



## Dudley Shoals native Zeb Spencer is headed to Hollywood after successful “American Idol” Audition

LOUISVILLE, KY (March 18, 2019) -- “American Idol” wrapped up the audition phase of the competition in its 17th season on Monday, March 18, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky with Dudley Shoals own Zeb Spencer receiving a “Golden Ticket to Hollywood.” Zeb auditioned in front of the all-star judging panel of Luke Bryan, Katy Perry and Lionel Richie - they all gave him a “Yes.”

Zeb and dozens of other “Idol” hopefuls will begin Hollywood Week next Sunday on ABC at 8pm EST.

Zeb first auditioned for “American Idol” back in 2012 just a few years after he began performing live. Zeb began singing in church when he was five years old and now performs locally three to four times a week.

Zeb is not only a very talented musician, he is known in the world of Clogging as an exceptional flat foot dancer. Before his audition, Luke Bryan grabbed Zeb’s guitar and played it while Zeb gave the judges a taste of Clogging.

After Zeb’s audition, the judges stated the following:

Luke Bryan stated, “You, my friend, in my opinion, are about this close to being absolutely incredible. You have everything country, and you have the country soul that doesn’t sound forced. Just get a little touch of pain and relaxation in there. Man, I love your tone.”

Katy Perry stated, “You gave us glimpses of kind of this grit that I hope to see a little more of.”

Luke Bryan also stated, “I love your potential, man. I love it.” He also stated, “Maybe my favorite country voice that’s come through the last year and this year.” Lionel Richie stated, “I agree with you totally” in response to Luke Bryan.

**Good Luck in Hollywood!!!**

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# Caldwell Journal

## Caldwell Journal Weather

**Thursday (21st):** An afternoon shower in spots.

High 60 Low 37

Precipitation: 0.02 in.

**Friday (22nd):** Mostly sunny; breezy.

High 61 Low 32

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Saturday (23rd):** Sun mixing with clouds.

High 63 Low 31

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Sunday (24th):** Partly sunny.

High 67 Low 42

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Monday (25th):** Clearing.

High 67 Low 40

Precipitation: 0.06 in.

**Tuesday (26th):** Cloudy, showers possible.

High 63 Low 37

Precipitation: 0.34 in.

**Wednesday (27th):** A morning shower possible.

High 59 Low 34

Precipitation: 0.00 in.

## Crawdads Single Game Tickets Now On Sale

HICKORY, NC (March 16, 2019) -- Tickets for all 70 Crawdads home games are now on sale online. Tickets will be available in person beginning at the Crawdads Spring Fling on Saturday, March 23rd.

To view the 'Dads schedule or to purchase tickets please visit <https://www.milb.com/hickory/tickets/single-game-tickets>.

The Crawdads will open up the home portion of their schedule on Thursday, April 11th against the Kannapolis Intimidators. The season will wrap up at home on Monday, September 2nd. The 2019 schedule features games on several holidays this year including Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Independence Day.

The Crawdads will open their season at L.P. Frans Stadium on April 11th against the Kannapolis Intimidators. For more information about the Crawdads, including promotions, ticket books, and group outings please visit [www.hickorycrawdads.com](http://www.hickorycrawdads.com) or contact the front office at (828) 322-3000.

## Team USA to Play Cuba at the Frans

HICKORY, NC (March 19, 2019) -- The Hickory Crawdads are thrilled to announce that LP Frans Stadium will play host to a game between the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team and the Cuban National Team on July 2nd. The game, presented by Big Dawg 92.1, KICKS 103.3, and WHKY 1290 AM and 102.3 FM, is set for 7pm and will feature a post-game fireworks show.

Tickets are on sale now for the matchup at [hickorycrawdads.com](http://hickorycrawdads.com). The Crawdads will have both concessions stands, the Catawba Farms Crawdads Café, and amusements open during the game.

This year will be the 8th Annual USA vs. Cuba International Friendship Series. After a 16-year hiatus, the two teams resumed the friendly series in 2013 with a five-game series in Havana.

Team USA is 19-15 overall against Cuba in the series since 2013. They have won five of the seven series, including the past four in a row.

The USA Baseball Collegiate National Team is made up of the top non-draft-eligible college players from across the United States. Current Major League baseball players that have played for the Collegiate National Team include Jake Arrieta, Jackie Bradley Jr., Alex Bregman, Kris Bryant, Mike Minor, David Price, Max Scherzer, Stephen Strasburg and Justin Verlander, among others.

