Jackson County native to lead administration, finance division

Michael T. Byers, an associate vice chancellor for business affairs at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro who spent his childhood in Jackson County, is the next vice chancellor for administration and finance at WCU. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Library services dean retiring at semester’s end after 35-year career

“For the past seven years, Dr. (Dana) Sally has been a passionate voice on behalf of Hunter Library and a strong advocate for the invaluable academic resources that the library provides for our students and faculty,” said Provost Alison Morrison-Shetlar. ... (CONTINUE READING)

Rash releases short story ‘greatest hits,’ revises new novel, continues teaching

Just over 11 years after he joined the WCU faculty, author Ron Rash is celebrating the recent release of his short story “greatest hits,” putting the final touches on a new novel that holds a surprise for his fans, and relishing in the opportunities he has to nurture budding writers at the university. ... (CONTINUE READING)

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Delegation from university in China visits WCU
Open house at new primary care clinic space at WCU to be Nov. 13
Recycling program targets home football games
Students sought to serve on Sustainable Energy Initiative Committee

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Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Herb Bailey, Lauren Bishop, Bradley Ulrich and Rob Young.

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WCU mourns passing of ‘Coach Mutt’
Matthew Chevalier wins Community Impact Award
Four WCU alumni honored during Homecoming ceremony
Smoky Mountain Brass Quintet to present concert Nov. 18
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Nov. 13-16 | Mainstage Performance: “42nd Street”
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Nov. 16 | Brass Ensembles Concert
Nov. 17 | Hunger Games Dodgeball
Nov. 17 | Women's Basketball vs. Livingstone
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Nov. 20 | International Education Week Keynote: Ali Eshraghi
Nov. 20 | Early Music Concert

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DeGraffenreid’s influence, kindness affected many | Asheville Citizen-Times (column about former football coach)

Use the Numbers | Inside Higher Ed (regular column by Nate Kreuter on the topic of data and academia)

Mountain Volunteers Travel to India for Health Camps | WLOS News 13 (includes WCU nursing student)

Feds threaten to reclaim its share of regional loan money | The Sylva Herald (about federal inquiry into loans from the Southwestern Commission, with reference to WCU’s SBTDC as among ways to learn about the possibility of loans)

UNC Pembroke Chancellor Carter to retire in the spring | Fayetteville Observer (about UNC Pembroke chancellor and former WCU provost, Kyle Carter)

WCU’s Musical Theatre Program Presents Broadway Classic | WLOS News 13 (segments about upcoming production of “42nd Street” with ticket giveaway)

Unmasking physical therapy’s most menacing myths | Asheville Citizen-Times (student op-ed about physical therapy month)

Beloved ‘Mutt’ DeGraffenreid dies at age 60 | Asheville Citizen-Times (among media outlets reporting on the passing of former WCU football coach)

DeGraffenreid dies at 60 | USA Today (also notes the passing of former WCU football coach)

Daydreamer on Biltmore: New mural unveiled | Mountain Xpress (about mural in Asheville installed with assistance of professor Robert Steffen)

NC heads Republican, Buncombe goes Democratic | Asheville Citizen-Times (includes comment from WCU’s Chris Cooper)

Our View: The Report Card for Nov. 7 | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial report card gives grade of ‘A’ to WCU marching band for being selected to lead the Macy’s parade)

WCU grad, Waynesville town clerk, wins scholarship | Asheville Citizen-Times (about MPA student and Waynesville town clerk winning a scholarship)

Lee Smith, Terrance Mann to receive NC awards | WRAL-TV (Raleigh Durham Fayetteville) (about state honor for Terrence Mann)
Economist explains tourism’s financial impact | Daily American (PA) (includes comment from Steve Morse)

In search of the perfect word | Smoky Mountain News (Ron Rash subject of cover story of Smoky Mountain News)

Give Cullowhee a chance to fulfill potential | Smoky Mountain News (opinion piece about Cullowhee community planning effort)

WCU adopts sophomore residency requirement | Smoky Mountain News

Election coverage | WLOS News 13 and Carolina Public Press (include comments from Chris Cooper)

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Football: Western Carolina, Alabama kickoff time announced
Volleyball: Vervelde repeats as SoCon Freshman of the Week
Men’s golf: WCU’s Poston finishes tied for sixth at College All-America Classic
Football: Western Carolina at Samford - post-game notes
Football: Strong first half leads Samford past Western Carolina, 34-20