



The beautiful Mountain State Fair has returned

By Anna Ervin
Co-Editor in Chief

The North Carolina Mountain State Fair has come and gone with a whirlwind of fun, food and lots of adventure. This fair is the official state fair of the western part of North Carolina, and more than 180,000 people visit in the ten day span.

The co-editors in chief visited the fair on Thursday, Sept. 15 to experience the fair. This was the night of unlimited ride hand stamps.

Thursday was an incredibly crowded night, with ride line wait times up to two hours long. If you are ever found at the fair in this situation, I would recommend making the most of your time and money by waiting for rides that can fit

a lot of people (because the lines move faster) and planning ahead for rides with long waits.

There were a few new additions to the fair this year, but the crowd favorite was called Jekyll and Hyde. It seated eight people with four on each side, spinning them around on a long pole high up into the air.

A classic must ride would definitely be the swings. It's the right amount of fun and swirly, with the same nostalgia.

If rides aren't your thing, don't worry! There are lots of things to see. You can ride the skylift over the fair to the animal and craft section, where you can see all of the competitions and

winners for animals, crafting and baking.

You could also shop around! There were lots of interesting tents set up around the fair. Some offered unique crafts, some offered jewelry, and there was even one that would make a custom lantern right before you.

The highlight of the fair, however, was the food. There were so many options, from turkey legs to customizable macaroni and cheese, fried oreos, lemonade and funnel cake. Anything you could dream of eating was available.

If given the opportunity, I would recommend the fair. Bring hand sanitizer, and be ready to have fun!



Photo by Anna Ervin

People are spun around on the tall swings.



Photo by Anna Ervin

The ferris wheel illuminates the sky at dusk.

Anna Ervin and Caroline Hoy riding the swings, enjoying the wind in their faces.



Photo by Anna Ervin

Senior Pinning is fast approaching! FYI: Senior Pinning is a ceremony where seniors are celebrated. Either faculty, staff or family members that have been influential give the senior class a special pin. This year Senior Pinning will take place on Sept. 23 at 6 p.m. at the Porter Center Amphitheater. It is open to all seniors. Make sure you are registered, using the link Debbie D'Anna sent Aug. 22, to attend the ceremony. If you are a senior make sure Friday, Sept. 23rd at 6 p.m. you are registered and are at the Porter Center Amphitheater to be celebrated.

Q&A: Interviewing BC's Red Maple Tree about the Fall!

By Sarah Hajkowski
Copy Editor

Many of Clarion's readers and contributors have been looking forward to the start of Fall, and in brainstorming ways to observe the changing of seasons, our team resolved that one of our best resources might be going untapped—pardon the pun—what better way of going to the source than asking a tree?

For this extra-special Campus Q&A, Clarion consulted the Red Maple, or *acer rubrum*, residing outside Jones Library, which has been noticed by many for its eagerness to turn color in anticipation of autumn and winter.

Q. What is your name, year, and major(s) at Brevard College?

A. Please, call me Ruby. *Acer Rubrum* was my father. I've lived an estimated 25+ years as I was

dedicated to Brevard's late Professor Emerita of Mathematics, Rachel Cathey Daniels. That makes me a super super senior, I'd guess. I major in dendrology and color change.

Q. How long has your species lived on United States soil?

A. The prestigious Rubrum family have had roots in this country since the mid 1600s or so. Thankfully, we have since been cultivated for more than woodworking and recognized as the extraordinary beauties we are.

Q. That is a re-leaf! Can you tell us about the Red Maple experience of Fall?

A. Well a little-known fact about us Reds is that we are among the most widespread deciduous species in eastern and central North America. This means that we cover a distance from the Ontario-Minnesota border, easternmost Canada, south to Florida, and southwest to East Texas (go Astros!)

With that being said, autumn in say, St. Paul is significantly colder than in Brevard—Fall is different for everyone! Given the lineage of Red Maples in western North Carolina however, we're pretty adaptable, and the autumn is now just another bump on the log.

