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Faculty member Marilyn Chamberlin and sociology students volunteer at the Christmas Connection.

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## WCU community members help sustain holiday initiative for local children

When coordinators of the nonprofit Jackson County Christmas Store retired after 26 years of service, two Western Carolina University faculty members stepped forward to help carry on its mission of benefiting children from families in need during the holiday season. They are not alone and are working alongside many throughout the county and on campus. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Military mom oversees 'Cards for Soldiers' drive on campus

The task of overseeing a drive to collect signed holiday cards for distribution to U.S. soldiers deployed around the world might seem like a natural fit for the director of WCU's Office of Military Student Services. But Briana Ford is motivated to take on that role by another factor – her son, who is in the U.S. Air Force and stationed in Qatar. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Harrill Residence Hall receives LEED gold certification

Harrill Residence Hall has become the university's second building to be LEED-certified for its comprehensive energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## Marching band headlines closing 125th anniversary event

There's one more parade left on the itinerary this year for members of WCU's Pride of the Mountains Marching Band, who opened the 2014 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. And the remaining route will be quite a bit different than the trek through the concrete canyons of New York City, as the band will march across the bucolic WCU campus this Friday to help wrap up the university's yearlong celebration of its 125th year of existence. ... [\(CONTINUE READING\)](#)

## WCU appoints new parking, transportation director

Fred J. Bauknecht, a member of the police, parking and transportation unit at Western Carolina University since 2009, has been appointed to the newly created role of parking and transportation director. ... (CONTINUE READING)

## State's fish to be featured on new specialty plates designed by art professor

When it comes to fishing, Western Carolina University art professor Jon Jicha is happy angling in all kinds of waters. ... (CONTINUE READING)

## Honors College dean presents lectures during Cuba trip

The wall of Brian Railsback's office in WCU's Honors College has been adorned for many years with a framed photograph of John Steinbeck, the focus of much of Railsback's scholarly research and writing. But since Railsback's recent return from a barnstorming trip to Cuba, the visage of another literary giant has made an appearance on the wall. It is "Papa" himself, Ernest Hemingway. ... (CONTINUE READING)

## University officials remind WCU community about adverse weather policy

When wintry, inclement weather hits the region, deciding when and whether it is safe to travel to work, or if deteriorating weather conditions necessitate an early departure, ultimately lies with each faculty and staff member under WCU's adverse weather policy. ... (CONTINUE READING)

## Revised graduate program in gifted education to begin this spring

WCU's newly restructured online master's degree in gifted education will be offered this spring as a cross-disciplinary, 30-hour program with a one-week field experience and will focus on helping educators promote students' creativity and innovation. ... (CONTINUE READING)

### **BRIEFS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/briefs)

Hunter Library and Technology Commons to expand hours  
Fall commencement scheduled for Dec. 13 at Ramsey Center  
Library will be open 24/7 for last two weeks of fall semester  
WCU community members help sustain holiday initiative to serve local children

### **ACHIEVEMENTS** | [thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements](http://thereporter.wcu.edu/category/achievements)

Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Vittal Anantatmula, Mimi Fenton, Mark Kossick, Sharon Metcalfe and Niall Michelsen.

### **HEADLINES FROM WCU NEWS SERVICES** | [news-prod.wcu.edu](http://news-prod.wcu.edu)

MHC music series continues Thursday  
Researcher measures intensity of college football rivalries  
Workshop offered in 'iPhoneography Made Easy'  
'Sounds of the Season' to be presented Dec. 7 at WCU  
Bardo Arts Center to present 'Cinnamon Grits' holiday musical Dec. 12

### **EVENTS** | [calendar.wcu.edu](http://calendar.wcu.edu)

Dec. 4 | Saudi & Balkan culture Film fest  
Dec. 4 | Holidays at the UC  
Dec. 4 | Civic Orchestra

