevation conifer forests, like those found at Mount Mitchell State Park, Roan Mountain, or the Great Balsam Mountains. This also meant less habitat for the wildlife that depend on those forests, like the saw-whet owl, crossbill, and endangered Carolina northern flying squirrel and spruce-fir moss spider. Now, the Southern Appalachian Spruce Restoration Initiative, a broad partnership, is working to reverse that by planting red spruce trees, and helping ensure existing red spruce trees have the resources needed to grow. That recent Wednesday morning was the first time SASRI's work hit the ground in the Black Mountains, with volunteers and agency staff planting more than red spruce trees. For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## May 22

### Delayed Harvest Trout Waters Open June 3

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature. Grab your fishing rod, as 34 trout streams and two lakes classified as Delayed Harvest open to trout harvest on June 3, and will be open through Sept. 30. Delayed Harvest trout waters are posted with [diamond-shaped, black-and-white signs](#). A list of Delayed Harvest trout waters, regulation information and trout maps can be found at [ncwildlife.org/trout](http://ncwildlife.org/trout).

From 6 a.m. until 11:59 a.m. on opening day, Delayed Harvest waters are open only to youth under 18 years old. At noon, waters open to all anglers.

During this time, anglers can keep up to seven trout per day — with no gear or bait restrictions and no minimum size limits. The Wildlife Commission established the youth-only fishing period in the morning of “opening day,” which is always the first Saturday in June, to promote trout fishing among young anglers.

While fishing, anglers are urged to help [prevent the spread of aquatic nuisance species](#) like [gill lice](#), [whirling disease](#) and [didymo](#), by following these minimal steps:

- CLEAN equipment of all aquatic plants, animals and mud.
- DRAIN water from boats, live wells and equipment.
- DRY equipment thoroughly.
- NEVER MOVE fish, plants or other organisms from one body of water to another.

If these aquatic nuisance species spread, the health of our streams suffers. For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples

## May 15

### State of the bats

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

Bats eat insect pests, improving crop yields and reducing pesticide use. Nectar-feeding bats pollinate plants, and fruit-eating bats disperse seeds in tropical forests. Spectacular bat flights generate ecotourism dollars.

Bats are also in trouble.

The 2023 State of the Bats report was recently released, the first of its kind for the bats of North America. The experts agree -- the next 15 years are critical for ensuring a better future.

Millions of bats have perished from white-nose syndrome, a deadly fungal disease. Twelve North American bat species are known to be susceptible to the disease. Currently, the gray bat, Indiana bat and northern long-eared bat are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and one — the tricolored bat — is proposed as endangered. All due to white-nose syndrome.

But there is good news – you can help! Here’s how:

- Create a bat-friendly garden by planting native species, reducing pesticide use, creating a water source, reducing outdoor lighting and trimming trees only in the fall and spring.
- Stay out of caves and mines where bats hibernate.
- Attend educational programs or events celebrating bats.
- Report unusual bat behavior to the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## May 8

### ESA 50th anniversary

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

On December 28, 1973, Richard Nixon signed a bill that had arrived on his desk after passing the Senate unanimously and passing the House 390 to 12. It was the Endangered Species Act, a law celebrating fifty years this year.

The Endangered Species Act is the nation’s premier law for protecting our most imperiled plants and animals. In the thirty years since it was signed, southern Appalachia has seen some successes. Perhaps most notable among those is the recovery of the bald eagle, which was removed from the threatened and endangered species list in 2007. Still protected by the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, bald eagles are an increasingly common site in western North Carolina, often being seen on area reservoirs or other large bodies of water.

On a similar note, the Peregrine falcon is another endangered species success story. Removed from the threatened and endangered species list in 1999, Peregrine falcons return to western North Carolina each year to nest of the region’s sheer rock faces.

On the plant side of things, the dwarf-flowered heartleaf, a population of which is on the Isothermal Community College campus, has been proposed for delisting, with a final decision pending.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## May 1

### Ela Dam funding

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

The Oconaluftee River rises in Great Smoky Mountains National Park, then crosses Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians tribal land before flowing into the Tuckasegee River. A half a mile before it flows into the Tuckasegee River, it passes through Ela Dam, the only dam on the river. In the wake of a 2021 sediment release that covered the stream bottom below the dam, momentum has built to remove the dam. Nearly a century old, the dam doesn't play the key role in providing electricity that it once did, and its age of course means maintenance.