Q. Now for the big question for many of our readers, why do you seem to be changing early this season?

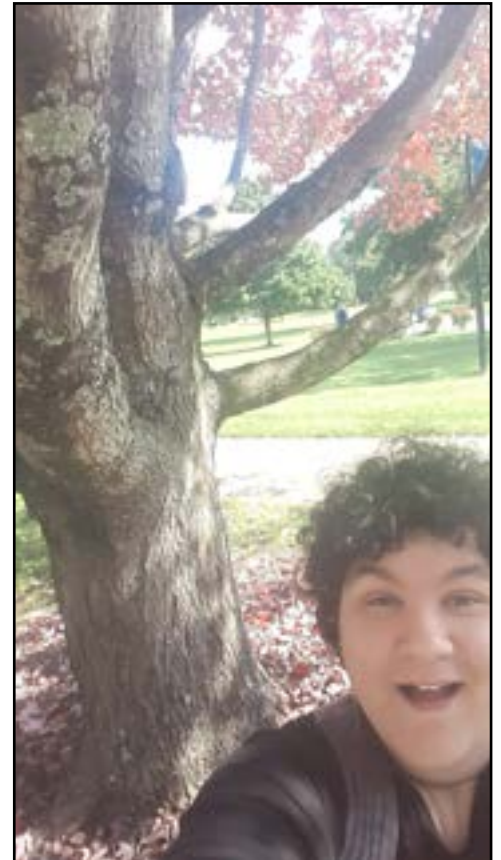
A. A bit of tree trivia for you: generally if a tree is changing our colors early, it's an indicator that we're under some kind of stress. This is hardly a reason for great alarm as my species have proudly thrived in poorer soils for centuries. In my case, I also have a pretty weighty Psych exam coming up, so that has had its effect, I admit.

Q. Thank you for giving us the truth so unvarnished. To end on a joyful note, what does a Red Maple like yourself look forward to most about the start of Fall?

A. Well first, autumn is a prime time for planting many new trees (including Maples) and it makes a mature perennial like myself deeply nostalgic to see new seedlings go into the ground.

And it is always flattering when campus-goers ooh-and-ah at the progression in our foliage. You can only hold onto chlorophyll for so long before it goes out of style!

We at the Clarion are grateful to our campus Rubrum for its grace in granting us an interview, and wish all Campus Trees a sunny and temperate Fall season.



Sarah takes a selfie with Ruby during the interview.

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Faculty Profile

Art Faculty receives a new addition!

By Caroline Hoy
Co-Editor Chief

Rebekah Alviani, the new Assistant Professor of Art (Digital Media / Photography) at Brevard College, was born in Big Bear, California and has lived in 15 places in her life. Alviani has also lived in Ohio, Texas, North Dakota, Wisconsin, and Pennsylvania, and now she is in Brevard, North Carolina.

Believe it or not, before Alviani came to Brevard College to teach, she had only been in North Carolina once and that was her driving through to go to Charleston, South Carolina. Alviani had a very unique life before she came to Brevard College to teach.

Alviani got her Associates in art at Oak Bridge Academy of Arts in Burrell, Pennsylvania. Once she finished She went to get a Bachelor's degree at Clarion University in Oil City, Pennsylvania.

After she finished her degrees she decided to go into the Peace Corps. She was placed

in Ghana to teach art at a school for the deaf. While teaching in this position she learned how to speak sign language in the native language for Ghana. She can do a bit of American Sign Language (ASL) but she knows the Ghanaian dialect (GSL) better.

Alviani spent 18 months in Ghana and fell in love with teaching. She had to come back early since she became sick, but once she took the time to recover she took a job as an ecommerce graphic designer. After relaxing, she realized just how much she missed teaching, so she went for a Master's in art at Bowling Green, Ohio.

After Alviani graduated from Bowling Green, Ohio, she taught as an adjunct there for a bit before applying for jobs elsewhere. That is where she got the job at Brevard College. She says that teaching at Brevard College is

very different than teaching at Bowling Green, Ohio as Brevard is much smaller.

Alviani loves the mountains and she is enjoying teaching at Brevard College. Her first time seeing Brevard was when she came for her in person interview. Now Alviani is enjoying life teaching at Brevard College.

