Marching band selected to lead Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade

When the 505 members of the WCU Pride of the Mountains Marching Band pound the pavement of New York City for the Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, they won’t be just taking part in the beloved holiday tradition. They will be the very first parade participants to hit the streets that morning. … (CONTINUE READING)

It’s a wrap: WCU to close 125th anniversary celebration Dec. 5

WCU’s “It’s a Wrap Party” will feature a cross-campus parade led by WCU’s Pride of the Mountains Marching Band, remarks from WCU Chancellor David O. Belcher, prizes, giveaways, refreshments and special recognition of alumni and students. … (CONTINUE READING)

Staff member’s book highlights Asheville’s ‘legendary locals’

Kevan Frazier, executive director for WCU Programs at Biltmore Park, has shared stories of leaders and innovators who helped shape Asheville’s history in his new book, “Legendary Locals of Asheville.” Several vignettes feature people with WCU ties. … (CONTINUE READING)

WCU to begin offering new online master’s degree programs in education

The University of North Carolina Board of Governors’ approval will enable WCU to phase out its existing residential-based graduate programs in middle grades and elementary education and replace them with online programs consisting of 30 credit hours each. … (CONTINUE READING)

WCU, UNCG partner in communication sciences and disorders doctoral program

The Inter-institutional Doctoral Education Arrangement for Learning and Leadership program will expand UNCG’s existing doctoral program in communication sciences and disorders to include WCU students via distance technologies and face-to-face instruction. … (CONTINUE READING)
Iranian-born journalist to speak Nov. 20

A native of Iran who is a former Rotary Peace Fellow and past editor of publications now banned or shut down by the Iranian government will present the keynote address for WCU's International Education Week. Other IEW events include an International Programs and Services open house, a performance by the Polynesian Paradise Dancers and a soccer game in which the international students will play WCU’s club soccer team. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Theater season takes turn down ‘42nd Street’

The 2014-15 theatrical season at WCU will take a musical turn down “42nd Street” as the School of Stage and Screen presents the beloved Broadway classic Nov. 13-16. ... (CONTINUE READING)

BRIEFS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs
Winter weather does not deter Fun Run 5K
Nomination process underway for state teaching award
‘North Carolina: Our State, Our Time’-themed events planned for November

ACHIEVEMENTS | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements
Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Tom Belt and Ann McDonald.

HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES | news-prod.wcu.edu
Alumna wins regional mathematics education student award
WCU to welcome prospective students at Nov. 22 Open House
‘Unseen Scars’ program for combat veterans to be held at WCU
Graduate student from Haywood County wins $2,000 scholarship

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
Nov. 5 | Guest Recital: Holly Roadfeldt, Piano
Nov. 6 | First Thursday Concert and Jam
Nov. 6 | Percussion Ensemble Concert
Nov. 7 | Kids Climb
Nov. 7-8 | Movie: "Sex Tape"
Nov. 7 | Volleyball vs. Samford
Nov. 7 | Michael Jefry Stevens Quartet
Nov. 8 | Volleyball vs. Wofford
Nov. 8 | Neo Soul Showcase
Nov. 8 | Student Trumpet Recital/Bollinger/Porter
Nov. 10-12 | Native American Heritage Expo
Nov. 10 | WNC Civil War Roundtable Presentation
Nov. 12 | WCU Guitar Ensemble
Nov. 13 | Gamelan Concert
Nov. 13-16 | Mainstage Performance: “42nd Street”

HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH | news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch
Bestselling author Rash to read from short-story collection | The Sylva Herald

North Carolina book and history awards to be presented | Lumina News (includes award for Terrence Mann)

Judge says no cars or carnivals on Treasure Island beach | St. Petersburg Tribune (FL) (includes reference to coastal geologist from WCU)

Total WNC Campaign Fundraising in the Millions | WLOS News (includes comment from Chris Cooper)
Legislative races to watch as the votes roll in | Carolina Public Press (includes comment from Chris Cooper)

Western Carolina football: Knocked down, but not out | Asheville Citizen-Times (opinion piece)

Jennifer Lawrence’s ‘Serena’ gets trailer, release date | Asheville Citizen-Times (about movie based on novel by Ron Rash)

Top-tier short fiction in Ron Rash collection | Denver Post

On The Trail To Preserve Appalachia's Bounty Of Heirloom Crops | Maine Public Radio News (about heritage seed project directed by James Veteto)

88th annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade marks start of holiday season with nation's most beloved spectacle | Niagara (NY) publications Niagara-Wheatfield Tribune, Island Dispatch, Lewiston-Porter Sentinel (mentions WCU band as participant)

Names and Faces: Hickory native in intellectual disabilities program chosen WCU homecoming queen | Hickory Record

Spending jumps in Asheville-area statehouse races | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes comment from Chris Cooper)

Editorial: Fall colors, plump pumpkins and a blast of snow | Knoxville News-Sentinel (includes predictions by Kathy Mathews)

Stay above it all in Jackson County, North Carolina | Fox Channel 8 (Greensboro/High Point) (about Jackson County attractions, including WCU)

Rob Neufeld: 35 years captured in Rash short story book | Asheville Citizen-Times

A Cuban looks at Mayberry | Durham Herald-Sun (includes item in round-up about Ron Rash)

Chattanooga and WCU – Cellar dwellers to contenders | Asheville Citizen-Times (about WCU football)

Chapin: Lessons from the early reaction to Ghomeshi news | Ottawa Citizen (a fired broadcaster cites WCU study about impact of public opinion on court decisions by Chris Cooper and Todd Collins)

As the Wyoming game approaches, Fresno State's Bulldog Marching Band looks to the future with new director | Fresno Bee (about the buzz around collegiate marching bands includes reference to WCU Pride of the Mountains)

Crawford, Van Duyn vie in Buncombe Senate district | Asheville Citizen-Times (about legislative race that includes WCU’s Mark Crawford)

Rash film shot in Asheville area gets release date | Asheville Citizen-Times (about the release date of a film based on a book by Ron Rash)

Residents speak out on development standards, zoning map | The Sylva Herald (about Cullowhee community planning meeting held at WCU)

Forest Hills hosts workshop, explores planning issues | Smoky Mountain News

Education issues divide Tom Apodaca, Rick Wood | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes reference to WCU engineering courses and Biltmore Park educational site)

The State Of Things Issues Table: Looking Down The Ballot | WCQS-FM – program "The State of Things" (includes Chris Cooper as guest)
ATHLETICS | catamountsports.com
Volleyball: Western Carolina falls in five at ETSU
Soccer: Christina White and Chandler Arrowood honored by Southern Conference
Women's basketball defeats Southern Wesleyan 76-59 in exhibition
Volleyball: Vervelde named SoCon Freshman of the Week
Tennis wraps up fall at Wofford