

2018 White House Christmas Tree selected right here in North Carolina

NEWLAND, NC (September 24, 2018) – North Carolina Christmas tree grower, Larry Smith of Mountain Top Fraser Fir welcomed special guests from our nation's capital who were sent to select the 2018 White House Christmas Tree. White House Chief Usher, Timothy Harleth and White House Superintendent of Grounds, Dale Haney arrived at the farm in Newland, North Carolina to look over dozens of choice firs in order to select the perfect tree.

Last summer, Smith was named Grand Champion in the National Christmas Tree Association's Christmas tree contest. With this award, goes the honor of presenting a Christmas tree to the White House. Larry Smith is celebrating his win, after four previous attempts to win the honor of providing a tree to the White House.

After much searching, measuring and consultation with Mr. Haney, Chief Usher Harleth selected a 19 1/2 foot tall Fraser Fir to be displayed in the Blue Room of the White House this Christmas Season. This special tree has to fit exact and particular specifications to go on display in such a historic room.

"I feel as though I have finally won the Super Bowl, it's a great honor to represent the Christmas Tree industry by providing the Official White House Christmas Tree in 2018," stated Larry Smith.

In photo: White House Chief Usher Timothy Harleth on left and Mountain Top Fraser Fir owner Larry Smith on right. **Continued on page 2...**



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Caldwell Journal Weather

Thursday (27th): Showers & a heavier t-storm.
 High 74 Low 64
 Precipitation: 1.10 in.

Friday (28th): A couple of morning showers.
 High 79 Low 59
 Precipitation: 0.12 in.

Saturday (29th): Times of sun & clouds.
 High 79 Low 57
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Sunday (30th): Some sun; pleasant.
 High 75 Low 58
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Monday (1st): Clouds & sun.
 High 78 Low 57
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Tuesday (2nd): Clouds & sun.
 High 83 Low 59
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Wednesday (3rd): A couple of showers possible.
 High 80 Low 57
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

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Members of the National Christmas Tree Association have presented the official White House Christmas Tree for display in the Blue Room since 1966. 2018 will mark the 53rd year a member from the National Christmas Tree Association has presented the official White House Christmas Tree.

The selected tree will be harvested on Wednesday, November 14, 2018. Smith will then travel to Washington, D.C. and present First Lady Melania Trump with a Real Fraser Fir Christmas Tree from North Carolina for display in the White House Blue Room on Monday, November 19, 2018.

In 2001 after the September 11 terrorist attacks, Larry Smith provided a Christmas Tree to then United States Vice President Dick Cheney at the Washington, D.C.'s Naval Observatory. Smith also won the honor of providing the Christmas trees that stood in the Rotunda of the North Carolina State Capitol in Raleigh and in former Governor Pat McCrory's office in 2015.

SCCM thanks Stallergenes-Greer for their "Day of Service"

GRANITE FALLS, NC (September 26, 2018) -- On behalf of the Board of Directors of South Caldwell Christian Ministries, I would like to thank Stallergenes-Greer for their "Day of Service" Friday, September 14, 2018.

Activities of service preformed included trimming shrubbery, weeding flower beds, asphalt repair, sweeping, mopping, sorting clothing and washing windows. Those participating were Shane Bowen, Hailey Bowman, Logan Campbell, Stephanie Clark, Kelly Davis, Misty Gragg, Tamara Greer, Kevin Ingle, Rita Jeffess, Taylor Morrow, Adriane Oxford, Heather Simmons and Samantha Wilcox. Thank you for your 25.5 man hours of work.

Without the support of companies and the community at large, our non-profit could not exist. We depend on the generosity of our community for the donations we receive. Whether it is time, food, school supplies, clothing, household items, furniture, volunteers, Christmas gifts for children, or financial donations; we need and depend on your support. THANK YOU!

Sails Original Music Series concludes with Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands

HICKORY, NC (September 24, 2018) -- The City of Hickory's 2018 Sails Original Music Series will conclude for the year on Friday, September 28, with award-winning bluegrass ensemble, Laurie Lewis and the Right Hands.

