

PETS OF THE WEEK



Wally is a 4-year-old Terrier mix. He has an attitude most of the time but is honestly a sweet boy that loves to give hugs. Wally does not need to go to a home with kids.

Mitchell County Animal Rescue is a nonprofit humane society formed in 1984. The shelter opened in 1994 as a joint program with the county. Mitchell County residents can call 828-765-6952 to schedule in unwanted pets. All pets are spayed or neutered before leaving for new homes. Mitchell County Animal Rescue



Tommy in an extra-toe Hemingway male cat is looking for a forever home. He is about 2 years old.

Inc. is located at 2492 Highway 19E. Hours are 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Vaccinations are up-to-date through adoption date. Heartworm tests are performed upon request on dogs more than 6 months old. All adopted pets are microchipped with 24Petwatch Microchip permanent ID.



WEEKLY RECIPE

Easy Garlic Chicken

INGREDIENTS

- 1 1/2 pounds skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 1/4 cup butter
- 6 cloves crushed garlic
- 2 cups seasoned dry bread crumbs

DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F.

2. In a small saucepan melt butter/margarine with garlic. Dip chicken pieces in butter/garlic sauce, letting extra drip off, then coat completely with bread crumbs.

3. Place coated chicken in a lightly greased 9x13 inch baking dish. Combine any leftover butter/garlic sauce with bread crumbs and spoon mixture over chicken pieces. Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Mission Health signs agreement with HCA

ASHEVILLE — Mission Health's Board of Directors announced Friday, Aug. 31, Mission Health and HCA Healthcare have entered into a definitive agreement for HCA to acquire Mission Health. The agreement will be sent to the North Carolina Attorney General for applicable regulatory review. As part of its normal regulatory review process, the attorney general will evaluate any effect the transaction could have on market competition, whether HCA Healthcare is paying a fair price for the acquisition and how proceeds resulting from the sale will continue to benefit Western North Carolina.

Likewise, HCA has agreed not to sell any rehabilitation or acute-care hospital for a minimum of 10 years. None of these protections exist for Mission Health programs or facilities today. Further, HCA Healthcare has committed to \$430 million over five years in capital expenditures, which includes the completion of the Mission Hospital for Advanced Medicine, building a replacement hospital for Angel Medical Center and building a new Behavioral Health hospital. Additionally, HCA will contribute \$25 million, that when combined with a matching \$25 million contribution from Mission Health, will create a \$50 million innovation fund to invest in businesses providing innovations in health care delivery that benefit the people of western North Carolina.

"HCA Healthcare looks forward to providing high-quality services to the residents of western North Carolina," said Chuck Hall, President of HCA's National Group. "I was delighted by my visits to western North Carolina, meeting with the terrific people there and touring so many wonderful facilities. Mission Health's national reputation as a leader in clinical excellence and patient-centered care is consistent with our focus on quality and safety. Mission will be an exceptional addition to the HCA Healthcare family."

Ronald A. Paulus, MD, President and CEO of Mission Health, said the Mission Health Board has been steadfast in its desire to truly improve the health status of the people of Western North Carolina. "They believe that joining HCA Healthcare is an extraordinary opportunity to build upon Mission Health's exceptional quality, ensure that every entity within Mission Health has significant protections that it lacks today and to create a remarkable foundation that intends to invest in the social determinants of health," he said. "HCA Healthcare has a strong track record of enhancing its hospitals' operations and a proven history of investing in the communities it serves. The fact we have ensured unprecedented protections for our rural communities in Western North Carolina enabled a \$50 million innovation fund and created the Dogwood Health Trust all demonstrate how this transaction will be transformative for our region." Visit www.mission-healthforward.org for more information.

Mission Health will continue to be managed locally while HCA Healthcare brings its significant capabilities in operations, capital access, clinical trials, research, predictive modeling, analytics and more to augment Mission Health's existing capabilities.

