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Thursday (22nd): Partly sunny.

High 53 Low 30

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Friday (23rd): Some sun, then clouds.

High 42 Low 33

Precipitation: 0.31 in.

Saturday (24th): Rain.

High 53 Low 34

Precipitation: 0.86 in.

Sunday (25th): Times of clouds & sun.

High 58 Low 41

Precipitation: 0.07 in.

Monday (26th): A couple of showers possible.

High 55 Low 31

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Tuesday (27th): Mostly sunny.

High 48 Low 25

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Wednesday (28th): Plenty of sunshine.

High 47 Low 25

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Obituary For Cecil Lewis Of Hudson

HUDSON, NC (November 18, 2018) — Cecil Lewis, age 69, of Hudson, passed away on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at Caldwell Co. Hospice and Palliative Care in Hudson.

Mr. Lewis was born on March 25, 1949, in Ashe County, to the late Blaine David Lewis and Ella Mae Jones Lewis. He was of the Baptist faith and retired from the textile industry.

Mr. Lewis served his country proudly in the United States Army and earned the National Defense Service Medal. He enjoyed fishing and raising chickens for pets.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Bobby Lewis.

Surviving Mr. Lewis are his wife of 44 years, Sheila Lewis, of the home; a son, William Lewis of Hudson; a daughter, Belinda Galicia and husband Rene Delgado of Hudson; brothers, Jimmy Drum and wife Tammy of Rhodhiss and Tim Lewis and wife Alison of Mouth of Wilson, NC; a sister, Betty Jean Stewart and husband Fred of Hickory; a daughter in law, Samantha Lewis of Lenoir; and four grandchildren, Courtney Lewis, Hailey Lewis, Katherine Lewis and Andres Ramirez.

A Memorial Service with Military Honors by Caldwell County Veterans Honor Guard and North Carolina National Guard Honor Guard will be held on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, at 2:00 PM at Sawmills Veterans Park, Waterworks Rd., Sawmills, NC conducted by Reverend Ed Warren.

Online condolences may be left at www.greermcelveenfuneralhome.com. Greer-McElveen Funeral Home is assisting the Lewis family with arrangements.



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Rotary donates dictionaries to support generations of learners

LENOIR, NC (November 20, 2018) -- The Lenoir and Caldwell Rotary Clubs joined together to provide dictionaries for every third grade student in the Caldwell County School System. Nearly 900 third graders received dictionaries before the Thanksgiving holiday. Rotary International Clubs and other civic service organizations from across the United States support the project by purchasing dictionaries and distributing them to third grade students in their communities. More than 24 million dictionaries have been presented to students since 1992. Students are encouraged to use it as a resource. "Even though there are countless online learning tools, we want to provide each student their own hand held copy that can be useful throughout their educational experience," said Paul Brandenburg, Lenoir Rotary President.

Star Ornament Book workshop

LENOIR, NC (November 20, 2018) -- Local artist Sigrid Hice returns to Caldwell Arts Council to teach her ever-popular star ornament book project. For \$15 (or only \$10 each for a parent/guardian with children), you'll get everything you need to create two star ornament books! This Make-and-Take class will be offered Saturday December 1st 10am-12noon for Age 12 to Adult. Learn more and register at <https://www.caldwellarts.com/385-hometown-handmade-holiday-workshops/> or by calling 828-754-2486. And stay tuned! We'll be adding more holiday handcrafting workshops soon.

Crochet Ornaments with Robert Dow

LENOIR, NC (November 20, 2018) -- Robert Dow returns to the Caldwell Arts Council to instruct you in basic crochet stitches to use in creating crocheted ornaments and snowflakes. Three classes will be offered on Thursdays December 6, December 13, and December 20. Each class starts at 10:00 am and ends at noon. Cost is \$10/person. Students should bring either a size J crochet hook with medium-weight yarn and scissors, or a size 4 or 5 crochet hook with crochet thread and scissors. Learn more and register at <https://www.caldwellarts.com/385-hometown-handmade-holiday-workshops/> or by calling 828-754-2486.

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

Vermont Cheddar Mashed Potatoes

Ingredients

- 3 pounds medium russet potatoes, peeled and quartered
- $\frac{3}{4}$ pound Vermont aged white Cheddar, grated
- $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon baking powder
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- Black pepper, to taste
- Small pinch cayenne
- Pinch of grated nutmeg
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted
- $\frac{3}{4}$ cup heavy cream, heated
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten

Instructions

Boil potatoes in well-salted water until tender, about 15 minutes. Drain well in a colander and place in the bowl of a stand mixer with a wire whisk attachment. Beat at medium speed for 2 to 3 minutes to allow steam to escape. Turn off mixer and add cheese, baking powder, salt, pepper, cayenne and nutmeg. Beat again for a minute or so. Add butter and cream, mixing slowly, then increase speed to medium and drizzle in beaten eggs. Stop and scrape down bowl with rubber spatula to make sure ingredients are incorporated evenly. Beat at medium-high speed until mixture is smooth, 2 to 3 minutes. Serve immediately in a heated bowl. Alternatively, transfer potatoes to a 2-quart baking dish, cover with foil and let stand at room temperature. Reheat for 30 to 40 minutes at 350 degrees, until piping hot. (If you want the top browned, remove foil halfway through baking. Otherwise give the potatoes a stir before serving.)

