



## Caldwell County Commissioners To Vote On Second Amendment Sanctuary Resolution

LENOIR, NC (January 23, 2020) -- The Caldwell County Board of Commissioners will consider a resolution to declare the county a Second Amendment Sanctuary at its February 3, 2020 meeting.

The resolution recognizes that both the U.S. and North Carolina Constitutions protect the right of the people to keep and bear arms, but comes as an effort to proactively halt any legislation which could infringe upon those rights.

Specifically, the resolution states public funds, resources, employees, buildings, or offices may not be used to restrict Second Amendment rights or to aid or assist in the enforcement of the unnecessary and unconstitutional restriction of Caldwell County citizens' rights under the Second Amendment.

The February 3 meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the City/County Chambers located at 905 West Avenue in Lenoir.

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# Caldwell Journal

## Caldwell Journal Weather

**Thursday (23rd):** Times of clouds & sun.  
 High 48 Low 34  
 Precipitation: 0%

**Friday (24th):** Rain.  
 High 45 Low 34  
 Precipitation: 96%

**Saturday (25th):** Partly sunny.  
 High 50 Low 29  
 Precipitation: 19%

**Sunday (26th):** Times of clouds & sun.  
 High 50 Low 29  
 Precipitation: 8%

**Monday (27th):** Times of clouds & sun.  
 High 52 Low 30  
 Precipitation: 13%

**Tuesday (28th):** Partly sunny.  
 High 53 Low 32  
 Precipitation: 11%

**Wednesday (29th):** Overcast.  
 High 51 Low 29  
 Precipitation: 25%

## Tocci Named Executive Director of Teacher Treasures: A Resource Center

LENOIR, NC (January 14, 2020) -- Katie Tocci has been named Executive Director of Teacher Treasures: A Resource Center. The non-profit organization's mission is to provide Caldwell County students and classrooms with the tools necessary for success by providing no-cost resources through community partnerships, individuals and families.

Kenvian Ferguson, Chairman of the Teacher Treasures Board of Directors, said, "Katie Tocci is an incredible asset to the organization. Her enthusiasm, organization, and public relations skills will help Teacher Treasures grow and make an even larger impact on our schools and community."

Tocci has a career background in non-profit management, fundraising, public relations and program evaluation. She also has experience in marketing and sales. She lives in Caldwell County with her family, and is no stranger to the school system with three children attending Caldwell County public schools. She has a strong desire to make a difference in the lives of local students by providing much-needed resources to their teachers. Tocci said, "It's no secret that teachers spend a significant amount of their own money on their classrooms and students. Funding is not readily available for all of their classroom needs. Our goal is to lessen that burden by providing them with many of the supplies they would otherwise purchase on their own."

Tocci also acknowledged that many families in need do not receive the resources available to them because of varying factors. Teachers are able to identify the basic needs of their students and obtain needed supplies through Teacher Treasures. She mentioned that many students transfer schools over winter break. Teachers with new students who are in need of backpacks and school supplies can pick up those necessities at Teacher Treasures.

Tocci's first project as Executive Director will be a winter supply drive. Upon collaboration with Dr. Donald Phipps, Caldwell County Schools Superintendent, it was determined that many classrooms have depleted their supplies since the beginning of the school year. A school supply drive will begin February 1, 2020, with collection bins at businesses and organizations throughout Caldwell County. A major focus of the winter supply drive will be collecting supplies for a healthy classroom. Sanitizing wipes, tissues, and hand sanitizer are a great need in all classrooms this time of year. If your business is interested in participating as a collection site, please contact Katie Tocci at [Katie@teachertreasures.org](mailto:Katie@teachertreasures.org).

### About Teacher Treasures: A Resource Center

Teacher Treasures: A Resource Center is a non-profit organization supporting Caldwell County public schools, its teachers, and students. The organization was founded in 2017 by the Ferguson family as a distribution mechanism for supplies collected during the annual School Tools drive coordinated by Communities In Schools of Caldwell County. *Continued on page 3...*



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Supply distribution through Teacher Treasures allows the organization to track the impact on the community and ensure supplies are readily available to teachers. Caldwell County public school teachers are invited to register on the website [www.teachertreasures.org](http://www.teachertreasures.org) and reserve an appointment to shop in the store for free resources. The resource center is currently located at 332 Mulberry Street SW; Lenoir, NC 28645. Shopping appointments are available weekdays 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Questions regarding appointments and available resources can be directed to [info@teachertreasures.org](mailto:info@teachertreasures.org).

