The Appalachian State University football team will have its home opener against McNeese State televised on September 12.

WMYA-TV (Channel 40) in Asheville, NC will televise the game. WMYA reaches 900,000 homes in western North Carolina and upstate South Carolina. Kick-off remains the same at 3:30 pm.

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Former defensive standouts Pierre Banks and Joe Suiter are back at ASU as staff members for Academic Services to student athletes. Banks, who set an NCAA all-divisions record by playing in 62 games at ASU from 2004-08, is an assistant academic coordinator; Suiter, named the team's Most Valuable Player after the Apps captured their first national title in 2005, is a graduate assistant to assistant academic coordinator Kim Sherrill, while he pursues his masters degree.

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Media Day at ASU is set for tomorrow with the Voice of the Mountaineers, David Jackson, and the ISP crew of Randy Jackson, Steve Brown and Tim Sparks. The two-hour program will be televised on GOASU-TV beginning at 10 am from Kidd Brewer Stadium.

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Five ASU legends will be inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame on September 25 when the Mountaineers take on Samford at Kidd Brewer Stadium. The Class of 2009 includes, Lynette

Gardin-Johnson, a track and field star (1988-92), who won ten Southern Conference championships, was an All-Southern Conference selection eight times and won All-American recognition in 1989; two-time first-team All-American Corey Hall, who played football for the Apps from 1997-2000; two-time first-team consensus All-American Josh Jeffries, who starred for the Apps on the grid-iron from 1999-2002; punter Mark Royals, who played for eight different teams in 16 NFL seasons. He also led the NFL in punting with a 45.9 per-yard-average as a member of the New Orleans Saints in 1997; and basketball star Tyson Patterson, who backboned ASU to an NCAA tournament appearance in 1999-2000. ASU was 79-37, including a 47-14 Socon mark during his four-year stay with the Mountaineers. He also led the Apps in steals and assists for three consecutive years. F.P. "Bodie" Bodenheimer, Jr., a long-time supporter of ASU athletics will receive the 2009 Special Service Award.

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And the ASU women's basketball team has released its 2009-10 schedule. The Mountaineer women open the season at Marshall Friday, November 13; they play their home opener against Charlotte on Friday, November 20; they take on Georgia Southern at the HOlmes Center in their Southern Conference opener Wednesday, December 2.