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Laura Sedlacek of Bush and Associates named to Healthcare.gov Elite Circle of Champions

LENOIR, NC (September 29, 2018) -- Agent Laura Sedlacek of the local insurance agency, Bush and Associates, recently reached the 2018 Marketplace Elite Circle of Champions! She attained this designation for actively helping 100 or more consumers make plan selections and enroll in Marketplace coverage during the 2018 open enrollment time period.

Laura has been working with Marketplace enrollments since its inception in 2013. She is an experienced insurance agent for Bush and Associates and has been an Agent for over 20 years.

She will be ready to help consumers make plan selections and enroll in coverage again during the upcoming 2019 open enrollment period. The 2019 open enrollment period runs from November 1st through December 15th, 2018.

Please call the office at (828) 754-2601 or email quotes@bushandassociates.net to make an appointment. Or stop by the office at 916 Wilkesboro Blvd in Lenoir. Because it's such a busy time of year, Bush and Associates is currently accepting appointment reservations now for November and December.

~Laura Sedlacek is an insurance agent for Bush and Associates in Lenoir. Bush and Associates offers several products such as Individual Health, Short-term Health, Dental and Medicare Supplements. Find out more on their website: http://mynchealthplan.com.

10th Annual Granite Falls Merchants' Association Festival on Main

GRANITE FALLS, NC (September 27, 2018) -- The 10th annual Granite Falls Merchants' Association Festival on Main has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 6th from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. in historic downtown Granite Falls. Vendors will sell various crafts including jewelry, home and lawn décor, candles, and other items including cosmetics, clothing and accessories. Food vendors will offer an outstanding assortment of foods and beverages including barbecue, hot dogs, hamburgers, and funnel cakes. Beer and wine will be available at local wine and bottle shops for on-premises consumption and sold for off-premises consumption. The Festival has a special section for kids with bounce houses and a DARE program display. Entertainment scheduled includes the South Caldwell High ROTC, Chad Raby (solo artist), The Sims Country Cloggers, Miss Tammy the Story Teller, and The Extraordinaires (R&B, 60s & 70s, Rock n Roll, Pop, and Beach). Bring your family and friends and join us for a day of food, entertainment and fun. Bring your dancing shoes too! Please remember that animals (with the exception of service animals) are not allowed at Town events. Visit www.granitefallsmerchantsnc.org for more details and a schedule of events. The Festival on Main is sponsored by our Platinum Sponsor, Republic Services.

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Caldwell Journal Weather

Thursday (4th): Partly sunny; warm & humid.
High 86 Low 63
Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Friday (5th): Sunshine; very warm & humid.
High 86 Low 65
Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Saturday (6th): Clouds & sun, a t-storm.
High 83 Low 65
Precipitation: 0.14 in.

Sunday (7th): A p.m. shower or t-storm.
High 81 Low 63
Precipitation: 0.13 in.

Monday (8th): An a.m. shower; mostly cloudy.
High 79 Low 59
Precipitation: 0.09 in.

Tuesday (9th): Clouds & breaks of sun.
High 76 Low 61
Precipitation: 0.07 in.

Wednesday (10th): A blend of sun & clouds.
High 77 Low 60
Precipitation: 0.12 in.

Total agricultural losses estimated at over $1.1 billion

RALEIGH, NC (September 26, 2018) -- Initial estimates for crop damage and livestock losses to North Carolina's agriculture industry are expected to be over $1.1 billion, based on assessments following Hurricane Florence. That number easily tops the $400 million seen following Hurricane Matthew in 2016.

"We knew the losses would be significant because it was harvest time for so many of our major crops and the storm hit our top six agricultural counties especially hard," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "These early estimates show just what a devastating and staggering blow this hurricane leveled at our agriculture industry."

Following are estimates by crops:

Row crop losses are estimated at $986.6 million

Forestry losses are estimated at $69.6 million

Green industry losses are estimated at $30 million

Vegetable and horticulture crop losses are estimated at $26.8 million

Livestock, poultry and aquaculture losses are estimated at $23.1 million

Livestock losses are 4.1 million poultry and an estimate of 5,500 hogs.

The estimates were based on the percentage of crops still in the field in the 35 most highly impacted counties*. The calculations also looked at a five-year average for crop production and the prices of commodities. Assessment information from the department's regional agronomists, N.C. State University agents and specialists, the USDA's Farm Service Agency, the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service and commodity associations were used to develop estimates.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services continues to staff the Ag Emergency Hotline number, 1-866-645-9403, to coordinate disaster response. Hotline staff can also help direct callers to agricultural disaster assistance programs.