Three promoted to Sergeant at City of Lenoir Police Department

LENOIR, NC (November 16, 2018) -- Three Lenoir Police Officers have been promoted to the rank of sergeant.

"I am honored to announce that John Howard, Nathaneal Blache, and Zach Poythress have accepted promotion to the rank of Police Sergeant," Chief Brent Phelps said. "They all did an outstanding job in the last promotional process. I have no doubt that they will continue to work hard for our people, this department, and our community."

Sergeants serve as mid-level supervisors for the department, Chief Phelps said. They work hand in hand with patrol officers and investigators to respond to citizens daily.

"Sergeants serve a vital role in the structure of our department and the service we provide to our residents," Phelps said. "Late at night and on the weekends, sergeants are often responsible for directing and supervising all police services in the city."

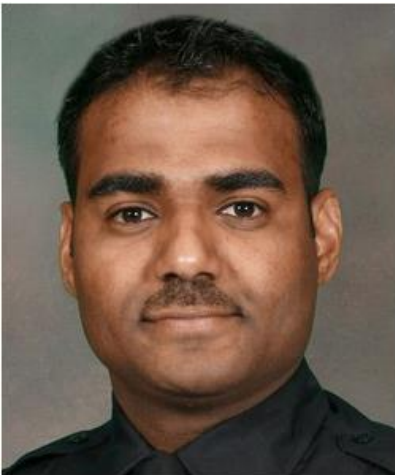
Blache and Poythress will serve as sergeants in the Patrol Division. Howard will serve as sergeant in the Investigations Division.

"Please join me in congratulating Sgt. Blache, Sgt. Howard, and Sgt. Poythress on their recent promotions," Phelps said.

Sgt. Blache started working for the Lenoir Police Department in 2008. He has served as a Patrol Officer, Master Patrol Officer, Police Corporal, Traffic Officer, and K9 handler. Blache is a general police instructor and Special Response Team member. He holds the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate, which is the highest police recognition awarded by the North Carolina Criminal Justice Education and Training Standards Commission.

Sgt. Howard came to the Lenoir Police Department in 2007, after serving in United States Marine Corp for four years. Howard served during the Enduring Freedom conflict in the Middle East. Howard has served as a Patrol Officer, Master Patrol Officer, Narcotics Investigator, General Investigator, and one of the department's firearms instructors. He also holds the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.

Sgt. Poythress started working for the Lenoir Police Department in 2009. He has served as Patrol Officer, Master Patrol Officer, Police Corporal, and K9 handler. He currently serves on the Special Response Team. Poythress also holds the Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate.



Sgt. Nathaneal Blache



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“Movies with Mike”

Emotionally Exhausted and Morally Bankrupt? By Mike Holsclaw



So, as we approach the end of the year, what can we say that we're thankful for?

I'm thankful for remembering that, after the Nazis told director Fritz Lang that they would not allow his latest film, "The Testament of Dr. Mabuse", to be shown but they did want him to become the head of UFA (the largest film studio in Germany), he packed his bags and emigrated to America. As Henry Rollins says, "In the worst of times the best among us never lose their moral compass, and that is how they emerge relatively unscathed."

I'm thankful that "The Other Side of the Wind", the last film of my hero, Orson Welles, was finally released. It only took forty years and the herculean efforts of a legion of Welles partisans, but it finally became a reality.

It's very existence is a triumph but it also disproves the myth that, in his later years, Welles became a dilettante who played at film making but never really intended to finish anything. It breaks my heart to consider the obstacles he faced at the end of his career (in a better world, he would have been lionized, not penalized, for his cinematic genius), but, at least now, he's finally starting to be appreciated for being an innovative, independent filmmaker before the category even existed.

I'm thankful that, when I turn over to Turner Classic Movies, I often see promos featuring twenty- and thirty-somethings who are as enthusiastic about the Golden Age of film (and everything in between) as I am; I become sad sometimes thinking that, after my generation is gone, there won't be anyone who still remembers and appreciates one of America's great, original art forms at its peak. Seeing the passion of these relative youngsters makes me think that some of the better parts of our popular culture will still persist.

I'm thankful that, because I've been writing about film, in one form or another, for the last ten years, I've become more sensitive to the ethical subtext of many of the best movies ever made and grateful that directors like John Ford, Howard Hawks, Jean Renoir, and, yes, Orson Welles used the medium not just for the aesthetic pleasure it could provide (which is considerable) but also to explore the moral dimension of being human. Hawks' "Red River" looks at the sometimes unreconcilable tension between family obligation and personal honor, Ford's "The Searchers" takes an unflinching look into the abyss of racial bigotry, Renoir's "This Land is Mine!" discovers an unexpected but stirring courage in the face of totalitarianism, and Welles' "Touch of Evil" considers the tragedy of a once great man who becomes corrupted by his own sense of moral infallibility. Pauline Kael famously said she "lost it at the movies" but, as these examples show, you can also find it there, especially if you're looking, with a certain degree of attentiveness, for some basic lessons on the art of living.