Dec. 5 | 125th Anniversary - 'It's A Wrap' Party  
Dec. 5 | Tech Ensemble and Friends  
Dec. 6 | Women's Basketball vs. USC Upstate  
Dec. 7 | Inspirational Choir Holiday Concert  
Dec. 7 | Sounds of the Season Concert  
Dec. 11 | Nursing Convocation  
Dec. 12 | Cinnamon Grits: Christmas in the South  
Dec. 13 | Commencement  
Dec. 14 | Community Chorus Concert  
Dec. 18 | Men's Basketball vs. Wright State  
Dec. 20 | Community Piano Recital  
Dec. 30 | Men's Basketball vs. St. Catharine  
Jan. 3 | Men's Basketball vs. Citadel  
Jan. 5 | Women's Basketball vs. Montreat  
Jan. 5 | Men's Basketball vs. Furman  
Jan. 10 | Women's Basketball vs. Mercer  
Jan. 10 | Men's Basketball vs. UNCG  
Jan. 10 | Free Movie: "The Judge"  
Jan. 12 | Women's Basketball vs. Samford  
Jan. 15 | Men's Basketball vs. ETSU

## **HIGHER EDUCATION NEWSWATCH** | [news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch](https://news-prod.wcu.edu/higher-education-newswatch)

WCU band turns in first-class performance in Big Apple | The Sylva Herald

Macy's Parade experience twice as nice for twin brothers | Lincoln Times News (coverage of marching band at Macy's Parade)

Military-style AR-15 rifles: 'The market is saturated' | USA Today (picked up Asheville Citizen-Times story about military rifles and the gun lobby with comments from Chris Cooper)

Tourism impact recalculated due to flaws in formula | Smoky Mountain News (about recalculation of impact of tourism includes comment from Steve Morse)

Workshop touts low-impact, conservation development | Smoky Mountain News (about new development in Cullowhee designed to be of interest to WCU faculty/staff/students)

Jeremy B. Jones Talks Landscape & Identity in Bearwallow: A Personal History of a Mountain Homeland | WFDD 88.5 Public Radio (Piedmont) (faculty member Jeremy Jones)

News in education: WCU students promote Haywood senior center's Brain Gym | Smoky Mountain News (items about communication sciences and disorders students assisting in Waynesville project; WCU grad named Outstanding Mathematics Education Student; Ling Gao LeBeau's appointment as director of WCU's Office of International Programs and Services)

Sylva parade, Dillsboro fest to kick off holiday season | The Sylva Herald (about upcoming local holiday events, including WCU and SCC night at Dillsboro luminaries)

Former Cleveland County students help kick off Macy's Parade | Shelby Star (about local students marching at Macy's)

Our view: The Report Card for Dec. 2 | Asheville Citizen-Times (editorial report card gives grade of 'A' to the Pride of the Mountains Marching Band)

New Belgium grows WNC brewery — and political clout | Carolina Public Press (about the political clout of brewing industry includes comment from Chris Cooper)

Arizona State vs Arizona ranked country's best college football rivalry by fans | Arizona Sports (about the college football rivalry study by David Tyler)

This is the Most Intense College Football Rivalry According to Northern Kentucky University Research | River City News (Kentucky) (about college football rivalry project by David Tyler)

5 books for your holiday list | 11-30-14; News & Observer (Raleigh) (includes collection by Ron Rash)

Local foundations address food, farming and hunger | Asheville Citizen-Times (about local food commissioned that involves the WCU Public Policy Institute)

Author Ron Rash on 'Something Rich and Strange' | Clarion-Ledger (Jackson, MS) (about WCU's Ron Rash and his new short story collection)

What's next for Western Carolina football? | Asheville Citizen-Times

In Arizona, the Rivalry That Matters Most | The Wall Street Journal (about college football rivalry project by David Tyler)

UA-ASU story ranked as most intense | Arizona Daily Star (about David Tyler's college football rivalry project)

Giant Balloons Draw Oohs, Ahhs at Macy's Parade | ABC News (about WCU band in Macy's parade)

Big balloons on display for Macy's parade | Boston Globe (about WCU band in Macy's parade)

Western Carolina Band Leads Macy's Thanksgiving Parade | WFMY News 2 (Greensboro, Piedmont) (about WCU band in Macy's parade (with video))

Crowds watch Thanksgiving parade | Belfast (Ireland) Telegraph (about WCU band in Macy's parade)

WCU band plays on adrenaline in Macy's parade | Asheville Citizen-Times (about WCU band in Macy's parade)

Special Report: Local Teens Taking Selfies to the Extreme | WLOS News 13 (about 'extreme selfies;' includes comment from WCU's Alvin Malesky)