*Most highly impacted counties: Anson, Beaufort, Bladen, Brunswick, Carteret, Chatham, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Duplin, Edgecombe, Greene, Harnett, Hoke, Hyde, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Martin, Montgomery, Moore, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender, Pitt, Richmond, Robeson, Sampson, Scotland, Stanly, Union, Wake, Wayne and Wilson.

Western Piedmont Symphony Begins 54th Season with The Maestro Challenge

HICKORY, NC (September 26, 2018) -- The 54th season of the Western Piedmont Symphony is extremely exciting. Four dedicated and talented maestros will be guest conducting this season in hopes of becoming the next Music Director & Conductor of WPS. The first candidate in the Maestro Challenge is Maestro Matthew Troy. Maestro Troy has an exciting program planned including the popular Scheherazade, the suite from the Hitchcock favorite, Vertigo and Totentanz from Liszt! Guest pianist, Dmitri Vorobiev, from the UNC School of the Arts faculty joins the orchestra for a performance that you don't want to miss!

Masterworks I, Mystery, Science & Theatre, will be held October 6, 2018 at 7:30 P.M. at P.E. Monroe Auditorium on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne University. Tickets range from $5 to $42. All tickets are available in advance online at WPSymphony.org/tickets, by calling the office at (828) 324.8603, or by emailing tickets@wpsymphony.org. Season subscriptions are available to purchase and are the best way to save money and enjoy great music. You may also purchase tickets at the door.

Masterworks I is sponsored by the President's Circle—a prestigious group of leaders and supporters. Western Piedmont Symphony is a grant recipient of the North Carolina Arts Council and a funded affiliate of the United Arts Council of Catawba County. Business offices are located on the SALT Block at 243 Third Avenue NE, Hickory. Box Office hours are 10:00 am until 4:00 pm daily.

For more information about the Western Piedmont Symphony, call 828-324-8603, visit www.WPSymphony.org, or email info@WPSymphony.org.

Poovey's Grove Baptist Church, along with Anna Martin from Caldwell Health Department invites anyone interested to a FREE Smoking Cessation Education class. Classes will be held the second Saturday of each month at 9:00am. The church is located at 4889 Poovey's Grove Church Rd, Granite Falls.

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

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1/2 c. diced celery
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1/2 c. diced onion
2 cloves garlic, minced
1 c. freshly chopped parsley
3/4 c. bread crumbs
1/2 c. freshly grated Parmesan, divided
1 large egg
2 tbsp. ketchup
Kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
1 lb. ground beef
1/2 lb. ground pork
4 hero rolls, sliced lengthwise
1 c. marinara
1 c. shredded mozzarella

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°. In a large bowl, mix together celery, carrots, onions, garlic, parsley, bread crumbs, 1/4 cup Parmesan, egg, and ketchup and season with salt and pepper until well combined. Add beef and pork, mixing together by hand until just combined (don't over mix, maintain tender meatballs). Form 1 1/2" meatballs and place in an oven-safe dish or baking sheet. Do not overcrowd. Bake until meatballs are browned and no longer pink, 20 minutes. Meanwhile, toast rolls and warm marinara in a small saucepan. Spoon marinara over meatballs and top with mozzarella. Return to oven until cheese is melty. Place meatballs in toasted hero rolls and sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup Parmesan before serving.

Muffed Opening Kickoff Leads to Spartan Rout by Dan O'Neal

GAMEWELL, NC (September 28, 2018) -- I am not altogether certain but it looked as if when South Caldwell kicked off to begin the game, the kicker was attempting to keep the ball on the ground to the opposition. It did not appear to have meant to be an onside kick, unless that was the plan of the Spartans coaching staff. If it was that, then I got punkd, so to speak.

That is exactly the way it turned out as the football touched a West Caldwell player on the kickoff team, only to fumble resulting in South's special teams squad recovering the football. On the first and ten from the Warriors thirty-one-yard line, Spartans' speedy tailback Spencer Piercy (who looks a bit like Kansas City Chiefs Patrick Mahones, a compliment I promise!) sprinted to the end zone on an off-tackle right sweep to begin the rout. Piercy ran the ball for 124 yards on four carries (yes that stat is correct so do the math if you want averages, lol) and three touchdowns and caught one pass for thirty-seven yards; this being a portion of the offense that South head coach Marc Kirkpatrick refers to as the "two-headed monster".

