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Thursday (27th): Sun mixing with clouds.
 High 89 Low 65
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Friday (28th): A t-storm around in the pm.
 High 88 Low 64
 Precipitation: 0.04 in.

Saturday (29th): Intervals of clouds & sun.
 High 88 Low 63
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Sunday (30th): Partly sunny.
 High 91 Low 67
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Monday (1st): Partly sunny.
 High 92 Low 64
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Tuesday (2nd): Sun & some clouds.
 High 92 Low 65
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Wednesday (3rd): Sunshine & some clouds.
 High 90 Low 67
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

South Caldwell FFA Students Win State Championship Qualify for Nationals

LENOIR, NC (June 26, 2019) -- South Caldwell High School students Madison Keen, Lauren Ayers, Katie Winebarger, and Camille Rosenbalm won the state championship title in the event for Milk Quality and Products Development at the North Carolina Future Farmers of America (FFA) State Convention.

With over 180 participants in the competition, Madison Keen also received a plaque for high-scoring individual after claiming the recognition in a tiebreaker with teammate Lauren Ayers. As state champions, Keen, Ayers, Winebarger, and Rosenbalm qualify to participate in the national FFA competition that will be held in Indianapolis this fall.

FFA students Grace Huffman, Samantha Hohm, and Kaleigh Seagle finished 3rd in the statewide competition for Tool Identification. Grace Huffman was also awarded a medal for a high individual scorer in the state.

Ben Kohnle, agriculture teacher of 14 years at South Caldwell High School, serves as the advisor to the award-winning FFA Chapter at South Caldwell High School.

From left to right in photo on front page - Lauren Ayers, Katie Winebarger, Ben Kohnle (SCHS FFA advisor and agriculture teacher) Camille Rosenbalm, and Madison Keen.

Hudson Dinner Theatre Auditions for Bright Star Announced (updated)

HUDSON, NC (June 26, 2019) -- The Town of Hudson announces auditions for their fall musical, Bright Star. The auditions will be held Monday and Tuesday, July 8th and 9th at 7:00 PM in the HUB Station Auditorium, 145 Cedar Valley Road, Hudson, NC.

Bright Star is based on a true event and is set in western North Carolina in 1946, with flash backs to the 1920s. It has beautiful acoustical/bluegrass/folk music and weaves a story of redemption and renewed hope. The show was written by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Musical on Broadway. The production will run October 17th, 18th, 19th, 24th, 25th and 26th. Rehearsals will begin in late August.

There are parts for 6 women, ages 22 – 65 and 10 men, ages 22 – 70, as well as an ensemble. The full cast will consist of some 25 performers. Those who audition need to be prepared to read from the script and bring sheet music for a prepared song, preferably something from Bright Star or a comparable style of folk music. An accompanist will be provided. A cappella auditions are discouraged. There will also be some dance moves and rhythm exercises, so please wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes.

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IMPACT Manufacturing Training Program Offers Free Classes

HUDSON, NC (Jun 20, 2019) -- Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's IMPACT (Industrial Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Customized Training) Institute will begin its next series of classes on July 16 on the Caldwell Campus in Hudson.

The 8-week IMPACT Institute helps individuals with little or no manufacturing experience acquire the basic training needed to qualify for a manufacturing apprenticeship or an entry-level job.

The program features a combination of certifications and courses that prepare students for jobs in a variety of manufacturing environments. Designed for entry-level positions with local employers, including program partners Bemis, Woodgrain Millwork and Bakers Waste Equipment, the IMPACT Institute will be offered Tuesday through Thursday from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. from July 16 to Sept. 5. The program includes tours of local manufacturing facilities, and the opportunity for a job offer from partner employers.

IMPACT Institute training includes: LEAN manufacturing, OSHA certification, Human Resource Development, welding and fabrication, forklift certification, waste elimination, job and process terminology, sanitation, manufacturing principles and Material Safety Data Sheets training.

Applicants must be at 16 to enroll, and the class is free for adults 18 and over who have earned a high school credential. For those students who do not qualify for a tuition waiver, there is a \$180 fee.

