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Caldwell Journal Weather

Thursday (8th): Mostly sunny.
 High 88 Low 63
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Friday (9th): A t-storm in spots.
 High 84 Low 64
 Precipitation: 0.04 in.

Saturday (10th): A t-storm around in the p.m.
 High 87 Low 61
 Precipitation: 0.04 in.

Sunday (11th): A p.m. t-storm in spots.
 High 88 Low 63
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Monday (12th): Clouds & sun; humid.
 High 91 Low 65
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Tuesday (13th): A p.m. t-storm possible.
 High 88 Low 68
 Precipitation: 0.00 in.

Wednesday (14th): A t-storm possible.
 High 89 Low 64
 Precipitation: 0.21 in.

A Monumental Exhibition of Sculpture at Chetola

BLOWING ROCK, NC (August 6, 2019) -- Over 50 large, mid-scale and small sculptures will be exhibited August 9-11th on Chetola Lake. The Public is invited to stroll around the lakeside at Chetola Resort to meet renowned sculptors and view their award-winning works of art. Activities all weekend long create a family friendly destination. Special evening events feature art Icons, Bob Timberlake and Joe Miller on Friday night 6:30-9:30 pm.

Sculptors will compete for cash awards totaling \$6,000. Dr. Lawrence Wheeler, CEO and Director of the NC Museum of Art, (ret.) is hosting Saturday's evening event, "Starry Night" dinner, dancing under the stars with The Starlighters Orchestra and a sculptors awards program. Reservations and tickets are required for evening events. <https://thesculpturewalk.com>

Free Family Friendly, ArtSplash will be happening Saturday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. and will feature Virtual Reality Games with artist Alan Gordon. Volunteers will offer sculpting with Kids Clay Corner and lawn games including creating a squirt-gun painted large masterpiece.

The Sculpture Walk organizer and curator, Brenda Council relates, "Many large-scale works are sited with the help of a crane, forklift and a lot of manpower, it's going to take four or five hours set up major pieces. It's a lot of dedication from the sculptors who are just exhibiting their art for the weekend," she said. "Council added that each sculpture will be positioned in a site-specific manner to best exhibit the beauty and quality of the artwork.

All proceeds benefit the sculptors. This event is sponsored in part by the Watauga County Arts Council, grassroots funds of The NC Arts Council and generous support by private and corporate donations.

For more information, and to purchase tickets for evening events visit www.thesculpturewalk.com or call Brenda at 828-295-9277.

Schedule of Events Public and Private

Friday

1:00-6:00 pm Open to the Public

6:00 pm 6:30 pm- Official Ribbon Cutting – Public Welcome

6:30-9:30 pm, "A Spirited Tasting" with Bob Timberlake and Joe Miller. Tickets required

Saturday

9:00 am- 6 pm Public Welcome

Artsplash Kids Art Activities- 11:00 am-4:00 pm Family Friendly

6:30 pm- 10:00 pm "Starry Night" dinner, sculptors awards program and dancing under the stars. Tickets required

Sunday

10:00 am-3 pm Open to the public



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Lenoir artist awarded Honorable Mention in Painting at the 39th annual Fine Arts Festival in Southern Pines

LENOIR, NC (August 6, 2019) -- Waitzel Smith of Lenoir was awarded Honorable Mention in Painting at the 39th annual Fine Arts Festival in Southern Pines Friday night for his oil painting, "Country Home." This is his third win in five years in this regional competition. Two years ago, he won Second Place in Painting for "Autumn Lake." Two years before that, he won Second Place in Painting for "Dress Blues." The festival's art exhibit, held in the historic Campbell House Galleries, runs through Aug. 29. Smith is a graduate of East Carolina's School of Art and exhibits regularly at Caldwell Arts Council. He has two works in the show.