The July 2nd game will be the second time the USA Baseball Collegiate National Team has played in Hickory. The other was July 1st, 2013 in a matchup against the Catawba Valley Stars. Team USA defeated the Catawba Valley Stars 9-2.

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### Several drug related arrests made in Lenoir

LENOIR, NC (March 15, 2019) -- On March 14th, 2019 at 9:03 pm officers from the Lenoir Police Department's Narcotics Unit and the Lenoir Police Department's Special Response Team with the assistance of the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant at the residence of 1301 Jolly Pl. Lenoir, NC 28645. While conducting the search of the residence investigators found and seized 2.8 grams of methamphetamine, 1 sawed off shot gun, and \$510.00 in US currency. According to North Carolina State guidelines, the seized drugs were valued at \$435.00.

Adam Daly, Brittany Greene, Carolyn Gibson, and Michael Coffey were arrested at the scene. Adam Daly was charged with 1 count of Felony Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Methamphetamine, 1 count of Felony Maintaining a Vehicle/Dwelling for Controlled Substance, 1 count of Felony Possession of a Weapon of Mass Destruction, and 1 count of Felony Possession of a Firearm by a Felon. Daly received a \$100,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/15/2019. Brittany Greene was charged with 1 count of Felony Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Methamphetamine. Greene received a \$20,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/15/2019. Carolyn Gibson was charged with 1 count of Felony Maintaining a Vehicle/Dwelling for Controlled Substance. Gibson received a \$10,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/15/2019. Michael Coffey was charged with 1 count of Felony Possession of Methamphetamine. Coffey received a \$15,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/15/2019.

These arrests are the result of a two month long investigation. More charges may be forthcoming. Anyone with information relating to this or any other crime is asked to contact Crime Stoppers at 758-8300 or the Lenoir Police Department at 757-2100.

**Baton Baptist Church** youth group will be hosting a fundraiser Yard Sale Saturday, April 13 from 7am - 12pm in the church fellowship hall. This is to help raise money for the youth summer camp trip to Fort Caswell in July. Items for sale include clothing, furniture, baby items, electronics, books, movies, home decor, appliances, and much more. They will also be selling breakfast biscuits. Please support this youth group. Church address is 4491 Hickory Nut Ridge Rd, Hudson, NC 28638.

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## Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

### Lemon Asparagus Chicken Pasta

#### Ingredients

Kosher salt  
1 lb. linguine or spaghetti  
1 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil  
1 lb. boneless skinless chicken breasts  
Freshly ground black pepper  
2 tsp. Italian seasoning  
2 tbsp. butter  
1 small red onion, chopped  
1 lb. asparagus, stalks trimmed and quartered  
3/4 c. heavy cream  
1/2 c. low-sodium chicken broth  
Juice of 1 lemon  
3 cloves garlic, minced  
3/4 c. shredded mozzarella  
1/2 c. freshly grated Parmesan, plus more for garnish  
1 lemon, sliced into half moons  
Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

#### Instructions

In a large pot of salted boiling water, cook pasta according to package directions until al dente. Drain and return to pot.

In a skillet over medium heat, heat olive oil. Add chicken and season with salt, pepper, and Italian seasoning. Cook until golden and no longer pink, 8 minutes per side. Transfer to a plate to let rest, then thinly slice.

To skillet, melt butter over medium heat. Add red onion and asparagus and season with salt and pepper. Cook until tender, 5 minutes, then add heavy cream, chicken broth, lemon juice, and garlic and simmer 5 minutes.

Stir in cheeses and let cook until melty, then add lemon slices and cooked linguine.

Top with sliced chicken and garnish with more Parmesan and parsley.



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### CCC&TI Celebrate New Class Of Electrical Linemen

HUDSON, NC (March 15, 2019) -- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute celebrated a new class of Electrical Linemen with a completion ceremony on Friday, March 15 at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center in Lenoir. Those recognized at the ceremony were: Front row, left to right, Matthew Keener of Connelly Springs, Seth Sizemore of Hickory, Heather Hodges of Boone, James Dula of Lenoir, Luke Stephens of Icard, Shannon Pennell of Marion, Brantley Helms of Bethlehem; Back row, left to right, Instructor Dean Ford, Instructor Steve Stillwell, Luke Roberts of Statesville, Caleb Braswell of Lenoir, Devin Wichie of Morganton, Victor Buelna of Indio, Calif., Instructor Scott Murray, Instructor Kim Sluder and Lineman Program Coordinator David Coffey.