"Grammy-winning songwriter, singer, fiddler, guitarist, and band leader Laurie Lewis brings world-class bluegrass to the Sails Stage in Hickory. A great way to end our series for 2018!" says Sails Music Event Coordinator Bob Sinclair.

Since her musical debut in 1986, Lewis has recorded nearly 20 albums, receiving critical acclaim for her contributions to bluegrass. She has twice been voted International Bluegrass Music Association's Female Vocalist of the Year. Her latest album, *The Hazel and Alice Sessions*, was nominated for the Best Bluegrass Recording Grammy in 2017.

Lewis will be joined by her band, the Right Hands, on Friday, which includes a quartet of talented musicians - Hasee Ciaccio on bass, Brandon Godman on fiddle, Tom Rozum on mandolin, and Patrick Sauber on banjo.

The show begins at 6:30 p.m. and audience members are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Olde Hickory Brewery and Shadow Line Vineyard will sell beer and wine in designated areas, and there are a variety of close-by restaurants to patronize.

"As we wrap up another great year of original music and talented musicians at the Sails Original Music Series in Downtown Hickory, we greatly appreciate all our Series' sponsors, participating businesses, attendees, bands, and our Event Coordinator, Bob Sinclair. He never fails to bring top-notch performers from across the United States to Hickory," said Dana Kaminske, City of Hickory Communications and Marketing Manager. "This Series has grown immensely over the years and we love creating great events for the Hickory Metro community to enjoy, like the Sails Original Music Series. We look forward to seeing everyone in 2019 with the new line-up."

The presenting sponsor of the series is Lowes Foods, while the Hickory Metro Convention and Visitors Bureau was the premier sponsor for the month of May and The Hickory Wine Shoppe is the premier sponsor for the month of September.

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe Glazed Pork Tenderloin

Ingredients

- 2 lb. pork tenderloin
- 1/3 c. orange juice, plus orange slices for garnish
- kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 1/3 c. brown sugar
- 2 tsp. minced garlic
- 1/2 tsp. Italian seasoning

Instructions

Preheat oven to 400° and grease a large baking sheet. Arrange tenderloin on the pan with orange slices under the edges and season generously with salt and pepper. In a medium saucepan, bring orange juice, brown sugar, garlic, and Italian seasoning to a boil, then reduce heat and simmer until reduced by half, 5 to 7 minutes. Pour mixture over pork. Bake for 25 minutes, then switch to broil and cook 5 minutes more. Slice and serve immediately.



Downtown Hickory mural added to Appalachian Mural Trail

HICKORY, NC (September 20, 2018) -- The City of Hickory's "Historic Beginnings" mural has officially been added to the Appalachian Mural Trail.

"Historic Beginnings" is a 35 by 25 foot mural, located at 234 Union Square in Downtown Hickory, which depicts the City of Hickory's historic beginnings. The mural features images of Piedmont Wagon, the Southern Railroad, Hickory Tavern, the Huffry Hotel, 1918 Union Square, and Hickory Manufacturing Company. In addition to historic scenes of early industries, four pioneers who helped build Hickory's strong economic and community-spirited foundation are included. These faces are Alex A. Shuford, J. Alfred Moretz, Lester Clark Gifford, and Edmund Thomas Moore, Sr.

A project of the City of Hickory's Public Art Commission (PAC), the mural painting was completed in September 2006 by Oregon artist Roger Cooke (1941-2012). During his lifetime, Cooke was sometimes called the "Johnny Appleseed of small town murals," having produced more than 60 historic murals across the country.

Hickory residents and visitors are encouraged to snap a selfie with the mural in Downtown Hickory and upload it to the Appalachian Mural Trail's selfie page at <https://www.muraltrail.com/cgi-bin/upload-photo/view-selfies/>. Individuals who do so will receive a free t-shirt saying "I hiked the Appalachian Mural Trail" and featuring images of murals.