From there, the Spartans would also build on their scoring fest with a Jason Martin eighty-yard touchdown pass to the ever-reliable receiver Austin Raynor, who caught the football six times for 153 yards. Martin would finish his platooning on five of six passing for 155 yards. Avery Raynor, the other quarterback of the two-platoon system, would connect on seven of nine passes for 114 yards and two scores thrown to tight end Blake Martin and senior sensation Samuel Craig as well as scoring another touchdown from eleven yards out. Senior Dustin Herman also returned from injury and added another six, leading the Spartans to a 62-13 win over West Caldwell, giving South their first conference win and increasing their overall record to 2-4.

On the contest in its entirety, South gained 588 total yards from scrimmage, 319 on the ground and 269 in the air, culminating the "two-headed monster" offensive scheme. The Spartan defense also played a very stout contest as they held the Warriors to only 157 yards as well as four quarterback sacks as well as interceptions by Isaiah Kirby and Gavin Nash. The Warriors thirteen points were scored by senior tailback Nate Brown, who gained ninety-one yards on eighteen touches.

"It's nice to get our first conference win and nice to not have to play undefeated teams. I was pleased with the balanced offense attack and got a lot of guys in there tonight. We're not close to being good yet but we are getting there" Kirkpatrick stated. What can be said is that the coaching staff on the whole is doing well in getting this football program in the right direction. It can also be said that, regardless of winning or losing, these female and male athletes get great support from the fan base; what I refer to as Spartan Nation sports fans!

This Friday evening at the Clarke will be the 2018 Homecoming, where the Spartans face the McDowell Titans, which is most certainly a must win for South as these two schools are the only Class 4A schools in the Northwestern 3A/4A Conference. The win in Marion last season was the Spartans only victory yet it qualified them for the state playoffs. Hence, the Spartans' coaches and players will be preparing to increase on their present 2-4 record as well as to seal the deal in getting back to the playoffs. Kickoff is at 7:30pm.

Blue Ridge Energy Announces $150,000 Donation for CCC&TI's Electrical Lineman Training Facility

LENOIR, NC (September 27, 2018) -- Blue Ridge Energy and its community foundation, Blue Ridge Electric Members Foundation, have announced a $150,000 donation to help fund an Electrical Lineman Training Facility for Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.

"There is a significant shortage today and in the future for qualified line technicians and the expansion of CCC&TI's Electrical Lineman program will help address this critical need for Blue Ridge Energy and other utilities," said Doug Johnson, Chief Executive Officer of Blue Ridge Energy. "We are very fortunate to have this program in Caldwell County," added Johnson, noting that it is one of only a few in North Carolina. "This is a growing career field that can offer well-paying jobs with a bright future for interested young men and women," he said.

The Board of Directors for Blue Ridge Energy and the Members Foundation approved the donation, which begins in 2020 and will be spread out over three years as the new facility is constructed on the Hudson campus.

According to CCC&TI, the funds will support future plans that include construction of a new training facility on campus, which will provide the ability to expand the program's enrollment capacity and produce more graduates to meet industry workforce needs.

"The growing demand for line workers is exceeding our capacity to train them and the gift from Blue Ridge Energy will help tremendously," CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch said. "We appreciate Blue Ridge Energy's generous support. The success of our Electrical Lineman Program, now and in the future, wouldn't be possible without the partnership of companies like Blue Ridge Energy."

CCC&TI's 20-week lineman program has attracted students from across the country, nearly all of which have immediate job placements. The program prepares students to enter the field as an apprentice for a Journey lineman and combines classroom courses with lab hours for developing skills to install, operate, maintain and repair residential, commercial, and industrial electrical systems and associated power transmission lines.

Blue Ridge Energy has a long history of support for CCC&TI's Lineman Program. The cooperative began working with CCC&TI nearly 10 years ago to assist in the development of a line technician program for the benefit of electric distribution providers in western North Carolina. At that time, there were no local training programs for easy education access to electric line technician training. The closest was in the Piedmont and the other in eastern NC. Blue Ridge worked directly with CCC&TI leadership to establish the program and align it with industry standards. Over the years, Blue Ridge has also donated assets such as trucks, poles, and other equipment to use for hands on training of students.