Removing the dam would remove the only barrier on the Oconaluftee River, and reconnect the 549 miles of streams in the Oconaluftee River watershed with the Tuckasegee River downstream. This watershed that includes a sizable portion of Great Smoky Mountains National Park and the heart of western North Carolina's tribal lands.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced it was contributing \$4 million to dam removal. This follows a grant from the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission for developing a removal and restoration plan. While there is still significant fundraising needed to see the Oconaluftee flow freely, these two grants are a significant step forward.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## April 24

### Animal interactions

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

Two turkeys, two squirrels, three rabbits. That was the wildlife total I passed on a recent walk to work. Spring is underway and people and wildlife are taking advantage, and you may have some wildlife encounters that tug on your heartstrings.

It's normal for many species to leave young unattended for long periods. Never assume young wildlife has been abandoned just because you don't see a parent nearby. If your instinct is to stand guard until its parent returns, be aware that wild animals will avoid approaching if they perceive a potential predator nearby, to avoid drawing attention to their young. Often the best way to help young wildlife is to leave them alone so their parents can return and care for them. Building crawlspaces can offer a safe and comfortable nursery for foxes and skunks. Climbing species like raccoons and squirrels may try to access your attic. Even chimneys can become an entry point for flying animals like bats and chimney swifts. To avoid uninvited guests, now is a good time to repair vents, eaves, chimney caps and similar spaces so wildlife can't find their way in.

When unsure of what to do, call the North Carolina Wildlife Helpline at 866-318-2401 for assistance.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## April 17

### WNS grant

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

The northern long-eared bat was just classified as an endangered species. The tri-colored bat was proposed for Endangered Species Act protections last year. Twenty years ago, these bats were common. The difference between then and now? The arrival of white-nose syndrome. White-nose syndrome is caused by an invasive, cold-loving fungus. The fungus grows on and into bats' skin, disturbing their hibernation and leading to dehydration, starvation and often death. First documented in New York in 2006, white-nose syndrome has since spread to 38 states and has been confirmed in 12 North American bat species.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Geological Survey, and the University of Wisconsin–Madison, recently announced receipt of a more than \$2.5 million grant to develop an innovative treatment to prevent white-nose syndrome. The project, led by Bruce Klein, a professor at UW–Madison, will investigate an existing vaccine and FDA-approved receptor inhibitors that could potentially protect North American bats against the disease.

The project will investigate early interactions between bat skin and the fungus, testing how receptors in the skin may influence susceptibility to white-nose syndrome, and how application of FDA-approved drugs alone or in combination with vaccination can protect bats against white-nose syndrome.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## April 10

### Bee Atlas

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

Residents of southern Appalachia can soon help biologists gain a clearer picture of the distribution of bumble bees across the southeast.

The Xerces Society, with the support of numerous organization, is putting together a southeastern bumble bee atlas and needs volunteers to do bumble bee surveys at spots throughout North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Tennessee. No prior bee sampling experience is required, and no bees are harmed.

Xerces will offer online and in-person trainings to provide volunteers with the skills needed to conduct bumble bee surveys. Survey methods are catch-and-release. You just need an insect net, a camera, vials or jars, transportation to your chosen study site, and interest.

Bumble bees are familiar and essential pollinators in our gardens, farms, and natural areas. The southeastern United States is home to more than 15 bumble bee species, but several are being considered for protection under the Endangered Species Act. The rusty patched bumble bee, native to our region, was the first bumble bee added to the endangered species list.

In order to conduct surveys, all participants are required to watch or attend a training workshop, either online or at one of our four in-person workshops. To learn more, sign up to receive updates <https://www.bumblebeeatlas.org>.

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

## April 3

### Public Asked to Report Hellbender and Mudpuppy Sightings

Greetings and welcome to the Southern Appalachian Creature Feature.

Wildlife biologists are asking the public to report sightings of [hellbenders](#) and [mudpuppies](#). Both aquatic salamanders are found in western North Carolina and listed in North Carolina as species of special concern. State biologists want to know more about their distribution and how they're faring.