Sculpture at Chetola

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Caldwell Journal Weekly Recipe

Cheese Stuffed Buffalo Mustard Meatballs

Ingredients

- 1/2 lb. ground beef
- 1/2 lb. ground pork
- 1 bread crumbs
- 1/4 c. finely chopped chives, plus more for serving
- 1/4 c. freshly grated Parmesan
- 1 large egg
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 3/4 tsp. kosher salt
- 1/4 tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 3 oz. whole milk mozzarella cheese,
cut into twenty 1/2" cubes
- 2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 c. French's Sweet Buffalo Mustard
- Blue cheese dressing, for serving
- Celery sticks, for serving
- Carrot sticks, for serving

Instructions

In a medium bowl, whisk French's Sweet Buffalo Mustard with 3 tablespoons water. In another medium bowl, combine ground beef, ground pork, bread crumbs, chives, Parmesan, egg, garlic powder, salt, and pepper.

Scoop meatball mixture into 20 small balls, about 2 tablespoons each. Using your hands, flatten each ball and press one cube mozzarella into the center, then seal meat tightly around cheese. Repeat with remaining balls and mozzarella.

In a medium high-sided skillet over medium-high heat, heat oil. Add meatballs and cook, turning every few minutes, until deeply golden all over and cooked through, about 8 minutes.

Using tongs, transfer meatballs to the bowl with buffalo mustard mixture and toss to coat. Transfer meatballs to a serving platter.

Drizzle meatballs with blue cheese dressing and garnish with more chives. Serve with celery and carrot sticks.



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Midsummer Mundane Musings by Dan O'Neal

GRANITE FALLS, NC (August 6, 2019) -- Writers bloc has officially concluded. With that, while it has been two months since the South Caldwell Softball fortress won their first ever state championship, one has to believe these young ladies are still riding that triumphal wave. With any title achievement, they very well should enjoy the ride. The memories of their road to Raleigh will fondly linger for many more days, and years to come.

To the rest of Spartan Nation, especially student athletes in other varsity sports, certainly you celebrate the grand accomplishments of these young ladies. This was evidenced many of you who traveled to Mooresville (so hope they get that makeshift fence reconciled) and Raleigh. You hooped and hollered and jumped up and down with the softball team after the skinny lady sang. Indeed, June 2nd will always be a special day in the legacy of South Caldwell athletics.

However, know that these softball players along with Coach Casey Justice and his assistants have very much raised the bar for all other varsity sports going into the new school year. There is absolutely nothing wrong with entering the Fall Sports season with the mentality that "if our softball team can do it, we football, volleyball, soccer, cross country, tennis, golf can pursue such a stratagem. Do so with the "heart of a Spartan"!

With this in mind, until the other varsity sports reach that title game or whatever means you extend your season (coaches are there to help with that!), it is the privilege of the Caldwell Journal to once again recognize the Lady Spartans Softball Team as the South Caldwell High School Team of the Year for 2018-2019 season. We also extend congratulations to Casey Justice on being selected again as the South Caldwell High School Coach of the Year. And an extra word of congratulations to the Class of 2019; may God our Heavenly Father carry you for all of your days and wherever you may go!

Just For Fun Projections:

World Series 2019 - Dodgers over Astros in 7. Dodgers pitching staff way too superior.

Football Bowl Series National Championship- Alabama over Clemson. We will see this seesaw until Jesus comes.

Super Bowl 54 - Patriots over Eagles. Until some other head coach can outsnooker Belichick, deal with it. I do wonder how much success Tom Brady would have if he played in the era of Jack Tatum, George Atkinson, Joe Greene, Jack Lambert, Turkey Jones, just wondering is all.

And finally, I pay personal tribute to Bryant Lilley from the Lenoir New Topic who recently became the Customer Engagement Manager for Zima Sports Gear. You wrote most excellent articles, columns etc. giving great coverage for the high schools in Caldwell County. you did so with much grace along with impeccable insight. You will be greatly missed and please, come see us in the Spartan Stadium press box when you're able.

10th Annual Bethlehem Day Festival set for September 21st, 2019

BETHLEHEM, NC (August 6, 2019) -- The Bethlehem Community Development Association's 9th Annual Bethlehem Day Festival is set for Saturday, September 21st, 2019 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM features FUN FOR EVERYONE! Located at the Mt. Bethel United Methodist Church in Bethlehem (Alexander County), the annual fall event features live music all day, inflatable entertainment and activities for children, more than 50 arts, crafts and information vendors, all kinds of food & drinks. For information call 828-234-6690 or www.bethlehemcdca.org or bethlehemday@gmail.com



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Hickory Fire Department among 25 fire departments nationwide selected to receive grant

HICKORY, NC (August 2, 2019) -- The Hickory Fire Department has been selected as one of 25 departments to receive a grant from the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) as part of its pilot program to build a community risk assessment (CRA) tool. The tool will enable fire departments to make data-informed decisions around fire prevention and other risk-reduction activities.

