

Caldwell County Public Information Officer LouAnne Kincaid passes away

LENOIR, NC (March 26, 2018) -- LouAnne Kincaid, Public Information Officer for Caldwell County, has passed away after a brief bout of pneumonia.

For over thirty years, LouAnne Kincaid has brought the news to the Catawba Valley.

Starting her career out of college as News Anchor for WHKY-TV14 in Hickory, North Carolina in 1989, she quickly established herself as top notch reporter. She asked the questions that the viewers at home wanted the answers to.



While at WHKY she was hired to be a “String Reporter” for WBTV News Channel 3 in Charlotte, North Carolina, where she covered the greater Hickory Metro area for the Charlotte TV audience. In 1994 WBTV took her on as a full time reporter and she covered various stories across their large viewing area.

After tiring of the daily grind of nightly news, she went to work for Catawba Valley Community College in 2000. In the marketing department of CVCC, she told folks about the college and all that it had to offer new students of all ages.

In the 2009 she took on the role of Caldwell County Public Information Officer. While writing news about the county, she began hosting TV shows on the Caldwell County Government Channel 190. Soon a familiar face was back on local television, talking to folks about the Health Department, the Department of Social Services, Emergency Services and all of the departments across the county while also highlighting non-profit services too.

During her tenure as Public Information Officer, LouAnne oversaw several changes to the county, including the formation of employee customer service training, an upgrade of the City-County Chambers for better broadcast of local meetings and a total refit of the CCGTV Studio.

LouAnne Kincaid is survived by her mother Marylou Kincaid and her brother Jim Kincaid. She was 56 years old.

A receiving of friends will be at Evans Funeral Home and Crematory, Sunday, March 31st from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm followed by a memorial service with Pastor Doug Price officiating. Interment will follow the service at Littlejohn’s Methodist Church in Gamewell. **A Caldwell County Release**

“LouAnne was always extremely helpful in providing information to the Caldwell Journal.

We are deeply saddened by her passing. LouAnne touched and mentored many people. Like many of her other friends, colleagues and acquaintances, we will greatly miss her...” **Mark and Merri Lee Jackson of the Caldwell Journal**

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Caldwell Journal Weather

Thursday (28th): Mostly sunny.
 High 65 Low 38
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Friday (29th): Clouds & sun; pleasant.
 High 72 Low 43
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Saturday (30th): Sun & clouds; pleasant.
 High 73 Low 48
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Sunday (31st): A chance of morning rain.
 High 63 Low 34
 Precipitation: 0.09 in.

Monday (1st): Partly sunny.
 High 56 Low 34
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Tuesday (2nd): A chance of rain.
 High 62 Low 35
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Wednesday (3rd): Considerable cloudiness.
 High 65 Low 39
 Precipitation: 0.02 in.

Nature Photography Weekend registration opens April 15

LINVILLE, NC (March 25, 2019) -- Call it a picture perfect weekend.

Grandfather Mountain's annual Nature Photography Weekend returns May 31 to June 2. This three-day workshop features presentations from renowned photographers, one-of-a-kind shooting opportunities and a friendly, but competitive (and optional), photo contest.

Online registration begins Monday, April 15.

2019's featured presenters include Tamron Image Master Mike Moats, Nikon Legend Behind the Lens Tony Sweet, Tamron Pro Ambassador Lisa Langell, MindShift Gear & Think Tank Photographer Vinny Colucci and celebrated commercial photographer J. Scott Graham.

The speakers will discuss a variety of photography-related topics, encompassing both the technical and artistic elements of the craft and beyond.

Presentations take place in the afternoons and evenings, allowing participants to explore Grandfather Mountain and take their own shots during the day, while also participating in several outdoor field sessions (weather permitting) with professional photographers. Opportunities for sunrise and sunset photography will also be offered.

Participants are invited to camp for free at the Woods Walk Picnic Area during the weekend, taking advantage of one of the few opportunities to stay overnight inside the park.

Admission to Nature Photography Weekend is \$115 and covers three-day park admission, a Saturday evening meal, entry to all presentations and field sessions, and a flash drive for submitting contest entries. A \$95 level includes all of the above, but does not include participation in the photo contest.

Family members and guests of participants may visit the mountain at a discounted rate during the weekend if registered in advance.

Online registration begins at 9 a.m. Monday, April 15, at www.grandfather.com. Photographers should act fast, as the event fills quickly.

For more information, visit www.grandfather.com/events/nature-photography-weekend/ or email frank@grandfather.com.

The not-for-profit Grandfather Mountain Stewardship Foundation strives to inspire conservation of the natural world by helping guests explore, understand and value the wonders of Grandfather Mountain. For more information, call 1-800-468-7325, or visit www.grandfather.com to plan a trip.

