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# Caldwell Journal

## Caldwell Journal Weather

**Thursday (20th):** Afternoon snow.  
 High 41 Low 23  
 Precipitation: 85%

**Friday (21st):** Sunny; watch for icy spots.  
 High 46 Low 22  
 Precipitation: 1%

**Saturday (22nd):** Plenty of sun.  
 High 55 Low 24  
 Precipitation: 0%

**Sunday (23rd):** Mostly sunny.  
 High 58 Low 33  
 Precipitation: 0%

**Monday (24th):** Cooler with periods of rain.  
 High 46 Low 24  
 Precipitation: 65%

**Tuesday (25th):** Rain & drizzle in the a.m.  
 High 59 Low 37  
 Precipitation: 54%

**Wednesday (26th):** Chance of a little a.m. rain.  
 High 57 Low 26  
 Precipitation: 30%

## Caldwell Community Helping Agencies Receive Foundation Grants

LENOIR, NC (February 19, 2020) -- Caldwell County citizens will benefit from 10 grants worth \$48,356 awarded recently to local helping agencies from Blue Ridge Energy Members Foundation for the 2019 grant cycle.

The grants are examples of why the cooperative established the Members Foundation in 2007 to support the work of community organizations providing services that improve the quality of life for the cooperative's members. Since 2007, the Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in community grants. Projects in the areas of health, wellness, education, youth, and economic and community development are the Foundation's priorities for support.

A grand total of \$173,000 was awarded to 30 different organizations across the Blue Ridge service area for the 2019 grant cycle. Local Caldwell County agencies receiving grant awards include:

- Caldwell County Yokefellow, Inc. - \$9,000 to assist in the relocation of the loading dock at the new Yokefellow service center;
- Helping Hands Clinic - \$4,000 to help continue funding the needed medication and lab services at the clinic;
- Caldwell Senior Center - \$3,500 to support the ongoing program of Medicare counseling and enrollments;
- Caldwell Memorial Hospital Foundation - \$3,000 to assist in the purchase of safety furnishings and equipment for the designated adolescent secure holding suite in the newly expanded Emergency Department;
- The Caldwell House - \$3,000 to help update the residents' kitchen and to purchase a commercial washer and dryer;
- Kings Creek Volunteer Fire Department - \$2,856 to upgrade the emergency management radio system;
- Patterson School Foundation - \$9,000 to upgrade the electrical system in the Palmyra Hall building which will be used to host community events;
- Town of Hudson/HUB - \$9,000 to aid in transforming the Hudson Uptown Building (HUB) into HUB Station that will serve as a business and art development center;
- Caldwell Opportunities, Inc. - \$2,500 to help build a sheltered outdoor area for clients;
- South Caldwell Christian Ministries - \$2,500 to help purchase food for mobile pantries that operate once a month to take food to churches and schools.

During 2019, the Foundation also provided crisis funding assistance to more than 1,000 Blue Ridge Energy members in need of emergency help to pay their electric and fuel bills. While crisis assistance is funded by the Foundation, local helping agencies evaluate needs and determine who qualifies for assistance.

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Funding for Foundation grants and crisis assistance comes from members participating in Blue Ridge Energy's Operation Round Up® and Operation Round Up Plus® programs as well as annual contributions from profits of the cooperative's subsidiaries, Blue Ridge Energy, LLC and Ridgeline. Over 25,000 members are either rounding up their monthly electric bill with Operation Round Up or adding a dollar or more with Operation Round Up Plus. Members also contribute by donating some or all of their annual capital credits.

## Annual Grief Camp Offers Children Help with Loss

LENOIR, NC (February 21, 2020) -- Caldwell Hospice will offer an opportunity to help grieving children. We may not recognize their grief because children express grief differently from adults. When children experience death, they may think they are the only ones in the world who have ever lost a mom, dad, grandparent or other loved one. At Good Mourning Children's Grief Camp, children will learn that they are not alone, their feelings are normal, and it is okay to remember their loved ones. Caldwell Hospice's annual Good Mourning Children's Grief Camp will be on Saturday, March 21, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Redwood Park's McCreary Family Fitness Center, 450 Redwood Street, Hudson, NC. For over 20 years, children ages six through 12 who are grieving the loss of a loved one have been invited to spend a day devoted to remembering and healing through grief related activities. Through age-appropriate activities including art projects, lessons on coping skills, and interacting with their peers, children will gain a better understanding of grief and realize they are not alone. As they talk, draw, write, listen, and laugh, children can find the healing tools they need.

Good Mourning Children's Grief Camp is facilitated by Caldwell Hospice staff and specially trained adult and teen volunteers. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There is no cost to participants due to the generosity and support of the community, Greer-McElveen Funeral Home and Crematory, and Hudson Parks & Recreation.

Ashewood Grief and Counseling Services, grief support care of Caldwell Hospice, helps individuals of all ages and their families cope with the loss of people they love. Grief support services are provided at no cost to the community, even to those with no affiliation with hospice services. For more information, or to register for grief camp, contact Bereavement Coordinator Kimberly Setzer, MSW, LCSWA at 828.754.0101, email [ksetzer@caldwellhospice.org](mailto:ksetzer@caldwellhospice.org), or visit [www.caldwellhospice.org](http://www.caldwellhospice.org) or Facebook.