Additional scholarships are available for students who complete the IMPACT Institute and want to continue their education at CCC&TI by enrolling in one of the following programs: Industrial Systems Technology, Industrial Maintenance, Mechanical Engineering and Welding.

To register, call 828-726-2242.

Center Grove Baptist Church will hold "Shoes of Hope" in their Fellowship Hall on Saturday, August 3 from 11am to 2:00pm. This is tennis shoe distribution for infant through 12th grade. Child must be present to receive shoes and they will be given out on first come first serve basis. Snacks, games, and a hotdog lunch for the family will be provided while waiting. For more information contact Leanna Sigler at 828-396-5284. The church is located at 3176 Deal Mill Road, Hudson.

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

Italian Sausage Stuffed Zucchini

Ingredients

4 large zucchini, halved lengthwise

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4 links chicken sausage links, thinly sliced

1/2 c. Italian breadcrumbs

3/4 c. shredded mozzarella

1/2 c. shredded fontina

2 cloves garlic, minced

1/4 c. chopped fresh basil

Instructions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Score zucchini (like you're dicing an avocado) and scoop out insides into a large bowl.

In a large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add chicken sausage and cook until seared, 6 minutes.

Transfer to a large bowl and add breadcrumbs, 1/2 cup mozzarella, fontina, garlic, and basil.

Spoon mixture into zucchini and top with remaining 1/4 cup mozzarella.

Bake until zucchini is tender and cheese golden, 15 minutes.



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CCC&TI Will Launch Mental Health Technician Program in Fall 2019

HUDSON, NC (June 24, 2019) -- To meet the needs of local health care providers, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute (CCC&TI) has added a new, short-term training program to prepare students for work in the mental health care field.

Beginning in Fall 2019, CCC&TI's Caldwell Campus in Hudson will offer the Mental Health Technician program, which is designed to give students the knowledge and skills to provide safe, therapeutic patient care to individuals who have mental and behavioral health needs in an effective and ethical manner.

Topics will include:

- History of mental health care
- Identifying normal growth and development
- Importance of trust and communication in health care
- Proper safety in the workplace
- Chemical dependency and its effects
- Common psychiatric disorders
- Proper documentation for patients
- Understanding and respecting patient rights

Successful completion of the program will prepare students for the American Association of Psychiatric Technicians (AAPT) Level 1 certification exam, and; entry level positions such as Psychiatric Aides, Mental Healthcare Technicians and Healthcare Technicians and certified nursing assistants whose primary patient population has special mental health/behavioral needs.

Brandy Dunlap, Dean of Continuing Education and Workforce Development, says that the program is being added as a direct result of local employer needs. "This is an industry-recognized training that will help them in the new positions with Caldwell UNC and Appalachian Regional Healthcare," said Dunlap. "Both organizations are increasing their Mental Health capacities and are looking for people with mental health experience."

CCC&TI's Mental Health Technician Program will be offered through both online and seated instruction and will include lecture, module assignments, module tests, and case studies. Classes will run from Aug. 20 to Nov. 1. The seated portion will take place every other Tuesday from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for a total of 18 seated classroom hours. The remaining coursework will be delivered online.

Cost for the program is \$181. Students must be a current Nurse Aide I with proof of valid NC Nurse Aide Registry and also have a high school diploma or equivalent.

For more information about the program or to register, call 828-726-2242.

July 4 is Free Fishing Day in North Carolina

RALEIGH, NC (June 20, 2019) -- July 4 is Free Fishing Day in North Carolina. From 12 a.m. until 11:59 p.m., everyone in North Carolina can fish for free in any public body of water, including coastal waters, without having to purchase a fishing license or additional trout fishing privilege.

Although no fishing license is required, all other fishing regulations apply, such as length and daily possession limits, as well as bait and tackle restrictions.

Free Fishing Day always falls on July 4. It was started in 1994 and is sponsored by the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission and authorized by the N.C. General Assembly.

To give anglers a better chance of catching fish, the Commission stocks a variety of fish in waters across the state — including trout and channel catfish. The agency also provides access to fishing sites across the state, including public fishing areas and boating access areas. The interactive fishing and boating maps on the Commission's website list more than 500 fishing and boating areas, many of which are free, that are open to the public.