Besides being a teacher Alviani considers herself a lens based artist. She knows Adobe programs and works a camera very well. Just like many artists, she likes to look at others' work for inspiration, and when asked what three artists she recommends she named Lindsey Addario, Cindy Sherman and Kei Ito.

Rebekah Alviani loves teaching others about art and is very excited to be at Brevard College. It is clear that she loves her job and will be putting her heart and soul into teaching here at the College.



Photo by Rebekah Alviani

Rebekah Alviani, newest addition to the art department

Brevard College Art Department Fall 2022

October 7th - November 4th

opening reception
October 7th at 3:00pm

**CHIAROSCURO
JURIED STUDENT
ART SHOW**

CASH PRIZES!

ALL BC STUDENTS MAY SUBMIT UP TO 3
WORKS IN ANY MEDIA

DEADLINES/REQUIREMENTS

All work to be submitted to the show must
be delivered to Spiers Gallery in SIMS Art Building
**MONDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
BETWEEN 11AM-5PM**

Selection of work to be included in the show will
be reviewed by Art Department Faculty. Any
work not selected for the exhibit must be picked up
Wed, Oct. 5th.

Selection of work for cash awards and honorable
mention awards will be made by
visiting juror and artist Waylon Bigsby!

**ALL WORK MUST BE READY FOR
DISPLAY IN THE GALLERY**

See any Art Faculty or Staff if you have any questions!

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Weekly Horoscope

By Anna Ervin
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Aries, stop worrying about what others think of you. There is an optimistic path ahead of you. Trust yourself and your ability to make good choices regarding yourself.

Taurus, at the moment, something is off, and you know what that is. Trust your instincts. Things aren't rosy now, but everything can be rebalanced.

Gemini, something is around the corner for you! Good or bad, it doesn't matter because you're putting all of your energy into it. Find out what it is before you form an opinion.

Cancer, magic isn't going to cure the worry and fear that is currently surrounding you. However, that acceptance that this is all life is really isn't going to help you either. The only way out of darkness is through, so try to light a candle and start from the beginning.

Leo, there is emotional hardship around you, and you may be feeling swallowed. You have

a community that supports and loves you, so look at the wealth that comes with that and stop being afraid to ask for help.

Virgo, are you who you want to be? What action do you need to take to get where you want to be? Evaluate yourself this week, and examine your choices and actions and the effect they have on the world around you.

Libra, this is a stressful moment in a lifetime of good. It's okay that there's chaos and confusion, and it's okay for that to make you afraid. The sky has not fallen and the world has not stopped moving; try to release some of the worry you're holding onto.

Scorpio, take control of your life before leading others, but don't hesitate to take the opportunities as they come. This is a time for you to lead, so step into that role before it is given to someone else.

Sagittarius, life is a circular pattern. We spin

around on a wheel, and we may go down, but we also go up. Things just keep looking up, so take a chance now. You haven't started to go back down just yet.

Capricorn, emotional insecurity is never pretty. Take a minute to realize how your jealousy, obsession, or obstinacy are pushing those around you away. People support you for you, so stop questioning their care for you.

Aquarius, you're in a stagnant limbo. Life may feel like it's only on pause for you. This is a temporary state of being, so look for creative approaches and new perspectives to help you move forward once more.

Pisces, you are full of life. Start something creative, go out with someone, and look into what you want. You've got time to decide where you're going, so use it well.

How to sustainably switch up your wardrobe

By Cat Keenan
Opinion Writer

When it comes to changing up your wardrobe, one of the biggest obstacles everyone will face is the budget. It can be incredibly expensive to build a new style as well as stressful to buy so many new things. Which is why it can be much cheaper (and sustainable) to work with what you already have in sitting in your closet.

For starters, you can begin with old T-shirts. There are so many fun ways you can switch up your tops, ranging from Tie-Dye to cropping. If a shirt is too tight you can always make little slits in the sides or arm holes to make it fit better, and if it is too big you can tie it up in the back or tuck it in.