The Appalachian Mural Trail was established in 2017 by co-founders, Doreyl Ammons Cain and her husband Jerry Cain. To learn more about the Appalachian Mural Trail, please visit <https://www.muraltrail.com/>. Information about Hickory's "Historic Beginnings" mural can be found at <https://www.muraltrail.com/cgi-bin/hickory-historic-mural/>.

The Public Art Commission, an advisory group to the Hickory City Council, provides a forum for integrating public art into the public space, helps create a visual sense of the community, and provides leadership in implementing a public art program for Hickory.

For more information about the City of Hickory's Public Art Commission, please visit <http://www.hickorync.gov/content/public-art-commission> or contact staff liaison and Library Director, Sarah Greene, at (828) 261-2275.

Animal Control Opens September 24, 2018

LENOIR, NC (September 24, 2018) --Caldwell County Animal Control (829 Fairview Dr SW, Lenoir) will reopen Monday, September 24th, 2018. Animal Control closed on September 10th due to minor renovations taking place.

Animal Control is regulated by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture. In order to stay in compliance, minor floor repairs and painting the interior of the kennels were conducted.

Caldwell County Animal Controls hours are as follows:

Monday - Friday 10:00 AM – 4:45 PM Every 2nd Saturday 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For more information please contact Caldwell County Animal Control, (828) 757-8625.

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 in Granite Falls.

Yadkin Baptist Church has a 2006 Freightliner 40-passenger bus in good condition for sale. The bus is located at Goodson Bus Sales. For more information call 828-428-4102 or email greg@goodsonbussales.com.

Pioneers Shake, Rattle and Roll Spartans by Dan O'Neal

SAWMILLS. NC (September 21, 2018) -- There still lingers the idyllic day spent at the Rock and Roll Fame recently. Upon arriving at Spartan Stadium early in the third frame of the contest and South putting the ball in the end zone, my thought was perhaps the Spartans were about to make a comeback or at the very least make the score more respectable.

This, of course, did not happen. On the Pioneers next possessions, they ran jet sweep after jet sweep for many positive yards. They also broke many Spartan tackle attempts as well as running the football through their defense on other plays, hence the reference to "shake, rattle, and roll" in route to a 46-12 Watauga win. The Spartans were also rattled with two pick-sixes to begin the contest. As one in the press box, it was a frustrating evening for South as Watauga made very few mistakes.

On the other hand, credit must be given for the positive yardage achieved by South. Spencer Piercy ran for ninety-four yards with one score on fourteen touches and Avery Raynor and Jason Martin combined on eight of fifteen passing with Martin throwing a thirteen-yard strike for a score to Piercy early in the second half.

In other area scores last Friday evening, Alexander Central pummeled West Caldwell, where the Spartans with a 1-3 record, travel to this Friday night. Kickoff is at 7:30pm. Also, Hibriten put the quietus on Bunker Hill 55-0. Now that "Dan" is back from the amazing 1,800-mile journey, hope to have more in the way of game statistics etc.

Catawba County Firefighters Kickoff Fire Prevention Week

HICKORY, NC (September 25, 2018) -- On Sunday, October 7 fire departments across the county will be celebrating Fire Prevention Week activities. To kick off the national event, Catawba County Firefighters will be holding a special display at Home Depot located on Highway 70 beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing until 3:00 p.m.

As a special treat, staff from Home Depot will set up a special Kid's Club event, where children can make their own emergency vehicle. Firefighters and fire trucks from Claremont, Cooksville, Hickory, Long View, Mountain View, and St. Stephen's fire departments will be participating in the event. The Catawba County Emergency Services Fire/Rescue Division will have a vehicle on display and Pluggie the talking fire hydrant will also be available.

During this free event, firefighters will be available to answer questions and to pass out free literature and treats for children. So, stop by, sit in a fire truck, enjoy the free fun, and help firefighters celebrate national Fire Prevention Week.