"Access to accurate data is critical to making informed decisions about where to focus efforts and resources," said Karen Berard-Reed, community risk reduction strategist at NFPA. "While many fire departments have struggled to work with data sets, NFPA's CRA tool will do the complex work behind the scenes allowing stakeholders to create effective community risk reduction plans within their jurisdictions."

Berard-Reed notes that fire departments' participation in CRA tool pilot program is critical to its success and impact. To date, more than 150 fire departments throughout the U.S. have applied to participate and a total of 50 grants will be selected in 2019. The initial 25 departments awarded grant funding were selected based on a variety of factors, including size, geography, region, experience with CRR activities, support from the community, as well as other indicators. .

"We are thrilled to have been awarded this grant," said Hickory Fire Chief Matt Hutchinson. "Not only will access to this tool give us invaluable information about our community's needs, but it's rewarding to know that using the tool will increase its effectiveness and help other fire departments in the long run."

This grant includes access to a digital risk visualization dashboard powered by mySidewalk, an innovative community intelligence platform that employs local and national data to guide planning around fire and life safety initiatives. Grant recipients will have access to a personalized dashboard for their community through July 31, 2020. The grant covers the cost of the dashboard, training, and networking opportunities with other participating fire departments and is valued at more than \$7,000.

The CRA dashboard will help participating departments identify local risks to life and property, highlight underlying conditions that may contribute to those risks, develop CRR data-informed plans, and share findings with stakeholders.

For more information about the NFPA Community Risk Reduction initiative, visit www.nfpa.org/crr.



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Granite Falls man convicted for trafficking methamphetamine

NEWTON, NC (August 5, 2019) -- Skyler Lee Obrien, 32, of Granite Falls, will spend six to eight years in prison following his conviction for trafficking methamphetamine by possession during Caldwell County Superior Court on Monday, August 5, 2019.

The Honorable Daniel A. Kuehnert, Superior Court Judge from Burke County, sentenced Obrien to an incarceration period in custody of the North Carolina Division of Adult Corrections after he entered a guilty plea. Obrien also was ordered to pay a statutorily-mandated \$50,000 fine.



Officers from Hudson Police Department responded to a call at a residence on February 22, 2018, and were told by a resident that Obrien was hiding in a bedroom of the home. He had outstanding arrest warrants for probation violations.

When officers arrived and found Obrien, several items of drug paraphernalia and a small amount of marijuana were found in his pants pockets. A search of a back pack that Obrien had with him yielded a plastic bag containing a white, glass-hard material. The defendant admitted he was "just tired of running" and was cooperative as he was taken into custody.

The North Carolina State Crime Lab analyzed the material and determined it to be 41.47 grams of methamphetamine.

Officer C.J. Curtis and Detective Sergeant Scott Lovins investigated the case for Hudson Police Department. Assistant District Attorney Jennifer C. Mathews prosecuted the matter for the State.

Caldwell County Board of Elections Hosts Voter ID Training Seminar and Open House

LENOIR, NC (August 8, 2019) -- The Caldwell County Board of Elections will host two events in the upcoming week — a Voter ID Training Seminar and an Open House.

The Voter ID Training Seminar will be held on Monday, Aug. 12, on the lower level of the Caldwell County Resource Center. The educational seminar is a joint venture with the State Board of Elections and provides information about the voter photo identification requirements, which take effect in 2020. Sessions will be offered at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.

The Open House will showcase the new Board of Elections new office on the lower level of the Caldwell County Resource Center. The event will be held Friday, Aug. 16, from 3-6 p.m.

Both events are free and open to the public. The resource center is located at 120 Hospital Avenue, Lenoir, NC.

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Governor Cooper and the N.C. National Guard Commemorate 75th Anniversary of Historic WWII National Guard Battle – The Battle of Mortain

RALEIGH, NC (August 7, 2019) -- On Tuesday, August 6 Governor Roy Cooper presented to the North Carolina National Guard a proclamation commemorating the WWII Battle of Mortain which occurred August 7-13, 1944.