One of the harder things to flip are pants. One of the most fun ways to switch up an old pair of pants is to iron on some patches or even

paint them. We've been seeing all over the internet these crazy pant styles popularizing. You can even add extra fabric to the bottoms of pants to make them flared. Simply cutting a baggy old pair of pants into a cool pair of shorts can work.

Another thing that can be a bit difficult to switch up are pairs of shoes. Changing out shoe laces or adding some doodles to the soles are good ways to start. Last year it was a pretty big trend to pain your white shoes, but you can always stick with simply adding stickers.

Being sustainable while building a new wardrobe can be tough, but it is doable. As tempting as it can be, you don't have to spend money to switch up your style.



Senior Profile

Reagan Lane, also known as BC's mini mic girl, to graduate

By Caroline Hoy
Co-Editor Chief

Many people out know of the girl who has short brown hair and works in admissions. She runs around Beam Admin with a mini mic on Tik Tok. Do you know her? Her name is Reagan Lane, and she is a senior History Major and Experiential Education major from McGrady, North Carolina set to graduate in May.

Lane is known for her role as a Student Ambassador in admissions, but she does many different jobs on campus. Lane's other extracurricular on campus include Social Media Editor and Webmaster for the Chiaroscuro literary journal, Barista in Bill's Boiler House and President of the Pastimes History Club.

When asked why she originally came to Brevard Lane said, "I came to Brevard College for the excellent history program and the focus on experiential education." She fell in love with more than just the history program.

"History has always been fascinating to me and I have a passion for advocating its place in our society. It is important to know what we came from so we can have a better understanding of where we are going." Lane said while speaking on why she wanted to be



Reagan Lane

Photo by Reagan Lane

a history major. She also said, "My passion for history knows no bounds. I find it amazing that we are constantly making history in every way and you never know what will be remembered in generations to come. History is still being uncovered everyday."

Lane was asked how much her goals have changed and she said, "My career goals and passion for history has remained the same since early middle school, but since attending Brevard College I have become passionate about continuing my education and helping others better educate themselves."

Lane is going to graduate in May and she

says she is extremely excited to graduate. She was asked what she plans to do once she graduates and she said, "I plan to work for the National Park Service as a Park Ranger and go to graduate school at some point." It's very clear from meeting Lane that she puts her heart into all that she does and will make a great park ranger.

Despite being excited to graduate in May Lane is sad to be leaving Brevard College. Lane was asked what her favorite part of Brevard College is and she said, "My favorite part of being at Brevard has been how much I have grown as a person and the friends I have been able to make."

Did you know that Lane loves music and wishes she was more involved in it? But Lane already does so much at Brevard! According to Quintin Overocker from the Registrar's Office she is "uniquely driven and focused," but she says that he might just think that because she makes Batman memes about him.

The future isn't set in stone and no one can see where Lane is going in the future, but one thing can be certain about it. No matter where Lane ends up she will put her heart and soul into it and do amazing just like herself.

Field trip to Gaia Herbs!



Photo by Alyse Benseal

BC's LNC 214, Talking with Plants, class was very excited on arrival to Gaia Herbs Farm in Brevard. After learning some about the 350-acre "living laboratory", the group met and "talked" with many of the Farm's plants.



Photo by Alyse Benseal

Students learn about Rosemary!



Photo by Alyse Benseal

Students learn about Passion Flower!

Movie Review

Is 'Kung Fu Panda 3' a good ending to the trilogy?

By Savannah Anderson
Staff Writer

"Kung Fu Panda 3" is an overall loved film that scores an 86 percent on the Rotten Tomatoes meter, leaving both critics and fans pleased. Although the film came out back in 2016, I was unaware of its existence until very recently.

Up until a few days ago, I was not blessed with the privilege of seeing such an amazing film. I personally had no idea that there were three entire Kung Fu Panda movies. I have lived my whole life believing that there was only one movie.

I still to this day have yet to see the second one, but I just watched the third one and felt the need to review it immediately.

The movie is an absolute cinematic masterpiece that ties up every single loose end that the first movie leaves me questioning. It is visually so entrancing that I do not believe that I looked away from the screen for more than five seconds at a time. Not to mention, it has all the same characters you love while also adding in a completely awesome new enemy that seems impossible to defeat.