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## Granite Falls native Adele Huffman Signs to Play Tennis at Randolph Macon College

HICKORY, NC (February 13, 2020) -- University Christian High School senior Adele Huffman signed a National Letter of Intent to play collegiately at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Virginia. A signing ceremony was held at UCHS on Thursday, February 13 with Adele's mother Amanda Pierce, brother Alex Huffman, UCHS coach Jason Burgess, and private instructor Pat Benfield, who first introduced Adele to tennis in elementary school, in attendance.



Also present to celebrate were University Christian principal Bill Unverfhert, athletic director Jeff Taylor, faculty members, teammates and school friends.

Huffman, a four-year starter and letter winner at UCHS, earned all-conference designation twice, including this past fall when she was also recognized as Foothills Athletic Conference Player of the Year and was voted to the NCISAA 2A all-state team.

Lady Barracudas advanced to at least the final four each of the past four seasons. The UCHS girls were NCISAA 1A state runners-up in 2017 after losing in the 1A final four in 2016. 2019 saw University Christian reclassified to NCISAA 2A where the team lost in the state semi-finals each of the past two seasons.

The Yellow Jackets of Randolph Macon compete in NCAA Division III and are a member of the Old Dominion Athletic Conference.

In photo above from left to right: Jason Burgess, Pat Benfield, Adele Huffman, Amanda Pierce and Alec Huffman.

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## The Kontras Quartet returns to Hickory with the Kruger Brothers for Chamber Classics Performance

HICKORY, NC (February 12, 2020) -- The Western Piedmont Symphony's 55th season continues with the Kontras Quartet, as part of this year's Chamber Classics: Homecoming series.

Chamber Classics 4 with Kontras Quartet and the Kruger Brothers will be held at J.E. Broyhill Civic Center on February 29, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Attendees will be sure to enjoy an evening of eclectic music performed by these world-traveling musicians.

If you can't make the evening performance -- join the Kontras Quartet for lunch at our very popular Soup, Salad & Strings luncheon series at 11:45 am in the Keiser Community Room on Friday, February 28, 2020 at the SALT Block. Soup, Salad & Strings is an informal luncheon/concert that is perfect for concert goers who prefer daytime entertainment.

Kontras returns for a residency with the Western Piedmont Symphony after having served as the Hickory Metro String Quartet in residence from 2010-2014. The Hickory Metro String Quartet Residency is the only program of its kind in North Carolina; it brings numerous outreach programs to audiences of all ages in the region, and features world-class musicians.

All tickets are available in advance online at WPSymphony.org/tickets, by calling the office at (828) 324.8603, or by emailing tickets@wpsymphony.org. Ticket prices for Chamber Classics range from \$5-\$32. Tickets for Soup, Salad & Strings are \$35/person. You may also purchase tickets at the door. Season subscriptions are also available, offering discounted rates on all the concerts.

The Chamber Classics Series is sponsored by the Friends of the Quartet. 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. Business offices are located on the SALT Block at 243 Third Avenue NE, Hickory. Box Office hours are 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. daily.

For more information about the Western Piedmont Symphony, call 828-324-8603, visit [www.WPSymphony.org](http://www.WPSymphony.org), or email [info@WPSymphony.org](mailto:info@WPSymphony.org).

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LENOIR, NC (February 18, 2020) -- The Lenoir / Caldwell County Crime Stoppers need your assistance in solving the following crimes:

On 01/27/2020 a report for larceny was filed with the Lenoir Police Department. An unknown offender(s) removed batteries and fuel from a construction site in the 200-block of Clark Drive. The total amount stolen was valued at \$238.00.

On 01/27/2020 a report for larceny was filed with the Lenoir Police Department. An unknown offender(s) removed batteries and fuel from a vehicle at a construction site in the 200-block of Taylorsville Road. The amount removed was valued in excess \$300.00.

On 02/02/2020 a report for damage to property was filed with the Lenoir Police Department. An unknown offender(s) caused damage to a green 1966 Chevy Chevelle while it was parked in a parking area in the 1200-Block of Hickory Blvd. The damage was valued at \$400.00.

On 02/05/2020 a report for damage to property was filed with the Lenoir Police Department. An unknown offender(s) damaged a window of a 2006 Pontiac Torrent while it was parked in the 900-Block of Blowing Rock Blvd. The value of the damage was \$150.00.

On 02/14/2020 a report for larceny was filed with the Lenoir Police Department. An unknown offender(s) removed a purse from a shopping cart in the 1200-Block of Hickory Blvd. The value taken was 490.00.

On 02/14/2020 a report for larceny was filed with the Lenoir Police Department. An unknown offender(s) removed a license plate from a red 2000 Ford F-150 while it was parked in the 200-Block of Broadway Street. The value was 28.00.

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.