In a classic episode of M.A.S.H., Frank Burns becomes inebriated and passes out, at which point B.J. and Hawkeye attach a tag to his toe that says "emotionally exhausted and morally bankrupt"; I'll admit, in the past year, there have been more than a few occasions where I've felt emotionally exhausted and morally bankrupt but, of late, I've begun to think, perhaps irrationally, that there are glimmers of hope on the horizon. I can't explain it but, my intuition says that 2019 has to be better than 2018 (it would be hard for it to be any worse, right?) If nothing else, maybe I'm just tired of being discouraged and am ready to feel better; as Camus once remarked, happiness, too, is inevitable. So, finally, I'm thankful that there appears to be the first faint glimmer of sunrise in the long night of my soul.

These are just a few of the things I'm thankful for this year. I hope that your inventory of things to be grateful for was as long, if not longer. Happy Thanksgiving, one and all!



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Clover Baptist Church will present a the drama presentation "Love Brings Another Miracle" on Friday, December 14 at 7:00pm. The drama along with a dinner theatre will be Saturday, December 15 at 6:00pm. Reservations are required for the the dinner theatre and may be obtained by calling the church at 396-2417. You may choose between two menus with one featuring pulled pork barbeque and the other marinated chicken tenderloin. The cost for adults is \$10 and for children under 12 the cost is \$5. A special children's menu will be available featuring chicken nuggets. For additional information visit www.cloverbaptistchurch.com or call the office at the number above.

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Stephanie Wright has joined the firm as an Associate Business Account Manager. Stephanie is a graduate of Western Carolina University with a major in Interior Design and a minor in Art and resides in the Granite Falls area. Stephanie will specialize in partnering with clients to help them with their business insurance.

Andrew Meadlock has joined the firm as a Business Insurance Account Manager. Andrew is a graduate of Appalachian State University with a major in Risk Management and Insurance and resides in the Lenoir area. Andrew will specialize in partnering with clients in Granite Insurance's Adventure Sports team.

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Teachers Win Bright Ideas Grants from Blue Ridge Energy

LENOIR, NC (November 20, 2018) -- Exciting, hands-on learning projects are coming to Caldwell classrooms thanks to \$4,173 in Bright Ideas grants awarded recently by Blue Ridge Energy to local educators during a special luncheon honoring winning teachers and their principals.

Bright Ideas is an academic grants program sponsored by Blue Ridge Energy in conjunction with North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation and its 26 other member electric cooperatives. Bright Ideas grants help further traditional academic learning by funding innovative scholastic projects that go beyond available school funding.

Caldwell County grant winners are:

Abby Hudgens of Granite Falls Elementary for “Full STEAM Ahead for ESL.” This \$250 grant will encourage English Language Learners to unleash their creativity and language opportunities through simple, hands-on manipulatives and applications.

Mark Dula of South Caldwell High School for “Spartan Land Mapping.” The grant for \$700 will increase student knowledge of surveying principles, land mapping, and civil engineering applications by conducting exercises and real-world assignments outside of the classroom. Students will use transit and precise measuring equipment to develop the angular geometry required for accurate AutoCAD drawings.

Sara Jo Starnes of Hibriten High School for “Timelooper: Using Virtual Reality to View Historical Sites.” This \$530 grant allows students to experience historic moments in American and world history using virtual reality.

Lynn Aydtlett of Valmead Elementary for “Diversity and Tolerance: A Lifelong Attitude.” The grant for \$1,103 incorporates social study lessons, literature, and dramatic play to teach children about diversity and tolerance with a primary focus of acceptance and understanding of people with disabilities.

Chad Davis of Gateway School for “Gardening in Schools.” This \$400 grant will teach the importance of agriculture-economic sustainability and help students learn about plant-human correlations while giving students a sense of belonging and achievement.

Kimberley Hindman of Collettsville Elementary for “Science Lab: From Drab to Fab.” The \$1,190 grant will update, replace and enhance outdated science equipment. Previous equipment limited the ability of students to work directly with classroom materials.

Blue Ridge Energy received 81 applications for the 2018-2019 school year from schools in its service area of Caldwell, Watauga, Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and Avery counties. Funds totaling \$22,499 were awarded to 26 classrooms to benefit hundreds of local students. To date, Blue Ridge Energy has awarded more than \$469,000 in Bright Ideas classroom grants that has impacted over 100,000 of local students and teachers. Blue Ridge Energy is part of several North Carolina electric cooperatives providing Bright Ideas grants. Together, they have provided more than \$11.5 million for classroom projects impacting over 2.2 million students in North Carolina.

In Photo L-R: Tyler Reese, Caldwell district manager; Mark Dula, South Caldwell High School; Jeff Joines, Blue Ridge Energy board president; Kimberly Hindman, Collettsville Elementary; Abby Hudgens, Granite Falls Elementary; Chad Davis, Gateway School; Lynn Aydtlett, Valmead Elementary, Kelly Melton, Blue Ridge board member; and Sara Jo Starnes, Hibriten High School.