Blue Ridge Energy is an electric cooperative serving 76,000 members in Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, and Alleghany counties as well as parts of Avery, Wilkes and Alexander counties. The Blue Ridge Electric Members Foundation is funded by donations from members and the cooperative's subsidiary companies, with the purpose of providing local community grants and crisis heating assistance to make life better in communities served by Blue Ridge Energy.

Setzer Creek Baptist Church will have a Fall Festival on November 3 at 6pm. The evening will include singing, hayrides, games, and a chili cook-off. For more information call Casey Rayfield 423-794-8250. The church is located at 3163 Warrior Rd, Lenoir.

Dudley Shoals Baptist Church will be having Fall Revival October 14-17. Dr. Chris Schofield, Director of the Office of Prayer with the NC Baptist State Convention, will be the guest speaker. Sunday service begins at 10:45am and evening services at 7pm. Everyone is invited to attend. The church is located at 1882 Dudley Shoals Rd, Granite Falls.

Getting Ready for Annual Enrollment for Medicare Advantage and Part D!

LENOIR, NC (September 29, 2018) -- It's that time again – Annual Enrollment! The Annual Enrollment Period for Medicare Advantage and Prescription Drug Plans also known as Part D is October 15th-December 7th.

This is the time period when you can renew coverage as is, change plans within the same company, make a change in MA or PDP plans, or take one out if you are not currently in the initial coverage time period and haven't had one before. You can drop your MA plan and return to Original Medicare, a Medicare Supplement and/or a stand-alone Part D plan, etc.

Because there are many factors to consider, it's good to discuss your plan options with a local insurance professional. Any plan changes must be received by December 7th so don't delay exploring your choices today.

~Laura Sedlacek is an insurance agent for Bush and Associates in Lenoir. Bush and Associates has been offering Medicare products in Caldwell County and the Unifour area for more than 30 years. Find out more on their website: http://mynchealthplan.com or by calling (828) 754-2601 or email quotes@bushandassociates.net Their office is located at 916 Wilkesboro Blvd. in Lenoir.

Emissions Inspections to End in 26 Counties in North Carolina

RALEIGH – The Environmental Protection Agency on Sept. 24 approved a reduction in North Carolina counties required to perform yearly vehicle emissions tests.

Additional counties no longer required to perform emissions testing December 1st…

Beginning on December 1st, 26 additional counties will no longer be required to conduct emissions tests.

Those counties include:

Brunswick	Craven	Moore	Stanly
Burke	Edgecombe	Nash	Stokes
Caldwell	Granville	Orange	Surry
Carteret	Harnett	Pitt	Wayne
Catawba	Haywood	Robeson	Wilkes
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The approval was a result of the passage of Senate Bill 131 (Regulatory Reform Act of 2016-2017) by the General Assembly during the 2017 long session. Michael Regan, secretary of the N.C. Department of Environmental Quality, has certified the Implementation Plan to the EPA making Dec. 1 as the date the reduction becomes effective. Details of the plan can be found on the NCDEQ website.

All counties will still require the safety inspection. Fifty-two counties already do not require annual vehicle emissions tests. After Dec. 1, emissions inspections will still be required in 22 counties. Those include Alamance, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Cumberland, Davidson, Durham, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Guilford, Iredell, Johnston, Lee, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, New Hanover, Onslow, Randolph, Rockingham, Rowan, Union and Wake counties.

A list of counties required to perform yearly emissions inspections, as well as information on emissions and safety inspections, is available on the NCDMV website.

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Newcomers of Catawba Valley to Host Speaker on Black Beard the Pirate on October 10

HICKORY, NC (September 28, 2018) -- The last days of Black Beard the pirate will be recounted by storyteller and historian Kevin Duffus on Oct. 10 for Newcomers of Catawba Valley. The meeting will be held in Asheville at the Governor's Western Residence.

The notorious Black Beard was killed 300 years ago off Ocracoke. The talk by Duffus, a documentary film maker, is made possible through funding from the N.C. Humanities Council. The council is a nonprofit foundation and a state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The free event is open to the public, but space is limited, and reservations are required. To make a reservation, contact Newcomers program manager Dianne Straley, dfwhit@gmail.com.

Carpooling will be a must due to limited parking at the mountaintop home.

Coffee and pastries will be served at 10 a.m. on the home's patio, followed by Duffus' talk at 10:30 a.m. in the pavilion.