## CCC&TI Announces Name for New Training Facility

HUDSON, NC (January 17, 2020) -- A familiar name will be prominently displayed at the corner of Pine Mountain Road and Hickory Boulevard in Hudson as part of Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute's efforts to provide a new training center for high-tech jobs.

Previously home to a Rite Aid pharmacy and acquired by the college in 2019, the 13,600-square-foot building will now be known as the Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies. The CCC&TI Board of Trustees approved the building name Wednesday at its regular monthly meeting in honor of Broyhill's many years of support given to the institution and the community.

"We're so thankful for the decades of support that Mr. Broyhill and his family have shown this institution," said Dr. Mark Poarch, CCC&TI's president. "The impact Mr. Broyhill has had on this community is immeasurable and having his name on a facility that will train the region's workforce of the future is the perfect tribute."

The Paul H. Broyhill Center for Advanced Technologies is scheduled to open in Summer 2020. Plans for the space include housing the college's Engineering and Industrial Systems Technology programs, which include training in Mechanical Engineering, Machining and Mechatronics.

Remodeling of the building is underway and will convert it into a simulated factory environment with classrooms and high-tech equipment. In moving several of the college's training programs to the new Center for Advanced Technologies, new classroom space will be created in existing campus facilities for additional training program expansion and creation.

"Responding to local industry needs is a top priority, and this project will allow us to accommodate additional programs and students in a variety of training programs," Poarch said.

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## Intarsia to be topic Western Piedmont Woodcrafters Club meeting

HICKORY, NC (January 20, 2020) -- An intarsia presentation will highlight the program on Saturday at the Western Piedmont Woodcrafters Club meeting, 9:30 a.m. at Klingspor's Woodworking Shop, 856 21st St. Drive SE, Hickory. Meetings are open to the public.

Johnny Hipps, our club vice president, will present a program on intarsia, a form of wood inlaying, similar to marquetry, that has been practiced for hundreds of years. Johnny will cover a broad range of aspects of intarsia, including techniques, types of woods used, saw blades, do's and don'ts, sanding equipment, and finishing. If time permits, we will have a video tour of a renowned intarsia expert, Judy Dale Roberts' workshop. Johnny will provide handouts related to the topic.

Members and visitors are encouraged to bring completed woodworking projects to present in the show-and-tell portion of the program. All will have an opportunity to offer comments and ask questions about presentations, items shown, and other topics. Members are encouraged to donate items such as tools and wood for raffle prizes at the meeting.

The club consists of about 70 Hickory-area woodworkers of all skill levels, from hobbyist to professionals. The club usually meets on the fourth Saturday of each month at the Klingspor's Woodworking Shop in Hickory. The exceptions are our annual offsite picnic, the October Klingspor's Woodworking Extravaganza, and a combined November/December meeting.

For more information, call 828-855-4941.

## L.A. Dysart Award Winners will be presented at Centennial Caldwell Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner

LENOIR, NC (January 22, 2020) -- The Caldwell Chamber of Commerce will be celebrating 100 years of business and service on February 11th at J.E. Broyhill Civic Center at 6:00 PM. At the dinner we will be presenting the L.A. Dysart Awards; an award that recognizes individuals who exhibit extraordinary citizenship within their community through their service endeavors.

We are pleased to announce the 2020 recipients, George Crowell Jr. and Carol Deal. Through evidence of the community these individuals have been passionate, dedicated, and thorough citizens in Caldwell County. These awards will be presented to the recipients by former winners Ron Beane and Dr. Caryl Burns.

Join us for this centennial celebration as we honor these outstanding citizens. The Caldwell Chamber of Commerce is also pleased to announce that we will be awarding a special Visionary Award to Kathy Carroll that will be presented by Ann Smith.

To reserve your tickets to the Centennial Annual Dinner, please contact Manager of Event Services, Becky Warren.

