

Celebrate Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River Saturday, November 3rd

NEBO, NC {October 29, 2018} -- This year marks the 50th anniversary of the National Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. In celebration, the US Forest Service, Trout Unlimited, and other public and private partners are hosting a public event at the Wilson Creek Wild and Scenic River in Caldwell County this Saturday, November 3, 2018.

The day-long event will recognize the history of Wilson Creek and its designation as a Wild and Scenic River, while bringing attention to future opportunities to improve and protect this special place.

A river festival will take place from 12:00 pm until 4:00 pm at the Wilson Creek Visitors Center at 7805 Brown Mountain Beach Road, Collettsville, NC. The festival will feature exhibits from local organizations, fly-fishing demonstrations, live music, and food vendors.

Stewardship events will be held prior to the river festival from 9:00 am until 12:00 pm. Volunteers will gather at the Wilson Creek Visitor Center at 9:00 am to participate in trail work or river clean-up projects.

- River Trash Clean-up of the Wilson Creek Gorge in partnership with the River Management Society, American Rivers and American Whitewater.
- Trail work on the Wilson Ridge Trail in partnership with the Northwest North Carolina Mountain Bike Alliance.
- Trail work on the Harper Creek Trail in partnership with Wild South and Southern Appalachian Wilderness Stewards.
- Trash Clean up in partnership with A Clean Wilson Creek (10 am start).

Wilson Creek was designated as a Wild and Scenic River in 2000. The headwaters of the river start below Grandfather Mountain and flow 23 miles to the John's River in Caldwell County. Come join us in a celebration of this special place!

For more information visit the Trout Unlimited Facebook Event page or contact the Grandfather District office at 828-652-2144.

Annual Veterans Day Ceremony to be held

GRANITE FALLS, NC (October 30, 2018) -- The Town of Granite Falls will host a ceremony to honor Veterans on Friday, November 9, 2018. The ceremony will honor all Veterans including approximately 20 Veterans whose names have been inscribed on the Town of Granite Falls Veterans monument since the dedication ceremony last year. Patriotic music will be played, and refreshments will be served starting at 9:30 a.m. and the ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. The program features a selection of live patriotic music, the presentation of colors, speeches by local Veterans, the reading of the names of Granite Falls' residents who made the ultimate sacrifice by giving their lives while serving our country and the placement of a wreath at the monument.

All Town residents, as well as other individuals wishing to honor Veterans, are invited to attend this special ceremony which will be held in the gymnasium at the Granite Falls Recreation Center. The Granite Falls Recreation Center is located at 56 Pinewood Road in Granite Falls. For additional information about the Veterans monument, please call the Town Office at 396-3131 or visit the Town website www.granitefallsncc.com. Please join us as we celebrate this important event to honor our Veterans.

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Caldwell Journal Weather

Thursday (1st): A passing afternoon shower.
High 67 Low 60
Precipitation: 0.02 in.

Friday (2nd): A shower & t-storm around.
High 66 Low 46
Precipitation: 0.58 in.

Saturday (3rd): Mostly sunny.
High 61 Low 35
Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Sunday (4th): Mostly sunny.
High 58 Low 42
Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Monday (5th): Rain & drizzle possible.
High 60 Low 51
Precipitation: 0.09 in.

Tuesday (6th): Cloudy, a shower possible.
High 66 Low 54
Precipitation: 0.15 in.

Wednesday (7th): Partly sunny.
High 61 Low 39
Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Rabies Vaccination Clinic - Saturday, November 10th at Caldwell County Health and Human Services

LENOIR, NC (October 26, 2018) -- Caldwell County Animal Control will host a Rabies Vaccination Clinic on Saturday, November 10th from 9 am until 12 pm. This event will be at the Caldwell County Health and Human Services Building (2345 Morganton BLVD SW, Lenoir). Animal Control hosts this clinic each year to allow the community to vaccinate their pets at a reduced rate to protect their pets against rabies. Rabies vaccinations for dogs or cats are \$7.00 per animal. Veterinarians will accept Cash Only. Checks and credit cards will not be accepted. This is a drive thru service for your convenience. If you have any questions, please call Animal Control at 757-8625.

This clinic has been set for your convenience and will provide you with a method to have your pets vaccinated at a reduced price. North Carolina Health Law 130A – 185 requires that all dogs, cats and ferrets be vaccinated against rabies before four (4) months of age.

It is important to have your pets vaccinated. Keeping your pet's rabies vaccination up-to-date will help protect your community, family and pets from this deadly virus.

If your pet is up-to-date on rabies vaccinations, they are protected from the rabies virus. If your pet has not been vaccinated or is not up-to-date on vaccinations, there is a possibility your pet could acquire the rabies disease. If a non-vaccinated animal comes in contact with a rabid animal, they will either be quarantined for up to 6 months or euthanized.

