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## Caldwell Journal Weather

**Thursday (25th):** A brief shower or two.  
 High 79 Low 60  
 Precipitation: 0.15 in.

**Friday (26th):** A t-storm; not as warm.  
 High 69 Low 44  
 Precipitation: 0.17 in.

**Saturday (27th):** Mostly sunny; pleasant.  
 High 74 Low 49  
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Sunday (28th):** Times of sun & clouds; nice.  
 High 79 Low 46  
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Monday (29th):** Times of sun & clouds; nice.  
 High 72 Low 53  
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Tuesday (30th):** Some sun; warmer.  
 High 84 Low 56  
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

**Wednesday (1st):** Cloudy.  
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## Chapel Of Rest Concert May 19 Featuring The "Chatham Rabbits"

LENOIR, NC (April 25, 2019) -- Chatham Rabbits to perform at a upcoming concert at the historic Chapel of Rest which is located in Happy Valley on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

Performers: Chatham Rabbits

Date: Sunday, May 19th - 2019

Time: 4pm

Location: Chapel of Rest  
 1964 Highway 268, Lenoir, NC 28645

Admission: \$15 for concert

\$30 for concert and BBQ supper catered by Smokin' Hogs

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[www.chathamrabbits.com](http://www.chathamrabbits.com)

[www.chapelofrest.org](http://www.chapelofrest.org)

### Chatham Rabbits Short bio:

On their debut album "All I Want From You", folk and bluegrass duo, Chatham Rabbits make old traditions new again. Released this year on Chapel Hill NC's Robust Records, "All I Want From You" finds the husband and wife team, Sarah and Austin McCombie, telling passed down stories, heart-worn and heavy, with infectious harmonies. The album features musicians Libby Rodenbough (Mipso) and Andrew Marlin (Mandolin Orange) and decade old instruments. But on opening track "Come Home" it's just the Rabbits; Sarah clawhammering her banjo and Austin joining in to cry with her, "I lay awake at night screamin' out your name." It's a call back to the Carter Family, transcending time and it comes to us pure and urgent.

## Temporary visitor restrictions on children under 12 and wearing of masks has been lifted on April 25

LENOIR, NC (April 25, 2019) -- Due to a decrease in the number of influenza cases, visitor restrictions for inpatient areas and waiting rooms at Caldwell UNC Health Care has ended on Thursday April 25, 2019. Visitors with cold and flu symptoms are still encouraged to postpone their visit to see patients until their symptoms have resolved. All visitors, patients and staff should continue to practice proper hand hygiene and cough etiquette.



### Caldwell Hospice Welcomes Ten New Volunteers

LENOIR, NC (April 24, 2019) -- Caldwell Hospice and Palliative Care trained ten new adult volunteers during its recent volunteer training workshops. Patient-family care, patient care unit support, grounds-keeping, veterans to visit and make Veterans Honoring Veterans presentations to patients, and special projects are among the many available assignments awaiting these new volunteers. The new volunteers are: Lena Annas, Nichole Annas, Michelle Hunt, JoAnn Kahl, Shirley Kiziah, David Regoli, Lori Richardson, Kathy Scofield, Kay Smith, and Hannah Snyder.

The next Adult Volunteer Training sessions will be June 17 and 19 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Caldwell Hospice's McCreary Family Professional Center on Pine Mountain Road in Hudson. Attendance is required at each session, and meals will be provided.

Caldwell Hospice has an ongoing need for volunteers. Volunteer Coordinator Cyndi Akins will match volunteers' skills with the organization's needs. For information about the program or to inquire about the next adult volunteer training, call 828.754.0101 or email [cakins@caldwellhospice.org](mailto:cakins@caldwellhospice.org).

### National Drug Take Back Day Saturday, April 27

RALEIGH, NC (April 23, 2019) -- Attorney General Josh Stein today reminded North Carolinians that this Saturday, April 27, is National Drug Take Back Day. On Saturday, North Carolinians can safely dispose of unneeded medication at locations around the state to make sure they don't get into the wrong hands. For more information, or to find a drop box location near you, visit <https://www.morepowerfulnc.org/get-involved/pill-disposal/>

"Unfortunately, prescription drugs are like a magnet to people struggling with addiction or young people looking to mess around," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "Extra, unneeded prescriptions are helping to fuel the opioid epidemic. But there is one thing each one of us can do to make a difference and keep people safe in our communities: safely dispose of unneeded medication and lock up any other prescriptions to ensure they will not get in the wrong hands."

Every day, approximately five North Carolinians die from an opioid overdose. The majority of people who misuse prescriptions drugs report getting the drugs from family and friends—often taken from their medicine cabinets without their knowing. In 2016, 705 million opioid pills were prescribed in North Carolina, many of which sit unused in medicine cabinets.