Newcomers of Catawba Valley is primarily a social organization that enables new and long-time residents of the region to meet, make friends and participate in a variety of activities, including support of area charities and service programs. The club is made up of men and women and does not limit how long a member may belong. General meetings are usually held at the Hickory Regional Airport at 10:30 a.m. on the second Wednesday of every month. For more information, visit www.newcomersofcv.com.

Union Grove Baptist Church will be holding Fall Revival Services beginning Sunday, October 7 through Wednesday, October 10, 2018. Service times are as follows: Sunday morning - 11:00 AM; Sunday evening - 6:00 PM, with a Time of Prayer beginning at 5:30 PM; Monday through Wednesday - 7:00 PM, with a Time of Prayer at 6:30 PM. Reverend Gary Jennings will be the guest Revival preacher. Pastor Sam Craven and the congregation of Union Grove Baptist invite everyone to join us. Special music each night, different choirs each night, nursery provided, and the facility is handicapped accessible.

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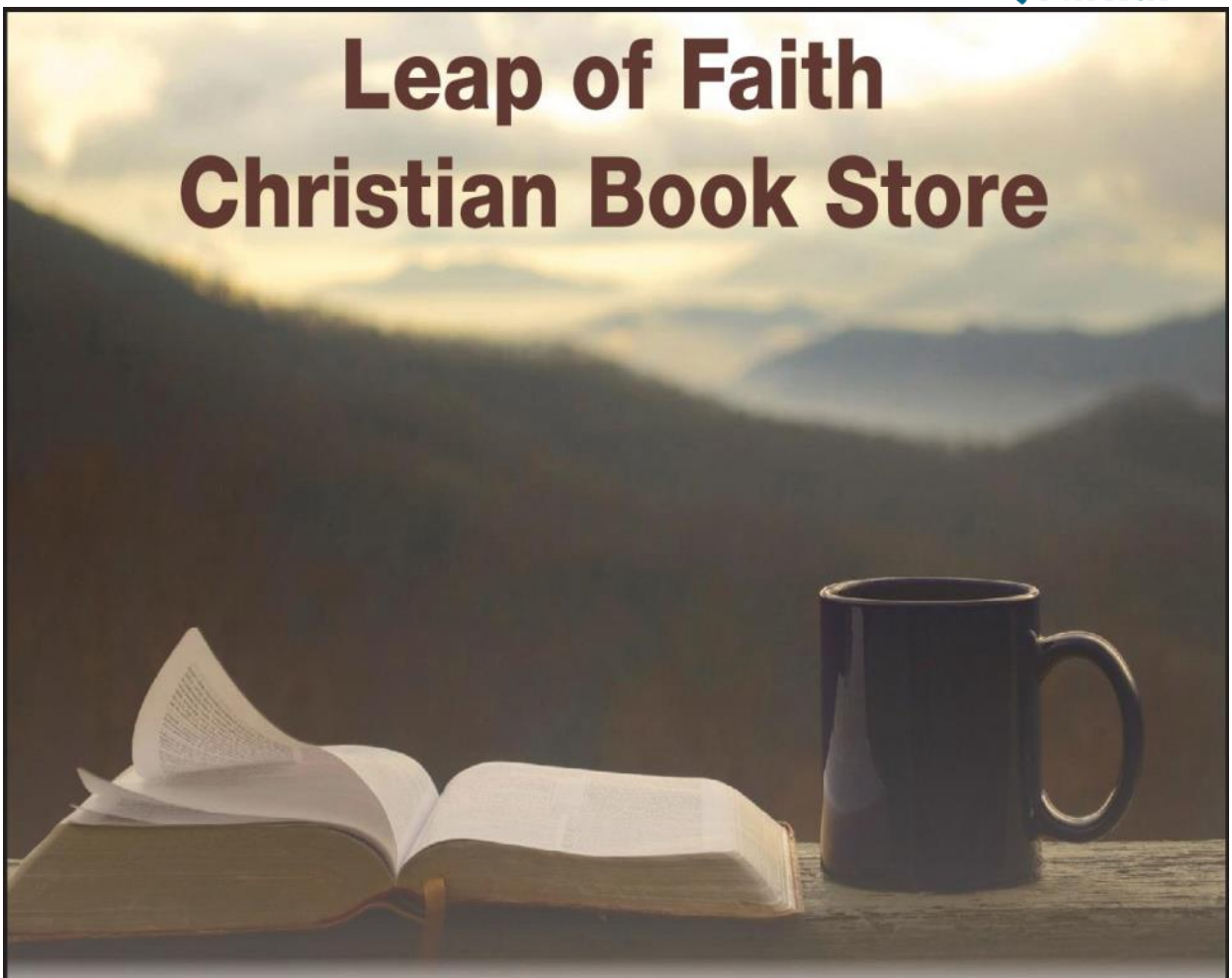

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LEOS NEEDS 21!