## Clover Baptist Church Easter Drama 2020

GRANITE FALLS, NC (February 22, 2020) -- "Who Is This Man Named Jesus," an original Easter drama will be presented by Clover Baptist Church, 100 Pinewood Road in Granite Falls. The drama will be presented on Good Friday, April 10th at 7 PM and all seating for this presentation is free. The Drama will be presented in the form of a "Dinner Theatre" on Saturday evening, April 11th at 6 PM and Reservations are required for the Drama/Dinner Theatre. The menu will feature chopped bbq, chicken, cole slaw, baked beans, roll, dessert, coffee, tea, or water. The cost is \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children under age 12.

This year's drama encourages us to read the minds of many of those who were present during Jesus' earthly ministry. The drama includes some beautiful and inspiring musical selections including "Jesus, He Is The Son of God," "Here Comes A Miracle," "If Not For The Old, Rugged Cross," "The Day He Wore My Crown" and "Arise My Love."

Reservations for the Drama/Dinner Theatre may be made by stopping by the church office between the hours of 8:30 and 2:30 Monday – Thursday or by calling 828 396 2417 between those hours.

Clover Baptist Church is located just one mile off of Hwy 321 between Hickory and Lenoir at 100 Pinewood Road in Granite Falls. For more information you may contact the church office at the number above or by visiting the church website at cloverbaptistchurch.com.

Everyone is encouraged to join with us as we celebrate our Living Saviour! An Easter Sunrise service will be held on Easter Sunday morning at 7:50 AM.

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## Caldwell County – Hunter-Gatherers on Smartphones art exhibition

LENOIR, NC (February 13, 2020) -- The Caldwell Arts Council will present an opening reception for the art exhibit "Hunter-Gatherers on Smartphones" on Friday, March 6, 2020 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., hosted by the Patterson School Foundation.

The exhibition will continue through March 27, 2020.

Hunter-Gatherers on Smartphones is a mixed media exhibition featuring 2-dimensional, 3-dimensional, interactive, and installation works by Amber D. Watts of Morganton, NC and Joseph Bigley of Lenoir, NC. The theme of the show invites viewers to critically question aspects of the culture in which they live. The works are poetic and conceptual in their narratives, and depend on interpretations of visual information or clues, rather than formal beauty or design principles alone.

### More about the exhibiting artists

Through creative activity and research, Amber D. Watts investigates elements of culture that are unnerving (or at least questionable) as she observes and participates in the activities of daily life. "I construct mixed media assemblage works in order to grapple with and critique parts of contemporary American culture. Some topics of interest are our Industrial Food System, "me" culture, addiction(s), and consumerism. This is with the understanding that I perceive the world through my own set of "cultural lenses", just like everyone else does. My aim is to sift through clues which may lead me to a better understanding of how to live a meaningful life in a society of Just-Add-Water-Instant-Artificial Blueberry Mix. The work is a result of this sifting. It is a poetic expression of my questions and fears as it relates to my own life and those around me."

Amber is an award winning, North Carolina-based artist and instructor. She is the recipient of a 2019-2020 Regional Artist Project Grant, which has made recent creative work possible. Watts holds an MFA in Painting and Drawing from East Carolina University, where she focused on conceptual development and non-traditional approaches to art-making. Watts also studied painting and visual arts at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and Caldwell Community College. She currently teaches courses in Drawing, Painting, and Art Appreciation at Caldwell Community College. Watts' work can be seen at [amberdwatts.blogspot.com](http://amberdwatts.blogspot.com)

A native of North Carolina, Joseph Bigley holds a Master of Fine Arts degree from Alfred University in Sculptural Dimensional Studies and a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Appalachian State University. His work has been exhibited across the United States and internationally including China, the Netherlands, Spain, Uruguay and Germany. A mixed media sculptor and educator, he worked as Assistant Professor of Art-Sculpture at Spelman College in Atlanta, GA for five years. He is currently a full-time lecturer of Art at Appalachian State University and is a founder and the executive director of the Western North Carolina Sculpture Center and Park in Lenoir, NC.

Joe's work is a form of social commentary. This research-based practice allows each project's content to directly inform the chosen materials, methodologies and manners of display. As a result, he works with an expansive range of mediums including traditional sculptural materials, site specific installation, mixed media, digital video and performance works. Humor or absurdity is a common mechanism for an access to ideas that reflect the complexities and conflicts that are a part of the human condition. The work is presented in an intentionally neutral territory as to avoid a didactic or heavy-handed delivery. More of Joe's works may be viewed at <http://www.joebigley.com/>

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The public is invited to enjoy these competitive performances at the HUB Station Arts and Business Center Auditorium in Hudson, NC, on Saturday, March 7, starting at 1:30 p.m.

To learn more about Caldwell Arts Council events and programs, please visit [www.caldwellarts.com](http://www.caldwellarts.com).

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**An Evening with Michael Franzese** (as seen in the documentary "The Mafia" with Sir Trevor McDonald) will be held at North Catawba Baptist Church on Friday, March 20 and Saturday, March 21, 7:00-9:00pm. Featured will be Franzese's book "From godfather to serving God the Father" and there will be a book signing at the end of the event. Tickets are \$8.00. Contact the church at 828-728-9253. The church is located at 1596 North Catawba Church Avenue, Lenoir.

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