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#### Classic Stuffed Peppers

##### Ingredients

- 1/2 c. uncooked rice
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- 1 tbsp. tomato paste
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 (14.5-oz.) can diced tomatoes
- 1 tsp. dried oregano
- Kosher salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- 6 bell peppers, tops and cores removed
- 1 c. shredded Monterey jack
- Freshly chopped parsley, for garnish

##### Instructions

Preheat oven to 400°. In a small saucepan, prepare rice according to package instructions. In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Cook onion until soft, about 5 minutes. Stir in tomato paste and garlic and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute more. Add ground beef and cook, breaking up meat with a wooden spoon, until no longer pink, 6 minutes. Drain fat.

Return beef mixture to skillet, then stir in cooked rice and diced tomatoes. Season with oregano, salt, and pepper. Let simmer until liquid has reduced slightly, about 5 minutes.

Place peppers cut side-up in a 9"-x-13" baking dish and drizzle with oil. Spoon beef mixture into each pepper and top with Monterey jack, then cover baking dish with foil.

Bake until peppers are tender, about 35 minutes. Uncover and bake until cheese is bubbly, 10 minutes more. Garnish with parsley before serving.



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LENOIR, NC (April 23, 2019) -- The City of Lenoir received a \$300,000 grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission to help clean up a blighted property in town. The property, remnants of an old furniture plant, sits at the corner of Virginia Street and College Avenue.

“The property is in a good location in the city,” City Manager Scott Hildebran said. “But developers aren't very interested given the uncertainty of its condition. The grant funds will help us clean up the site and prime it for redevelopment.”

“Staff researched a lot of options, but given the issues with the site, no one wanted to take it on,” Hildebran said. “The City stepped up and took ownership through foreclosure. Staff has been working since to clean up the site.”

Earlier this year, thanks to the efforts of Thomas, Icenhour, and the City's Brownfields Committee, the City received its first \$300,000 Brownfields grant.

Brownfields agreements remove environmental liability from owners. Potential environmental liability usually drives away developers and investors.

“The City’s vision for this area as ‘Funkytown’ includes promoting the redevelopment of historic industrial properties with a variety of new uses,” Planning Director Jenny Wheelock said. “We’re encouraging a mix of industrial, commercial, and residential uses to co-exist with the recreational opportunities in the area.”

The City plans to start paving the Rail Trail Greenway this year. The Rail Trail eventually will be certified as a segment of the Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail.

The total project budget is \$768,000. The budget includes \$45,000 in EPA Funds, \$173,000 in in-kind funds (appraised value of the property), the \$300,000 ARC grant, and a required cash match of \$250,000 in City funds.

"I want to thank all the folks who've made this possible," Hildebran said. "It's taken a lot of work to get to this point."



## Black Bears are on the Move – What to Do and What Not to Do

RALEIGH, N.C. (April 24, 2019) – Become BearWise. That's the advice N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission biologists are giving now that the weather is warm, and bears are on the move.

Bear sightings throughout the state are increasingly common as more people move into and near bear habitat. While bears are not inherently dangerous and are rarely aggressive toward people, biologists urge people to be cautious and follow the six BearWise Basics to reduce potential conflicts and live responsibly with black bears.

The first BearWise Basic is probably the most critical. Never feed a bear – either intentionally or unintentionally. Feeding bears trains them to approach homes and people for more food. Bears are particularly attracted to human garbage, pet food and other human-associated foods, like bird seed. Bears will defend themselves if a person gets too close, so don't risk your safety or theirs. People should also:

- Secure food, garbage and recycling. Food and food odors attract bears so don't reward them with easily available food or garbage. Bags of trash inside cans stored in a garage, sheds or other secure area; or use garbage cans or trash containers with a secure latching system or that are bear-resistant. Place trash outside as late as possible, on trash pick-up days – not the night before.
- Remove bird feeders when bears are active. Birdseed and other grains have high calorie content making them very attractive to bears.
- Never leave pet food outdoors. Feed outdoor pets portion sizes that will be completely eaten during each meal and remove leftover food and food bowl.
- Clean and store grills. After you use an outdoor grill, clean it thoroughly and make sure that all grease and fat is removed.
- Alert neighbors to bear activity. See bears in the area or evidence of bear activity? Tell your neighbors and share info on how to avoid bear conflicts. Bears have adapted to living near people; now it's up to us to adapt to living near bears.

In addition to removing food attractants, residents can:

- Install electric fencing, which will protect bee hives, dumpsters, gardens, compost piles and other potential food sources.
- Consider using a bear-resistant trash container.
- Talk to neighbors and consider becoming a certified BearWise community. BearWise communities commit to co-existing responsibly with bears, securing all potential food sources, and knowing when and how to report bear activity. BearWise certified communities work together to prevent conflicts between bears and humans.