LENOIR, NC (October 1, 2018) -- Greetings LEOS Friends: Can you help AND pass the word? Surely there are 21 Caldwell County residents who care about "the least of these" in our community! As we enter the winter season and the need for shelter and care escalates, LEOS needs to reinforce our volunteer supports. We have an assortment of shifts that need a volunteer – 12-4pm weekdays, 4-8pm weekdays, 8pm-8am overnight shifts (the quietest shift!), Saturdays and Sundays 8am-12pm and 12-4pm. You can volunteer as many or as few hours as your schedule will allow! If all you can manage is 4 hours per month, we welcome you!

Being a volunteer at LEOS is a double blessing - to our precious residents AND to you as well. Training sessions will be scheduled in November and December at your convenience. We are close to ending our 4th year of ministry at LEOS and our successes are directly related to our incredible volunteer force that support this faith-based shelter program. Private message this page, call LEOS 726-3634 and leave your information, or call Yokefellow 754-7088 and do the same. Thank you to our community for investing in and supporting this unique shelter program! Faith based on love, respect, compassion, structure, expectations, responsibility!

Center Grove Baptist Church will host an open house event on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. The event is open to all members of the community and will include information about the church and its ministries, activities, tours of the new church building, lunch and opportunities to meet with staff, committee leaders, teachers and members of the church. For more information, call 828-396-5284. The church is located at 3176 Deal Mill Road, Hudson.

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LENOIR, NC (October 3, 2018) -- The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office is currently in possession of the following items that remain unclaimed as of the date this Notice is published:

Go Control Battery Powered Thermostat
2 Okuma Fishing reels
2 2 WD My passport hard drives
1 Lew's Fishing Reel
2 WM 3000 Fishing Reels
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1 Gilette fusion razors 8 ct
1 Gilette Mach 3 razors 8 ct
1 Ozark Trail flashlight
1 Farberware ceramic knife
1 Masterlock 2ct
1 Griffin survivor smartcase
1 Oregon saw chain files 2ct
1 Betterhome quilt
1 Mainstays quilt
1 Porter cable impact driver kit
1 Barnett Raptor crossbow
1 Barnett Brotherhood crossbow
1 Barnett recruit compound bow
1 Element 24" television
2 Nightowl wire cameras
1 Barnett compound bow vortex
1 Rawlings Velo baseball bat
3 Coleman coolers
3 Igloo Coolers
3 Pioneer Woman pots and pans set
1 Igloo Island Breeze cooler
3 Pioneer Woman Dutch ovens
2 Pioneer Woman 2 piece frying pan set
1 Pioneer woman cookbook set
1 Pioneer woman glass container set
7 Pioneer woman plate set
1 Mycloud personal cloud storage

Public Notice from the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office

LENOIR, NC (October 3, 2018) -- The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office is currently in possession of the following items that remain unclaimed as of the date this Notice is published:

1 Solar Rope light set
1 Chamberlain myq garage door controller
2 Bosch cross line lasers
1 pair Wrangler relaxed fit jeans 42x30
1 My sync spot
1 Bosch laser measure
1 Chi dog clippers
1 3 piece stubby head rachet set
2 Slingbox
1 Mibox
1 130 piece Dremel Accessory set
1 Roku 2
1 Apple TV box
1 Smiths knife sharpener set
1 Amazon fire TV box
1 Abu Garcia pro Max fishing reel
3 Sony USB flash drives
12 Old Navy tshirts (mens) small
1 Sony CD player
2 Quaker State motor oil
1 Nautica mens polo shirt XXL
1 Nautica jean shorts sz 38
1 ECKO tshirt mens XL
1 brown Aigle ball cap
1 Red ECKO ballcap
2 pair men's Nike shox sz 12
1 Sean John mens denim shorts sz 32
1 Sean John mens polo shirt XL
4 Surge protectors
1 Blu Air air purifier
1 Go pro hero 5, san disk 32gb, chest strap mount, head strap mount, flexible tripod, floating handle, j hook, tripod mount, digital reader
1 Apple I phone
1 gigabyte cooling system
1 gigabyte gaming hard drive
1 Core I7 desktop processor
1 Apple Ipad pro
1 replacement battery for ipad
1 wire free security camera
1 Universal power bank
1 Sports music outdoor flashlight
1 metal utensils
1 pair DC mens shoes sz 10
1 pair Aerosoft mens blue loafers sz 9