Mountain Grove Baptist Church will be hosing David Phelps "He's Alive Easter Tour" on Thursday, April 18 at 7pm. Tickets may be purchased in advance at 229-351-4315 or at outsidethebox.events.com. Tickets will also be sold at the church only during the week of the event.



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Hudson Spring Dinner Theatre Dates Set

HUDSON, NC (March 22, 2019) -- The Town of Hudson is proud to present its 27th Dinner Theatre Production, the hysterical Southern comedy, *Divorce Southern Style*, to be performed in the auditorium at the HUB Station, 145 Cedar Valley Road, Hudson, NC 28638. The show runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 4th, 5th, 6th, 11th, 12th and 13th with dinner served at 6:30 PM, with the show to follow at



7:30 PM. Tickets are \$30.00 for dinner and the show, \$15.00 for the show only. Reservations can be made by visiting the HUB box office Monday through Friday, from 8:30 AM until 5:00 PM with the exception of closing for lunch, 12:30 PM until 1:30 PM. Or one can call (828) 726-8871. Or one can go online at townofhudsonnc.tix.com to purchase tickets. Dinner will be served by Dan'l Boone Inn. The show is sponsored by McCreary Modern.

Divorce Southern Style tells the story of Eleanor Bander as she tries to woo her rich ex-husband into a second try, only to discover that she values her fierce sense of independence. Through a series of twists and turns, with quirky but yet believable characters, the play wends and winds its way to a satisfying conclusion.

Cast members are Angie Gragg as Eleanor Bander, Doug McCowan as Walter Bander, Savannah Callahan as their daughter, Elizabeth Bander, Jordan Randall as Vince, Elizabeth's patient fiancée, Angie Warren as Eleanor's friend, Elma Blue Williams, Stephen Starnes as Dr. Fred Abernathy, the imposing optometrist, and Tammy Williamson as Gretchen Hiller, Eleanor's high school rival and current girlfriend to Walter.

Director Keith Smith says he is delighted with the balance among the cast. "We have 3 HUB veterans and 4 first time HUB performers. We also have a balance of experienced actors alongside a few newcomers to theatre. The threads they all weave in common are talent, a great attitude and a strong work ethic to tell the story well. It is an ideal set-up toward quality community theatre."

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

Meatball Subs

Ingredients

- 1/2 c. diced celery
- 1/2 c. diced carrots
- 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 to 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.



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Sheriff Jones presented four deputies with awards

LENOIR, NC (March 22, 2019) -- On Monday, March 18, 2019, Sheriff Alan C. Jones presented four Deputies of the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office with Advanced Law Enforcement Certificates and Service Awards. Captain Kevin Bean was awarded with an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate. Deputy T.J. Bates was awarded with an Advanced Service Award. Deputy Aaron Harless and Deputy Mark Sharpe each received an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and also received the Advanced Service Award.

In order to receive an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate a Deputy must complete a combination of years of service along with additional Training to be eligible to receive the Certificate. The Advanced Service Award is given when a Deputy possess an Advanced Law Enforcement Certificate and has served a minimum of 20 years as a Law Enforcement Officer.

"I am appreciative of the hard work and dedication to Caldwell County that these Deputies have shown and encourage everyone to join me in thanking them for their service." Sheriff Alan C. Jones

From left to right: Captain Kevin Bean, Deputy T.J. Bates, Deputy Aaron Harless and Deputy Mark Sharpe.



Two individuals arrested for breaking into the Granite Falls State Employees Credit Union

GRANITE FALLS, NC (March 21, 2019) -- The Granite Falls Police Department arrested two individuals for breaking in the State Employees Credit Union overnight.

On Thursday, March 21, 2019 at approximately 4:30pm, Andrew Claude Stahl, 35, of Lovelady Lane Granite Falls and Mathew Nathaniel Glenn, 20, of Faith Lane, Hudson were arrested for felony breaking and entering after Granite Falls Police found a broken window at the State Employees Credit Union located at 145 North Highland Avenue at 4:47am this morning. An officer, along with a Hudson Police officer, responded to the bank after an alarm was called in to the Police Department. While at the bank, the officers located the broken window. No one was located at the scene at the time of the alarm.

Investigators from the Police Department obtained video footage from the bank. A description of a vehicle and person were obtained from the video.

While on patrol, Lt. Ricky Gilliland observed a vehicle matching the one in the video traveling on Falls Avenue. Lt. Gilliland stopped the vehicle and identified Andrew and Mathew in the vehicle. Officers discovered there were warrants on Andrew out of Catawba County. During a search of the vehicle there were several items found that were used in the breaking and entering.