On August 7, four Nazi Panzer Divisions attacked the 30th Infantry Division at Mortain and the "Heroes of Old Hickory" fought them back and the Normandy Campaign was saved.

Many believe that the Mortain victory was one of the most outstanding military achievements during the war in Europe and think it is long overdue for the 30th to be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation.

As each day passes, more members of "Old Hickory" pass away; Citizen-Soldiers who served proudly and with distinction during World War II.

Today, the 30th Infantry Division Association, the North Carolina National Guard Association, former 30th veterans from WWII and others are urging President Trump to award the 30th Infantry Division the Presidential Unit Citation for its exemplary performance and extraordinary heroism and gallantry in action during the Battle of Mortain.

Army Lt. Gen. Lawton J. Collins commanded VII Corps and led the breakout from the Normandy beachhead. In 1947 he wrote a recommendation for the 30th Infantry Division to be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for actions at Mortain. A portion of his recommendation reads, "With full knowledge that no reserves were immediately available the troops fought tenaciously, determined to contain the enemy at all costs. Artilleryman fought as infantry while firing direct fire with their artillery pieces at enemy personnel and armor less than 200 yards from their positions. Engineers, clerks, messengers, drivers, cooks, and every available man became a fighting soldier."

The Army Awards Board after the war cited that if the 30th Infantry Division had failed in its defense of Mortain, it would have caused a revision of Allied plans second only to a failure at Normandy on D-Day; captured German General Kurt Dittmar called the Mortain victory the decisive battle of the west in World War II.

The citation was never awarded.

General Eisenhower's European Theater Historian, S.L.A. Marshall, determined that the 30th Infantry Division was the best infantry division in the European Theater during World War II, and still, the citation was never awarded.

The 30th landed at Omaha Beach on June 10, 1944 and entered combat five days later. The division took part in every major campaign in the European Theater of Operations: Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Ardennes – Alsace and Central Europe.

The 30th Infantry Division spent 282 days in almost constant combat. The division suffered 3,435 killed in action and 12,960 wounded. Six Medals of Honor were awarded to Old Hickory soldiers, 65 Distinguished Service Crosses, 1,718 Silver Stars, 6,319 Bronze Stars and 20,000 Purple Hearts.

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Lenoir Family Medicine is pleased to welcome board-certified family physician Dana N. Brown, DO, to its staff.



Dana N. Brown, DO

Dr. Brown attended medical school at Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine in Harrogate, TN. She completed her residency at Carolinas HealthCare System Blue Ridge and a Fellowship with Wake Forest Baptist Health.

Dr. Brown has clinical interests in women's health, wellness and preventive medicine, and management of chronic conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. She enjoys running, church involvement, spending time with family and volunteer opportunities.

She and her husband, Tyler have a daughter, Leela.

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SECU Awards Scholarships to CCC&TI students

HUDSON, NC (August 6, 2019) -- Two Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute students were awarded the State Employees' Credit Union "People Helping People" scholarship to cover cost of tuition, books and college-related expenses. Students Hanna Rasco of Boone and Thaxton Isenhour of Conover were selected to receive the scholarships from the SECU Foundation, each having a value of up to \$5,000. Isenhour plans to earn an Associate in Arts degree on the Caldwell Campus and Rasco is in her first year of the Associate Degree Nursing program on the Watauga Campus.

The SECU Foundation established this two-year scholarship program to assist North Carolina Community College System (NCCCS) students in achieving academic success. The members of the State Employees' Credit Union take an active role in assisting organizations and communities across North Carolina and truly believe in "People Helping People!" Recipients considered are students who best exemplify the membership philosophy of credit unions, "People Helping People," and have demonstrated leadership, excellence of character, integrity and community involvement.



Pictured from left to right are CCC&TI Human Resources Administrative Assistant and SECU Advisory Board Member Robin Ledford, SECU Advisory Board Member Anna Crooke, scholarship recipient Thaxton Isenhour of Conover, scholarship recipient Hanna Rasco of Boone, SECU Financial Services Officer Megan Woodie, CCC&TI Financial Aid Director Julie Ahouse and CCC&TI President Dr. Mark Poarch.

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