On all other days of the year, a fishing license is not required for anglers 15 years and younger, but anyone age 16 and older must have a fishing license to fish in any public water in North Carolina, including coastal waters. Purchasing a license online is quick and easy. Other ways to purchase a license are:

- * Call the Commission at 1-888-248-6834. Hours of operation are 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- * Visit a local Wildlife Service Agent.

For more information on fishing in public, inland waters, visit the NC Wildlife Website Fishing page.

Preserve Your Life: Wear a Life Jacket When on the Water

RALEIGH, NC (June 24, 2019) -- In 2018, 35 people lost their lives while on waters in North Carolina and 29 of them were not wearing a life jacket. Don't be a statistic. Wear your life jacket. The seconds it takes to put on a life preserver may be the difference between life and death. And it's the law. Anyone younger than 13 must wear an appropriate life jacket when on a recreational vessel that is underway.

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People Invited to Comment on Assessment, Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agency

RALEIGH, NC (June 26, 2019) -- Starting in July, people will be able to comment on the assessment and pending accreditation of the law enforcement agency in the N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles.

On July 15, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, or CALEA, will conduct an on-site assessment of the NCDMV's License and Theft Bureau. The commission will examine all aspects of the bureau's policy and procedures, management, operations and support services, and determine whether to reaccredit the License and Theft Bureau. The process is voluntary.

The License and Theft Bureau, which is based in Raleigh, employs more than 185 law enforcement agents who primarily investigate vehicle theft, title fraud, driver license and identity fraud and vehicle odometer fraud.

"Becoming CALEA accredited ensures that our agency is following a professionally-recognized set of law enforcement standards that demonstrates to our citizens that they will receive the very best service possible," said Col. Eric Copeland, director of the License and Theft Bureau.

As part of the assessment, agency personnel and members of the community are invited to offer comments at a public information session at 4 p.m. July 15. The session will be in the 2nd floor conference room of the NCDMV annex building at 1100 New Bern Ave., Raleigh. People unable to participate can provide verbal comments by calling 919-615-5910 from 1-3 p.m. July 15. Comments by phone or during the information session are limited to 10 minutes and must address the agency's ability to comply with CALEA's standards. People can also send written comments by email to calea@calea.org or by mail to: Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement, Inc. (CALEA), 13575 Heathcote Boulevard, Suite 320 Gainesville, Virginia 20155.

CALEA accreditation lasts four years. During that time, the law enforcement agency must submit annual reports, and participate in annual, remote web-based assessments to ensure the agency is complying with the accreditation standards. A list of the titles of all standards are provided to the public on the CALEA website.

Mountain Grove Church will host a concert on July 11 at 7pm for the group - Big Daddy Weave. General admission tickets are available at the church (828-728-9557). All other tickets available at www.bigdaddyweave.com.

Caldwell County Yokefellow has a huge stack of soft cardboard dividers that come between apples if anyone could use them with their VBS. Contact Sharon Harmon at 754-7088.



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Lenoir / Caldwell County Crime Stoppers Need Your Assistance

LENOIR, NC (June 26, 2019) -- The Lenoir / Caldwell County Crime Stoppers need your assistance in solving the following crimes:

On 06/19/2019 a report for breaking and entering to auto with larceny was reported where an unknown offender entered an unsecured blue in color 1998 Jeep Wrangler and removed property from inside while it was parked in the 2300-block of Walt Arney Road. There was no damage reported to the vehicle. The value of the items taken was \$197.00.

On 06/24/2019 a report for larceny was reported where an unknown offender(s) removed an air conditioning unit from a business located in the 1900-block of Valway Road. The value property removed was \$800.00.

On 06/24/2019 a report for breaking and entering with larceny was reported where an unknown offender(s) entered a storage room of a residence in the 700-block of Lower Creek Drive and removed copper wiring. The value of items stolen and damaged was \$1000.00.

On 06/24/2019 a report for damage to property was reported where an unknown offender(s) caused damage to dock doors at a business located in the 1600-block of Harper Avenue. The damage was valued at \$2000.00.

