

Pastimes for climate change

History club participates in worldwide climate protest

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On Friday, Sept. 20, Pastimes History Club participated in a worldwide protest against climate change. The protests across the globe were spearheaded by students. Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old climate change activist, is credited with creating the “school strikes for climate change.”

Pastimes History Club started their protest at 12:15 p.m. at the Bell Tower before continuing by marching down to the Transylvania County Courthouse in downtown Brevard.

Members of the clubs held signs that read “There is no planet B” and “The climate is changing, why aren’t we?”

The event drew attention to climate change as an issue and helped raise awareness.



Eleanor Flannery, vice president of Pastimes History Club (holding sign), leads other students in a climate change protest on Sept. 20. Millions of students around the world protested climate change on that day. Photo courtesy of Alia Andonovska

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Paying it forward

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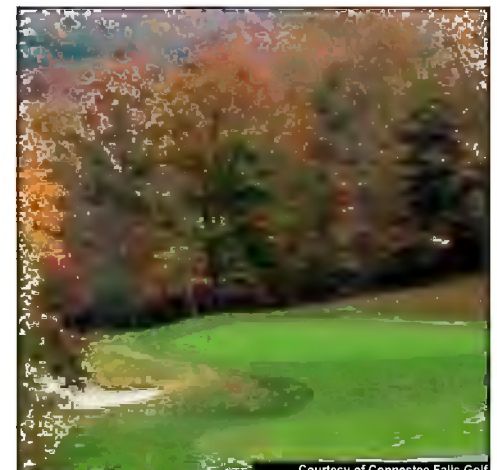
Since 1987, the residents of Connestee Falls (located up U.S. 276) have raised over \$1 million to support the students of Transylvania County and Brevard College. What started as a golf tournament with the goal to raise enough money for one scholarship has grown into a year long fundraising campaign that enables the Connestee Falls Student Scholarship Program (CFSSP) to award more than \$100,000 annually to local students.

The fundraising efforts now extend beyond the gates of Connestee Falls and the organization has done a great deal of work to make it a community effort. In 2019, members of the Connestee Falls Student Scholarship Program will receive gifts from more than 200 individual donors and businesses. The 2019 fundraising campaign will involve a golf tournament, gala, casino night, concerts, bocce ball tournament and more.

Each year, scholarship funds are distributed equally among Brevard College, Blue Ridge Community College and Transylvania County Schools. The only requirement is that recipients that apply for the funding must be residents of Transylvania County. Brevard College first

received support from the CFSSP in 1990 and now the organization is an integral part of BC's scholarship initiative.

Brevard College is fortunate to exist in a community that is actively engaged in the success of our students. “It is an honor to work alongside neighbors that are so passionate about the success of Brevard College students,” said Jeff Joyce, Director of Development at Brevard College. This year three students at the college are recipients of funds from the foundation.



An overlook of Connestee Falls golf course mid-fall. Courtesy of Connestee Falls Golf