These two giant salamanders often get confused with one another, but they have distinct differences. The largest aquatic salamander in North America and typically only found in fast moving, clean mountain streams, hellbenders can grow to 2 feet long. Hellbenders have flat, broad heads and flattened bodies, wrinkly skin on their side. Because they breathe through their skin, are considered indicators of good water quality.

Smaller than the hellbender, adult mudpuppies can grow over a foot. Mudpuppies have smooth skin that is typically speckled, and red external feathery gills they retain their whole life. They primarily live in deep rivers, lakes, large ponds and reservoirs, but also thrive in unpolluted streams like the hellbender.

Neither is poisonous, venomous, or toxic, although they may bite in defense if someone tries to pick them up. If sighted, they should be left alone, the location noted, and a photo snapped if possible, and shared with biologist Lori Williams at [Lori.Williams@ncwildlife.org](mailto:Lori.Williams@ncwildlife.org).

For WNCW and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, this is Gary Peeples.

### Issue: Women's Issues

We ran the following program to address it: 51%

Saturdays                      Time: 5:30 a.m.                      Duration: 25 min                      Information attached

**51%**

DATE	TIME	SHOW #	TOPICS
4/6/2023	30:00	1759	On this week's 51%, we recognize Sexual Assault Awareness Month. We stop by the premiere of a new film in Albany, New York based on the life of Laurina Ecobelli, who overcame her abuser and won a landmark child abuse case in the 1920s.
4/13/2023	30:00	1760	On this week's 51%, we speak with Marjan Keypour, founder of the Alliance for Rights of All Minorities, about a new report examining violence against

			women in Iran. We also stop by Russell Sage College to listen in on an important conversation with Iranian-American journalist and women's rights activist Masih Alinejad.
4/20/2023	30:00	1761	The accessibility of the key abortion medication mifepristone hangs in the balance after a federal judge in Texas ruled earlier this month to suspend the Food & Drug Administration's approval of the drug. On this week's 51%, we discuss the ins and outs of the case.
4/27/2023	30:00	1762	The Supreme Court has ruled to protect access to the key abortion pill mifepristone for now, as a legal battle over its 23-year approval by the Food and Drug Administration makes its way through the courts. On this week's 51%, we speak with Columbia Law School's Katherine Franke about the Texas case that started it all, and what lies ahead in America's struggle over abortion rights.
5/4/2023	30:00	1763	On this week's 51%, we speak with comedian and writer Jena Friedman about her new book Not Funny: Essays on Life, Comedy, Culture, Et Cetera, reflecting on her experience as a woman in comedy and her personal brand of funny. We also catch up with comedian Rachel Feinstein as she makes her way through her U.S. tour.
5/11/2023	30:00	1764	On the latest 51%, we recognize Mother's Day and speak with author and psychotherapist Emma Nadler about her new memoir, The Unlikely Village of Eden, on her experience as a parent of a child with a disability.
5/18/2023	30:00	1765	On this week's 51%, we speak with Dr. Brooke Ellison, associate professor of health policy and medical ethics at Stony Brook University. After a car accident left her paralyzed from the neck down at just 11 years old, Ellison became the first quadriplegic to graduate from Harvard University, with degrees in cognitive neuroscience and public policy. In her latest memoir, "Look Both Ways," Ellison reflects on how her understanding of her disability has matured – and how we can all thrive as a result of our experiences.
5/25/2023	30:00	1766	On this week's 51%, we celebrate women in art – both those who create it, and those who inspire it. We stop by a new Vassar College exhibit recognizing the age-old practice of sewing samplers, and how girls as far back as the 18th Century used the teaching tool to tell their stories and make their mark.
6/1/2023	30:00	1767	On this week's 51%: the month of June is National Gun Violence Awareness month. We hear from Jaclyn Schildkraut, executive director of the Regional Gun Violence Research Consortium, about how the country's epidemic is impacting children and schools.
6/8/2023	30:00	1768	On this week's 51%, we speak with LGBTQ+ advocate and educator Jeannie Gainsburg about how you can become more savvy and sustainable ally for Pride Month. In her book, "The Savvy Ally," Gainsburg tackles everything from how to navigate tough conversations to how to ask (or not ask) for pronouns.
6/15/2023	30:00	1769	On this week's 51%, we speak with lifestyle writer and holistic health expert Angela D. Coleman about the importance of prioritizing yourself and relieving tension. In her book, "The Art of Chilling Out for Women," Coleman gathers wisdom from around the world to help women go from burned out to chilled out.