On 06/24/2019 a report for breaking and entering to a motor vehicle and larceny was reported where an unknown offender(s) entered a tan in color 2007 Plymouth Town and Country and removed property from inside while it was parked in the 300-block of Mulberry Street. The value property removed was \$540.00. There was no damage reported to the vehicle.

On 06/24/2019 a report for breaking and entering to a motor vehicle and larceny was reported where an unknown offender(s) entered a 1999 Mercedes and removed property from inside while it was parked in the 1600-block of Hayes Place. The value property removed was \$207.00. There was no damage reported to the vehicle.

Anyone who has any information regarding these crimes, or any other crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (828)758-8300. A cash reward will be paid to anyone with information leading to the arrest of criminals or the recovery of property or illegal narcotics.

You do not have to reveal your name. CRIME STOPPERS is a community program operated by citizens of Caldwell County which involves the public in the fight against crime. The CRIME STOPPERS phone line is operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

Operation Christmas Child will be providing two Project Leader Workshops. If you help a church or community group pack the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes, this training is for you. It is one training event but two location choices. The first is July 15 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Discovery Church, 2201 Startown Rd, Newton. The second is July 18 from 6:00-7:30 PM at Waterlife Church, Old Lenoir Mall beside the Quest4Life. Please RSVP by July 11 to BrittanyDobbinsOCC@gmail.com.

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Ridgeview Summer Jam In Hickory Set For July 13

HICKORY, NC (June 25, 2019) -- Hickory Parks and Recreation invites the entire community to come rock the block and stop the stigma of mental health issues at the inaugural Ridgeview Summer Jam. This free community event will take place on Saturday, July 13, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Samuel William Davis, Sr. Multipurpose Field, located across from Brown Penn Recreation Center.

Enjoy live music and entertainment, games, activities, bounce house, and food, all for free! Attendees can take advantage of a youth and family resource fair with over 40 vendors and an exclusive mental health panel.

Do you sing in a choir, or have a special talent to share? Please sign up by Friday, July 5, to participate in the "Talent Show" or "Lifted Voices" performance by contacting Regina Mason at (919) 335-3267. Prizes will be awarded to the winners.

Brown Penn Recreation Center is located at 735 3rd Street SW in Hickory. For more information about this event, please contact Senior Recreation Programmer Andrea Nixon at (828) 324-8007.

Operation Dry Water Brings Heightened Law Enforcement on N.C. Waters

RALEIGH, NC (June 24, 2019) -- From July 5 through July 7, Wildlife Commission officers will focus on boating law compliance on the waterways and participate in "Operation Dry Water," a national campaign that aims to reduce the amount of alcohol and drug-related accidents on the water by increasing awareness of the dangers of boating while under the influence. In North Carolina, a driver or boat operator with a blood-alcohol concentration that meets or exceeds .08 is subject to arrest.

Caldwell County Extension Master GardenerSM Efforts Win Statewide Recognition for Demonstration Beds at Unity Park and Community Gardens

RALEIGH, NC (June 21, 2019) -- The Caldwell County Extension Master Gardener VolunteersSM were awarded a Search for Excellence award for maintaining demonstration beds at Unity Park and Community Gardens in Lenoir and offering gardening classes to the public. Master Gardener Volunteers are trained volunteers that serve NC Cooperative Extension and the community through providing education on home gardening. Since 2017 the Caldwell County group has been actively managing beds at the community garden for the purposes of providing gardening education to the public. The award was presented to the Caldwell County Master Gardener Volunteers on Saturday June 9 at the Extension Master Gardener College, held on the NC State University Campus in Raleigh, NC. Volunteer Ellen Roberts accepted the award on behalf of the group. Master Gardener Volunteer groups in other counties can enter to win Search For Excellence awards. Caldwell County was one of five entries in the Demonstration Garden category, and one of two statewide winners. The awards are sponsored by the Extension Master Gardener Endowment.