It's important to remember, if you or your pet comes into contact with a wild animal you should notify the Animal Control department as soon as possible along with your doctor or veterinarian. If it is your pet that has come into contact with a wild animal, do not touch or handle your pet without gloves until you speak with someone from the Animal Control department due to the possible risk of exposure to the rabies virus.

Protect your pets and family. Get your pets vaccinated at the Rabies Vaccination Clinic being held at the Caldwell County Health and Human Services Building on Sat., November 10th from 9 am-12 pm.

Attorney General Josh Stein Gets Preliminary Injunctions Against Hurricane Florence Price Gougers

RALEIGH, NC (October 29, 2018) -- Attorney General Josh Stein was granted preliminary injunctions against two companies involved in separate price gouging lawsuits he filed earlier this month. In the first suit, the court entered a preliminary injunction against defendant Nicholas Downey and his tree-cutting company, Action Tree Pros. The injunction will be in place until the resolution of the case and forbids Downey and his company from conducting any tree removal services in North Carolina.

In the second suit, the court extended its injunction against Scott Lacey and Randy Shannon to prevent Scotts Tree Services from doing any business in North Carolina. In addition, defendants Stephen Lombardi, Amy Lombardi, and their debt collection company Goldberg & Donovan, Inc., based in Massachusetts, consented to an injunction forbidding them from conducting any debt collection from North Carolina consumers.

"I'm grateful that these out-of-state operators won't be able to take advantage of any other North Carolinians as we work to resolve these cases," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "Price gouging is illegal and cruel, and my office will not tolerate people who take advantage of North Carolinians recovering from these devastating storms."

Downey, a Kentucky resident, allegedly estimated \$5,000 to do tree removal work on a Wilmington-area property but submitted a bill for \$10,565 when the work was completed. After the property manager ordered Downey not to work on any other properties she managed, Downey ignored this and contracted with co-defendant Premier Landscaping and Lawn Care, LCC, owned by Kentucky resident Jeremy Bugg, to take down other trees at excessive prices. In total, the defendants charged homeowners \$78,865.02 for a total of five trees, including one tree for \$29,500. The court also extended a temporary restraining order against Bugg, Premier Landscaping and Lawn Care, LCC, Brad Anderson, and TRICO Tree Service, LLC.

Scott Lacey and Randy Shannon, who operate Scotts Tree Service, an Ohio company, billed homeowners in Castle Hayne \$14,500 for tree removal services without permission or discussion.

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

Easy Chicken and Rice Casserole

Ingredients

- Extra-virgin olive oil, for baking dish
- 2 c. white rice
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 c. low-sodium chicken broth
- 2 (10.5-oz.) cans cream of mushroom soup
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 3 large bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
- 2 tbsp. butter, melted
- 2 tsp. fresh thyme
- 1 clove garlic, finely minced
- 1 tbsp. Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350° and grease a 9"-x-13" baking dish with oil. Add rice, onion, broth, and soup and stir until combined. Season with salt and pepper. Place chicken thighs in rice mixture and brush with melted butter. Sprinkle with thyme and garlic and season with salt and pepper. Cover dish with foil and bake for 1 hour. Uncover and bake 30 minutes more, until rice is cooked and chicken is golden. Garnish with parsley before serving.

Caldwell County Schools support Craven and Pender Districts

LENOIR, NC (October 26, 2018) -- Even though Hurricane Florence is only a dim remembrance of what could have been in Caldwell County, there are school districts in Eastern NC with closed signs still hanging on the doors. Students enrolled in Craven and Pender County Schools are slowly returning to schools that have been completely stripped of furnishings, resources, and necessary infrastructure, primarily due to mold. Some schools are questionable as to their future usability.

The Caldwell County School System has reached out to these two school districts, and they are in dire need of school supplies and items for students.

"Some families have lost everything and lived in schools that served as emergency shelters for two and three weeks," said Superintendent Dr. Donald Phipps. "These schools have also undergone a complete overhaul."

The Caldwell County Schools will be collecting the following for Craven County Schools and Pender County Schools until Oct. 30:

- Backpacks - new or gently used and washed
- Personal Care Items - shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.
- School Supplies - paper, pencils, pens, etc.
- Gift Cards for teachers to restock their classrooms
- New youth-sized coats
- New youth-sized shoes

Each school will be a collection point, and there is a yellow school bus parked in front of the Education Center for the School Supply Drive. The Education Center is located at 1914 Hickory Blvd., Lenoir, which also serves as a primary collection point.

