

Appalachian culture

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“Upscale Appalachia” is a new, up and coming online magazine that aims to display local and mountain (Appalachian) culture. This online magazine will feature written literature, oral histories, music, outdoor life, art, photography, videography and more.

The entire project is being headed by Kristina Holland, an English professor on sabbatical this semester, at Brevard College. She became interested in this online magazine idea after doing her dissertation work that focused on Appalachian English.

“As a native to Brevard, I have always been interested in mountain culture, but during my doctoral research, I became vested in the preservation of mountain culture,” Holland said. That is what has inspired her to put this idea into action.

She has several trusted staff members working with her on this magazine. The students involved are Alexis Henley, Carmen Boone, Katie McBriar and Aaron Butts. Henley and Boone are mainly the editors while McBriar and Butts do most of the web designing

“Upscale Appalachia” also has an advisory board. It consists of BC alumna Kendra Jones, staff member Mary Harris and faculty member emeritus (former professor) Dr. Ken Chamlee.

Holland hopes to create a sustainable online magazine that showcases all multimedia formats, and can be published each semester. The goal is to give students and community members an opportunity to be published using all kinds of disciplines and mediums.

“This is an opportunity for people to explore the local area through a creative lens. I encourage all interested to submit,” said Holland. Any students that might be interested in working on the magazine should contact Dr. Kristina Holland at hollank@brevard.edu.

Submissions that are acceptable include any creative work connected to Appalachia in some way. The author must either be native to the region or must currently live in Appalachia, OR, regardless of the author’s origin, content that explores the region is acceptable for publication as well.

“Artwork, creative writing, videos, photography and other submissions that capture mountain culture may be submitted to upscale.appalachia@gmail.com before 15 March, 2020,” Holland said.

BC security report

The most recent security reports for Brevard College have been released as of Monday, Feb. 3 at 12:33 p.m., according to Brevard College Campus Security.

There was a reported theft of a small amount of cash. The Xbox in Tornado Alley was taken, but it has since been returned. A license plate was stolen from a vehicle in the Beam parking lot.

There was a trashcan fire in Green Hall, and it is currently under investigation. Students are requested that any fire in a residence hall be reported to campus security, even if caused by accident.

Furthermore, it is a possibility that this matter involved illegal smoking in the residence hall. Students are reminded that this is forbidden under campus rules and regulations.

Also, in this case, a piece of cloth was used to cover up the smoke detector. Please remember that the prevention of alarm activation like this is a very dangerous practice. Follow campus fire regulations to ensure the safety of all.

There was a report of a dog left unattended in a residence hall room. Please note that even with permission to keep your pet on campus, you must keep them under control and not allow them to destroy property, or leave them alone for extended periods of time.

There was an incident of a parent’s car being egged while driving on campus. Not only does this constitute vandalism, but they hit the windshield which could have caused vision impairment and led to an accident. Please act responsibly for the safety of everyone.

Everyone is requested to contact Campus Security at (828)-577-9590 if wrongful or suspicious activity is observed on campus.

— Zach Dickerson



This logo for the online magazine “Upscale Appalachia” was designed by Katie McBriar and Aaron Butts, two of the BC students on the staff. The magazine is scheduled to launch online March 15, 2020. Anyone interested in contributing should send email to upscale.appalachia@gmail.com.