New freshman learning community centers on service, social change

There are people who watch things happen, people who wonder what happened and people who make things happen. This group will be classified as the latter,” said Lane Perry. … (CONTINUE READING)

WCU hires executive director of millennial initiatives

Alumnus Tony E. Johnson, previously the senior director for business development at the Rural Economic Development Center serving North Carolina, will lead WCU’s efforts to enhance learning opportunities through cultivating public-private partnerships and regional activities that also fuel development in Western North Carolina. … (CONTINUE READING)

Sophomore receives first Steven C. Jones Endowed Scholarship

A student who wants to teach children with special needs when she graduates is the recipient of the first award from a newly endowed scholarship fund honoring the memory of Steven C. Jones, a well-known Jackson County educator who died in 2012. … (CONTINUE READING)

Ulrich to perform 25th anniversary trumpet recital on Sept. 10

Musicians that trumpeter and professor P. Bradley Ulrich has taught and worked with during his 25 years at Western Carolina University will join him for an anniversary recital on Tuesday, Sept. 10. … (CONTINUE READING)

From the Breakroom with Josh Whitmore

Josh Whitmore, associate director of outdoor programs, joined a four-person National Park Service mountaineering patrol that stood ready to conduct rescue operations, maintain safety ropes and provide daily weather and avalanche forecasts. … (CONTINUE READING)

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Music faculty to present woodwind recital Aug. 22
WCU ranked high in educational value
King documentary to be screened Aug. 28
Native health lecture set for Sept. 4
Graduate program in speech-language earns reaccreditation
Leadership Academy to focus on community engagement

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Read about the latest achievements of faculty and staff, including Russ Curtis, Sharon Jacques and Rebecca Lasher.

OFF THE CLOCK | thereporter.wcu.edu/category/offtheclock
Reporter newsletter to share faculty and staff “off the clock” news

EVENTS | calendar.wcu.edu
Aug. 16-24 | WOW 2013 (Week of Welcome)
Aug. 22 | Are You Seeing Red? Information Fair
Aug. 22 | Third Thursday: Credo Reception
Aug. 22 | Relient K in Concert
Aug. 22 | Woodwind Faculty Recital
Aug. 27 | DJ and Side Swipe/ Martial Arts
Aug. 27 | School of Music Faculty Showcase Concert
Aug. 28 | "King: From Montgomery to Memphis” Documentary
Sept. 3 | Belchers and Friends Concert
Sept. 5 | Michael Jefry Stevens Jazz Piano Recital

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Soccer team beginning season at home
Rising country star Kacey Musgraves to perform at WCU this fall

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The Best Online College Programs Named for 2013-2014 | Newsday (lists WCU’s human resources program)
Universities grapple with budget cuts, part 2 – Western Carolina University | Carolina Public Press
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WNC colleges welcome freshmen to campus | Asheville Citizen-Times
N.C. reverts to paper ballots at big cost to counties | Smoky Mountain News (comments from Chris Cooper)

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Catamount Baseball Diamond Notes: 2013-14 incoming class
Football Fall Report #11: Monday, August 19
Volleyball completes preseason scrimmage
Football completes final preseason scrimmage
Soccer blanks High Point, 5-0, in exhibition