6/22/2023	30:00	1770	On this week's 51%, we hit the track. Our associate producer Jody Cowan learns how one roller derby league in New York is rebuilding after the coronavirus pandemic. We take a look at the gender pay gap, and the overall conditions faced by working women in sports. And we hear from the owner and founder of Portland's The Sports Bra, the nation's first sports bar dedicated solely to showing women's sports.
6/29/2023	30:00	1771	On this week's 51%, we speak with Chelly Hegan, president and CEO of Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood, about what the past year has been like for abortion providers across the country.

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## Local and Regional News

We ran the following program to address it: WNCW's Friday Feature interview

Fridays      Time: 8:50 a.m.      Duration: 7 min 30 sec      Information attached

We ran the following program to address it: WNCW's More to the Story feature interview

Wednesdays      Time: 8:50 a.m.      Duration: 7 min 30 sec  
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## WNCW - Paul Foster Projects

*April through June 2023 Quarter - Weekly Interviews*

### **April:**

**4/5: *More to the Story*** - Could the Macon County, N.C., Library pull itself out of membership with The Fontana Regional Library System because of concerns over books involving LGBTQ content or themes? Macon County Commissioners are weighing in, as are members of the community. WNCW sat down with Smoky Mountain News.

**4/7: *The Friday Feature*** - Groups across the state came together to bring awareness to the problem of child abuse in North Carolina. This Friday Feature provided statistics involving child abuse cases across the state and how voices are being raised to bring awareness and make a difference.

**4/12: *More to the Story*** - Politics Reporter for WUNC Public Radio, Rusty Jacobs, was featured in this interview to talk about North Carolina GOP Bills about deadlines for voting ballots and the pro and cons of The Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) and state leaders thought about using it. Keeping voter information safe is the key.  
**4/14: *The Friday Feature*** - Popular Western N.C. photographer, Tim Barnwell, talked with Paul Foster about his new video series, *The Face of Appalachia*. Tim's presentation takes YouTube viewers through three different episodes about the hard-working people of the Appalachians from years gone by through today.

**4/19: *More to the Story*** - This feature was skipped due to the stations Annual Spring Fund Drive

**4/21: *The Friday Feature*** - This feature was skipped due to the stations Annual Spring Fund Drive

**4/26: *More to the Story*** – In a revealing report, Kyle Perrotti of Smoky Mountain News recapped his story that was over six months in the making. "The endless war: How drugs come into WNC and what, if anything, can be done about it" deals with addiction, suppliers, and local authorities' ongoing efforts to combat a growing problem.

**4/28: *The Friday Feature*** – Executive Director of Dreaming Stone Arts and Ecology Center - Tevyn East sat down with WNCW to talk about the center, which is located in Rutherford County. Tevyn previewed a part of the United States tour for Africa's "Dance of Hope" that came to the area for performances. A Dance of Hope Residency is ongoing. The Center provides workshops, classes, arts, and events.

## **May:**

**5/3: *More to the Story*** – Based on 2020 census data, reclassification will take place later this year in many rural counties. What is presently known as a rural section of a county would be turned into a metropolitan, which is based on an increase in population. Sarah Melotte of The Daily Yonder shared details on this topic.

**5/5: *The Friday Feature*** – RootEd (ED for Education) is taking its message into various school systems across North Carolina. Its purpose is to remind students that education can go from inside a classroom to the outdoors, where many life-skill lessons can be learned. RootEd Executive Jay Korreck spoke with WNCW.

**5/10: *More to the Story*** – Today a rebroadcast of the program took place over the North Carolina Legislative Session that will conclude come July 1, 2023. A look back at the year talked about Governor Roy Cooper's loss of veto power to the GOP.