Fellowship Baptist Church will sponsor a Blood Drive on Monday, October 1, 3:00-7:30pm in the church fellowship hall. To make your lifesaving appointment, please call the church at 828-728-2248 or call 728-9278 and leave a message. You may also visit www.redcrossblood.org and enter Fellowship Baptist.

First Baptist Church of Whitnel is in need of a pianist. If interested contact Donna Kaylor at 828-308-5516.

Bethel Colony Upcoming Events

Golf Tournament: Saturday, October 6, 8:30am, Cedar Rock County Club, Captain's Choice Teams - \$55 per person, Call Nick Rabah or Cathi Loss at 828-754-3781 for information

70th Annual Homecoming: Sunday, October 7 beginning at 9:00am, Dr. Bill Martin, Evangelist will be the guest speaker

Bible Conference: Monday, October 8 - Friday, October 12, 9:00am and 7:00pm daily

CCC&TI Students Receive Scholarships

HUDSON, NC (September 21, 2018) -- Two Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute students were recently awarded the State Employees' Credit Union "People Helping People" scholarship to cover cost of tuition, books and college-related expenses. Students Lindsey Hamlett and Caley Nia Lamprecht were selected to receive the \$5,000 award from the SECU Foundation.

Both Hamlett and Lamprecht were accepted into and began CCC&TI's Associate Degree Nursing Program this fall. In addition to their studies, both have also been heavily involved with a number of healthcare organizations in the region.

Hamlett says she was inspired to enter the nursing field after her own experience as a cancer patient in 2016. "Being a patient, being loved as well as treated with compassion by numerous nurses during my treatment is one of the major contributing factors of my desire to become a registered nurse," she said.



Over the past 8 years, Hamlett has already gained experience in the healthcare field. She has worked with Alzheimer's and dementia patients at an assisted living facility and worked with an organization offering outpatient opiate addiction treatment. Hamlett says these experiences are what have fueled her drive to succeed in the Nursing program. "I want to help those in need, those that cannot help themselves and treat all my patients with compassion and dignity," she said. "A higher education will allow me to accomplish this goal and this scholarship will allow me to focus on my studies."

Caley Nia Lamprecht was adopted at the age of four from a rural village in Yiwu, China and grew up in Boone. Lamprecht says that she faced many challenges when she began her education as she worked to learn English and assimilate to a new culture. With encouragement, support and guidance from teachers, family and peers, she was able to overcome those challenges and graduate with honors from high school and begin her studies at nearby Appalachian State University. Her goal is to earn her Associate Degree in Nursing at CCC&TI and become a certified nurse midwife.

Lamprecht has also been involved with several community organizations including volunteer work with Hope Pregnancy Center, the Hunger and Health Coalition and a special needs program through her church. Lamprecht has gained valuable job experience in the healthcare field as a certified nursing assistant at Foley Center at Chestnut Ridge and at Blue Ridge Pediatrics and Adolescent Care. She says that this scholarship will be a great help to her as she works to achieve her goals. "Receiving this scholarship enables me to make progress toward my degree and to one day take part in bringing children safely into the world as a midwife," she said.

The SECU Foundation established this two-year scholarship program to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students in achieving academic success. The members of the State Employees' Credit Union take an active role in assisting organizations and communities across North Carolina and truly believe in "People Helping People!" Recipients considered are students who best exemplify the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People," and have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement.

Congratulations to these students on receiving the SECU "People Helping People" Scholarship.



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Coping with the Holidays

LENOIR, NC (September 26, 2018) -- The holiday season can be emotionally stressful when you are coping with a loss of a loved one. The grief support services of Caldwell Hospice will present Coping with the Holidays on Thursday, October 4, 2018, from noon to 1:30 p.m., at Ashewood Grief and Counseling Services, 1002 Ashe Ave., Lenoir, NC.