"We feel fortunate that the storm did not severely impact our facilities and homes," said Phipps, "and this gives us an opportunity to demonstrate goodwill and support to our coastal schools."

Phipps added, "We appreciate the outpouring of support we have already seen in this community, and we encourage Caldwell County to reach out to teachers and families in Pender and Craven School Districts, who welcome our support, kindness, and kinship in education."

If you have questions or need assistance, contact the Community Services of the Caldwell County Schools at 828-728-8407. All donations can be brought to the Education Center from 8-5, Monday thru Friday until Oct. 30.

Change Your Clock, Change Your Batteries

HICKORY, NC (October 26, 2018) -- It is time to change your clock and change your smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries! As the fall time change approaches on November 4, Hickory Firefighters want to remind you to make another change that could save your life - changing the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms.

"A working smoke alarm provides an early warning and critical extra seconds to escape," said Hickory Fire Chief Steve Moore. "This is particularly important for those most at risk of dying in a home fire, such as children and seniors."

Changing smoke and carbon monoxide alarm batteries at least once a year is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce these tragic deaths and injuries. In fact, a working smoke alarm nearly cuts in half the risk of dying in a home fire.

Remember that an alarm with a dead battery is just as bad as not having one because it gives a false sense of security. Firefighters agree that the most commonly cited cause of non-working smoke alarms is worn or missing batteries.

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Sophomore Raynor Paces Spartans on Senior Night by Dan O'Neal

SAWMILLS, NC (October 26, 2018) -- It has been forty years since my high school senior year. In retrospect, there are moments I wish I had chosen to run Cross Country however, I longed to have a car; something in the way of a Camaro, Firebird, Smokey and the Bandit Trans-Am, Charger, or a 440 Dust-er. If I desired such a make and model, someone had to go to work and make some money for that happen.

Alas, neither one materialized hence I was stuck riding the school bus my senior year and without my second varsity letter. Yet, as the adage goes, "life goes on" and by the grace of our Lord, I have. Wow, I cannot believe I disclosed the senior year school bus story (am blushing at this very moment).

Yes, back in the day (I know you twenty somethings and under get tired of hearing that), there was Senior Night at the final home football game. Back in the day, at least at Asheboro High School, only football players and cheerleaders (that is what they were called back then and there were very few, if any, high flying and high risk maneuvers and many of them polluted their lungs with the chemical warfare known as tar and nicotine, coughhhhhhhh). Band members were just there, somewhat appreciated even though many of us band members (long before they were called band geeks[sic] think American Pie movie) detested marching. We were cool without such recognition but all that to say is I am very impressed and thrilled with the way South Caldwell shows this recognition to all seniors who work hard to accomplish and achieve their goals. Spartan Nation, I hope you take great joy in these students and the way they perform in and outside the classroom.

Speaking of Senior Night, this final home game was played on....Thursday evening as the contest was rescheduled to the torrential downpour the next day. It may seem trivial but in case you did not know, South Caldwell varsity football is 2-0 in games not played on the customary Friday night due to weather conditions. Perhaps the weatherperson will call for rain again this Friday; will Coach Carter go for that, who is to say?

Regardless of what the overall record may be, you always have that great yen to win on Senior Night. After a shaky first period of play where Saint Stephens led 14-6, the Spartans would own the second frame on touchdown runs by Isaiah Kirby and Avery Raynor as well as thirteen-yard scoring toss from Raynor to Spencer Piercy, putting South up 30-14 at the half. Raynor led the way for the Spartans "two-headed monster offense" with 311 total yards and four touchdowns, along with sixty-four and forty-four yards rushing by Kirby and Piercy. South also converted on four of six 2-point conversions. Tight end Blake Martin also made two significant catches and he is not easy to bring down.

As the third quarter commenced, Saint would score again on fifteen-yard run through the Spartan defense by fullback Matthew Hancock, with the Indians cutting into the Spartans lead at 30-20. The Spartans responded with two more scores on runs by senior Dustin Herman and quarterback Raynor, leading to a Spartan 46-28 win. Overall, the Spartans gained nineteen first downs and accumulated 441 yards of total offense and holding Saint to 272 total yards from scrimmage. What did not help either team's cause was the penalties, many of them being unsportsmanlike conduct. While it is true that competition can be super intense, (referees should not "have the need to use Clorox wipes").

"It feels good to be back on the winning side. This is great for our seniors on this night. The defense clicked, and we sought to take away from their best skill players. Avery (Raynor) put the team on his back tonight." commented Spartans coach Marc Kirkpatrick. Also, as senior Samuel Craig stated during the post-game interviews, "This is a night to remember; brothers like these can't be found anywhere else". Craig has been quite instrumental in helping to get the football program back in the right direction, helping to once again, put the Spartans in playoff contention and not with a mere one victory over the other 4A opponent in your enrollment classification. That rule was changed by the state High School Athletic Association.