The writers involved elements from the first film that were originally thought to be for no reason and gives new meaning to the previous

movie. It delves into Po's past and why he was meant to be the Dragon Warrior which is something that I originally believed to be for no reason.

I was completely invested into the movie within the first three minutes and I fully believe that everyone needs to see this film at least one time, if nothing else, for the pleasure of the visual effects.

As the film went on, it never lost my grasp once. It had me wondering how everything was going to tie together throughout the entire 95 minutes it was on the screen. This animated kid's film has actors as amazing as Jack Black, Jackie Chan, Seth Rogen and Angelina Jolie voicing some of the main characters.

If you are interested in watching it, which you should be, you can watch it on Netflix with a subscription, or rent it on iTunes, Google Play, Amazon, and Vudu.

I ten out of ten recommend watching this film. If you're like me and have never seen it before, hurry up. You're missing out. If you are like what seems to be most of the population and you were already aware of the film's existence, then I suggest rewatching it anyways.



Movie Review

'Bullet Train' takes viewers on a wild ride

This past weekend I had the pleasure of going to see the blockbuster movie "Bullet Train."

I had been wanting to make my way back to the big screen to see a new movie because it has been a while for me, and I finally found an excuse to go see the film.

This movie was a wild ride from start to finish, Brad Pitt's charismatic character is who the story revolves around, and it has everything you'd want to see on the big screen!

I'm talking about action, comedy, and even a sprinkle of love.

"Bullet Train" is currently the number one movie in the world grossing over \$30 million dollars at the box office! It has a 54 percent

tomato-meter rating as well as a 76 percent audience rating on Rotten Tomatoes. Those numbers are decent, but if you're like me and want to judge the film for yourself then go for the most thrilling movie out right now! No spoilers here, but an extra incentive for you to go check it out is there's three major cameos that will literally knock your socks off because it's so unexpected and fits so well within the plot of the film. So if you have some free time, take a trip to a movie theater and go see Bullet Train! It gets a 10/10 from me, and I promise you that you won't regret it!

—Aaron Butts



Living in Green from an insider's perspective

By Emme Griffith
Staff Writer

Building 63, more commonly referred to as Green Residence Hall, is an enigma for most students of Brevard College. It has a reputation for not being an ideal place to live, but is it possible that this seemingly unassuming building could be a hidden gem?

Green Hall is no luxury resort, but as someone who has chosen to live there two times, I wanted to give Green some well-overdue praise while shedding some light on why living in Green can be a wonderful experience.

One thing that is not mentioned often enough is Green's location! Right in the middle of campus, it is an ideal location for almost all of our commutes as students. It is especially ideal for music students given its proximity to

Dunham Hall.

Another positive quality of Green is that it is definitely one of the quieter, if not the most quiet of the residence halls. This is ideal for students looking to get their full eight hours of sleep each night, or those wanting to study in peace.

The key to living in Green is to acquire a powerful box fan or two, open your windows, and put those fans on blast. If you're worried about bugs, maintenance can supply you with a screen if you put in a work order. If you're worried about it getting chilly in the winter, each room does have an old-fashioned heater.

I cannot deny that there are some unsavory aspects to living in Green. It is a really old

building, and it could use some TLC. The laundry room needs some work, and the bathrooms could use a little renovation. Green may be slightly lacking in terms of facilities, but there's nothing quite like the smell of fresh mountain air in the morning!

I have thoroughly enjoyed living in Green Hall these past couple semesters. If I had a magic wand would I change a few things? Of course. Any college student probably has things they would change about their dorm. Do I think Green Hall deserves the hate it gets? Not at all! Every dorm has its unique characteristics, and if you ever find yourself in Green you might discover that Green has some charm to it after all.

Music faculty showcases their skills in concert!



The BC Faculty showcases their instrumental talents in a group of three and rocks the house!



This duo dazzles the audience with song!



This performer vocalizes radiantly with piano accompaniment!

Women's soccer continues to give fans hope

By Scott Douglas
Staff Writer

Last week's games started with yet another win for the Tornados, but sadly the week didn't end that way.