In addition to the felony breaking and entering charges, Andrew and Mathew were charged with possession of burglary tools. Andrews bond is a combined \$30,000 secured, adding in the true bill of indictment for breaking, entering and larceny from Catawba County. Mathew's bond is \$20,000 secured. Both were incarcerated in the Caldwell County Detention Center and have a first appearance in District Court in Lenoir on March 25, 2019. Additional charges are anticipated. Nothing was taken from the bank.

Traffic stop leads to drug related arrest

LENOIR, NC (March 20, 2019) -- On March 19th, 2019 at 2:09 pm the Lenoir Police Department's Narcotics Unit along with a Lenoir Police Department K-9 unit stopped a gray 1994 Infinity on Scroggs Ave. near Main Street. The reason for the initial stop was a seatbelt violation. The person driving the vehicle was Jordan Fredrick. During the course of the investigation the vehicle was searched. The officers located 9.5 grams of crack cocaine and 2.0 grams of heroin inside the center console of the car. Later, 21.7 grams of methamphetamine was found inside Fredrick's pocketbook. According to North Carolina State guidelines, the seized drugs were valued at \$5,405.00. Officers also seized \$214.00 in US currency.

Jordan Fredrick was arrested at the scene and charged with 1 count of Felony Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Methamphetamine, 1 count of Felony Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Cocaine, 1 ct. Felony Possession with Intent to Manufacture, Sell, or Deliver Heroin, and 1 ct. Felony Maintaining a Dwelling or Vehicle for the Purpose of Controlled Substance. Fredrick received a \$250,000.00 secured bond and an initial court date of 03/20/2019. 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.



Granite Falls Garden Club Awards Its March Yard Of The Month

GRANITE FALLS, NC (March 18, 2019) -- The Granite Falls Garden Club awarded its March Yard of The Month to the home of Darrell and Luda Richards who reside on Finn Street in Granite Falls. The Richards yard is all a glow of yellow daffodils and forsythia in full bloom. Other perennials such as Iris's, Day Lily's, and Pink Ice will be next to bloom for Spring. Garden Club members Ken and Pat Austin awarded the Richards with the sign. If anyone in the Granite Falls area would like to nominate a yard for the Yard of the Month call 828-396-1668.

Narcotic Agents Take Down Another Meth Dealer

LENOIR, NC (March 19, 2019) -- Sheriff Alan C. Jones has announced on March 19, 2019, Agents with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office Ice Unit concluded a month-long investigation into suspected methamphetamine dealer, Jeremy Curtis Setzer, age 33, of 1923 Norwood St. #304 Lenoir, North Carolina.

The investigation came to an end on March 18, 2019 with an arrest in the parking area of a retail establishment on Hickory Boulevard in Granite Falls. Agents placed Jeremy Curtis Setzer and Destinee Kay Smith, age 22, of 3043 1st Ave. NW Hickory, North Carolina in custody. Agents seized a total amount of 84 grams of methamphetamine from Setzer and Smith during the investigation.

Jeremy Curtis Setzer has been charged with one count of Trafficking Methamphetamine by Possession, one count of Trafficking Methamphetamine by Transport and one count of Maintaining a Vehicle for the Sale of Controlled Substance. His bond was set at \$100,000.00 secured and his first appearance is set for March 20, 2019. Setzer is also currently on Parole for Conspiracy to Manufacture Methamphetamine.

Destinee Kay Smith has been charged with one count of Trafficking Methamphetamine by Possession, one count of Trafficking Methamphetamine by Transport and Maintaining a Vehicle for the Sale of Controlled Substance. Her bond was set at \$30,000.00 secured and her first appearance is set for March 20, 2019.

"We continue to aggressively seek out meth dealers and will place all efforts we can to stop this poison from being sold in Caldwell County." - Sheriff Alan C. Jones

The Caldwell County Sheriff's Office is always in search of any information involving the use and distribution of illegal controlled substances. A concerned citizen's information and assistance will be kept confidential. If you have any information concerning illegal drug activity in Caldwell County, please contact the:

Caldwell County Sheriff's Office I.C.E. Unit at 828-757-1178.

Lenoir Police Department's Narcotics Division at 828-757-2145.

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Don't be fooled by imposter scams

RALEIGH, NC by Attorney General Josh Stein (March 21, 2019) -- If someone contacts you to tell you that you're in trouble with law enforcement or the government, or someone you love is danger, it's understandable to feel panicked or afraid. It's also understandable to want to act immediately to fix the situation.

But fear and panic can make us vulnerable to scammers who want to steal our money. These scams are called imposter scams. In 2018, consumers reported more than 500,000 imposter scams to the FTC and lost nearly \$488 million as a result.