Chaplain John Robbins, MDiv, BCCC, will lead a discussion about ways of planning holiday events, remembering the missing loved ones, avoiding additional stress, and caring for yourself during a festive but difficult time.

Caldwell Hospice is committed to providing grief support services to anyone who needs and wants help in coping with their grief, including those with no hospice affiliation. Sponsored through Ashewood Grief and Counseling Services, the grief support services of Caldwell Hospice, and through the generous support of the community, Coping with the Holidays is one of many education/fellowship opportunities offered to help individuals of all ages cope with the loss of people they love.

To learn more about all grief support services, visit www.caldwellhospice.org or Facebook.

Lighthouse Gospel Music Association Convention will be held at Meadowbrook Baptist Church at 914 Meadowlane Dr, Lenoir. Come out and enjoy Gaither style singing on Thursday, October 4 from 7-9pm and on Friday, October 5 at 6pm with approximately 12 groups singing. On Saturday, October 6 at 2:30pm featured will be the Lighthouse Fan Awards representing about 20 different categories and at 5:30pm the Hayes Family will be singing along with several more groups. All styles of music to suit everyone from Christian Country, Blue Grass, Southern Gospel, and Country Gospel. You will not want to miss this! Come on out and enjoy the music and fellowship. Free admission with love offerings taken each night. If you have questions please call Shellem Cline at 615-852-5134.

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SUGAR MOUNTAIN SKI RESORT, NC (August 14, 2018) -- From 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., October 13 & 14, Sugar Mountain Resort hosts its 28th annual Oktoberfest celebration.

Live Bavarian music performed by the 15-piece Harbour Towne Fest Band and traditional American music performed by the Valle Crucis Middle School Band highlights the two-day festival. German and American food is available. Plus, barrels and barrels of beverages flow lavishly. The children's fun center includes hay rides, corn hole, pumpkin bowling, water balloon tossing, play time with Sugar and Sweetie Bear, and an array of bounce houses. Partake in a Bavarian costume contest. Local & regional art & craft and fun food vendors sprawl their wares on the back lawn. Glide from Sugar Mountain's 4,100' base to its 5,300' peak through the forest and above the treetops aboard the Summit Express chairlift. Experience the thrill of cycling the rebuilt and expanded bike park. Shop for cold weather-wear at the Sugar Mountain Sports & Gift Shop or bring home a Bavarian memento from the Oktoberfest souvenir tent.

The celebration marches on wind or rain or shine or snow. Admission, parking, and shuttle service are free of charge. Lodging specials are available Oktoberfest weekend, and there's always room for vendors and volunteers to join in the Oktoberfest presentation. Call 828-898-4521 or click here for additional details.

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**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING ON OCTOBER 4 REGARDING THE PROPOSED
IMPROVEMENT OF PINWOOD ROAD (S.R. 1109) FROM U.S. 321 TO
BERT HUFFMAN DRIVE (S.R. 1931) IN CALDWELL COUNTY**

STIP Project No. U-6036

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to improve the roadway on Pinewood Road (S.R. 1109) from U.S. 321 to Bert Huffman Road (S.R. 1931) in Granite Falls. The purpose of this project is to relieve congestion along Pinewood Road.

A public meeting will be held at the Granite Falls Town Office Council Chamber at 4 South Main Street on Thursday, October 4, 2018 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The purpose of this meeting is to inform the public of the project and gather input on the proposed design. As information becomes available, it may be viewed online at the NCDOT Public Meeting Webpage: <http://www.ncdot.gov/news/public-meetings>.

The public may attend at any time during the public meeting hours, as no formal presentation will be made. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments. The comments and information received will be taken into consideration as work on the project develops.

The opportunity to submit written comments will be provided at the meeting or can be done via phone, email, or mail by **November 5, 2018**.

For additional information, please contact Desiree Hagwood, Division 11 Project Engineer by phone: (336) 903-9135 or via email at dlhagwood@ncdot.gov; or by mail: Desiree Hagwood Highway Division 11, P.O. Box 250, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659.

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