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## Girl Scouts and Goodwill give back to community through annual project

COLFAX, NC (January 22, 2020) -- Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont, in partnership with Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina, Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina and Goodwill Industries of the Southern Piedmont, partnered together in their annual service project, Good Turn for Goodwill, during the month of October.

For 18 years now, local Girl Scouts have collected gently used clothing, toys, books and household items to benefit their local Goodwill stores and donation centers. The program also supports employment and training programs through Goodwill that allows people in the community looking for jobs to gain independence and financial stability. Several troops also use the project as an opportunity to tour Goodwill facilities and see behind-the-scenes of how the organization operates.

During October 2019, 2,000 Girl Scouts from 287 troops from across western and central North Carolina donated 4,744 bags of goods, an increase in donations by over 1,100 bags from last year.

### About Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont

Girl Scouts Carolinas Peaks to Piedmont, a United Way agency, is one of 111 councils nationwide chartered by Girl Scouts of the USA to deliver Girl Scout program within specific geographic boundaries. The local council serves nearly 12,000 girls and 6,000 adult volunteers in 40 counties and maintains three camp properties and four service centers offering unique experiences for girls and adults. For more information on how to join, volunteer, reconnect or donate to GSCP2P, call 800-672-2148 or visit [www.girlscoutsp2p.org](http://www.girlscoutsp2p.org).

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## Amateur Radio To Hold Public Demo of Emergency Communications On January 25 & 26

LENOIR, NC (January 20, 2020) -- Despite modern communications -- Internet, cell phones, and email, every year whole regions of the country find themselves in the dark. Tornadoes, fires, storms, ice and even the occasional cutting of fiber optic cables leave people without the means to communicate. In these cases, the one consistent service that has never failed has been Amateur Radio. In Caldwell County, amateur radio operators provide emergency communications for the Caldwell County Emergency Operations Center, the American Red Cross, and others.

The Lenoir Amateur Radio Club "hams" will join with other Amateur Radio operators nationwide in showing their emergency capabilities at Winter Field Day 2020 to be held at 10 Falls Avenue, Granite Falls. This year's event will be held in the shadow of the ruins of the Old Shuford Mill, the scene of a devastating fire in Granite Falls a couple years ago. This location provides a setting to remind radio operators and visitors that disasters don't just happen someplace else. Winter Field Day takes place regardless of weather conditions because disasters don't just happen on pretty days. The event begins at 2:00 pm, Saturday January 25 and continues for 24 hours --through the night and wee hours of the morning - until 2:00 pm, Sunday, January 26. The public is invited to come see ham radio's capabilities and disaster readiness as well as have a look at the Club's Communication and Antenna trailers that can be deployed when needed.

Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications during unexpected emergencies in towns across America, including flooding, wildfires, winter storms, and other events. When trouble is brewing, amateur radio operators are often the first to provide rescuers with critical information and communications. "The fastest way to turn a crisis into a total disaster is to lose communications," said Mitch Mast, President of the Lenoir Amateur Radio Club. "Our local hams work closely with Caldwell County Emergency Management and area Skywarn to be ready to provide the most reliable communications in the first critical hours of an event. Because ham radios are not dependent on the Internet, cell towers or other infrastructure, they work when nothing else is available. All our support is free to the served agencies."

In addition to emergency situations, the Lenoir Amateur Radio Club provides communications support for many local public events such as bike races, festivals, and run/walks.

Amateur Radio is a lifetime hobby as well as a critical resource during emergency situations. Entire families are getting their amateur radio licenses so that they will be able to communicate should an emergency event impact their community. Amateur radio skills transfer into employment in the electronics and communications workforce. Come out and get on the air with the help of a local ham and learn how to get your amateur radio license.

## The Blessing of Lake Hickory by Dan Rundquist

HICKORY, NC (January 15, 2020) -- On Sunday, January 12th Father Paul Shellbach led the members of Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in the service for the Blessing of the Waters for Theophany on the Catawba River. It was held at the Northlakes private access in Caldwell County. This is the second year the service has been performed by the church at Lake Hickory.

The celebration is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Christian Church, a practice to commemorate Theophany, or the Baptism of Christ. Theophany is the Feast, or celebration which reveals the Most Holy Trinity to the world through the Baptism of the Lord. The origin of the Feast of Theophany goes back to Apostolic times, and it is mentioned in The Apostolic Constitutions.