The scenario is like this, if South wins at Alexander Central this Friday and McDowell loses to Freedom, the Spartans move on to the post-season. **Continued on page 8...**



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If South loses, regardless of the Freedom/McDowell outcome, the Spartans season concludes. That being said, this is a "must win" for the Spartans. Given that it has been almost three years since former Spartans coach Butch Carter left for Alexander Central, that should not figure into the Spartans game plan. What matters more is getting that crucial win should you desire the season continue after November 2nd.

Given that Alexander Central has a better record in conference play and the season overall, it will be vital for South's "two-headed monster" or "747" offense to make plays and finish like they never have before and to tackle and wrap up the opposition on defense like they never have before. The coaching staff has worked well together this season and the improvement of play has been clearly evident in the 2018 campaign. What will happen in this final game? The "experts" on NCPreps rivals will not give the Spartans much love in their predictions. Hence, South will set out to prove their antagonists wrong as they travel to Taylorsville this Friday. Kickoff is the usual 7:30pm.

Other notes: Congratulations to the South Caldwell Spartan Regiment on being the Grand Champion at two Marching Band competitions this past Saturday, October 27th. The Band seems to be collecting these titles, outstanding!

Congratulations to the South Caldwell Future Farmers of America on receiving the Silver Award at the recent National Competition in Indianapolis last week as well as senior Lawton Loper achieving the individual Gold Award.

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Upcoming Caldwell Senior Center Events

LENOIR, NC (October 26, 2018) — Here is a list of upcoming events by the Caldwell Senior Center in Lenoir.

“Coping During the Holidays”

Tuesday, October 30th at 3:00pm

Caldwell Hospice & Palliative Care will present this FREE community grief program at the Senior Center. Kimberly Setzer, Bereavement Coordinator, will focus on ways to plan holiday events, remember the missing loved ones, avoiding additional stress and caring for yourself during a difficult but festive time. Please call 758-2883 to register.

Halloween Costume Contest

Wednesday, Oct. 31st at 12:00-1:00

IF YOU DARE, dress up and bring a terrifyingly tasty treat to share! We will have judges from the community and prizes for the following categories: Best Overall, Most Creative and Funniest. Prizes are sponsored by PruittHealth & Hospice. Please register at 758-2883.

“Substance Use in Older Adults”

Friday, Nov. 2nd – 10:00am-12:00pm

VAYA Health's Adult and Geriatric Specialty Team will offer this FREE training at the senior center. Community individuals, agency staff serving older adults, caregivers and anyone interested in learning about this topic are encouraged to attend. Please register at 758-2883.

“What's Under the Hood”

Friday, Nov. 2nd – 3:00-4:00pm

Steven Riley, Manager with Advance Auto, will be at the Senior Center to give tips and do a hands-on demonstration about vehicle safety and maintenance. Learn about checking fluids, inspecting tires and using visual observations to keep you safe on the road. Please register at 758-2883.

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2018 Caldwell County FallStars 8U Baseball Tournament Champs

GRANITE FALLS, NC (October 20, 2018) -- The South Caldwell TarHeels 8U Baseball team were recently crowned champions of the First Annual 2018 Caldwell County FallStars 8U Baseball Tournament in Granite Falls this past Saturday, October 20th which featured 6 teams from around Caldwell County for the 2018 Caldwell County Fall Baseball Season. The Tournament had over 40 sponsors for the event featuring Kicks 103.3, Pelicans Snowballs, Hickory Crawdads Conrad the Crawdad and Blue Moose Coffee. The TarHeels went undefeated winning the championship game 15-4. Front Row from left to right: Jackson Mingus, Gus Hartman, Noah Rector, Riley Conley, Elijah Vance. Middle row from left to right: Carson Crump, Daniel Barnhill, Preston Hughes, Ryan Buck, Issac Long, Jax Sain. Back row from left to right: assistant coach Tommy Crump, assistant coach Joe Hartman, Head coach Marty Rector, assistant coach Bradley Hughes.



CCC&TI receives grant from Wal-Mart

HUDSON, NC (October 26, 2018) -- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute was recently awarded \$500 from Walmart's Community Grant Program. The award will help fund student tutoring services in the Academic Support Center. Pictured from left to right are Jason Rausch, Assistant Store Manager at the Lenoir Walmart, and CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch. "We appreciate Walmart's support and value their partnership in creating new opportunities for student success in Caldwell and Watauga counties," Poarch said.