"Mission Health has an impressive, more than 130-year tradition of caring for communities throughout western North Carolina and we are delighted to have finalized our agreements so that we can help continue their legacy," said Milton Johnson, HCA Healthcare's chairman and CEO. "As a healthcare provider founded by physicians 50 years ago ourselves, we share Mission Health's focus on excellence, and we look forward to investing in western North Carolina to improve the health of the region."

HCA Healthcare has agreed to pay approximately \$1.5 billion for the assets of the Mission system.

Under the terms of the definitive agreement, nearly all Mission Health facili-

Phillips named to Citadel dean's list
Cole Phillips, of Spruce Pine, was named to the dean's list at The Citadel for his academic achievements during the spring 2018 semester.



Phillips

who are registered for 12 or more semester hours with a grade point average of 3.20 or higher, with no incompletes and no grade below a C for the semester.

Cole is the son of Sandy and James Phillips.

Wee Trade sale begins Sept 7

It is time for the AMY Wee Trade Fall/Winter consignment sale, benefiting the Imagination Library. This year the sale is Thursday, Sept. 7-9, at the Cross Street Commerce Center, 31 Cross Street in Spruce Pine.

Thursday is the preview day and admission to shop early is \$5. There is no admission charge on Friday and Saturday and many items will be marked half off on Saturday. Doors open at 8 a.m. all three days and are open until 6 p.m. Thursday and Friday and noon on Saturday. This sale features "gently used" and new children's fall and winter clothing, toys, furniture, bedding equipment, maternity clothing and more.

Email mytrade@gmail.com or call 828-682-0047 or 828-733-2899 to be a consignor. Consignors receive 70 percent of sales and the remaining 30 percent goes to the Imagination Library.

Almost 1,700 area children receive a free book each month from Imagination Library.

TOBR event benefits BRPC

Taste of the Blue Ridge: An Evening in Tuscany is a fundraiser supporting the Blue Ridge Partnership for Children. This year's event is at the Linville Falls Winery Monday, Sept. 17, and features an Italian-themed meal catered by Reid's Café, wine and craft beer tastings, with both live and silent benefit auctions and other fundraising games throughout the night.

There is a seven-night trip for two to Cortona, Italy, as one of this year's live auction items. Other items in the auctions include a great outdoors package, golf packages, artwork and more items.

The Imagination Library and Play and Learn and Community Outreach activities for local children and families.

Tickets are \$50 each and table sponsorships are \$300.

Call 828-682-0047, 828-733-2899 or visit www.bluebridgechildren.org to purchase tickets.



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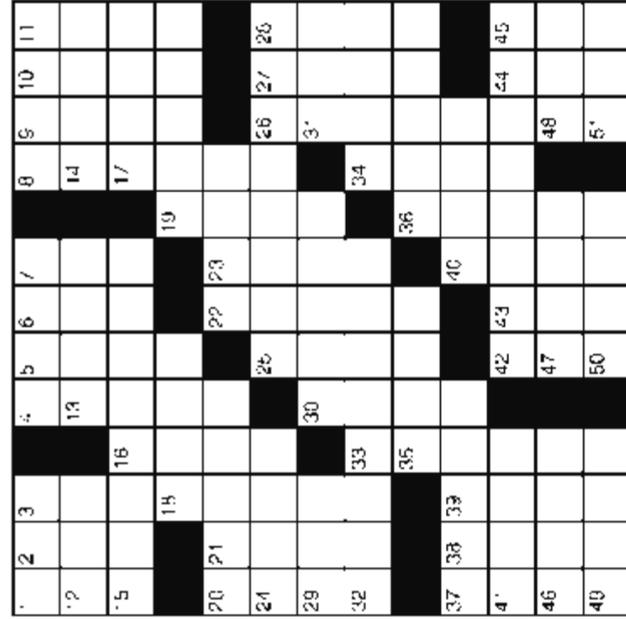
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