This observance commemorates Christ's baptism by John the Forerunner in the River Jordan, and the beginning of Christ's earthly ministry. The Feast of Theophany is the culmination of the Christmas Season, which starts on December 25 and ends on January 6. In mystic commemoration of this event, the Great Blessing of Water is performed on this day, and holy water is blessed so that it may be used by the local priest to bless the homes of the faithful. It is traditional to extend that blessing to the local waters of the area.

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## Hudson man convicted for drug related offenses

NEWTON, NC (January 21, 2020) -- Jakime Raheim Whiteside, 26, of Hudson, will serve an active prison sentence of six to eight years following his conviction for felony trafficking methamphetamine and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

The Honorable Alan Z. Thornburg, Superior Court Judge from Buncombe County, imposed the prison term after Whiteside pleaded guilty to the charges against him during Caldwell County Superior Court on Friday, January 17, 2020.

The defendant will serve his period of incarceration in the custody of the North Carolina Division of Adult Corrections.

Narcotics agents with the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office began an investigation of Whiteside and the distribution of illegal drugs in September 2018. Officers made controlled buys using a confidential informant at two locations where the defendant was present.

On September 18, 2018, agents from the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office, members of its SWAT Team and detectives from Lenoir Police Department executed a search warrant at a Lenoir residence where Whiteside stated he lived.

They recovered several baggies containing a controlled substance as well as a handgun. The controlled substance was sent to the State Crime Lab and determined to be various mixtures of cocaine, fentanyl and methamphetamine. Small amounts of marijuana also were seized.

Whiteside previously had been convicted of possession of a Schedule II controlled substance in McDowell County in 2017.

Chris Everhart investigated the case for the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office. Nancy Lee prosecuted the matter for the District Attorney's Office.



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## Hickory Riverwalk construction gets underway

HICKORY, NC (January 15, 2020) -- Construction of Hickory's Riverwalk started on January 10, following the award of a contract to a contractor for the City-funded portion of the project.

During its January 7 meeting, Hickory City Council approved a construction contract with David E. Looper & Company in the amount of \$5,889,133 for the City portion of the Riverwalk bond project.

The project originally came in over budget and City Council authorized negotiation of the contract with the apparent low bidder in December 2019.

With slight design modifications, the contract for the City portion of the Riverwalk was successfully negotiated to restore the project to within budget. The revised design modifies the route with a slight reduction in length and elevates the path above the forest floor, which eliminates most retaining walls, significantly reduces required grading and storm drainage, and simplifies construction methods.

The contract with David E. Looper & Company for the Riverwalk City portion includes construction of approximately 2,500 linear feet of 10-foot-wide overland multiuse trail with elevated concrete decking supported on columns and metal handrails, approximately 200 linear feet of on-land multiuse trail at the intersection with Duke Energy's transmission right of way, landscaping, and other amenities.

During his presentation at the January 7 Hickory City Council meeting, Public Services Director Kevin Greer, P.E. described the modified trail design as a "bridge through the woods" that maintains the original intent of the project and will provide an enhanced experience for park visitors.

Construction of the City portion of the Riverwalk is expected to be completed by August 2021.



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### **Lenoir man charged with sexual exploitation of a minor**

LENOIR, NC (January 23, 2020) --- Sheriff Alan C. Jones announces that on Wednesday, January 22nd, 2020, local members of the North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force arrested Martin Van Driver, age 55, of Townhouse Way, Lenoir. Driver was charged with 2 counts of 2nd Degree Sexual Exploitation of a Minor. Driver's arrest comes after an investigation conducted by the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation Computer Crimes Unit that began in October of 2019.

The North Carolina Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force is part of a nationwide network of law enforcement and prosecutors dedicated to protecting children from online dangers and includes over 160 law enforcement agencies across the state, including the Caldwell County Sheriff's Office.

Driver was placed in the Caldwell County Detention Center under a \$500,000 secured bond. Further charges are pending at this time.

"We will continue to remain vigilant in the fight against exploitation of children and will use all assets available to strengthen the fight." Sheriff Alan C. Jones



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