In 2018, The Caldwell Master Gardener Volunteers planned and managed 10 demonstration beds in the garden. They scheduled classes around the demonstration beds and they were offered to the public, family groups, and to the Caldwell 4-H garden club. Classes were taught by the Horticulture Extension Agent and Master Gardener Volunteers. Over 100 people attended different classes throughout the season. Topics included how to grow variety of crops, harvesting, preparing, and preserving food from these crops. Excess produce from the beds was donated to local food pantries and the Lenoir Soup Kitchen. Master Gardener volunteers contributed 350 hours of volunteer service to complete these efforts, which included planning, installing plants, on-going maintenance, class preparation and delivery. Many plants used in the beds were donated by Banner Greenhouses in Nebo, NC.

For 2019, the Master Gardener Volunteers have planned another full season of demonstration beds and classes at Unity Park and Community Gardens. The first class in 2019 was on April 6, and called "Murder In the Garden: Managing and Terminating Cover Crops", and the second class on June 18, was "Pest Management in the Garden". To find out about the classes and to register, contact the Caldwell Extension Center at 828-757-1290, or visit the website at Caldwell.ces.ncsu.edu.

ABOUT North Carolina Extension Master Gardener Volunteers

Master Gardener volunteers support the mission of North Carolina Cooperative Extension by educating residents about safe, effective and sustainable gardening practices that grow healthy people, gardens, landscapes, and communities. Their vision is a healthier world through environmental stewardship.

N.C. Cooperative Extension partners with communities to deliver education and technology that enrich the lives, land and economy of North Carolinians. The N.C. Cooperative Extension- Caldwell County Center offers programming in livestock and field crop production, horticulture, local food production and promotion, food and nutrition, and youth development. To contact the N.C. Cooperative Extension- Caldwell County Center call 828-757-1290, and visit the website or Facebook page for information about upcoming programs: Caldwell.ces.ncsu.edu.

If you would like more information about this topic or to schedule an interview with the Caldwell County Master Gardener Volunteers, please call NC Cooperative Extension- Caldwell County Center at 828-757-1290.

Public comment period begins for new voter ID, absentee voting rules

RALEIGH, NC (June 21, 2019) -- The N.C. State Board of Elections is seeking public comments from June 21 to July 12 on proposed rules changes related to the implementation of the new voter ID law, including the photo identification requirement for absentee-by-mail voting.

The State Board is required to develop temporary rules by July 1 and permanent rules by January 1, 2020. A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held July 11.

Photo ID is not required in any election in 2019. Beginning in 2020, North Carolina voters will be asked to provide photo identification when voting in-person or absentee-by-mail, with some exceptions. Session Law 2018-144 requires the State Board to adopt rules implementing photo ID for absentee-by-mail voting.

More specifically, the proposed rule changes:

- Define the process for implementing photo ID for absentee-by-mail voting, including the requirement for voters to include a readable copy of their photo ID with an absentee ballot request or ballot return, with exceptions
- Provide that exceptions to the ID requirement for voting in person – including reasonable impediment and religious objection – also apply to absentee-by-mail voters
- Repeal and amend rules based on the previous voter ID law, which was repealed

Public comments may be provided through any of the following methods:

Online: Public Comment Portal

Email: rules@ncsbe.gov

Mail: Attn: Rulemaking, P.O. Box 27255, Raleigh, NC 27611-7255

A public hearing on the proposed rules will be held as follows:

Date: July 11, 2019

Time: 1 p.m.

Location: State Board of Elections, Third Floor Board Room, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27603

Deputies respond to a shooting in Lenoir

LENOIR, NC (June 26, 2019) -- On June 26, 2019 at 2:10 am, Deputies with Caldwell County Sheriff's Office responded to a shooting call located at 1665 Old North Road in Lenoir. Deputies located the victim, Rocky Daniel Penley, age 30 at the scene who was suffering from a gunshot wound. Deputies also located the shooter involved in the incident, Donovan Jamal McGill, age 27. Investigators responded to the scene and it was determined that shooting occurred in the driveway to the residence and stemmed from an argument. Penley was flown to Carolina Medical Center where he remains in critical condition.

Donovan Jamal McGill, age 27, has been charged with one count of Assault with a Deadly Weapon Inflicting Serious Injury with Intent to Kill. He is being held at the Caldwell County Detention Center under a \$100,000.00 Secured Bond. His first appearance in District Court in Lenoir is Scheduled for 06/27/2019.

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