Items listed in this notice have been compared to items reported as stolen and remain unclaimed. This notice is to facilitate any persons who may have or claim any interest therein to make and establish such claim or interest not later than **30 days from the date of the publication of this notice or in default thereof, such articles will be sold and disposed of.** If you wish to make claim to any item, you may make claim by contacting the Evidence Custodian at the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office at 828-759-1554. Claimants are required to provide Proof of Ownership at the time the claim is made.

Guarding against Grandparent Scams

RALEIGH, NC (October 1, 2018) -- Grandparents and grandchildren often have a special relationship. Kids are used to getting away with a little more with their grandparents, and grandparents are happy to spoil their grandkids a little. Some con artists know this and are only too willing to take advantage of a grandparent's love for their grandchild. This year alone, our office has received 124 complaints involving grandparent scams that have cost consumers a total of $147,100.

Here's how these scams work. In some cases, con artists use social media or other online information to learn more about the grandchild, including personal details that will help make the scam more realistic.

Then, they'll contact the grandparent and claim to be the grandchild. The con artists will claim they're in trouble or facing imminent danger and need money immediately to ensure their safety. They'll share the personal details they've learned about the grandchild to help convince the grandparent – and sometimes even use voice recordings to make the scam feel all too real. They beg the grandparent not to tell their parents or anyone else. Often, they'll ask the grandparent to send money via prepared gift cards or by wiring money. Grandparents will panic and complete the scammer's demands to ensure their grandchild's safety. Before they realize they've been scammed, they've already lost their money.

Once the scammer receives the money, it's almost impossible to get it back. So here are some tips to share with your parents and older family members so they're aware of these scams and can avoid getting tricked by them.

* Don't answer calls from phone numbers you don't recognize or emails from addresses that aren't familiar to you. If you do answer a phone call or respond to a message from an unknown sender, do not provide any information about yourself or your family.

* Be skeptical of anyone who asks for money, no matter the reason. Beware of emotional pleas and appeals to the heart. And if they're asking for money through prepaid gift cards – it's a scam. Hang up immediately and file a complaint with my office. Never, under any circumstances, wire or send money in response to a phone call, email, or online message.

* Don't act right away when you are panicked. If someone claims to be a loved one in trouble, hang up and contact a family member directly to help you determine what's going on.

* Be cautious when posting or interacting with others on social media. Make sure your privacy settings prevent strangers from accessing information about you or your family.

Grandparent scams happen because our grandparents think they're keeping us safe. But we can keep them and their money safe by having conversations about common scams. If you believe you or a loved one has encountered elder fraud or been the victim of a grandparent scam, my office is here to help. File a complaint or report a grandparent scam to our Consumer Protection Division at http://ncdoj.gov/complaint or by phone at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

NC Secretary of State Warns Business Owners About Recent Letters

RALEIGH, NC (September 28, 2018) -- The North Carolina Secretary of State is warning the public about recent mailings from private entities. These entities solicit business owners to pay unnecessary and excessive additional fees to use its private services to file their annual reports.

These letters may appear to be from government representatives, state that a company is past due on its annual report and offer to assist with the late filing for a fee. They may reference the legal or financial consequences of late filings and ask for additional payments to make up for the missed deadlines. They may ask for financial information and details about a company that aren't required for annual reports and sharing those details may put businesses at greater risk of identity theft.

Companies and businesses can file annual reports directly with the Secretary of State by contacting their Business Registration Division or online at www.sosnc.gov, without using a private service. If you believe you've received one of these letters, please file a complaint with our office at 1-877-7-NO-SCAM or ncdoj.gov/complaint.

GRANITE FALLS MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION 10TH ANNUAL

FESTIVAL ON MAIN

The Festival on Main has been rescheduled for

Saturday, October 6, 2018 | 2:00 - 8:00 PM
Downtown Granite Falls

FOOD TRUCKS | KIDS ACTIVITIES
ARTS & CRAFTS VENDORS
SIMS COUNTRY CLOGGERS
FEATURE BAND: THE EXTRAORDINAIRES 5-8 P.M.

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