While black bears, by nature, are not aggressive animals, they can inspire fear, anxiety and even fascination, in people who encounter them. And spring is a likely time to encounter black bears. In April, black bears are emerging from winter hibernation and may be sighted moving through residential areas as they search for food. If left alone, most bears that have wandered into a residential area will quickly retreat to their natural habitat, particularly if no food source is around.

"No matter where you are or where you live, if you encounter a bear, the most important thing to do is leave the bear alone. Don't try to feed it or chase it off – we can't stress this enough," said Colleen Olfenbutt, the Commission's black bear and furbearer biologist. "Crowds of people can unnerve a bear, perhaps causing it to act defensively."

North Carolina's bear populations are concentrated in the mountains and coastal plain, but sightings sometimes occur in Piedmont towns, usually in May, June and July. This is the time when young bears, called transient bears, are looking for a new home after being pushed away by the adult female bear as she begins breeding again.

"While these young bears, typically males, may appear to be wandering aimlessly around, they are not necessarily lost," Olfenbutt said. "Most are simply exploring their new surroundings and will move on, particularly if they are left alone and there is no food around."

When Commission staff receive a report of a transient bear in an area, they assess the situation to determine if the bear poses a threat to public safety or property, or if the bear is significantly threatened. In almost all cases, the Wildlife Commission advises that the best approach is a hands-off approach, allowing the bear to leave on its own.

The agency rarely traps and relocates bears. Relocation can be dangerous to the bear, and relocated bears often return to where they were originally captured.

For more information about living responsibly with black bears, visit [www.bearwise.org](http://www.bearwise.org). For more information about black bears in North Carolina, visit the Commission's black bear species page. For questions regarding bears and other human-wildlife interactions, call the Commission's N.C. Wildlife Helpline toll-free at 866-318-2401. The call center is open Monday through Friday (excluding holidays) from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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## WBTV News Director Dennis Milligan Retires, Kim Saxon Promoted

CHARLOTTE, NC – WBTV officially announced on April 19, 2019 that Kim Saxon will be the next News Director following the retirement of Dennis Milligan on May 24, 2019.

"Saxon is an award-winning journalist who has distinguished herself with over 15 years at WBTV, serving as Producer, Executive Producer and currently as Assistant News Director where she has worked the last five years," said WBTV Vice President and General Manager Scott Dempsey. "Her attention to detail, strong organizational skills and aptitude in strategic planning will be instrumental in building upon WBTV's success."

Saxon was a 2015 Carole A. Kneeland Project for Responsible Journalism Fellow and won a Midsouth Emmy for her team's coverage of the 2016 riots in Charlotte following the police shooting of Keith Lamont Scott. She has also been an integral contributor to numerous other Emmy nominations, including News Excellence and Evening Newscast.

She is a proud Western Carolina University Catamount and USAF veteran.

"I'm proud of and thankful for the opportunities WBTV has created for me over the last 15 years and welcome this new challenge," said Saxon. "I am excited to lead a team of talented, dedicated professionals in our mission to keep earning this community's trust with our commitment to quality local journalism."

Saxon's promotion follows a successful 18-year run by Dennis Milligan who is retiring with WBTV positioned in one of its strongest positions of leadership in years. He will be joining his wife, Janey, in Charleston, SC to enjoy his grandchildren and many gorgeous sunsets on their family farm.

**Setzer Creek Baptist Church** will have a Community Fair on June 1 from 3:30pm to 8:00pm. There will be games, door prizes, missions fair, food and outdoor singing. If your church has a ministry or an upcoming event we invite you to set up a booth to promote it to the community. The church is located at 3163 Warrior Rd, Lenoir. For more information call 704-751-5956 or 828-572-0665.

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## Call for Artists and Crafters for the "Art Around Caldwell Studio Tour" to be held July 13, 2019

LENOIR, NC (April 24, 2019) -- Artists and crafters from Caldwell and contiguous counties are invited to open their home studios or set up in a local business within Caldwell County on Saturday, July 13, 2019, 9am-4pm, for the ART AROUND CALDWELL STUDIO TOUR.

Registration is \$35 (\$25 if participating in the Caldwell Visual Artists Competition), which includes a listing in the colorful studio tour map and marketing efforts to encourage visitors to visit your location.

Registration deadline is June 21, 2019 to allow time for tour map design & mailing.

All details and the registration form are available at [cdarts.co/studiotour](http://cdarts.co/studiotour)

The Caldwell Arts Council is located at 601 College Ave SW, Lenoir; 828-754-2486; [www.caldwellarts.com](http://www.caldwellarts.com)

## Caldwell Men's Chorus will present their annual spring concert

LENOIR, NC (April 24, 2019) -- On Saturday night, April 27th, at 7:30 PM, the Caldwell Men's Chorus will present their annual spring concert with special guests, the Catawba Valley Community College Chorus. The concert is at Lenoir Presbyterian Church, 1002 Kirkwood Street NW, Lenoir. The concert is free and open to the public.