Many imposter scams involve people pretending to be government officials. Often, they pretend to be IRS agents or auditors, calling you to say that you owe taxes and will face legal consequences if you don't pay. They may also pretend to be from other government agencies, such as the Social Security Administration, threatening that your Social Security number is about to be suspended. Some scammers pretend to be local law enforcement or court officials, claiming that you've missed jury duty and are going to be arrested.

Sometimes, scammers will fake a family emergency or kidnapping to scare you into thinking that someone you love has been injured or is in immediate danger. They'll tell you that you must pay immediately to ensure your family member or loved one's safety.

These calls can be scary, but the most important thing is to not act right away when you're agitated. If someone calls you about a family member, hang up and contact other family members or people you trust to verify the claim. And remember – law enforcement and government officials will never call you to threaten you with arrest, and the Social Security Administration and IRS will never threaten to seize your finances over the phone.

Don't share any personal information with the caller – including your Social Security number, personal data, bank account or tax information, or any other identifying details. This is the information scammers use to access and steal your money or ruin your good name.

Do not respond to any requests for money, and never wire or send money in response to a phone call or email. And if they're asking for money through prepaid gift cards or debit cards, it's always a scam. Don't fall for it. Getting your money back is very rare.

Imposter scammers prey on our desire to stay safe and protect ourselves and our families. But in a panic, we may compromise our information and finances instead.

Always be suspicious of people who contact you out of the blue with a problem that can only be solved by sharing personal information or sending payment. Almost every time, these are scams, and you can avoid them by staying calm and not giving the scammers what they want. And if you think you or someone you know has been the victim of a scam, file a complaint with my office's Consumer Protection Division at <http://ncdoj.gov/complaint> or by phone at 1-877-5-NO-SCAM.

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CCC&TI Early Childhood Education Program Hosts Film Screening

HUDSON, NC (March 19, 2019) -- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's Early Childhood Education program, along with Caldwell County SmartStart, Burke County SmartStart and the Enola Group, will host a free dinner and film screening event for the community on Wednesday, April 17 at 6 p.m. at the J.E. Broyhill Civic Center. The event will feature dinner and a screening of the documentary "Resilience: The Biology of Stress and The Science of Hope," followed by a panel discussion led by local education professionals.

The one-hour documentary film delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the birth of a new movement to treat and prevent Toxic Stress. Now understood to be one of the leading causes of everything from heart disease and cancer to substance abuse and depression, extremely stressful experiences in childhood can alter brain development and have lifelong effects on health and behavior.

Following the film, there will be a panel discussion with Jill Duffy, Director of Student Support Services for Caldwell County Schools; April Jacob from Robin's Nest Children's Advocacy Center, Lenoir; Dorraine Hernandez, Burke County Department of Social Services Director; Dr. Donald Phipps, Superintendent of Caldwell County Schools; and Dr. Holly Sink, with South Mountain Children's Home in Morganton.

Registration is free and open to anyone in the community but will close after the first 100 spaces have been filled.

To register go to: <https://resiliencemoviescreeningcccti.eventbrite.com>. For more information contact: Mandy White at mwhite@cccti.edu

Funding for this event has been provided by the Foundation of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.



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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. 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.

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 or contact the front office at (828) 322-3000.



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Animal Control Open April 6th, Closed April 13th

LENOIR, NC (March 25, 2019) -- Caldwell County Animal Control, located at 829 Fairview Dr SW, Lenoir, NC 28645, will be open on April 6th from 10:00-2:00, instead of April 13th (the second Saturday) due to a special adoption event. This is a change from Animal Control's normal Saturday business hours which are to be open the second Saturday of each month from 10:00am until 2:00pm. The regular schedule of being open on the second Saturday of the month will resume on Saturday, May 11th. For more information, please contact Caldwell County Animal Control at (828) 757-8625.

Caldwell Humane Society To Temporarily Move Locations for Reservations Sessions to Caldwell County Health Department

LENOIR, NC (March 26, 2019) -- Due to construction at the Caldwell County Public Library, Caldwell Humane Society will be holding its reservation sessions for low-cost spay/neuter clinic appointments at the Caldwell County Health Department for the months of April, May and June. The Reservation session dates are: April 2nd and 9th, May 7th and 14th, and June 4th and 11th. Reservation sessions for the spay/neuter clinics for dogs or cats at the Caldwell County Health Department are from 5:30pm to 7pm on the first two Tuesdays of each month. For more information, please call (828) 499-0289, email caldwell4pets@gmail.com or search Caldwell Humane Society on Facebook or Instagram.