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SNIFFING FOR ELECTRONICS?

Caldwell County K-9 finds hidden data storage and electronic devices



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Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Harrison cuddles with his handler Lt. Doug Dupell. Dupell said he and Harrison have shared a bond ever since they first met.

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A fluffy white Labrador raced around the room, intently sniffing in fake potted plants, around chairs and under tables. His goal was to find hidden electronic storage or communication devices.

The dog is Caldwell County Sheriff’s Office K-9 Harrison. Harrison is an elec-
tronic storage detection K-9. He is also a

certified anxiety and post traumatic stress disorder therapy dog.

“If it was an internet crime on children case or something, there was a child that we find that was a victim,” Harrison’s handler Lt. Doug Dupell said. “(After the search), I turn right around, put the vest right back on, and we go to that child. We can start therapy for that child on scene. We don’t have to wait anymore. We don’t

have to call and try to schedule an appoint-
ment or try to get somebody there.”

Harrison goes around the sheriff’s office every morning to check on the well-being of deputies and support staff, Dupell said. As Harrison strutted down the hallway one Monday, several staff members smiled and called out, “Good morning, Harrison.”

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BACK TO SCHOOL

5 numbers to know as students return to class

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Most public school students in Catawba County’s three districts return to the classroom Monday morning.

Students enrolled in Challenger Early College returned the week of Aug. 11.

Here are five numbers to start the school year, based on data provided by commu-
nications and public information officials in Catawba County Schools, Hickory City Schools and Newton-Conover City Schools.

21,765

That’s about how many students are enrolled in Catawba County’s three public school systems. The numbers were provided to the Hickory Daily Record on Aug. 19.

\$44,690

The salary of a first-year teacher with a bachelor’s degree and no experience in a Catawba County, Newton-Conover or Hickory school.

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In this photo from 2017, Hickory High School seniors congregate in the mall area of the high school on the first day of school.

Rice bowls are quick on prep, easy on the wallet.

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