During CCC&TI's recent Electrical Lineman completion ceremony, several Electrical Lineman students were presented with the NC State Employees Credit Union "Bridge to Career Scholarship" to help cover the cost of their training. The State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) Foundation established the SECU Bridge to Career Program to help eliminate barriers for students seeking to earn state-regulated or industry-recognized credentials through the workforce continuing education division of their local community college. Front row, left to right, are Megan Woodie of State Employees' Credit Union, Heather Hodges of Boone, James Dula of Lenoir, Seth Sizemore of Hickory and Charlie Griffin of State Employees' Credit Union. Back row, left to right, are Devin Wichie of Morganton, Caleb Braswell of Lenoir, Victor Buelna of Indio, Calif., and Shannon Pennell of Marion.







**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING  
ON MARCH 21 REGARDING THE PROPOSAL  
TO UPGRADE THE INTERSECTION  
OF U.S. 64 / N.C. 18  
AT CALICO ROAD (S.R. 1142) IN GAMEWELL  
CALDWELL COUNTY  
STIP Project No. U-6033**

The N.C. Department of Transportation proposes to upgrade the intersection of U.S. 64 / N.C. 18 at Calico Road (S.R. 1142) in Caldwell County.

A public meeting will be held from 5-7 p.m. on **Thursday, March 21** at the **Gamewell Elementary School** located at **2904 Morganton Boulevard SW**.

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: <https://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 **April 4, 2019**.

For additional information, please contact Ramie Shaw, NCDOT Division 11 Project Manager at 801 Statesville Road, North Wilkesboro, NC 28659, (336) 903-9134 or, [rashaw@ncdot.gov](mailto:rashaw@ncdot.gov).

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Tony Gallagher, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1598, by phone (919) 707-6069 or by e-mail at [magallagher@ncdot.gov](mailto:magallagher@ncdot.gov) as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.

## Test your wireless speed

RALEIGH, NC (March 14, 2019) -- High speed internet access is necessary for us to be successful at school, at work, and in our daily lives. Today, Gov. Roy Cooper created the Governor's Task Force on Connecting North Carolina, which will collaborate with state agencies to remove barriers and help make sure everyone has access to high-speed internet.

Sometimes, you might not be accessing internet at the speeds promised to you by your internet service provider. Here's how to find out if that's the case – complete the Department of Information Technology's Broadband Speed Report. It takes only a few minutes, and you'll learn whether the internet speed you're getting matches the internet speed that your broadband service provider advertised. Completing the report also gives DIT a more complete picture of unserved and underserved areas in North Carolina.

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## SCHS math teacher serves as State Beta Sponsor

LENOIR, NC (March 14, 2019) -- Jonathan Haas, South Caldwell High School math teacher and distinguished Beta Club sponsor, has been named the North Carolina State Beta Sponsor. This follows the successful completion of serving for two years as the state sponsor elect.

"It is truly a great honor to be selected by my fellow North Carolina sponsors to serve our state organization," said Haas. "Beta Club has been one of the highlights of my years, both as a student and also as an educator."



Haas has held the position of Beta Club Sponsor at South Caldwell since 2001 and awarded the NC Beta Sponsor of the Year in 2012. He has been recognized with the Beta School of Merit and Distinction awards for multiple years.

Since 2001, South Caldwell High School Beta students have earned 87 District Convention Awards, four Regional Leadership Awards, 86 NC Convention Awards, 24 National Convention Awards, and 18 National Beta Scholarships.

Haas said that current club members have documented over 9,000 hours of service. "Most of that time has directly benefited schools and organizations that serve Caldwell County," he said.

As the NC State Beta Sponsor, Haas will organize the state Senior Beta Convention and help facilitate the NC Junior Beta Convention. He will also encourage the establishment of new clubs and promote active participation at state conventions and other Beta activities throughout the state during his tenure until 2021.

Haas said, "It's invigorating to work with sponsors from across the state to promote the development of academic, artistic, and leadership skills in our students as they seek to 'lead by serving others.'"