Why the U.S. Is One of the Cruellest Places in the World for Lab Animals | io9.com / The Daily Explainer (about lab animals; includes comment from Hal Herzog)

Pride of the Mountains opens Macy's parade | WYFF TV 4 (update on our band students at Macy's)

Proposed Cullowhee development standards get revised | Smoky Mountain News

The Greatest SEC Rivalries | Fox Sports (about WCU professor David Tyler's college football rivalry study)

Measuring the intensity of college football rivalries | Smoky Mountain News (about David Tyler's college football rivalry study)

WCU to wrap up 125th anniversary celebration | Smoky Mountain News (about the 125 wrap party)

Area students to lead Macy's Parade | Huntersville Herald Weekly (about local students in Macy's parade)

Familiar faces at Macy's parade | Kings Mountain Herald (about local students in Macy's parade)

The WCU band is preparing to march | UNC-TV's 'North Carolina Now' (about marching band trip to Macy's)

Researchers find ASU-UA most intense football rivalry | Arizona Republic (about college football rivalry study co-authored by David Tyler)

ASU vs. Arizona is the most intense college football rivalry | Arizona Desert Swarm – about football rivalry study

These Tales Of Transformation Are Both 'Rich And Strange' | NPR.org (review of short story collection by NPR's Ron Rash)

WCU football coach Speir rips ESPN analyst Herbstreit | Asheville Citizen-Times (continuing coverage of football coach's post-game comments regarding ESPN broadcast)

Iranian journalist Ali Eshraghi visits Western Carolina University | Mountain Xpress (coverage of international education week guest speaker)

Western Carolina band to perform in Macy's Thanksgiving parade | Winston-Salem Journal (about the marching band performing at Macy's)

Western Carolina coach fires back at Kirk Herbstreit | Sporting News (about Mark Speir post-game comments after ESPN broadcaster criticized the WCU v. Alabama game)

Why Mark Speir is Missing the Point | Old North Banter (another look at the Mark Speir post-game comments)

The Fifth Quarter: Week 13 Rewind | NBC Sports

Coach angry with ESPN's Kirk Herbstreit over SEC-FCS comments | SBNation (Coach Mark Speir comments about ESPN broadcaster criticism of big universities playing smaller schools)

Western Carolina coach Mark Speir blasts Kirk Herbstreit | Larry Brown Sports (Coach Mark Speir comments about ESPN broadcaster criticism of big universities playing smaller schools)

WCU marching band completed 'competitive' selection process to lead Macy's parade | Asheville Citizen-Times

Shelby, Burns, Crest grads take part in Macy's Parade | Shelby Star (about local students in Macy's Parade)

Pride of the Mountains: Burke alumni to lead Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade | Morganton News-Herald

Band alumni heading to Macy's Thanksgiving Parade | Summerville (SC) Journal-Scene

Ron Rash merges sound and sense in new collection | Charlotte Observer

Personhood Week: People and Their Pets | National Geographic (about people and their pets; includes comment from Hal Herzog)

Puppy love is born at the movies | Mother Nature Network (about how films influence dog breed popularity references story co-authored by Hal Herzog)

WCU Marching Band Heads To NYC | WLOS News 13 (about marching band heading to Macy's)

WCU Doubles a Holiday Gift Store | WLOS News 13 (coverage of handmade holiday arts sale at Fine Art Museum)

Jamaicans Making The Most Of Overseas Studies | 11-20-14; Jamaica Gleaner (about Jamaicans studying overseas, with reference to WCU programs in education)

Nonprofits: A community-based role | Mountain Xpress (about nonprofits; includes comment from WCU's Roger Hartley)

Secretary of Commerce touts plan for economic growth | Macon County News (about visit of NC Secretary of Commerce)

WCU chooses another S-W graduate to replace Robert Edwards | The Sylva Herald (about Mike Byers being named VC of administration and finance)

Cherokee exhibit showcased at Dugan Center | Smoky Mountain News (about Cherokee exhibit co-sponsored by WCU)

Rash releases short story 'greatest hits' | Macon County News (about Ron Rash short story collection)

### **ATHLETICS** | [catamountsports.com](http://catamountsports.com)

Men's Basketball: Catamounts drop SoCon opener at ETSU

Emily Hatfield drains free throws; women's basketball wins 74-75

Men's Basketball: James Sinclair dubbed SoCon Player of the Month for November



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