**5/12: *The Friday Feature*** – The Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians was spotlighted in this interview. Chief Richard Sneed shared some of the history of his tribe and shared the ongoing effort taking place to keep their native language alive.

**5/17: *More to the Story*** – WFAE – Public Radio Charlotte and Reporter Ely Portillo joined the segment to discuss the Queen City's cost of living and present downtown building ordinances.

**5/19: *The Friday Feature*** – Yokefellow, located in Spindale, is a 501C-3 that receives funds from area churches but makes the majority of its funds through a thrift store. Yokefellow Executive Director, Cherry Smith sat down with WNCW to discuss how their ministry helps those in need with things like rent, heating and air bills, medications, and much more. There is also a serious need for volunteers.

**5/24: *More to the Story*** – WUNC's Jason DeBruyn, Health Reporter, shared details from his latest story on legislative bills in North Carolina that could prevent transgender youth from taking steps to become who they feel they are as a male or female. Jason talks about how measures could penalize healthcare providers who offer treatments to those who identify as transgender

**5/26: *The Friday Feature*** – Spotlighted was the Annual Lake Lure Music Festival when event organizer Chris Dolman joined the program. Over the summer, a concert will focus on bluegrass music. While in the fall, classical music becomes the events music of choice.

**5/31: *More to the Story*** – Jacob Biba of Carolina Public Press sat down with WNCW to recap his series called Stacked Against. Stories focused on North Carolina's role in plea bargaining and disparities in sentencing. From attorneys to advocates to those behind bars.



**June:**

**6/2: Friday Feature** – Located in Greensboro, North Carolina, The Poetry Café was shared during this Friday Feature Interview of the Week. Director Leon Hudson shared how there’s always a time for poetry and how poetry can lift spirits and give individuals a voice for their passions.

**6/7: More to the Story** – From Smoky Mountain News, Cory Vaillancourt talked about being on location at Pactiv-Evergreen, the longtime Canton paper mill, on its final day of operation. The paper mill was in operation for more than a century and has been one of Haywood County's largest employers over those years.

**6/9: Friday Feature** – June marked the 90th birthday of Our State Magazine. It's the publication that celebrates North Carolina from the mountains to the coast. Editor-in-Chief, Elizabeth Hudson talked about the magazine's many accomplishments over those years. The June issue also focused on the coast.

**6/14: More to the Story** – The Daily Yonder's Sarah Melotte recapped her story on how small towns and rural areas across America, particularly in the South, are facing tougher times due to new SNAP Program requirements. SNAP is a government program that provides income for food to low-wage individuals. With reports of food insecurity on the rise, this change could impact many who need it most.

**6/16: Friday Feature** – The Center for Cultural Preservation and award-winning documentary filmmaker David Weintraub are back with a new film. ‘Nature's Wisdom Thru Native Eyes’ is premiering across Western North Carolina. David discussed his latest project, which shares how Native American tribes have a longtime intuition about the many connections in the world, from trees to animals to man.

**6/21: More to the Story** – Guest was John Boyle, Reporter with Asheville Watchdog who discussed what a review report had to say about Asheville’s huge water outage that affected residences and businesses during the Christmas and New Year’s holiday period last December.

**6/23: Friday Feature** – Information was shared on Tryon, North Carolina’s Summer Tracks Series. Event Organizer Peter Eisenbrown shared the series history and guests that are scheduled over the summer of 2023.

**6/28: More to the Story** – WUNC, Public Radio at UNC Chapel Hill, shared a report about State employees pay. While a small pay increase is coming in the 2023-24 fiscal year, why is the state still behind when it comes to a cost of living salary across the board for its workers?

**6/30: Friday Feature** – Representing The Earl Scruggs Center and Earl Scruggs Music Festival, Executive Director – Mary Beth Hamrick joined WNCW to talk about on-going exhibits, September’s festival lineup, and the summertime series called ‘Pickin’ on the Square.

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**Issue: National News**

We ran the following program to address it: NPR’s *Morning Edition*

Monday through Friday      Time: 7:00 a.m. to 9 a.m.

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We ran the following program to address it: NPR’s News Headlines

Monday through Friday at one minute past the hour to six minutes past the hour, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday at one minute past the hour to six minutes past the hour, at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.