WNC fall color may be spotty, but last longer, says WCU biologist

The combination of a wet spring and forecasts for above-average temperatures this fall could produce a long-lasting leaf display in the WNC mountains, but with spotty color development. That's the word from WCU’s Kathy Mathews in her annual fall color prediction. ... (CONTINUE READING)

WCU, UNC system taking steps to improve safety

With the addition earlier this year of a new position in the University Police Department responsible for compliance with federal reporting requirements regarding campus crime, WCU is at the forefront of addressing recommendations from the University of North Carolina system designed to improve campus safety. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Provost encourages faculty and staff to ‘step forward’

Provost Alison Morrison-Shetlar highlighted in her Opening Assembly remarks initiatives to strengthen curriculum and online work flow processes, grants support and success, the university-wide reaccreditation process and support for faculty and staff to “step forward” to lead and to share their ideas and perspectives. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Dirty Guv’nahs to perform free concert at WCU

Big Birthday Bash on Aug. 26

“The Guvs,” a six-member band from Knoxville, Tennessee, offers a rootsy, soulful sound that has been compared to the Black Crowes, Lynyrd Skynyrd and the Allman Brothers Band. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Constitution Day panel discussion set for Sept. 17

The WCU Public Policy Institute will host a panel discussion titled “Are Two Better than One? Comparing our Rights (and Responsibilities) under the North Carolina and United States Constitutions” on Wednesday, Sept. 17. The panel discussion will build on WCU’s 2014-15 campuswide learning theme, “North Carolina – Our State, Our Time.” ... (CONTINUE READING)
Artist Gary Kachadourian’s “Forest/City” to fill gallery at WCU Fine Art Museum

An installation by artist Gary Kachadourian that “re-manufactures” the great outdoors overtaking an urban environment will inhabit the entire main gallery and part of the lobby of the WCU Fine Art Museum. The exhibit opens Thursday, Aug. 21, and features an artist talk at 5 p.m. and reception at 6 p.m. ...

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Area film lovers find much to love in first annual Best of Controlled Chaos Film Festival

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Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Linda Comer.

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EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
Aug. 20 | Serena: Faculty Workshop with Ron Rash
Aug. 21 | Are You Seeing Red Information Fair
Aug. 21 | Fine Art Museum ArtTalk and Reception: Gary Kachadourian
Aug. 21 | Guest recital: Jason Ham, euphonium
Aug 22-23 | Movie “The Amazing Spider-Man 2”
Aug. 26 | 125th Anniversary Big Birthday Bash
Aug. 28 | Merikay Waldvogel Quilt Analysis Program

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Obamacare Revives an Old Question: Are Student Workers Employees? | Chronicle of Higher Education
(about Affordable Care Act and impact on students, with comment from Chancellor David Belcher)

We salute you: Vacation volunteers team up with veterans | “Today” on NBC (about “patrio-tourism;” includes comment from WCU student Aaron Marshall)

N.C. to miss $51 billion in federal money | Asheville Citizen-Times (about the politics of Medicaid; includes comment from WCU’s Chris Cooper)

Asheville-area university freshmen arrive | Asheville Citizen-Times (about local universities, colleges opening school year (with Mark Haskett photo))

Fewer NC students seeking teaching degrees | WRAL (about fewer students seeking education degrees; includes WCU in round-up look at the numbers for several universities)

Looking for Jan O’Brien | James D. Hogan blog (piece from James Hogan blog about inaccurate reports of the passing of beloved food court employee Jan O’Brien)

Freshman Move-In Day | WLOS News 13 (about Freshman Move-in Day at WCU and UNCA)

Our View: The Report Card for August 15 | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial report card gives WCU a grade ‘A’ for opening its 125th year of classes)
Debating Fracking In Western Counties | WLOS (about fracking debate includes mention of upcoming hearing at WCU)

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