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## WBTV Adds More Local Programming

CHARLOTTE, NC (March 18, 2019) -- WBTV announced today plans to launch a new hour of local programming at 3 p.m. starting on September 9, 2019. The time slot currently features "STEVE," the daytime talk show hosted by Steve Harvey finishing up its seventh and final season under a distribution deal with NBCUniversal. Instead of pursuing a new syndicated deal, WBTV is investing locally.

Once the new show launches in September, WBTV will be the largest producer of local programming in the Charlotte market, producing 52 hours of unique local broadcast television per week.

"We couldn't be more excited to bring the Charlotte marketplace more local content," said WBTV Vice President and General Manager Scott Dempsey. "We have had such a strong response from 'Morning Break' that making the decision to give the audience more of what they want was easy."

"Morning Break" is a local lifestyle talk show that airs weekday mornings at 9 a.m. on WBTV. It features a mix of editorial and sponsored content that has been such a hit with its fans that the station was overwhelmed by audience feedback during a brief experiment that reduced the show to a half-hour last September. It was back to a full hour by January.

The new local program at 3 p.m. is still taking shape but promises to offer audiences and advertising clients an exciting new option. Teams at the station are working on content development, branding and technical logistics. WBTV anchor Kristen Miranda, who also hosts "Morning Break," will host the new show alongside a co-host who will be selected later this summer. The show will incorporate elements of "Morning Break" and the station's digital lifestyle brand, "Queen City Weekend."

WBTV has a track record of successfully launching local programming to replace syndication. Most recently, "On Your Side Tonight with Jamie Boll" replaced "Access Hollywood" weeknights at 7:30 p.m. and outperformed in the time slot with Adults 25-54 by 33% during February's Nielsen ratings period. Boll's show follows "WBTV News Primetime," a weeknight newscast at 7 p.m. that has been hosted by veteran anchor Maureen O'Boyle since debuting in 2006. The two shows are the only live, local news options at 7 p.m. in the Charlotte market.

**The Toy Store of First Baptist Hudson** is sponsoring a Dinner Theater production of "Miracle on the Mountain", a play written by Bill Wilson about the life and ministry of Dr. Mary Martin Sloop in Crossnore, NC. The menu is chicken pot pie and fixings. Dates are March 15, 16, 22 and 23 with doors opening at 5:30 PM, meal served at 6 PM and play beginning at 7 PM. Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased through the church office (728-4297) or at [hudsonfirst.org](http://hudsonfirst.org). Location is the Life Center of Hudson First at 347 Main Street, Hudson, NC.

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## Granite Falls Police Department arrests four individuals

GRANITE FALLS, NC (March 18, 2019) -- The Granite Falls Police Department served a search warrant at 72 Archer Street, Granite Falls which resulted in the arrest of four individuals.

On March 18, 2019 at approximately 3:52pm, the Granite Falls Police Department executed a search warrant in an attempt to locate Marcus Alan Rudisill, 31, of 72 Archer Street, Granite Falls. Marcus was wanted because he had two orders for arrest for failing to appear on charges of carrying a concealed weapon, resisting a public officer, and driving while license revoked. After an extensive search of the residence, Marcus was located in the ceiling. Marcus was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Center under a \$1,500 cash bond and a \$1,500 secured bond. During the service of the search warrant several other individuals were also located who were wanted.

Coty Alan White, 20, of Villa Hill Lane, Lenoir was arrested for failure to appear on charges of speeding and possession of drug paraphernalia out of Watauga County. Coty was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Center under a \$300 secured bond.

Brittany Danielle Sain, 28, of 72 Archer Street, Granite Falls was arrested for failing to appear on charges of misdemeanor larceny in Caldwell County. Brittany was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Center under a \$2,000 secured bond.

And, Lucas William Smith, 17, of 412 North First Avenue, Maiden was arrested on a warrant for larceny of a firearm and possession of stolen goods out of Burke County and failure to appear on a charge of assault in Caldwell County. Lucas was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Center under a combined \$10,500 secured bond. Lucas originally gave officers a different name.

According to Chief Chris Jenkins, "Nice work by everyone. People were found hiding in the bed, HVAC vent, and ceiling. The Granite Falls Fire Department had to lend us a hand to get in the attic. The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office also assisted us. Great team work!"

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From left to right: Brittany Danielle Sain, Lucas William Smith, Coty Alan White and Marcus Alan Rudisill.