WCU celebrates 125 years with ‘Big Birthday Bash,’ renewal of commitment to WNC
WCU has changed dramatically since its beginning in August 1889 in a one-room schoolhouse, but one thing that has remained constant is the institution’s commitment to Western North Carolina, Chancellor David O. Belcher said Tuesday, Aug. 26, as campus and community came together to celebrate the university’s 125th anniversary. ... (CONTINUE READING)

New dean of students eager to connect with campus community
Western Carolina University’s new associate vice chancellor for student affairs and dean of students, Kevin Koett, says WCU students have an energy and community-mindedness that makes him excited to serve as their advocate. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Kevan Frazier to lead Programs at Biltmore Park
WCU did not have to go far to find the new executive director for its programs at Biltmore Park – just as far as the northern side of Asheville. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Summer Institute for Administrative Support Professionals builds knowledge, community
“It really mattered to me that we find a way to give SPA employees educational opportunities,” said Anne Aldrich, who proposed the institute. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Artists to create on-site murals at WCU Fine Art Museum
The Fine Art Museum has invited four artists to visit WCU to create live-action, on-site murals on four of the museum’s movable, free-standing walls for an exhibit titled “Teetering on the Edge of the Uncanny” that opens Thursday, Sept. 4. ... (CONTINUE READING)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
WestCare to open primary care clinic at WCU on Sept. 2
Mad Batter to operate food truck on campus
'Take Back the Night' set for Sept. 17 on WCU campus
Presentation on Canton set for Sept. 4 at Mountain Heritage Center
Free tickets available for Arts Alive @ 125 celebration Sept. 2

**ACHIEVEMENTS** | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Richard Bruce and Todd Collins.

**HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES** | news-prod.wcu.edu
WCU seeking questions for 3 upcoming political debates
Heirloom quilts to tell their story
WCU Board of Trustees to meet Sept. 5

**EVENTS** | calendar.wcu.edu
Aug. 28 | Merikay Waldvogel Quilt Analysis Program
Aug. 29 | Kids Climb
Aug. 29 | "Godzilla"
Sept. 2 | Arts Alive @ 125
Sept. 3 | Mic Check
Sept. 4 | Artist reception for "Teetering on the Edge of the Uncanny" Exhibit
Sept. 4 | Michael Beadle: History of Canton, North Carolina
Sept. 4 | Guest Recital: James Rester, Horn
Sept. 4 | Red Zone Film on the Lawn: "The Perks of Being a Wallflower"

**HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH** | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
WCU Celebrates 125 Years | WLOS News 13 coverage of 125 Big Birthday Bash

Picture gallery: WCU Birthday Bash | Asheville Citizen-Times

Western Carolina University to mark 125 years | Charlotte Observer

Adelaide Key’s legacy touched Haywood | The Mountaineer (Waynesville) (includes comment from Jim Miller and David Westling and retiree Clifton Metcalf)

What would you ask candidates? WCU wants to know | Asheville Citizen-Times (among media coverage about upcoming political debates at WCU)

Hundreds decry fracking | Winston-Salem Journal (among media outlets covering recent fracking hearing with reference to upcoming hearing at WCU)

Legislative session sets stage for campaigns | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes comment related to the engineering program at Biltmore Park)

WCU throwing a big party to mark 125 years | Asheville Citizen-Times

ALS Ice Bucket Challenge personal for LeClair | Asheville Citizen-Times (sports section front story about connection between WCU athletics program and ALS ice bucket challenge)

Western Carolina suspends 5 football players | Asheville Citizen-Times

Benefits roundup: Family-friendly Founders Day events | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes information about upcoming Arts Alive @ 125 event)

Happy birthday to a bedrock WNC institution | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial salute to WCU’s 125th birthday)
Adelaide Key made WNC — and the world — a better place | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial salute to the life of former board chair Adelaide Key)

A Beach Project Built on Sand | New York Times (op-ed by Rob Young)

WSSU committee recommends three candidates for chancellor’s job | Winston-Salem Journal (mentions upcoming Board of Governors meeting at WCU)

Obamacare’s latest victim: Student workers | Asheville Citizen-Times (Mark Meadows op-ed about Obamacare and student workers, with reference to David Belcher)

Seeking common ground: Local police reflect on unrest in Missouri | Hendersonville Times-News (includes information from a WCU Public Policy Institute survey)

Asheville philanthropist Adelaide Daniels Key dies at 78 | Asheville Citizen-Times (news of the passing of former WCU board chair)

Fracking Debate | WLOS News 13 (mentions upcoming hearing at WCU)

Celebrate WCU’s 125 years on campus Tuesday | The Sylva Herald (editorial)

Hundreds gather to debate fracking | WGHP Fox 8 of Greensboro/High Point (references upcoming hearing at WCU)

The ‘Cullowhee idea’: Cullowhee institution traces evolution from a rural schoolhouse to regional powerhouse | Smoky Mountain News

Graduation and beyond: Local WCU alums reflect on university’s place in region | Smoky Mountain News

WCU: A timeline | Smoky Mountain News

Western Carolina University welcomes freshmen on move in day | WRGC AM 540

Fracking rules up for comment | The Sanford Herald (mentions upcoming hearing at WCU)

Western Carolina football trying to fix slow starts | Asheville Citizen-Times (sports section lead story is about WCU football team)

Are Rabbits Pets or Meat? | The Atlantic (includes comments from Hal Herzog)

Debating Fracking In Western Counties | WLOS (about fracking debate includes mention of upcoming hearing at WCU)

ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Cross country hosts WCU Invitational Friday
Coach Mallory Hetzel announces women’s golf 2014-15 schedule
Women’s soccer: Road games at Longwood and High Point
Volleyball notebook: Upperclassmen preview
Notes from Tuesday’s (Aug. 26) SoCon Football Teleconference