Since we last met the Tornados have played two games. The first was here, at Ives-Lemel Family Field, on Thursday Sept. 15.

The Tornados continued on with their winning streak by winning 2-0 against the Carlow Celtics, who were coming off of a 10-0 win.

The Tornados took the lead against the Celtics in the fifteenth minute. The freshman, Kiara Porcelli, won a free kick which was taken and scored by grad student Emma White.

Emma White managed to hit the back of the net with a free kick from 35 yards out! This

was her second goal of the season.

Tornados fans were patiently waiting for a second goal, and it came in the seventy-first minute. Abby Mayer got her seventh goal in ten days!

Mikayla Zvekan delivered a low driven cross to Abby Mayer, the junior from Roxboro N.C., who only had thoughts about scoring.

The women's soccer team made it four wins in a row. And more impressively, they did not concede a goal in any of the four games.

Goalkeeper Mackenzie Lozarno, faced eleven shots and saved 6 of them. The rest were either off target or blocked by the strong defensive line.

The Tornados left the field happy once again.

But that wasn't to be the case Sunday, when they took on Carolina University.

Women's soccer team fell short in a 1-0 defeat to the Bruins. This is the first goal that the Tornados have conceded in 385 hours!

The Bruins scored ten minutes into the game and the Tornados couldn't find a way to respond. Even though no one is happy that the streak has ended, there are many positives.

WSOC kept the game close and maintained strength in the backline, despite conceding. This loss is hopefully just a bump in the road.

Brevard College women's soccer team take on Toccoa Falls next, can the Tornados get back to winning ways?

BC Tornados men's soccer start winning streak

By Paul Bienefeld
Staff Writer

Third win in a row. Brevard men's soccer team celebrates two away wins against Warren Wilson and Centre College.

Already on Sept. 14 the team of Coach L D'Anna met the team of Warren Wilson. The search for the right formation seems to be over. For the second game in a row, the Tornados' coach had them play a 442.

The superior number in the midfield gave the Tornados the necessary security to control the opponent from Swannanoa, NC. The early stages thus belonged to the soccer team from Brevard and were rewarded with some very good opportunities.

However, the goal to make it 1-0 came after a counterattack situation. Brevard won the ball in their own half and counterattacked with lightning speed. Igor da Silva played the long pass to Ryan Lynch, who after dribbling ice-coldly pushed the ball past the goalkeeper.

After that, the Tornados left the game to the hosts. To make matters worse, goalkeeper Matheus Rossi caused a penalty, bringing

Warren Wilson back to 1-1. The break did the Tornados good. They were able to collect themselves and they discussed how to get back to the first fifteen minutes of the game.

Promptly followed the 2-1 lead of BC men's Soccer. In the 44th minute another long ball to Ryan Lynch. This time, however, he did not finish the ball himself, but set the scene for his strike partner Luis dos Santos. The latter then had an easy game and only had to push the ball past the goalkeeper.

After a spectacular free kick, the Tornados could increase the lead to 3-1. Again, the scorer was Ryan Lynch. The game seemed to be decided. However, the BC soccer team let up again and had to accept the 3-2 connecting goal after an individual mistake by the defense. The game was again exciting for a short moment. After 90 minutes, however, the deserved winner was Brevard.

So the Tornados went confidently on the road to Kentucky. There, the fifth consecutive away game awaited on Sep. 17 against Centre

College.

Coach L's team expected a very strong opponent. But the opening phase belonged again to the Tornados. However, they were unable to create any scoring opportunities. The renewed superiority brought the BC soccer team a lot of possession, but the final pass to the two strikers did not succeed. After a few highlights, it went into the break with 0-0.

Without highlights, the game continued in the Kentucky heat. Redemption for BC came from Luis dos Santos, who headed in the decisive goal to win 1-0 in the seventy-sixth minute. Although the final offensive of Centre College again put the Tornados under pressure. However, no dangerous chances came at the end of the goal. 1-0 was in the end and the third victory in a row on the road was achieved.

The BC Tornados men's soccer are now looking forward to their first home game of the season. On Sept. 21 they will play Berea College at 5 p.m.