The CVCC Chorus, under the direction of Caroline Simyon, has recently competed in many musical competitions and contests throughout the country and is an award-winning choir. They will have some 24 singers in this concert and their repertoire will include pieces for Men, Women and a combined SATB Choir. Their selections include Elijah Rock, Swing Low, Sweet Chariot, Mr. Touchdown, Only in Sleep, Brothers Sing On, Till I Hear You Sing, Somewhere Over the Rainbow, and Astonishing.

The Caldwell Men's Chorus, under the direction of Keith Smith and accompanied by award winning pianist, Gregory Knight, is currently comprised of 22 singers ranging in age from 17 to 78. They are a non-profit choir, entertaining throughout the Unifour area, particularly in Caldwell County and more specifically in Lenoir. Their program for this concert will include an eclectic array of selections, among them two sea shanties, What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor? and Away from the Roll of the Sea; the American folk song, Home on the Range, several doo-wop and popular pieces, Runaround Sue, Still the One, Sugar and Change the World; several spiritual numbers, Haven of Rest, Were You There?, Just a Little Talk with Jesus, and will conclude with the group's signature piece, Battle Hymn of the Republic.

The two groups will combine to sing Ave Verum Corpus by William Byrd and Homeward Bound.

No ticket is required. The church doors will open at 6:30 PM and is first come, first served seating. The church always fills quickly. To fray costs, a love offering will be collected. For further information, call 322-3169.

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## Attorney General Josh Stein Congratulates Winston-Salem Police Department on its Progress Testing Sexual Assault Kits

RALEIGH, NC (April 24, 2019) -- Attorney General Josh Stein today congratulated Winston-Salem Police Department and Chief of Police Catrina Thompson for its progress in submitting sexual assault kits to the State Crime Lab for testing. Winston-Salem Police Department has submitted 346 older sexual assault kits for review and testing.

"Testing these kits sends a clear message to rapists: no matter how long ago you committed your crime, we will not stop tracking you down and convicting you," said Attorney General Josh Stein. "To survivors, understand that we take this crime seriously and we will never stop working to achieve justice. I commend Winston-Salem Police Department on its progress in testing these kits. We typically see more than 10 percent of kits tested result in a DNA match, and I look forward to hearing about the cold cases Winston-Salem Police Department is able to reopen and solve as a result of this evidence."

In 2017, Winston-Salem Police Department reported to the State Crime Lab that the department had 1,339 untested kits. According to that statewide inventory, there were approximately 15,000 untested sexual assault kits in law enforcement custody across the state that have not been submitted to the State Crime Lab.

Since the inventory was conducted, the Attorney General's Office and the State Crime Lab have worked with local law enforcement, including the Winston-Salem Police Department, to submit kits so they can be reviewed, outsourced, tested, and uploaded into the federal database for sexual assault DNA. In February of this year, Winston-Salem Police Department announced that it had made an arrest in a 29-year-old rape case, underscoring the importance of testing these older kits.

Attorney General Stein is working to pass the Survivor Act, legislation that will provide funding to test old kits and put in place requirements that will prevent such a backlog from occurring again. That legislation is currently before the North Carolina House and Senate.



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## Western Piedmont Symphony and Hickory Crawdads' Present May the Fourth Be with You!

HICKORY, NC (April 23, 2019) -- The Hickory Crawdads, Vanguard Furniture and the Western Piedmont Symphony are excited to present May the Fourth Be With You, An Evening of John Williams.

The event is scheduled for Saturday, May 4th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at L.P. Frans Stadium, home of the Hickory Crawdads. The Western Piedmont Symphony will perform a program of John Williams classics, such as Indiana Jones, Jurassic Park, Harry Potter and an entire second half dedicated to Star Wars. This concert will also serve as the reveal for WPS' new music director and conductor.

Ticket prices are \$25 per adult in advance, and \$35 at the gate. Tickets for children aged 3-17 are \$10. Children 2 and under are admitted free. A Family Four-Pack including four tickets and four meal vouchers is also available for \$99.

Tickets can be purchased online 24/7 at [WPSymphony.org/Tickets](http://WPSymphony.org/Tickets); through the WPS Box Office from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday; [info@wpsymphony.org](mailto:info@wpsymphony.org), and at (828) 324-8603. You can also visit [hickorycrawdads.com](http://hickorycrawdads.com) or call (828) 322-3000 for tickets.

Western Piedmont Symphony is a grant recipient of the North Carolina Arts Council and a funded affiliate of the United Arts Council of Catawba County.